

DESTRUCTION OF BIRDS

ROBBED OF THEIR EGGS, SOME SPECIES ARE NEAR EXTINCTION.

Eggs of Albatross, Terns, Gulls, Herons and Other Sea Fowl Gathered and Marketed—The Bureau of Ornithology to the Rescue.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The bureau of ornithology is very much stirred up, and justly so, over the ruthless destruction of the albatross on the island of Laysan. The island lies to the northwest of Hawaii and came into the possession of the United States through the annexation of Hawaii. Laysan is a volcanic rock, about three miles in length and a trifle less in breadth, and on it the albatross breed in enormous numbers. There is a local deposit of guano, which attracts diggers for that valuable fertilizer, and it is these men whose presence threatens to destroy the albatross in that region. The guano diggers gather and use for food the eggs of the birds. They do not to any extent disturb the birds themselves, but the removal of the eggs, not only by the wheelbarrow load, but by the cartload, must result in the practical extinction of the species thereabouts in a short time.

This is not an isolated case. In the forthcoming year book of the department of agriculture Dr. T. S. Palmer will treat extensively of dangers threatening Uncle Sam's bird colonies in other regions. The most striking instance, and the most important from a financial standpoint, is afforded by the Farallones. These islands, which are made up entirely of rocks, are situated off the coast of California, about 30 miles west of the Golden Gate. They are the breeding grounds of myriads of sea birds, principally western gulls and murrets. The collection and shipping of murre eggs to the San Francisco market is a regular business and has been for nearly 50 years. The eggs find a ready sale in the coast metropolises at from 12 to 20 cents per dozen, a price only a little less than that of hens' eggs. The birds' laying season begins about the middle of May and lasts two months, and the eggs are shipped regularly once or twice a week during this time. The South Farallone contributes the principal part of the crop. On the west end of this island is situated what is called the "great rookery," so called because of the enormous number of birds that nest there. The birds deposit their eggs on the rocks, and there is little or no difficulty connected with their collection. When the season opens, the men go over the ground and break all of the eggs in sight so as to avoid taking any that are not absolutely fresh. The ground is then gone over every second

Sennett, speaking of the quantities of eggs, chiefly of gulls and terns and herons, gathered along the coast of Texas a few years ago, says: "There is probably not a port, pass or bay on the entire coast of Texas whose inhabitants do not regularly devote several days each year to what they term 'egging.' All eggs from an inch in diameter upward are taken excepting perhaps those of the pelican, whose eggs are too fishy for any stomach."

The question is an old one with the bureau of ornithology, but there seems to be a disposition now to push the matter of protecting and preserving Uncle Sam's sea birds.

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THE VERDICT.

"Don't underrate the Empire State!" shouts the New York World. We don't. It is one of 45 states of this glorious Union.—Omaha World-Herald.

The St. Paul man who was bunkoed by the tin box game has the same consolation as had the life saver who grabbed a drowning man by the wig—he has the tin box.—St. Paul Globe.

The coming statue of Thomas F. Bayard is to be the work of a woman. Woman has usually molded us as she would. Why shouldn't she be successful in modeling us in plastic clay?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There was a time once when mother's folks used to send provisions to the starving ones in Oklahoma. In this year of our Lord Oklahomans are preparing a corn train to ship to the famine sufferers of India.—Kansas City Journal.

Carelessness with matches is rebuked in a shocking manner by the fatal accident to the wife of General Wilson of Matanzas, Cuba. The modern match cracks like a torpedo when it is stepped upon and flashes like a miniature torch.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

A woman lawyer of Chicago in defending a woman accused of vagrancy contended that the charge was absurd, as women were not intended to work. She won her case. It was delightfully characteristic, because counsel contradicted her own plea—unless, of course, the practice of law is not work.—New York Sun.

BEE BUZZES.

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Secure all the hives necessary to accommodate the swarms and the surplus honey crop before the time comes when they will be actually needed. This is the only safe plan to avoid losses in a busy season.—St. Louis Republic.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

The flashing electric sign—the find that winks—is decidedly unpopular in London. The county council has just made a regulation providing a fine of £5 for the exhibition of such signs in the streets.

There are 1,200,000 miles of copper wire used in telephone service in the United States, and 4,000,000 calls are received daily in the telephone exchanges of the country. The wire would girdle the earth at the equator 48 times or reach from the earth to the moon five times.

The new electric power plant at the Armour packing houses in Chicago replaces 95 steam boilers, 16 engines and 17 refrigerating machines. It develops 4,000 horsepower and feeds 10,000 incandescent lamps, 300 arc lamps and 120 power motors, scattered over an area of more than 60 acres.

BRITON AND BOER.

The reports that the Boers were discouraged do not appear to have reached Oom Paul and his burghers.—Washington Item.

The British army will take time to recuperate and the Boers will probably embrace the opportunity to do some more farming.—Washington Star.

Some war automobiles are going to be tried in South Africa. It will be a struggle between Boer mobility and British automobility.—New York World.

The war in South Africa seems to have outlived its interest. The news from there is more monotonous than the soldiers find the fighting.—Boston Globe.

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One advantage with the larger breeds of fowls over the small ones is that the larger fowls are usually much easier controlled.

The air cell and germ are in the broad end of the egg, and if this part is smooth and even and the germ is fertilized, that is all that is necessary.

Geese may be picked every six weeks in warm weather, but when picked so often they do not lay, as the growth of new feathers debilitates them.

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SOUTH BOUND (Read Down.)				NORTH BOUND.			
No. 30	No. 35	STATIONS.		No. 28	No. 32		
Daily	Daily			Daily	Daily		
ex su	ex su			ex su	ex su		
4:00p	9:30a	Lv. Jacksonville	Ar	7:30p	10:55a		
5:10p	10:40a	Lv. St. Augustine	Lv	6:20p	9:45a		
5:20p	10:50a	Lv. St. Augustine	Lv	6:15p	9:40a		
5:55p	11:24a	Lv. Hastings	Lv	5:40p	9:05a		
6:12p	11:40a	Ar. East Palatka		5:25p	8:48a		
6:40p	12:05a	Ar. Palatka	Lv	5:00p	8:20a		
5:50p	11:55a	Lv. Palatka	Ar	5:45p	9:10a		
7:55p		Ar. San Mateo	Lv		7:20a		
	7:30p	Lv. San Mateo	Ar	7:35p			
6:10p	11:40a	Lv. East Palatka	Ar	5:25p	8:45a		
7:42p	1:02p	Ormond		4:02p	7:10a		
7:50p	1:10p	Daytona		3:51p	7:04a		
8:05p	1:24p	Port Orange		3:41p	6:54a		
8:20p	1:45p	New Smyrna		3:20p	6:34a		
8:51p	2:00p	Oak Hill		3:00p	5:58a		
9:30p	2:45p	Titusville		2:25p	5:30a		
	3:11p	City Point		1:50p			
	3:19p	Cocoa		1:47p			
	3:22p	Rockledge		1:45p			
	3:32p	Eau Gallie		1:10p			
	4:01p	Melbourne		1:03p			
	4:30p	Roseland		12:30p			
	4:44p	Sebastian		12:22p			
	5:35p	St. Lucie		11:33a			
	5:43p	Fort Pierce		10:52a			
	6:01p	Tibbals		11:25a			
	6:05p	Eten		11:00a			
	6:10p	Jensen		10:55a			
	6:20p	Stuart		10:45a			
	6:50p	Hobe Sound		10:14a			
	7:03p	West Jupiter		10:02a			
	7:20p	West Palm Beach		9:27a			
	8:05p	Boynton		9:03a			
	8:11p	Delray		8:53a			
	8:50p	Fort Lauderdale		8:06a			
	9:42p	Lemon City		7:55a			
	9:40p	Miami		7:15a			

Between New Smyrna and Orange City Junction.				Between Titusville and Sanford.			
No. 3	No. 1	STATIONS.	No. 2	No. 4	No. 11	STATIONS.	No. 12
3:25p	1:04a	Lv. New Smyrna	Ar	6:15p	7:31a	Titusville	Ar
4:00p	1:51a	Lake Helen	Lv	5:05p	8:21a	Mims	Lv
4:20p	1:20a	Orange City		1:55p	8:21a	Enterprise	
4:25p	12:50a	Ar. Orange City		12:30p	5:40p	Sanford	

Between Jacksonville and Pablo Beach.				
No. 5	No. 15	STATIONS.	No. 16	No. 18
9:40p	9:40a	Lv. Jacksonville	Ar	9:00a
7:10p	10:55a	Ar. Pablo Beach	Lv	7:30a

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COLLECTING EGGS ON THE FARALLONES.

day, and the eggs are systematically picked up and shipped to market. With few exceptions only Italians and Greeks are engaged in the business, and, although the number of "eggers" is not more than 20, they have been known to gather and market over 500,000 eggs in two months. This large score was made some years ago, and it is likely to stand as the unchallenged record, as the carrying away of their eggs has naturally decreased the number of the birds. This is a case where the old saw has been reversed, and the egg that produces the "golden goose" has been destroyed. In recent years the egg crop has fallen off to such an extent that on several occasions less than 100,000 eggs have been collected during a full season.

Since 1897 egg gathering on the Farallones has been prohibited by the government through orders issued by the light house board, and the birds are beginning to show the result of this action by the noticeable increase in their numbers. The bureau of ornithology wants the same prohibition to issue in all cases where the government has jurisdiction.

Large colonies of water birds, such as pelicans, gulls, terns and herons, may be found at points along the coast of the United States during the breeding season, and in certain localities the eggs of some of these species are highly esteemed and find a ready market.