ROBBING OF NESTS.

The Feathered Tribe are Disappear

What has become of all the myriads of birds that but a few years ago infested the country? The decrease in the number of the feathered songsters has been so marked during the last few years that many people have asked of themselves the above ques-

Not so very long ago the woods and the fields were alive, so to speak, with all the species of birds known to this part of the country; their songs of joy and happiness echoed from every tree and thicket all the day long, and the merry "Bob White" of the partridge could be heard in the surrounding fields; but now it is all changed, the members of the feathered tribe are few in number, and the number seems to be growing less every year.

The cause, or causes, of this scarcity of birds is apparent to all thinking people; the old ones have been ruthlessly slain; the young captured, and either killed outright or died of starvation and improper care, and the nests robbed and destroyed by that born instrument of destruction, and the seeming mortal enemy of all cats, dogs and birds-the small boy.

There is a law against the killing of birds, capturing their young or robbing their nests, and it should be enforced. The authorities of every town and city in the country should pass a special ordinance against the catching of young birds and robbing birds' nests and see that it is rigidly enforced. Aside from the sin of such proceedings, the destruction of the birds will soon, if it has not already, materially affected the interests of the farmers and truck growers of the country, inasmuch as it will remove the enemies of the army of insects which prey upon their farms and gardens.

About two weeks ago the writer was attracted by the distressing cries of some birds near his home. The cries came from the direction of a nest with young birds in it, which he had been watching with the view of protecting them, and on hastening out to learn the cause, he found two little darkies complacently seated on the ground near the bush containing the nest, while the parent birds were most pitcously crying above them. A closer inspection revealed the fact that they had taken the young birds from the nest and had them in a hat, the birds being so yout, that their eyes were not open and they had not a feather on them. It is needless to say that the birds were put back in the nest and the boys run off the place, with a warning to never return. The these same birds lested since.

This incident serves to show the utter thoughtlessness, the cruelty. the fondness for destroying something, that seems inherent in every boy. The birds mentioned would have very likely died before the boys reached home with them, considering that they were just hatched, while the plaintive cries of the two old birds were enough to melt a heart of stone; though the more distressing they became the more delighted those colored youngsters seemed to be.

A mocking-bird built her nest within five feet of the writer's door this season, and in due time hatched out a family of five. The young ones were carefully watched to see that no harm befell them by passers by until they were large enough to leave their home. They reached this stage last week, and when they left the nest they were promptly led outside the yard by the parent birds-right out into danger for themselves. A few mornings afterwards, the distressing screams of birds were again heard, and it was soon found that another young dusky son of Ham had caught two of the young mocking-birds and had made preparations for capturing the entire lot, with the view of having a wholesale selling. The agonizing cries of the mother bird had no effect upon him whatever, nor even upon his mother and older ones of the family who were present-neither did any attempt to shame him for his cruelty. His reply was, "When dey git big dey'll go off, anyhow," and he seemed to think he might as well have them as for them to "go off."

.The law regarding the killing of birds, catching their young and robbing their nests, as given in the criminal code of laws of South Carolina, is here reproduced for the benefit of the sa who may be ignorant of it:

Section 546. It shall not be lawful for any person in this State to wantonly shoot, or entrap for the purpose

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of killing, or in any other manner destroy, any bird whose principal food is insects, or to take or destroy the eggs or young of any of the species or varieties of birds that are protected by the provisions of this section, comprising all the species and varieties of birds represented by the several families of fly-catchers, thrashers, warblers, finches, orioles, nut-hatchers, wood-peckers, humming birds, blue birds, and all other species and varieties of land birds, whether great or small, of every description, regarded as harmless in their habits, and whose flesh is unfit for food, including the turkey-buzzard, but excluding the jack-daw, the crew, the crow black bird, eagle, nd all hawks, and owls, which prey upon other birds, and any person violating the provisions of this section shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars, or be imprisoned not less than ten days, which fine, if imposed, shall go one-half to the informer and the other half thereof to the use of the county in which the offense was committed.

Section 549. No person or persons shall at any time or place within this State take, kill, sell, expose for sale, export beyond the limits of the State, or cause to be taken, killed or sold, exposed for sale or exported beyond the limits of the State, any mockingbird, nonpariel, swallow, bee bird, red bird, wood-pecker, thrush or wren, under a penalty of five dollars for each bird so taken, killed, sold, exported for sale or exported beyond the limits of the State.

Section 548. No person or persons shall destroy or rob the nests of any of the said birds under a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

The law goes on to say that the penalties incurred for violation of the above sections may be recovered before any magistrate in the county in which the offense is committed, and that half of the amount collected shall go to the one who reports the offense to the officers of the law and the other half to the treasurer, for the use of the county. In case of failure to pay the fine, the offender shall be committed to jail for a period commensurate with the fine imposed.

Let the law be enforced, and thus put a stop to the slaughter of innocent creatures and the wanton destruction of their nests .- Gaffney Led-

### Riches Go For Candy.

Candy and confectionery to the amount of \$100,000,000 are sold in the American home market every year, and to this total of manufacture New York contributes \$20,000,000 or onefifth. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois are the three other States writer is also pleased to state that which contribute largely to the total, which is constantly increasing for three reasons:

These are the lower prices of sugar and syrup, the superior excellence of American manufacture which has made this country independent of foreign imports in this line, and the national taste for sugar and for all articles of manufacture into which sugar enters as the chief ingredient.

The whole foreign importation of confectionery to this country, which was formerly a considerable trade, was less than \$75,000 last year, and the home consumption has increased correspondingly.

It is a well-known fact that sugar in the form of candy or sweets is a substitute for alcohol. Most all abstainers from the use of alcohol in any form are candy eaters, as vegetarians almost universally are as well. The man who ceases to drink develops an uncommon fendness for candy.

The candy eater who develops a partiality for wine or spirits, or even beer, which contains much saccharine matter, is seen to diminish his purchases of candy. It is in temperance localities that the largest amount of candy is eaten, and the largest patrons of candy stores everywhere are, of course, women-and especially young women and children.

The candy making interest of the United States, now centering in and about New York, where there are nearly 900 candy-making establishments, shows steady and constant increase, and it is a noticeable fact that in localities in which foreign-born residents are numerous there is less candy eaten than in those neighbor-hoods which are inhabited by those of

American nativity. As candy eaters and water drinkers Americans stand first .- St. Louis Re-

## Expectant.

The country clergyman was nailing a refractory creeper to a piece of trellis work near his front gate when he noticed that a small boy had stopped and was watching him with great attention.

"Well, my young friend," he said. pleasantly, to see the interest he excited, "are you looking for a hint or two on gardening?"

"No," said the youth. "I be wait-

swallowed when it is gilded

Winthrop College Farm.

Rock Hill, July 21 .- Anyone unacson and his good housekeeper, Mrs. or eight, one can imagine the diffifour hundred mouths to fill. So the Criminal Court in Shelby County. management found much trouble and depending upon the local market.

Of course cereals and such staple foods were easy to get, but the beef give this household a reasonable variety-to say nothing of a fine table.

Fortunately some of the trustees improvement first under the building in that section. superintendent, Mr. W. H. Stewart, and afterwards Mr. D. L. Black. Upon Prof. H. B. Buist's connection with the College he took charge of the farm, and under his skilful and intelligent management it has become a States Senators, Congressmen and model which may serve as an object other influential men wied to get the lesson as to what may be accomplish- Judge to temper the judgment, but he ed without even so much as one row of cotton. It has been gradually brought up to a state of cultivation which is indeed beautiful to see, and it is well worth a visit to anyone, even those not directly interested in farm-

The farm lies about three-quarters of a mile from the College and is a small one of 144 acres. There are on it the foreman's cottage, the dairyman's cottage, a model dairy, a slaughter house, a cluster of stables for stallfed cattle, a large and commodious barn for the milch cattle, and an immense lot containing pens for the herd said the young man directly, while of swine. Inside the barn are two big they were talking across a table, 'that silos, where the food for the cattle is prepared. Under the trees connected with the cattle lot is an ingeniously devised trough, which provides the purest of spring water, and that with- have been said by many young men out allowing the cattle to foul it in who had been broken of the same habit any way. It is the same in the hog in the same way."-New Orleans lot, and they have actually learned to Times-Democrat. drink the pure water as it flows from the spout instead of refreshing themselves in the usual "hog" way.

Last week the canning plant was in ed in putting away for the College pantry the products of the five- tant of this earth and a loved one who year-old orchard. So far here have has passed away, yet this is the posiand there will be 600 gallons of toma- Detroit, Mich., who was with James toes and fruit added to this. In the Moore from the time he received tha orchard there are eight acres planted fatal wound until his death, and who with peaches, apples and pears. Ad- is confident that the dying singer held cultivation.

Two acres are planted in alfalfa. which is in its second year. From hese two acres six tons of hay have already been cut-in three mowingsand it is expected that the two cuttings yet to come will yield four tons, making a total of five cons to the acre. The rest of the farm is in corn, sorghum cane, cowpeas, soybeans, etc., whole corn plant is taken while the by me.' ears are in the milk and cut up fine, produces the finest and richest of scribable.

good scrubs and is kept in fine con- press it is that he was transported into dition. The beef cattle are bought another world and, although I cannot outside and then stall fed for slaught- satisfactorily explain the matter to ering. One hundred and thirty head myself, I am fully convinced that he are annually consumed. At the close was; that he had entered the golden of the last school year there were on city, for he said in a stronger voice hand 135 head of hogs. Many of than he had used singe I had attended these are young pigs, which will be him: ready for the pen by fall. All of "There is mother! Why, mother, these are fed entirely from the waste have you come here to see me? No, products of the farm and College, not no, I'm coming to see you. Just receiving an ear of corn from the stock wait, mother, I am almost over. I

During the past year the College has received directly and inderectly of inexpressible happiness and the from the farm-in the shape of meats, vegetables, fruits, berries, butter, milks, cream and the sale of surplus fore, and I am as firmly convinced products-the sum of \$12,845 and a few cents, while the entire expense er as I am that I am sitting here. of operating, including cattle bought, supplies, seeds and fertilizers, labor and salaries of foreman and superinten-

dent, has been \$12,689 and some cents. Not only has this farm furnished the girls of the State College with wholesome and fresh food in variety, and at times when no one else could obtain such delicacies, but it has been an object lesson to those of them interested in agriculture and dairying and at the same time has, as will be seen by the actual figures, paid a dividend. There is but one thing needed to make the farm ideal and that is ing to hear what a parson says when he hamme's his thumb."—Tit-Bits.

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"No," said the youth. "I be waiting to hear what a parson says when he hamme's his thumb."—Tit-Bits.

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Law of F!fty and Sixty.

"Speaking of pistol toters in some quainted with such things would be of the States of the South," said a astonished to know the amount of ma- man from Tennessee, "reminds me of terial required to furnish food for a jurist famed in the history of the the big family of people who inhabit western part of my State because of Winthrop College. President John- an arbitrary rule laid down by him, which has been since accepted by all Ada O'Bryan, wanted these girls to the Judges who followed him. . It have plenty of good wholesome food, now has all the force of a law promuland, when one knows what trouble the gated by the supreme law-making you may nudgelyour way up the beak average housekeeper has in providing power of the State. 'Fifty and sixty,' a variety for her small household of six as they call it, is a law in West Tennessee, and has been a law in that reculties which beset when that number gion since the days of John Harrigan, is multiplied by fifty and there are who was for some time a Judge of the

"Judge Harrigan made up his mind anxiety for the first two or three years to break up the habit of carrying pisof the College's existence, and while tols. To do this he established the rule of fining every man caught with a pistol on his person \$50 and sending him to the county work house for sixand other meats, vegetables, fruits, ty days. During his whole adminismilk and butter, etc., are necessary to tration he never departed from this rule. Every man caught with a pistol, no matter who he was, was fined \$50 and sent to the work house for had foreseen this difficulty and, while sixty days. He had to serve the sixthe College was in course of construct- ty days at hard labor, too. Harrigan ion, had obtained an option upon a would not turn him out. There was small farm near the building. This | no power that could get him out. As option the Legislature had confirmed a result of the enforcement of this rule and the farm had been in process of pistol-toting showed a vast decrease

"I recall one case where a prominent, well-to-do young man of Arkansas was arrested for carrying a pistol. He was given 'fifty and sixty.' The Governor of Arkansas, the two United would not do it. 'Breaking a rule destroys it, he said, and he stuck to it.

Some time afterward a young man walked up to Judge Harrigan in the rotunda of a Memphis hotel. 'Isn't this Judge Harrigan?' said the young man. 'No, sir,' said the Judge, 'I am John Harrigan.' 'But you are the criminal court Judge, aren't you?' persisted the young man, 'I am when on the bench,' said the Judge, 'but here and elsewhere out of the Court room I am John Harrigan.' He had beginning. 'By the way, Judge,' fifty and sixty rule of yours is all right, for it broke me of a very bad habit, that of carrying a pistol everywhere I went.' The same thing might

## Dying Man Saw His Mother.

It has been allotted to few people to atheist, but you may be one if you full blast and Mr. Buist was busily feel that they have been truly present | don't. -St. James' Gazette. at a conversation between an inhabibeen canned 1,000 gallons of peaches tive belief of Dr. E. G. Wilson, of joining the orchard is an acre patch converse with his mother only a few of strawberries in the highest state of hours before the spark of life had

"It was about 4 o'clock," said Dr Wilson, "and the dawn for which he had been watching was creeping in through the shutters, when, as I bent over the bed, I noticed that his face the crazy man?" was quite calm and his eyes clear.

"The poor fellow looked up into my face and taking my hand in both of his he said: 'You've been a good which is made into ensilage. The friend to me, doctor. You've stood

"Then a something which I shall giving the cows in reality a mixture never forget to my dying day happenof canned corn in the ensilage, which ed, a something which is utterly inde-

"While he appeared perfectly ra-The herd of milch cows is composed tional and as sane as any man I have of Jersey, Holstein, Guernsey and ever seen, the only way that I can ex-

can jump it. Wait, mother.'

"On his face there was such a look way in which he said the words impressed me as I have never been bethat he saw and talked with his moth-



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It is not correct to appear to seek! the society of social magnates, but

It is not correct to boast of the great people you know, but you may slip their name judiciously into conversation.

It is not correct to advertise yourself personally, but you can cultivate the society of newspaper contributors. It is not correct to offer money for so-

cial introduction or advertisements. but you can suggest handsome pres-It is not correct to push yourself to

the front, but you can always go in for charitable undertakings that are of a public character.

It is not correct to be mean if you are rich, but you can always quietly economize in 5 our private charities.

It is not correct to send an empty carriage when leaving cards on the living, but you may send an empty carriage when paying respect to the dead.

It is not correct to write a enlogistic account of your own parties yourself, but you can always invite two or hree friendly editors who will. It is not correct to talk or behave in

a coarse, loose style, but you may go to a theatre and enjoy hearing and seeing others do so. It is not correct to lick the boots of

your social superiors, but you may buy their blacking if you are rich. It is not correct to tell straightfor-

ward falsehoods, but you may give utterly wrong impressions. It is not correct to receive men or women of doubtful reputation, but

you may cast a cloak of charity over their shoulders if they can afford to pay for the cloak with a good margin of profit for yourself. It is not correct to was's your fam-

ily linen in public, but you may wash recognized the young man from the your neighbor's linen and hang it out to dry in Hyde Park on Sundays. It is not correct to preach evil, but

> you may practice it quietly, within bounds. It is not correct to earn an honest

> iving in trade, but you may enter the Church and earn a dishonest living as an unsuitable parson.

It is not correct to refuse money to a popular national charity if you are rich, but you may refuse it to a poor, half-starved relative or friend, as it will never be known.

it is not correct to call yourself an

- There is a story going the rounds of the Western papers about twin brothers, one of whom was demented and was ordered by the court to be price. See me forcommitted to an asylum. The other brother accompanied him to the institution. Soon after the twin brothers had arrived at the asylum the sheriff received a telegram from the superintendent, saying: "Two men who look just alike here from your county, one for commitment. One is talking of building a railroad to the moon, and the other says that the Republican



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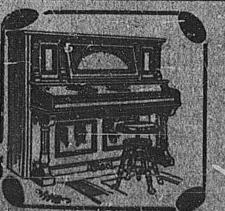
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