

FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

In one grove in California are 1,380 trees, none measuring less than six feet in diameter.

The dog, which is apparently tormented by the notes of a soprano voice, remains undisturbed by those of a bass voice.

A THERMOMETER, plunged in the snow to the depth of four inches, will mark nine degrees more heat than at the surface.

THE SOIL of the Siberian coast never rises to a depth of more than two feet even during the greatest heat of summer.

SMALL sponges often fix themselves to living shells, and Dr. Johnston tells us that he once met with a sponge on the back of a crab, which walked about quite unconcerned with its light burden, though it was many times larger than itself.

THE sea-urchin has several movable spines. Each spine looks very knowing, and apparently makes its own little excursions without regard to what the other spines are doing. In large specimens, where the claws can be seen round the spine, the effect is very comical.

In Lower Bengal, one tigress was reported to have killed 127 people in one year, and stopped a public road for several weeks. In another case, a single tigress caused the desertion of thirteen villages, and 250 square miles of country were thrown out of cultivation. Government reports show that in Lower Bengal about 2,000 persons are killed every year by wild animals, nearly half of whom are victims of the ferocious tiger.

ENHANCING drugs are freely used in cigarettes to disguise the poor quality of the tobacco. Opium and valerian are especially mentioned. What is called "Havana flavoring" has grown to be an important article of commerce. Thousands of barrels of it are sold everywhere. It is extensively used in manufacturing certain kinds of cigarettes. It is made from the tobacco-bean, which contains a drug called mellool, a deadly poison, seven grains of which will kill a dog.

There immense herds, now aggregating 20,000,000 which roam over the pampas of the Argentine Republic and comprise, with the sheep, most of the wealth of that country, are all descended from eight cows and a bull which two Portuguese brothers, named Góes, took to the Spanish colony there in 1553. It is only within a few years that any effort has been made to improve the much-depreciated stock of the country. As yet only a few cattle near Buenos Ayres have been crossed with short-horn breeds.

LEECHES are among the curious pests which swarm in the moist places of a Malay jungle. Directly the earth trembles with a man's step, the leeches stretch themselves out in savage thirst. By some means they manage to make a lodgment on his body. He may not feel them at first, but when, at his journey's end he strips for a bath, he finds a score or more of the little blood-suckers fastened to his legs and gorged with their sanguinary dinner. He puzzles his head in vain to discover how they managed to get up his trousers-legs. But on resuming his journey, he ties his trousers tightly round the ankle, places them in his boots, which he anoints with lime-juice, an abomination to the little pests. Only in this way may they be kept off the person.

The Eagles of New England.

There are but two varieties of eagles found in New England—the bald eagle (*Haliaetus leucocephalus*) and the golden eagle (*Aquila Canadensis*).

Both of these birds vary much in color and markings at different ages. The bald eagle is quite dark for the first year, and is called by those not familiar with the bird, the black eagle, and later, when grayish, the gray eagle; and when in adult plumage, the white-headed eagle. The young of the golden eagle has rings about the tail, and is called by hunters the ring-tailed eagle, and later, when the golden feathers appear, about the neck, the golden eagle.

There is one never-failing mark by which the bald and golden eagle can be distinguished, no matter what the color or markings. The golden eagle is always feathered to the toes. The bald eagle is feathered only down its thighs.

The rough-legged falcon is feathered to the toes, with markings somewhat similar to the golden eagle, but the size of the two birds is so unlike that any novice need not blunder. The golden eagle is from thirty to forty inches from its beak to the tip of its tail, and from six to seven feet in alar extent. The rough-legged falcon is from nineteen to twenty-four inches in length, and from four to four and a half feet in alar extent.

It is not uncommon to read of eagles captured measuring from four to four and a half feet from tip to tip. There are no such eagles. They are simply hawks or falcons.

I once received a letter from a professional gentleman informing me that one of his neighbors had captured a fine specimen of an eagle, which I could have by calling for it. I drove sixteen miles in the worst of traveling in March to get it, and found it nothing but a rough-legged falcon.

In 1861, when writing a series of articles on our rapacious, I described a bird captured in our meadows as the Washington eagle—the bird was first described by Audubon and named by him after the immortal Washington. It is now very generally believed by ornithologists that the bird described by Audubon is not a new species, but a young, overgrown female of the bald eagle.

The young of our rapacious birds are larger than the adult birds, and the female is larger than the male. These facts were unknown to ornithologists at that time, and many new species were described which since have proved to be immature birds. No bird has been captured in the last forty years that has fully answered the description given by Audubon, and if there was such a bird, with a host of ornithologists on the alert, some one must have found it.

"I GO AGAINST my Will," murmured she sweetly, as she fondly leaned on William's arm, as they meandered to the theatre.

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All persons knowing the same to be indebted to the undersigned, are hereby notified that all accounts must be settled within thirty days from January 1st 1884, or they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. I must have my money to carry on my business. I mean what I say and no foolishness.

J. J. EIGLESBACK

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2. This is a lamp. It is full of nice, yellow oil. Can you light the lamp? If there is too much oil pour some of it in the stove. Mamma will not miss the oil if you pour it in the stove, but she may miss you. A little oil on the carpet is not a bad thing for the oil, but it is a bad thing for the carpet and you.

3. Do not make a noise or you will wake the policeman. He is sitting on the doorstep asleep. It is very hard on him to have to sleep out of doors these cold nights. There is a bank being robbed around the corner and a woman is being killed in the next block. If the policeman waked up he might find it out and arrest somebody. Some people believe this is what policemen are for, but the policemen do not think so.

4. Who is this creature with long hair and a wild eye? He is a poet. He writes poems on spring and women's eyes and strange, unreal things of that kind. He is always wishing he was dead, but he wouldn't let anybody kill him if he could get away. A mighty good sausage-stuffer was spoiled when the man became a poet. He would look well standing under a descending pile-driver.

5. The girl is at the gate. A young man is coming down the lane. The girl's papa is sitting on the front porch. He is very old. He has raised a family of eleven children. What is the poor old man thinking about, and why does he gaze so intently at his right boot? Maybe he is thinking about raising the young man who is coming down the lane—Denver Tribune.

It was his first letter home from boarding-school, and it read as follows:

DEAR FATHER—I write you before I write to you because I know you like to see me mad. I think I will get along with my lessons first-rate. The garden here is full of chickens, which makes the walking bad. In history I've got as far as Alexander the Great. He carried a sword to cut knots with. There is an apple orchard half a mile off. The boys play ball in it; after that there ain't much apples. The minister's son was licked this morning for going a fishing on Sunday. He caught lots of fish, and says he is going again next Sunday. I think I like the minister's boy a good deal. Send me some matches as soon as you can, also a jack-knife and a top. Two of us boys left a piece of wet soap at the head of the stairs just before day-break, and by the time the cook got to the bottom she was too sick to get breakfast. We have prayers reg'lar every day, and the teacher reads out of the Bible, but I don't think it's so bulky as playing tag in a hay loft.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1884,

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SELEMMIA GRAY,

JOHN R. GRAY;

Executors.

Simon Phillips, Auctioneer.

James W. Douthit, Atty for Ex's.

January 11, 1884.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

State of Indiana, Jasper County, ss:

Joseph Leonard, Alvah Leo and James Leonard, and John Leonard, vs.

Elizabeth Sebring, Anson Sebring, Jacob Clark, Emily Clark, wife of Jacob Clark, William Clark, Lucy J. Clark, wife of William Clark, implemented with Sarah Clark, et al.

Complaint No. 3179.

That appearing by affidavit this day filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Jasper Circuit Court that the above named defendants are necessary parties to the above entitled action, the object of which is to foreclose two mortgages, and that they are non-residents of the State of Indiana.

Notice of the pendency of such action is therefore given to the defendant, a name above, to appear and file his answer in the next term of the Jasper Circuit Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in Rensselaer, Indiana, on the first Monday in January, 1884.

Witness my hand and the seal of

CHASLES H. PRICE, Clerk.

Wm. Johnston, Atty for Plf's.

December 14, 1883—37 50.

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NOTICE OF DITCH ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given, by Francis M. Lakin,