

BUSY INSECT EATERS.

What One Day's Hunting Brought to a Brood of Red Wrens.

A close student of bird life writes: "Observation of several species of insectivorous birds has shown that the parent birds will, when their family is growing up, make between them in the neighborhood of 500 visits to the nest in the course of a day, carrying on each occasion a whole beak load of gnats or spiders or larvae. For the birds which feed on gnats or other small life generally take to their young not single insects, but a whole collection at a time. On one occasion I spent an hour in taking the record of a pied wagtail which had its brood of newly fledged young ones in an old disused punt that had settled down at its moorings into the mud at the side of the pond. During the hour the male bird alone was looking after the family the female amused herself by running about on the bank catching insects for her own consumption and varying the occupation with long spells of attention to her toilet. The male bird, on the other hand, never rested for one minute from his work of bread-winning. As his hunting ground was the open surface of the pond, above which he flitted, he was never out of my sight.

"In the course of the hour he made twenty-eight trips, the shortest absence from the young lasting one and a half minutes and the longest nearly six minutes. On no occasion did he remain at the punt for more than fifteen seconds or just long enough to turn over the food collected on the last trip to the proper youngster and be off again. Myriads of gnats were dancing above the water, and at each dip the bird struck at one, but one could not see whether he always caught his quarry or not. As far as it was possible to guess he always did. On his shortest absence he made over forty shots, and from that the number ran up to considerably over 200.

"Supposing that he missed his aim half the time or afterward dropped or swallowed the insects, so that half of them were wasted and failed to reach the family at home, there must have been from 1,500 to 2,000 gnats brought back to the punt in the course of that one hour. Later in the day both parent birds were hawking simultaneously, each returning methodically to the young every two or three minutes. What the gross consumption of insects was in the course of the day it is impossible to guess, but it can hardly have been less than 10,000 or 15,000 and was probably twice as many."

RULES FOR A HOME.

Remember that home begins with charity. Remember that open windows make health epidemic.

If you must worry, take a big thing. The little things will knock you out.

Keep your children, your dogs and your troubles away from your guests.

The dining room should always be sacred. That is the one room where no scraps should be allowed.

Have the same standard of morals for yourself as for your children. You need it as much as they do.

There are three standpoints to every home—your own, your wife's and the cook's. Try and forget your own.

Put over the front door for every member of the family to read, "He who enters here leaves Satan behind."

Buy everything on the installment plan by paying for it all in one installment—the first.—Tom Masson in Judge.

A Japanese Rabbit Hunt.

"There is a Japanese rabbit hunting story," says a Japanese authority, "which runs as follows:

"One day runs another in the hunting season with a gun over his shoulder.

"Aha! Been shooting?" he says. "You look upset," replied the huntsman, "and with good reason. I started a rabbit. Cherry Blossom, my dog, ran after it. I fired, and Cherry Blossom fell."

"Too bad. And the rabbit?"

"The rabbit? It brought Cherry Blossom back and laid her at my feet."

Glassmaking.

Much mystery has in times past attached to the art of glassmaking. It was formerly the custom for the workmen in setting pots in the glass furnace to protect themselves from the heat by dressing in the skins of wild animals from head to foot. To this queer garb were added glass goggles, and thus the most hideous looking monsters were readily presented to the eye. Show was made of themselves in the neighborhood, to the infinite alarm of children, old women and others.

Bryant's Remuneration.

It is amusing to know how small were the pecuniary rewards of Bryant's literary labors. Two dollars a poem was the price that he named, and he seemed to be abundantly satisfied with the terms. A gentleman met him in New York many years after and said to him, "I have just bought the earliest edition of your poems and gave \$20 for it." "More, by a long shot," replied the poet, "than I received for writing the whole work."

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Very respectfully,
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NEWSPAPERS IN SCOTLAND.

It Is Sometimes a Very Difficult Matter to Buy One.

The American custom of glancing over the morning paper as you sip your coffee at breakfast goes with you abroad, but it is no simple thing always to get a morning paper. On coming down to breakfast the first morning in Edinburgh, I found there was no paper to be had, but, thinking it was a simple matter to buy a Scotsman on the street, I went out on Princes street and walked three blocks without the sight of a newsboy. "Where can I get the morning Scotsman?" I said to a policeman. He thought for a moment. "Weel," said he, "there's a great news shop about three blocks up, and ye might find one there." I followed the direction and found myself in a large news distributing depot. There were stacks and stacks of newspapers and magazines all about. "I would like the morning Scotsman," I said. The man in charge looked bewildered. "I'll see," he said, "if we have one." He fumbled around a little while, and then went back into the rear of the store for fully three minutes. At last he came back, saying, "We haven't one." "Well," I said, "this is about the strangest thing I have seen. Can't get the morning paper here in Edinburgh?" "No," he said, "ye'll find it different." "What do they publish papers here for, anyway?" I rejoined. "Do they want to keep them out of the hands of the people? Don't they want people to read them? Do they print papers to keep the news secret?" He bridled at once. "I want ye to understand," he said, "that the Scotsman is not published for the general public; it's published for the subscribers."

The Scotsman, you know, probably ranks next to the London Times. "Well," I said, "this is all new to me. In my country publishers want to have their newspapers read. They want to sell all they can. They don't try to

keep them out of the hands of the general public." Can you tell me where I can get one, for I want to see the morning paper, though perhaps I shall have to get a letter of introduction to buy one?" "Weel," he answered, "there's a woman about a hundred yards from here that takes the Scotsman. She might sell you hers." I took the direction carefully, found the woman who took the Scotsman—she kept a thread and needle store—I bought her copy, and reached the hotel a half hour late for breakfast, which I had ordered before going out on the difficult quest of buying a morning paper in the great city of Edinburgh.—Boston Watchman.

BUSINESS SENSE.

All things come to him who doesn't wait, but hustles. Too many clerks and not enough salesmen—that is the cry. The sheriff is always making gooo eyes at the store that doesn't advertise. Resolve not to worry so much about your competitor. Take the lead for a change. Many succeed because they advertise correctly and ever so many fail because they don't. If you never do more than you are paid for, you will never get paid for more than you do. If you have no confidence in your employer, for heaven's sake be honest and go in and tell him so. Draw your pay and quit.—Brains.

First Use of Potatoes in Ireland.

In the garden adjoining his house at Youghal, Raleigh planted the first potatoes ever grown in Ireland. The vegetable was brought to him from the little colony which he endeavored to establish in Virginia. The colonists started in April, 1685, and Thomas Harriot, one of their number, wrote a description of the country in 1587. He

describes a root which must have been the potato: "Openbank are a kind of roots of round form, some of the bigness of walnuts, some farre greater, which are found in moist & marsh grounds growing many together one by another in ropes, as though they were fastened with a string. Being boiled they are very good meat."

The Spaniards first brought potatoes to Europe, but Raleigh was undoubtedly the first to introduce the plant into Ireland.

Few Chances.

"You must try to love your papa as much as he loves you," said the visitor. "Oh, I love him more!" replied Tommy. "Indeed? Doesn't your papa love you very much?" "Not much, he says he only loves me when I'm good."—Philadelphia Press.

He Set the Pace.

"You seem hard and determined to live right up to my salary." "I'm merely trying to live up to the diamond and things you gave me when we were engaged, dear."—Houston Post.

A Poor Sort of a Golfer.

Sandy, having been asked if Mr. Meadowcroft was a golfer, replied: "Weel, no; not a real one. He missed a game to be at home when his second child was born."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Her Happiness.

He—I shall be just miserable when I have to go away and leave you. "Oh, Jack, if I were sure of that I'd feel so happy!"—Life.

Oh, that you could turn your eyes toward the napes of your necks and make but an interior survey of your good selves!—Shakespeare.

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Mercerized Underskirts!

\$1.00 Skirts go in this sale at 89c.
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Brown Linen Special.

25 pieces Brown Dress Linen, worth 15c, this sale only 10c the yard. You cannot afford to miss this.

Hosiery and Underwear!

10-cent Hose go in this sale at 7c.
15-cent Hose go in this sale for 10c.
25-cent Hose go in this sale at 19c.
25-cent Fleece Vests and Pants for Ladies' this sale 19c.
50-cent Fleece Vests and Pants for Ladies' this sale 39c.

White Bed Spreads.

\$1.00 Bed Spreads this sale 79c.
\$1.50 Bed Spreads this sale \$1.29

Comfort Spreads!

\$1.00 Comforts this sale 79c.
\$1.50 Comforts this sale \$1.23
\$2.00 Comforts this sale \$1.69.

Towels!

10-cent Towels go in this sale at 8c.
15-cent Towels go in this sale for 11c.
25-cent Towels go in this sale at 19c.

Save Money on Lawns.

Beautiful sheer Lawns, full 40 inches wide, special value, 10c, 12c and 15c the yard.
Fresh crisp India Linons, you will be surprised at the quality, 8c, 10c, 15c and 20c the yard.

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5-cent Handkerchiefs, this sale 3c.
10-cent Handkerchiefs, this sale 7c.
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35-cent Damask this sale 21c.
50-cent Damask this sale 39c.
85-cent Damask this sale 69c.
\$1.00 Damask this sale 89c.

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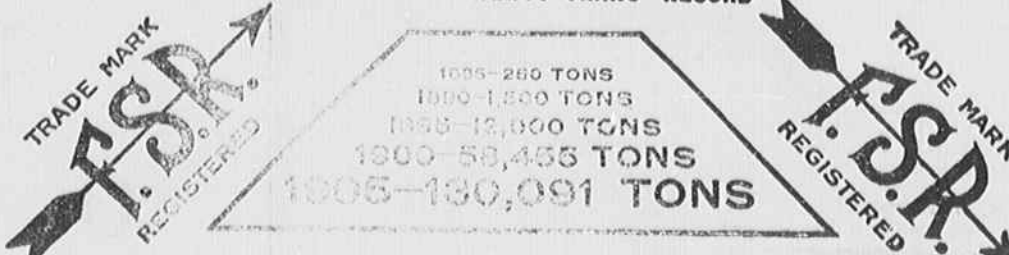
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