The Josh Billings Papers--Sum Natral History.

The alligator is not a natif of Nu England; he iz too useless a critter to be born there.

He belongs down South, and resides in the same swamp that the copperhead duz.

He lives upon a raw pig, and don't hesitate to take them whole, if there don't happen to be a smaller one on hand.

He is also fond of a little nigger once in a while, by way of fresh bite.

They are amphibious, and several other kinds of cuss tew plenty tu menshen.

What on earth they are good for I don't seem to know, unless it is tew watch for pigs.

Their hides can be tanned into leather, but they are as hard to skin as a beech tree iz; and the leather when tanned iz jest about as limber as a cook-in stove. But one pair ov boots made out of alligator will last as long as a man's name duz! The only way to wear them out is to heave them away.

Alligator meat is not luscious. If you ask for it at a fust klass hotel the alwus tell yu "that they are just out." It tastes as I should think the beef uv a mule would who had been worked forty years in a brick yard, and then been struck by lightning to get rid uv him.

When the alligator's mouth is wide open, the head iz just about in the center uv his body; but they have one virtew I came very near forgetting—they make a very still noise, altho they have more jaw than any other critter I know uv.

These are some of the heaviest fakts I have been able tu gather about the aligator.

The alligator seems to be a second addition uv the krokadile, made out uv what was left.

I think the krokadile usually lays eggs when they want some more krokadiles, but I don't kno—but if they do, and I ever find the nest, and the old fellow aint on the nest, I shouldn't hesitate to hatch out the eggs myself—with a klub.

This is all I kno at present about the alligator.

THE CROW.

Next to the monkey, the crow has the most deviltry to spare. They are born very wild, kan be tamed az easy az the goat kan, but a tame crow is aktually worse than a sore thumb.

If there is enny thing about the house that they kant get into, it iz because the thing aint big enuf. I had rather watch a distrikt skool than one tame crow.—Crows live on what they kan steal, and they will steal enny thing that aint tied down.

They are fond uv meat vittles, and are the first to hold an inquest over a departed horse or a still sheep. They are a fine bird to hunt, but a hard one to kill; they kan see yu 2 miles first, and will smell a gun rite thro the side uv a mountain.

They are not songstirs, altho they have a good voice to cultivate, but what they do sing they seem to understand thoroughly; long practiss has made them perfect.

The crow is a tuff bird, and can stand the heat like a blacksmith, and cold like a stun wall.

They bild their nests among a tree, and lay twice, and both eggs would hatch out if they were laid in a snow bank—ther aint no such thing az stopping a young crow.

Crows are very lengthy. I beleeve they live always. I never knu one to die a natral deth, and don't believe they kno how.

They are always thin in flesh, and are like an old injun-rubber shew, poor inside and out.

They are not considered fine eating, altho I have read somewhere uv biled crow, but still I never heard ov the same man hankering for som biled crow 2 times.

This essa on the crow is coppied from natur, and if it iz true, I aint to blame for it; natur made the crow, I didn't; if I had I would have made her more honest and not quite so tuff.

HENS.

Leads me to remark, in the fust place, that thus far they are a suckcess.

They are domestick, and occasionally are tuff.

This is owing to their not being biled often enuf in their younger daze; but the hen aint tew blame for this.

Biled hen is universally respected.

There is a grate deal of originality tew in the hen—exactly how much I kant tell, historians fight so much about it. Sum say Knower had hens with him in the ark, and some say he didn't. So it goes, which and tuther.

I kant tell yu which was born fust, the hen or the egg; sumtimes I think the egg wuz, and sumtimes I think I don't kno, and I kant tell now which iz right for the life of me.

Laying eggs is the hen's best grip.

A hen that kant lay eggs—is laid out.

One egg is considered a fair day's work for a hen. I hev herd of their doing better, but I don't want a hen of mine tew do it—it is apt tu hurt their constition and by-laws, and thus impare their future worth.

The poet sez, butifully:

"Sumbody has stole our old blew hen,
I wish they'd let her bee,
She used to lay 2 eggs a day,
And Sundays she laid 3,"

This sounds trew enuff for poetry, but I will bet 75 thousand dollars that it never took place.

This bet stands open till the 17th day ov next November, at half-past 12 o'clok.

VERMONT SOLDIERS BURIED IN WESTERN FLORIDA.—We are in receipt of a letter from John Q. Dickinson, formerly of this State, dated Pensacola, Florada, April 10th, 1868, desiring us to announce that he has been appointed agent of the government for collecting the bodies of soldiers buried in Western Florida and Southern Alabama for interment in the government cemetery at Barrancas, Fla.

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Summary of News.

—The New St. Cloud hotel at New York cost $250,000.

—Dr. Hayes thinks of continuing his Arctic explorations.

—Albert Richardson will finish his life of Grant this month.

—Mrs. Bloomer, *the* bloomer, lives a retired life at Council Bluffs.

—"Marion Harland" is the wife of E. P. Terhune, of Newark, N. J.

—There is an 18 month old baby in San Francisco that weighs 35 pounds.

—White Sulphur Springs, Va., is being fitted up for 1,500 guests.

—The little town of Canton, Conn., has 60 voters named Case. Among so many Cases there certainly must be some hard ones.

—The New York Central Railroad was made "Central" by the consolidation of eight separate sectional companies.

—The newest ear-ring in Paris is a diamond button, that does not hang from the ear, but is put through like a stud, and looks like a diamond nail.

—An English clergyman advertises his living for exchange, adding that it is "a most desirable position for a delicate man; no Dissenters in the parish."

—Since the Legislature of Iowa passed a law authorizing cities and towns to aid railroads, there has been great activity in many of the interior counties relative to the matter.

—Strawberries are twenty-five cents a basket at New York.

—The citizens of Fairfield, Ct., will dedicate a soldiers' monument about the 4th of July next.

—"Data," of the Baltimore Sun, says it is reported that Secretary Seward is negotiating for the purchase of Iceland and Greenland.

—One of our best representative Republicans says he hopes to see Andrew Johnson convicted this week and Hannibal Hamlin nominated for the Vice-Presidency next week.

—"Subrosa" is proposed as a name for the New York Women's Club.

—"FOUL PLAY.—The brig Homespun, homeward bound, encountered a terrible gale on the Pacific and, passing out of her course, made a barren island, and hoping to gain fresh water, of which the crew was in want, sent a boat ashore and discovered and relieved a half-famished Englishman named Robert Penfold, who had been wrecked some months before, and had subsisted several months on shell fish, principally mother-of-pearl oysters.

—The suspension bridge across the Hudson River, at the Highlands, has been planned. Its total length is to be 2499 feet, with a span between the towers which are 1865 feet above high water, and is to bear a pressure of 5280 tons. There are to be 20 cables, each about 14 inches in diameter. The towers are to be about 270 feet high, and the iron and steel in the bridge will weigh 17,005 tons.

—A daily paper in Chicago, determined to be fully up to the fast times in which we live, has adopted the novel mode of publishing "marriages in prospect." A reporter is sent to the office where licenses are granted daily, he copies the list, and the candidates for matrimony have the pleasure of seeing their names figuring among the lists of bankrupts, burglaries, fires, &c., sometimes days before the important events come off.

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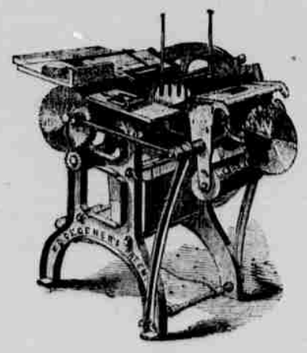

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