SLUG AND SNAIL LORE

Queer Old Traditions That Cluster About the Gastropods.

A CURE FOR WARTS AND AGUE

Drastic Remedies That Must Have Proved Speedily Mortal to the Unfortunate Snails—A Telepathic Theory That Was a Dismal Failure.

It is probable, though—bearing in mind the extent and profundity of the learning considered necessary for "every schoolboy," provided he is educated at other people's expense—one does not like to dogmatize, that slugs and snails were among the very earliest natural history subjects we were taught. The teaching, we may remember, was conveyed in the classical form of question and answer. "What," we were asked, "are little boys made of?" And the querist, almost always of the nurse or governess persuasion, supplied the answer with unmistakable relish. "Slugs and snails and puppy dogs' tails" were, we were informed, the ingredients which went to the composition of the soaring human boy. It was doubtless the memory of the indignity rather than any righteous zeal against the foes of the flower garden that induced us for some time afterward invariably to squash or otherwise destroy every slug and snail that our youthful eyes lighted on.

As a matter of fact, however, a good deal of interesting old world lore clusters about slugs and snails, though considerably more about the latter than the former. That, however, is of the less importance, inasmuch as naturalists tell us the slug is practically a snail which wears its shell under its skin, though possibly the definition may be taken exception to from a scientific standpoint. It is worth remarking that, whereas everybody knows snails are considered a table luxury in several countries, nobody seems to wax ecstatic over slugs if we except the beche de mer, or sea slug, over which as prepared in the far east some writers have risen to poetical eloquence. The Romans used to fatten their edible snails on bran soaked in wine, and it is said, with a considerable emphasis on the "said," they attained such an abnormal size that the shell of one was reported to have a capacity of ten quarts.

Indirectly snails may be held to add still more largely to our supply of nourishing food, inasmuch as the famous Dartmoor mutton is said to owe its excellence of quality and flavor to the myriads of tiny snails eaten by the sheep as they browse on the short grass. It is a little disconcerting after this to read the old naturalists' dictum that the snail is "a worm of slime and always foul and unclean; is a manner snake and is a horned worm." Moreover, if any one troubled with warts will secure a snail, pierce it as many times as the unsightly excrescences number and then impale the hapless snail on a thorn tree as the creature dies the warts will disappear. Equally deserving the attention of the S. P. C. A. is a provincial cure for ague, which consists in putting a live snail into a bag and wearing it around the neck for nine days. It is then to be "thrown into the fire, when it is said to shake like the ague, and after this the patient is never troubled with the tedious complaint." "Stamped and mixed sometimes with cheese, lope and rennet, snails do draw out thorns if they be applied to the place," Lupton assures us, while the horns carried on the person insure the bearer's virtue. It is to be assumed that some at least of these drastic measures prove speedily mortal to the snails, though really some of the stories of their longevity and recuperative powers make one hesitate to dogmatize too positively.

And the snail is not without its quasi mystic attributes. Very widely spread is the childish "charm" by which it is adjured to put out its horns—"Snail, snail, come out of your hole or else I'll beat you as black as a coal." Sometimes a bribe is substituted for the threat, and "bread and barleycorns" are promised as an inducement to "show your horns." In Scotland it is said that the prompt obedience of the snail indicates that fine weather may be expected. In some places to catch a snail by its horns on the 1st of May and throw it over the left shoulder insures good luck.

Possibly one of the queerest ideas that have ever been promulgated about snails was that which gravely proposed to utilize them for the purposes of telegraphy, or, more strictly perhaps, telepathy. Snails, it was alleged, were excessively sympathetic. Two of them were put together for presumably sufficient time to bring them thoroughly en rapport, and the intending operators arranged their code. One of these went to New York with one snail and the other to Paris with the second. When the gentlemen in either capital wished to communicate with his friend, at an hour agreed upon, he put his snail on a dial marked with the characters of the code and moved it from one to the other till his message was spelled out, and the snail in the other capital would, impelled by the mysterious sympathy, of its own accord indicate on a corresponding dial the message letter by letter! That was the beautiful theory that was doomed to dismal failure.—London Globe.

Too Much Checking.

Mother (sternly)—Can't you check your wife's constant demand for money? Husband (despairingly)—That's just it! She's always after checks.—Baltimore American.

LIFE IN THE DESERT.

How Animals and Vegetation Fight Against Extinction.

Almost all life on the desert goes armed. In the vegetation world of the desert the cactus comes first with its numberless species. They are all armed with long or short, tough spines that can penetrate the thickest boot. The solitary and often grotesque Joshua or Yucca, the mesquite, the cat's claw and numberless shrubs whose names have not been written, all are armed in one way or another. Some exude poisonous sap, others nauseating odors. The sagebrush is about the only one that does not seem to have any protection.

In the animal kingdom most are either armed with sharp teeth, spines, odors or poison to serve to keep their enemies at a distance, while the others depend upon their fleetness or artful skulking and hiding.

The spines and repulsive Gila monster, the horned toad, the sidewinder, with his two horns and deadly fangs, and its cousin, the desert rattlesnake; the tarantula, scorpion and desert bee, each of whose sting is exceedingly painful and sometimes fatal, are among the desert's denizens. Then there are many varieties of lizards, large and small and of many colors, which protect themselves by their speed alone. The prowling coyote, bobcat, mountain lion, jack rabbit, cottontail, mountain sheep, ibex, antelope and an occasional deer are there.

Among the smaller animals are the gopher, kangaroo rat, trade rat, hydrophobia skunk, ground squirrel and innumerable mice. But the traveler seldom sees any of these. The prospector, however, soon becomes acquainted with them. The first or, at the latest, second night of his stay in any one camp he will be visited by a trade rat, which will carry away all that portion of his outfit that is not too heavy for his ratship to handle and religiously leave some stick or stone in its place.

A hydrophobia skunk will be apt to call and lunch from any bacon rinds that may be lying about, not disdaining a nip at Mr. Prospector's nose if the opportunity offers. It is said and firmly believed by the sons of the desert that the bite of this little skunk produces hydrophobia. The Gila monster is seldom seen, and the writer after having spent nearly a year on the borders of Death valley has yet to see one at large. Rattlesnakes are also scarce except in some favorable locality.

All life on the desert lives by its power to resist thirst. All desert plants are so constructed that they are able to conserve and store up moisture against the time of drought. This necessity has wrought peculiar forms of both animals and plants, and in time it also leaves its indelible mark upon men who dwell amid its wastes. The leaves of all desert trees are small and thick, so that they expose as little surface as possible for evaporation in the dry air. The great and ever present evidence of the struggle for water is noticeable everywhere where men come together on the desert. In this struggle all who come to the desert must engage instantly. Every wagon must have its water barrels, every burro his water bags, each man his canteen.—Los Angeles Times.

A Flippant Critic.

After the performance of Wagner's "Rheingold" at Berne, Switzerland, the Berner Fremdenblatt contained an account of the performance which caused much comment. One German paper in reproducing excerpts from the remarkable criticism says, "In reading it we could not quite determine whether the writer was a rogue or one of the Mark Twain school who would enter the most sacred realms of culture with savage freedom." "The opera," says the critic, "furnished much amusement, especially the evolutions of the merry Rhein daughters. Their tricks were charming, and if the orchestra had played more appropriate music the effect would have been perfect. From what we had heard we expected better music. Certain parts—the most tuneful ones—were reminiscent of Mendelssohn, and this originality seemed natural to us, because we knew that when Wagner was the child prodigy in Leipsic Felix Mendelssohn directed the Gewandhaus concerts in that city. All in all the opera is rather stale, but with the fine scenery and real steam clouds it was bearable. It is probably necessary that one should see this 'Rheingold' as well as 'The Merry Widow,' so go and see it."

British America Indians.

A French titled lady made a trip that took her 1,600 miles beyond civilization in the far northern districts of British America. She went forth accompanied by only two Indian guides and penetrated to the sixtieth parallel, riding astride, tramping, paddling in light canoes, floating down treacherous, rock picketed rapids in clumsy native barges and for one period of two weeks seeing no human being except her two Indian servants. "The Indians in that region are very superstitious, very ungrateful, very independent, but very honest. I invited a chief to have luncheon with me. He refused. To eat in company with a woman would degrade him. He would lose caste with his tribe. In another part of the country I had some Indians and their squaws on an expedition. But the Indians would not permit me to shoot any game. One of the traditions of the tribe, left by some old medicine man long since dead, was that if a woman were ever permitted to shoot moose or elk game would become scarce and the squaws would become powerful and master the men. I offered them $10 for every shot I might make, but money was no inducement."—San Francisco Chronicle.

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In accordance to the call of the Republican State Committee of Indiana, you are requested to meet in each of your voting precincts as hereinafter set out on Friday evening, January 31st, from 6 until 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing one delegate and one alternate to attend the District convention to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of February, 1908, at Muncie at 2 p. m., for the purpose of selecting two delegates and two alternates for the Eighth congressional district of Indiana, whose duty it is to attend the Republican National convention to be held at Chicago June 16, 1908.

The delegates elected at the various precincts will be entitled to seven thirty-thirds of a vote, as Adams County is entitled to 7 delegates, that being one delegate for each 200 votes cast for Fred A. Sims for secretary of state at the November election, 1906.

Various precincts will meet as follows:

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Kirkland Twp., South P.—Residence of Jay L. Sostenberry.

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