

July Clearance Sales

Crowds Are Attending Our July Clearance Sales!
WERE YOU IN YET?

Star-gazing goes on merrily in our store during these greater-than-ever July Clearance Sales because every day sees new low prices affixed to star lots of Spring and Summer merchandise which are being entered in these sales at a sacrifice of all profits and sometimes even cost.

If you have not been in to buy your share of this extremely low priced merchandise, we can only offer you our urgent advice to do so at once. The savings on whatever you purchase will warrant your attendance. New star lots are put on sale every day.

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BIRDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(By Witmer Stone, Sc. D., Curator, Academy of Natural Sciences, of Philadelphia.)

THE WOODPECKERS.

Among the most interesting and valuable of our wild birds are the woodpeckers. They differ from all other birds in their habit of alighting against the upright trunk of the tree, holding their body against the bark with their legs, much as a boy climbing up a pole. They also retain their hold by spreading the tail and forcing the stiff points of the feathers into the cracks of the bark, the feathers being adapted for just this purpose.

Woodpeckers are also peculiar in their habit of digging a nest cavity out of the trunks of dead trees, in which their eggs are laid and their young hatched. They usually have more or less red on their heads. Some kinds like the Flicker and the Downy woodpecker have only a crescent of red across the base of the head, while the Red-headed and Pileated woodpeckers have the whole head or the whole upper part of it red. Their flight is undulating, due to the fact that they make several quick strokes with the wings and then pause a moment before making another series of wing-beats, the body falling a trifle and rising again with the next wing-stroke.

Woodpeckers are not song birds and their cries are usually harsh and unmusical. The cry of the Red-head is a familiar sound and also his drumming or rattling on some hollow limb or metal roof or lightning-rod. The Flicker has a loud call "Yarrup" and a succession of short rapid calls which are most frequently heard in the spring when the birds are pairing.

Economically the woodpeckers are most beneficial birds. They spend

much time digging into the tree trunks wherever there are decayed spots and their long, sharp, chisel-like bills and slender flexible tongues make it possible for them to dig out thousands of boring larvae of beetles and other insects which do great harm to the trees.

Some woodpeckers especially the Flicker are often seen on the ground where they are busily engaged in picking up ants poking their slender tongues down the burrows in which the ants live. As many as 3000 ants have been found in a single woodpecker's stomach. When we know that ants are active in transporting various plant lice from place to place, where they make their nests, often among the roots of trees we readily see what a menace they are to trees and other plants for these plant lice which the ants collect for the purpose of feeding on the sweet juice which they exude, are among the worst of the insects destructive to plant life. Other kinds of ants are themselves directly destructive to trees as they dig out their nests in the wood and in this way kill the trees.

In the autumn woodpeckers devour large amounts of wild fruit, berries of the dogwood, tupelo, sassafras, etc., as well as acorns and other seeds. The Red-headed woodpecker during the berry season takes a few raspberries and cherries if gardens be handy but the little damage that he does is far more than offset by the immense good that he does as a destroyer of insects.

The only woodpecker that is really harmful is the Yellow-bellied sapsucker, a bird which occurs in South Carolina only in the winter time. It drills regular series of holes in the bark of hickory and other trees from which it eats the cambium or inner layer of the bark. In the case of hickories this is a serious matter as it results in discoloring the wood, as moisture leaks in through the holes and the value of the wood is thereby very much depreciated. Otherwise this bird is not injurious and it is better to kill those individuals which are actually caught in the act than to wage war on all of their kind, most of whom never do any harm.

Of the contents of 230 Flicker stomachs examined by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture 56 per cent of the food

contents were found to consist of insects and 30 per cent of wild fruits, etc. In the case of the Red-head a similar examination showed that 50 per cent of his food was insects, among which grass-hoppers and weevils figured prominently, while in the little black and white Downy woodpecker, the per cent of insect food increased to 75 per cent.

Thus we see as the result of most careful scientific investigation how valuable these birds are to our farmers and foresters and the importance of giving them all the protection we possibly can. The old custom of regarding the Flicker as a game bird was a great mistake and it is now protected by law just as are the other woodpeckers.

SWEDEN SHIPS IRON TO KAISER

Allies Suggest America Cut Off Swedes' Food Shipments.

Washington, July 8.—An official report just made to the American Government showing the extent to which Sweden is furnishing supplies to Germany reveals that the Central Powers are receiving enough materials that go directly into the manufacture of munitions. In exporting iron ore to Germany, Sweden, it is shown, has supplanted shipments with imports from the United States.

What this government will do to end this trade through operation of the export control act has not been announced, but some of the Allies, it is known, are urging the United States to license no food exports to Sweden until a definite understanding has been reached with the Swedish Government, concerning her exports to Germany.

Iron ore shipments from Sweden to Germany, the report made to this government declares, have reached a total of 9,000,000 tons within the last two years, all of it the high grade required in production of fine steel. This, it is declared, represents an amount equal to Sweden's entire pre-war export.

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year, it is set forth, Sweden imported from the United States 16,000 tons of pig iron, while selling a great quantity of her own product to Germany. Her pig iron sales to Germany in two years, it is declared, have amounted to 250,000 tons. In addition to this it is asserted, she has shipped to Germany 15,000 tons of ferro-silicon and ferro-manganese for hardening shells, together with large quantities of copper, zinc, manganese, sulphur and other ores.

Another charge against Sweden made in the report is that she has discriminated against the Allies in the use of her railroads. Agricultural machinery destined for Russia, the report declares, has been held up for months, Sweden exacting from Russia extraordinary bargains before delivery was permitted. Sweden's action in holding within her ports a large amount of merchant tonnage is dealt with in the report, which declares 600,000 tons is lying idle.

The Allies, unable to force Swedish tonnage into the world's trade routes, now look to the United States for help.

LIEUT. MULDROW IN FRANCE

Darlington, July 6.—It has been learned from advices made public at marine corps headquarters in Washington that Lieut. Charles Norment Muldrow, of Darlington, is with the first expedition of United States troops in France. Lieut. Muldrow was appointed second lieutenant in the marine corps April, 1917, and is the first Darlington man to be sent to France. Lieut. Muldrow is a graduate of the Citadel and served as second lieutenant in the Darlington Guards, Company E, Second regiment, while it was on the order. He is a very fine officer and stands high in the service.

GERMAN BOAT DESTROYED

London, July 8.—A German torpedo boat was destroyed Saturday by striking a mine north of Ameland in the North sea, according to a Hague dispatch. The crew with the exception of two men was drowned. The vessel had been in command only a fortnight.

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