

BIRDS IN COMBAT

Feathered Creatures Sometimes Battle to the Death.

Contrary to Pretty Theory, Perfect Peace Does Not Always Reign Within Those "Little Nests" as Sung by Poet.

"Birds in their little nests agree," wrote Doctor Watts. If the eminent preacher had chanced to witness an incident similar to that which I saw the other day, says a writer in the London Daily Mail, he would never have penned that libel.

I was walking across a London golf course when two sparrows shot past my head, chattering violently, and, coming to ground a few yards away, set to fighting so furiously that I was actually able to pick them both up in my hands.

I let one go at once; the other I carried a little distance before liberating it. Will you believe it?—a moment later the two were at it again, beak and claws.

Almost all birds fight furiously in the springtime. Even turtle doves, those emblems of peace, will go for one another in the mating season.

The various methods of offense adopted by different birds are interesting. Sparrows use their powerful beaks but hold one another with their claws. Starlings fight in exactly similar fashion. Their combats are at times most desperate. A friend saw one cock starling actually kill another.

Pigeons use their wings but rarely do one another much harm. Swans fight with their wings, and their strength is so great that their battles sometimes result fatally. I have, however, seen a swan apparently endeavoring to hold the head of a rival under water, but I was not near enough to make out what happened.

Some birds have spurs on their wings. The spur-winged goose, which is a small, long-legged bird and rather resembles a duck on stilts, has extraordinary wing power. One of these geese went for a gardener who had gone into its inclosure in the "zoo" and gave him a blow on the knee that laid him up for a week. The crested screamer has actually double spurs on its wings and is a very awkward customer to tackle.

All the birds of prey use their talons as their principal weapons. The strength which lies in the talons of even a small hawk is almost incredible. As for an eagle, one has been known to drive its claws clean through the skull of a large tomcat into the brain, killing the animal instantly.

The pheasants are the only family of birds provided with spurs. Our domestic fowls are, of course, members of this genus, and it is in the game fowl that the spur is developed to the greatest perfection. These leg spurs resemble the horns of cattle, in that they have a bony core protected by a

smooth sheath of horn.

The guinea-fowl, again, is singular in that it has a blunt horn upon its head which it uses as an offensive weapon.

I have never seen two herons fight, but if they did they would use their beaks and their beaks alone. The driving power of the long, sharp-pointed beak of a heron is immense, and when a heron is hawked you may see it endeavor to spit its smaller assailant upon its beak.

An ostrich farmer tells me that he has known an ostrich to pierce a sheet of corrugated iron with one tremendous kick.

New Clothes on an Ol' One.

A salesman up in gasoline row was telling how he almost had a bit of good luck. "As I was coming in on the Bluff road, the other evening, just after dark," he said, "I saw a good tire at the side of the road. There was not a house within a half-mile, so I stopped the car and beat it back to get the tire. It was a new one. I could tell that as I passed it. But when I got up within ten feet of it, it started to move, and over into the field it went. Just then I heard two boys laugh." Three of the salesman's audience sang out. "Yes, we tried to get that same tire on the first night in April."—Indianapolis News.

LIGHT THAT PRODUCES SOUND

May at First Seem Incredible, But Experiments Have Proved It to Be a Fact.

Incredible as it may seem, a beam of light can be made to produce sound. A ray of sunlight is thrown through a lens onto a glass vessel containing lampblack, colored silk or worsted, or any like substance. A disk having slits or openings in it is made to revolve swiftly in this beam of light, so as to "cut it up," thus causing alternate flashes of light and shadow. When one places his ear to the glass vessel he hears strange sounds so long as the flashing beam falls upon the vessel.

A still more extraordinary effect is produced when the beam of sunlight is made to pass through a prism so as to produce what is called the solar spectrum. The disk is turned and the colored light of the rainbow is made to break through it. Now if the ear is placed to the vessel containing the silk or other material, as the colored lights of the spectrum fall upon it, sounds will be given out by the different parts of the spectrum, and there will be silence in other parts.

For instance, if the vessel contains red worsted and the green light flashes upon it loud sounds will be given forth. Only feeble sounds will be heard when the red and the blue parts of the rainbow fall upon the vessel. Other colors will produce no sounds at all. Green silk gives out sound best in a red light. Every kind of material gives more or less sound in different colors and no sound at all in others.

JOBS WE DON'T WANT-

MEN WANTED TO STAND SIDE OF RAILROAD TRACK AND SERVE AS MILE POSTS



NOTICE!

KID WISE IS LOST! HORRORS!

GET BUSY - LOOK FOR HIM! - HELP US FIND THE KID BACK TO THIS SPACE

ADD 50 TEARS

PUPILS, I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU THE VALUE OF THE DIFFERENT FOODS

CAN ANY LITTLE BOY OR GIRL TELL ME THREE THINGS WE SHOULD EAT EVERY DAY?

YEH MAM-I CAN

ALL RIGHT HILDA - WHAT ARE THEY?

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER

3 A DAY - MORAL - BELIEVE ME, WE SAY A LOT OF THINGS WE DON'T LEARN IN SCHOOL

PUP SHIMMY HAS KINDLY VOLUNTEERED TO DONATE THE MORALS UNTIL THE KID IS LOCATED

PUBLIC SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

National—
New York, 5; Cincinnati, 2.
Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 2.
Boston, 3; St. Louis, 2.
Pittsburg, 5; Brooklyn, 4.

American—
Washington, 4; Philadelphia, 3.

New York, 8; Boston, 2.

Cleveland, 7; Chicago, 2.

Detroit, 21; St. Louis, 8.

"Babe" Ruth rung up his thirty-fifth home run of the season Sunday.

ABE MARTIN

(Indianapolis News) Silas Hawk, a nephew of Mrs. Tilford Moots, has resigned as a prohibitionist an' gone t' work at th' brickyard. A front porch campaign is all right if you've got your beds made and th' house cleaned up an' dusted.

TERMS—cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

GEORGE GREEN.

W. A. McCurtain, Auct.

C. G. Spitzer, Clerk.

TEMPERATURE.

The following is the temperature for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. on the date indicated:

Max. Min.

July 23 87 67

July 24 92 68

July 25 76 54

July 26 90 56

England seems to have no stand.

Pat statesmen—Greenville (S. D.)

Piedmont, 22; 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36; 37; 38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 50; 51; 52; 53; 54; 55; 56; 57; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 215; 216; 217; 218; 219; 220; 221; 222; 223; 224; 225; 226; 227; 228; 229; 230; 231; 232; 233; 234; 235; 236; 237; 238; 239; 240; 241; 242; 243; 244; 245; 246; 247; 248; 249; 250; 251; 252; 253; 254; 255; 256; 257; 258; 259; 260; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; 266; 267; 268; 269; 270; 271; 272; 273; 274; 275; 276; 277; 278; 279; 280; 281; 282; 283; 284; 285; 286; 287; 288; 289; 290; 291; 292; 293; 294; 295; 296; 297; 298; 299; 300; 301; 302; 303; 304; 305; 306; 307; 308; 309; 310; 311; 312; 313; 314; 315; 316; 317; 318; 319; 320; 321; 322; 323; 324; 325; 326; 327; 328; 329; 330; 331; 332; 333; 334; 335; 336; 337; 338; 339; 340; 341; 342; 343; 344; 345; 346; 347; 348; 349; 350; 351; 352; 353; 354; 355; 356; 357; 358; 359; 360; 361; 362; 363; 364; 365; 366; 367; 368; 369; 370; 371; 372; 373; 374; 375; 376; 377; 378; 379; 380; 381; 382; 383; 384; 385; 386; 387; 388; 389; 390; 391; 392; 393; 394; 395; 396; 397; 398; 399; 400; 401; 402; 403; 404; 405; 406; 407; 408; 409; 410; 411; 412; 413; 414; 415; 416; 417; 418; 419; 420; 421; 422; 423; 424; 425; 426; 427; 428; 429; 430; 431; 432; 433; 434; 435; 436; 437; 438; 439; 440; 441; 442; 443; 444; 445; 446; 447; 448; 449; 450; 451; 452; 453; 454; 455; 456; 457; 458; 459; 460; 461; 462; 463; 464; 465; 466; 467; 468; 469; 470; 471; 472; 473; 474; 475; 476; 477; 478; 479; 480; 481; 482; 483; 484; 485; 486; 487; 488; 489; 490; 491; 492; 493; 494; 495; 496; 497; 498; 499; 500; 501; 502; 503; 504; 505; 506; 507; 508; 509; 510; 511; 512; 513; 514; 515; 516; 517; 518; 519; 520; 521; 522; 523; 524; 525; 526; 527; 528; 529; 530; 531; 532; 533; 534; 535; 536; 537; 538; 539; 5310; 5311; 5312; 5313; 5314; 5315; 5316; 5317; 5318; 5319; 5320; 5321; 5322; 5323; 5324; 5325; 5326; 5327; 5328; 5329; 5330; 5331; 5332; 5333; 5334; 5335; 5336; 5337; 5338; 5339; 5340; 5341; 5342; 5343; 5344; 5345; 5346; 5347; 5348; 5349; 5350; 5351; 5352; 5353; 5354; 5355; 5356; 5357; 5358; 5359; 5360; 5361; 5362; 5363; 5364; 5365; 5366; 5367; 5368; 5369; 5370; 5371; 5372; 5373; 5374; 5375; 5376; 5377; 5378; 5379; 5380; 5381; 5382; 5383; 5384; 5385; 5386; 5387; 5388; 5389; 5390; 5391; 5392; 5393; 5394; 5395; 5396; 5397; 5398; 5399; 53100; 53101; 53102; 53103; 53104; 53105; 53106; 53107; 53108; 53109; 53110; 53111; 53112; 53113; 53114; 53115; 53116; 53117; 53118; 53119; 53120; 53121; 53122; 53123; 53124; 53125; 53126; 53127; 53128; 53129; 53130; 53131; 53132; 53133; 53134; 53135; 53136; 53137; 53138; 53139; 53140; 53141; 53142; 53143; 53144; 53145; 53146; 53147; 53148; 53149; 53150; 53151; 53152; 53153; 53154; 53155; 53156; 53157; 53158; 53159; 53160; 53161; 53162; 53163; 53164; 53165; 53166; 53167; 53168; 53169; 53170; 53171; 53172; 53173; 53174; 53175; 53176; 53177; 53178; 53179; 53180; 53181; 53182; 53183; 53184; 53185; 53186; 53187; 53188; 53189; 53190; 53191; 53192; 53193; 53194; 53195; 53196; 53197; 53198; 53199; 53200; 53201; 53202; 53203; 53204; 53205; 53206; 53207; 53208; 53209; 53210; 53211; 53212; 53213; 53214; 53215; 53216; 53217; 53218; 53219; 53220; 53221; 53222; 53223; 53224; 53225; 53226; 53227; 53228; 53229; 53230; 53231; 53232; 53233; 53234; 53235;