

BEEES IN WARFARE.

Two Instances in Which the Insects Were Used as Weapons.

History records two instances in which bees have been used in warfare as weapons against hostile forces. The first is related by Appian of the siege of Thebes in Egypt, by Lucullus in his war against Mithridates. Thistles were brought up, beehives were built, and these thistles were made by the Romans. The people of Thebes, finding upon these thistles from above and through the holes cast down upon the workmen beehives and other wild animals and hives or swarms of bees.

The second instance is recorded in an Irish manuscript in the Bibliothéque Royale at Brussels and tells how the Danes and Norwegians attacked Chester, which was defended by the Saxons and some Gallic auxiliaries. The Danes were worsted by a stratagem, but the Norwegians, sheltered by buries, tried to pierce the walls of the town when "what the Saxons did was to throw down large rocks, by which they broke down the buries over their heads." What the others did to check this was to place large posts under the buries.

What the Saxons did next was to put all the beer and water of the town into the cellars of the town and boil them and spill them down upon those who were under the buries, so that their skins were peeled off. The remedy which the Loclians applied to this was to place hides outside on the buries. What the Saxons did next was to throw down all the beehives in the town upon the besiegers, which provoked them from moving their hands or legs from the number of bees which stung them. They afterward desisted and left the city.

DORMOUSE DELICACIES.

Tibbits That Were Relished in Ancient Roman Times.

Brawn was originally a Roman dish and was eaten with garum, and cow's and calf's foot jellies were likewise dainties with Rome's upper ten in the time of the Caesars. One would hardly suppose that black puddings were so old as the reign of Titus, but the fact is, they were made of pig's blood, with little cubes of fat interspersed in the compound, and were the invention of a gentleman who rejected in the name of Bimbonsvergus. It was he who invented all kinds of sausages—that is, meat stuffed into skins, which, we take it, is the ground plan, so to speak, of a sausage.

This gentleman also wrote a learned treatise on the fattening of dormice for the table, for at one period dormice were a craze. There were dormouse soup, dormouse sausage, dormouse brawn, dormouse cooked in every conceivable way and the fact is, this delicacy in prize sizes was so great that there was room for a book on the subject, though unfortunately this book is lost to posterity, and the only knowledge which we have of the fattening of dormice in Rome is from Petronius Arbiter, who tells us that they became fat by sleeping.

He also tells us that the best sauce to eat with dormice is a mixture of poppy seed and honey, a mixture which probably had the merit of inducing sleep after a meal.

Water Than a Shirt. Inventors have a power of abstraction which serves them a good turn on some occasions and is liable to betray them into strange statements on others.

"So you think you've perfected your little machine at last, do you?" asked the lawyer of his dreamy-eyed client. "Yes, it's all right now. There's not a flaw in it," said the inventor. "But I can assure you, sir, that when it came to making the final test I was frightened. I happened to see my face in a mirror when the thing was safely over, and it was as white as your shirt, sir. In fact," he added, bending an important gaze on the lawyer's shirt front, "it was whiter—considerably whiter, I should say."—Youth's Companion.

Chinese Porcelain. Chinese porcelain was common in Europe for 400 years before a German potter succeeded in finding out the process of making it. This Chinese pottery is scattered all over the world and everywhere valued, but nowhere was the distribution more curious than in western Canada. Early in the nineteenth century a Chinese junk was cast away on the Pacific coast of America, just south of Vancouver island, and its cargo of wilton pattern plates fell into the hands of the Hudson Bay company's officers. Still in the remotest trading posts of the fur traders a few fine specimens remain.

Cheering Tommy Up. The obstacles which beset the path of a photographer when he endeavors to secure a pleasant expression are many, particularly when his sitters are of a tender age.

"I do not believe whipping does children a particle of good," said Mrs. Green, returning flushed and discouraged from a visit to the photographer with her Tommy. "Here I've spent over an hour in that hot room trying to make this child look pleasant. I've slapped his hands twice, and he looked crosser each time than he did before."—Youth's Companion.

The Corpse Plant. The corpse plant is a remarkable carnivorous specimen that grows in the colony of Natal. Its principal feature is a bell shaped mouth, with a throat opening into a hollow stem. It is almost black and covered with a thick, glistening secretion, while its odor is very offensive. This attracts carrion feeding birds to it, and once they alight on it they are lost. Their claws become entangled in the secretion, the bell shaped mouth folds up, and they are literally swallowed.

Centest of All Fish. The fish was no bigger than a silver dollar. Its color was bright gold, and it had a beautiful bushy golden tail. "That," said the pet stock dealer, "is the finest aquarium fish in the world, a Chinese brush tail goldfish. It is a handsome, healthy and long lived. A good brush tailed goldfish," he concluded, "costs \$250 or \$300, and some fine specimens have sold for as much as \$750 apiece."

Good Some Other Time. "Just as Jack was about to kiss me last night father walked into the room." "What did you do?" "I gave Jack a rain check."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Type. "Ethel is the kind of a girl who never awakens envy in any other woman." "I see. Brilliant, but homely."—Harper's Bazar.

A CAT'S EYES.

The Chinese Discovered Their Use as a Time Indicator.

The first European to learn of the use of a cat as a time indicator was M. Hue, who in a work on the Chinese empire tells how he was initiated into the mystery. M. Hue and a party of friends set out to visit a Chinese Christian mission settlement among the mountains. They asked a young Chinese man on the road, and to test his intelligence they asked him if he could tell them the time. The native looked up at the sky, but the clouds hid the sun from view. He could not read any answer there. Suddenly he darted away to a farm and returned in a few moments with a cat in his arms. Pushing up the cat with his hand, he told Hue to look at them, at the same time volunteering the information that it was not noon yet. While they were puzzling over the case the boy went about his business.

When the party reached the village, they asked the Christian convert, if they could tell the time by a cat's eyes and how it was done. Immediately there was a wild hunt, and all the cats obtainable in the neighborhood were brought before them. The Chinese pointed out that the pupils of a cat's eyes were gradually narrowed up to 12 noon, when they became scarcely perceptible lines drawn perpendicular across the eyes, and after that dilated again. Hue examined the eyes of several cats and verified what the Chinese had told him.—Chicago Chronicle.

AN ODD WAGER.

The Peculiar Bet a Foreign Prince Laid and Won in Paris.

Gambling has always been a favorite occupation for the sons of royal houses, but one of the probably has ever exhibited so much wit and ingenuity in his betting as a foreign prince did at his stay in Paris.

He laid a heavy wager with a member of the Imperial club of the French capital that within two hours he would be arrested by the police without committing any offense or provoking the officers of the law in any fashion. Accordingly, having clothed himself in rags of the most disreputable appearance, he walked into one of the most aristocratic restaurants in the city and ordered a cup of chocolate. The waiter refused to serve him unless he showed evidence that he could pay. The prince at once drew a roll of bank notes from his pocket and offered one of large denomination to the astonished attendant. The latter took the bill and carried it at once to the proprietor, who sent for the police, in the meantime allowing his strange guest to be served.

As soon as the authorities arrived they arrested the incognito son of royalty and took him to the nearest station, where of course he was released after he had disclosed the facts of the affair.—New York Tribune.

Fatal Brevity.

There is a little settlement of New Hampshire people in Kiova county, Colo. Among other things they brought with them the New Hampshire proverb to using any more words in conversation than are absolutely necessary. Two of them met on the road recently and indulged in the following dialogue:

"Mornin, Sil." "Mornin, Josh." "What'd you give your horse for boots?" "Turpentine." "Mornin." "Mornin." "A few days later the men met again, and here's the way a hard luck story was told in mighty few words:

"Mornin, Sil!" "Mornin, Josh!" "What'd you say you gave your horse for boots?" "Turpentine." "Killed m'n." "M'n too." "Mornin!" "Mornin!"

Color Blindness.

The term color blindness implies an entire absence of the color sense, and there are a few persons who are in this condition, but it also includes all the forms of partial color blindness in which the perception of one of the fundamental colors—red, green and violet—is wanting, and which are known as red blindness, green blindness and violet blindness. The line between these various kinds of color blindness and a perfect perception of colors is not sharply drawn, so that a large number of persons have what is called a feeble color sense, which falls short of actual color blindness. There is no doubt that color blindness in its various forms is much more common than is generally supposed, and it is more common among the imperfectly than the well educated classes.

Barbers Ages Ago.

The first barbers of whom there is any record piled their trade in Greece in the fifth century B. C. In Rome the first barbers operated in the third century B. C. In olden times in England the barber and the physician were identical. Thus a king's barber was also his chief medical adviser. In the time of Henry VIII. of England laws were made concerning barbers, of which the following is an extract: "No person occupying a shaving or barber's shop in London shall use any surgery, letting of blood or other matter, except the drawing of teeth."

After It Is All Over.

When yards are being spun one hears a good deal concerning the curious antics people go through when highly excited, but very little is said about the man who "gets scared after it is all over." And the latter, not being so constituted that he can faint, as a woman often does after a fright, generally keeps his own counsel and often is taken the credit of being cool and "nertty" when the fact is that his knees are ready to bump together for mutual support.—Forest and Stream.

On the Safe Side.

They had been engaged for fully thirty minutes by the cuckoo clock. "I have a surprise in store for you, Alfred, dear," she said. "I can cook well as I can play the piano." "That being the case, darling," he replied, "it will be well for us to board."

Appropriate.

The society doctor was writing up a church fair. "Mrs. Green, the wife of our prominent milk dealer," he wrote, "was appropriately gowned in watered silk."

Against the Rules.

Facetious French Railway Guard to lady throwing kisses from carriage window to her fiancé.—Pardon, mam'melle, but it is forbidden to throw anything from the carriage windows.

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