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Some Birds That Hatch Their Eggs by Queer Devices.

It is well known that the Australian megapod is a bird that is accustomed to sit on its eggs. In certain parts of Australia are found numerous mounds of considerable size and height which the first explorers took to be burial grounds. These were made by the Megapodius tumulus, which uses them for hatching its eggs. They have sometimes considerable dimensions. A nest that is 14 feet high and 55 feet in circumference may be regarded as large.

Each megapod builds its own nest with material which it gathers from all sides, and these are exactly what the gardener uses in the month of March to make his forcing beds—namely, leaves and decomposing vegetable matter, which, by their fermentation, give off an appreciable amount of heat. In the forcing beds this heat hastens the sprouting of the seeds. In the nest it suffices for the development and hatching of the young birds, and the mother can go where she likes and occupy herself as she wishes without being troubled by the duties of sitting.

In the small island of Ninafou, in the Pacific, another bird has a somewhat similar habit, in so far as it also abandons its eggs, but in place of obtaining the necessary heat from fermentation it gets it from warm sand. The leipoa, or native pheasant of Australia, acts like the megapod and watches the temperature of its mound very closely, covering and uncovering the eggs several times a day to cool them or heat them as becomes necessary. After hatching, the young bird remains in the mound several hours. It leaves on the second day, but returns for the night, and not until the third day is it able to leave for good the paternal abode. —Revue Scientifique.

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The Force of Habit.

On the day before the execution; the keeper informs the doomed man that a visitor wishes to see him. "Do you know who he is?" asks the doomed man. "No." "Well, just ask him if he wants to collect a bill, and if he does tell him to call tomorrow." —Strand Magazine.

Exhibition.

Mr. Oldfriend—Why, do you employ two typewriters? Your business doesn't call for more than one. Mr. Gayboy—Oh, I have the homely one to show to my wife. —New York Journal.

Information.

Count Strosky—I notice no difference in your women. Some of them seem to float along when they walk. Van Dyne—Those are the ones that are in the swim. —Town Topics.

An American Girl.

He—What do you call a real typical American girl? She—One who prefers an heir in the castle to a castle in the air. —New York Sunday Journal.

A Disagreeable Fog.

"Hang this fog!" "What's the matter?" "Why, it's so thick I just walk into one of my creditors." —

THE TIMES.

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The Senate committee on foreign relations is not likely to report on the arbitration treaty for some time. The treaty was discussed on the 25th inst. and the committee was unanimous in the opinion that it must be amended so as to exclude the Nicaragua canal bill.

Mr. Hanna says his one ambition "is to harmonize the Republican party as far as possible, not only in Ohio, but throughout the country as well, to the end that the incoming administration will find no obstruction in the inauguration of a policy which will bring prosperity to the people, and, he might have added, which will send him to the United States Senate from Ohio.

The grand jury has indicted two men who got up the Seelye dinner in New York for misdemeanor, upon the charge of getting up an indecent performance. They had to draw the line between can-can theatricals and a swell dinner, and they have done so. Rome in the height of her profligacy could hardly surpass some sets in modern New York.

The Populists and silver Republicans will hold the balance of power in the next United States Senate, but it is believed the friends of the McKinley administration will be able to pass a tariff bill, as all the silver Republicans are protectionists. In all other matters it is thought the latter will act with the Democrats, which will seriously interfere with the financial legislation of the Republicans.

Those Senatorial tirades against General Weyler and Spain are becoming exceedingly tiresome. Congress should declare Cuba free and take the necessary steps to enforce the declaration, or all talk in that line should cease. It only aggravates the situation without doing any good. Those of our national legislators who are so anxious for Cuba to be free had better enlist in the rebel army and buy themselves a machete.

It is pretty well settled that we are to have an extra session of Congress. President-elect McKinley is reported as having said that he would call one for March 15, as he desired to have his protective system inaugurated immediately after taking the oath of office, so that business would be stimulated and idle men put to work. From this it is plain that Major McKinley still believes a high protective tariff is the panacea for all of our woes. The Major labors under an hallucination, of course; but nearly all public men have a hobby, and the next President's is the tariff.

The building outlook for Roanoke, as shown in yesterday's Times, is a great improvement over the condition of affairs in that direction for several years past. The old boom days have gone, it is hoped never to return, but the prospects for a steady and substantial growth of the city are very good and will grow brighter as prosperity returns to the country at large. Roanoke has a great future before her, all that is needed to make her people prosperous and happy being the exercise of that faith in their city and themselves which has been their most pronounced characteristic heretofore, having always an energy that no obstacles could daunt and a fortitude that upheld them under every misfortune.

SENATOR TILLMAN'S BILL.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, has at last discovered that the Jawmakers of the Palmetto State are not entirely independent of the United States Government, and is now seeking assistance from Congress in making this dispensary law effective. Accordingly he has introduced a bill in the United States Senate to meet the defects in that law as pointed out by the recent decisions of the United States supreme court.

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KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

Terrible Accident to an Old Colored Woman.

The Winston-Salem Sentinel of the 26th inst. has the following: Minerva McCollum, wife of Charles McCollum, colored, was killed at 6:40 Saturday night by the incoming Norfolk and Western passenger train from Roanoke.

The accident occurred a few steps beyond the corporation line. The woman, who was 60 years old, was going from her home. She was accompanied by her little granddaughter, who was walking behind her and saw the train in time to save herself. Hilary Langley, a young white man, was near by when the accident occurred. He says the old woman was dead when he got to her.

Captain Johnson was conductor of the train; William Fagiet was engineer and William Hitt fireman. The train was five minutes behind time and was supposed to be running at the rate of about twenty-five miles an hour.

There is a large cut just beyond where the accident occurred and the engineer or fireman could not see a person off the track at the point where the woman was crossing until they were right upon them.

The husband of the dead woman, with a few of his friends, built up a fire and stood watch over the body, where it was thrown by the train, all night. They declined to have it moved until the coroner said so.

It was 9:30 Sunday morning when the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the woman was killed by the train. Besides the husband, who is 69 years old, Minerva McCollum leaves fifteen children and several grandchildren.

HILL AS AN AUTHOR.

Senator David B. Hill has written an able paper for the February number of the Forum on the "Future of Democratic Organization." "The Present and Future of Cuba" is the title of an interesting and important article that will appear in this number from the pen of Mr. Fidel D. Pierra, chairman of the Cuban press delegation. It is an able and impartial account of the progress and present condition of the Cuban revolution. The Hon. William Woodville Rockhill, assistant Secretary of State, has contributed a timely article to the same number, reviewing the steps that have been taken toward reforming our consular system, and pointing out many evils yet to be remedied before the service can reach its highest efficiency. "The Results of Cardinal Satolli's Mission" is the title of an interesting paper by the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn.

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WHAT A DOLLAR DID.

A RICH CYNIC RECEIVES AN OBJECT LESSON IN CHARITY.

He Saw For Himself "How the Other Half Lives" and Learned That All Who Ask For Help Are Not Humbugs—The Experience Made a New Man of Him.

One good woman, who has devoted much of her time for several years to the relief of distress among the very poor people of this city, succeeded in opening the eyes, and likewise the pocketbook, of a cynical rich man not many days ago. She solicited financial aid from him, and doubtless would have met with a brusque rebuff had it not been that her position in society commanded polite consideration. As it was, the rich man essayed to be patronizing and said: "My dear madam, I know that you try to do good among these poor people, but I can assure you that your efforts are practically wasted. They take your money and such clothing and food as you can give them and then chuckle over your gullibility."

"If I can induce a starving creature to chuckle, I shall consider the time and money well spent," replied the woman, with a mild tinge of reproof. "Oh, well, I suppose that you are bound to keep on wasting your time," retorted the rich cynic. After a brief pause he continued, "If you will demonstrate to me that you can actually relieve distress with a dollar, I will give it to you just as often as you can demonstrate its usefulness in that direction."

"Will you come with me?" said the woman thus challenged. The rich man assented and accompanied his philanthropic caller to her coupe. Both entered the conveyance and were driven to the neighborhood of Eleventh avenue and Fiftieth street. The coupe stopped in front of an unsightly tenement. In silence the man followed his companion up two or three flights of stairs, and he soon was standing in a cheerless room about 13 feet square. The floor and the walls were absolutely barren, and there were not more than four pieces of furniture in sight. One was a small stove, in which a scant fire was burning.

A middle aged man lay helpless on a cot, and kneeling by him were a boy and a girl so raggedly clad that their white skin was visible through more than one rent. A few empty dishes and cooking utensils lying on the floor near the stove told their mute story of destitution.

The pathetic eagerness with which the three emaciated occupants of the room turned their glances upon the visitors touched a long dormant chord of the rich man's heart. He involuntarily thrust his fingers into his vest pocket, but his companion, laying a restraining hand upon his arm, advanced to the cot, and in a delicate and sympathetic manner questioned the sick man regarding himself and his children. She explained that their needs had been called to her attention only a few hours before. She soon ascertained that there was urgent need of nourishment, and, bidding her cynical friend to accompany her, she hastened to the nearest grocery. From long experience the good woman knew just what to purchase for temporary relief in a case of this kind, and within a quarter of an hour a bulky basket was borne up to the desolate room by the grocer's boy. Speedily the fire in the little stove began to throw out comforting heat, and by and by the grateful odors of cooking were diffused. Then, with the assurance of another visit and more substantial aid, the dispensers of good cheer left the poor family to their unexpected enjoyment.

"Do you think that charity was well bestowed?" asked the woman, as the coupe bore them swiftly away from the tenement district.

"Yes, indeed, I do," replied the man, with a suspicious tremor in his voice.

"Well, there is a list of what I bought, together with the prices," continued the woman, handing a bit of paper to her companion. He took it and read:

- 25 pounds coal..... .30
 - 2 bundles kindling..... .06
 - Half pound tea..... .16
 - 2 loaves bread..... .08
 - 2 pounds oatmeal..... .08
 - 2 pounds beef for stew..... .14
 - Half pound sugar..... .06
 - Gallon kerosene oil..... .10
 - Measure potatoes..... .08
 - 1 quart milk..... .04
 - Small bag salt..... .02
 - 1 box matches..... .01
- Total..... \$1.00

Without a word the rich man took a dollar from his pocketbook and handed it to the good woman. The next day she received from him a check for one thousand times that amount.—New York Times.

One Trait of American Character.

There is one trait of our national character which foreigners can never comprehend, and that is our unshakable faith in our ability to "come out all right in the end." We stand idly and more or less indifferently by and allow a country to be pushed to the verge of a financial or political precipice under the impulse of some kind of popular craze or another, entirely confident that just before it slips over we can take hold of it and pull it back. We have done this again and again, and nothing seems to shake our faith in our ability to repeat the operation whenever occasion arises. It costs us enormously, not only in reputation, but also in money, and retards our growth and progress in a thousand ways, but nothing seems likely to cure us of the habit, unless it be a great national calamity due to our failing in some crisis to take alarm quickly enough.—Century.

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Washington, Jan. 27.—The complaints which have reached the Navy Department regarding the offensive attitude of Lieutenant Commander Allibone, of the cruiser Columbia, towards the men under him have not been deemed by Secretary Herbert of sufficient gravity to lead to a court-martial, and in a letter to the officer the secretary has expressed his determination to take no further action for the present. Capt. Sands, Chief Engineer Harris and Lieutenant Commander Allibone have been privately reprimanded for filling some of the boilers of the Columbia to trim the ship.

HAS GONE TO PARIS.

London, Jan. 25.—Senator E. O. Walcott, with his family, started for Dover this morning en route for Paris, where he will continue his mission in the interest of bimetalism. Among the persons on board with him was Chas. Payne, of Boston.

FORMALLY RATIFIED.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 27.—At noon today the Kansas legislature met in joint session and elected Wm. A. Harris to the United States Senate to succeed Mr. Pfeiffer.

TO BE IMPROVED.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Col. Heap, corps of engineers, in a report laid before the House to day on a preliminary examination of Town creek, Brunswick county, N. C., recommends its improvement to the extent of \$8,500.

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