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The Curious Crawfish.

Its Strange Habits—Fugacious and Voracious, and Killed by Thunder.

"The crawfish has come to be generally appreciated in this country as a food, although among a small circle of epicures it is alleged to be highly prized."

"In some European countries, and especially in northern Germany, the crawfish is a common edible, and is in such demand that it is largely raised by artificial propagation."

"The crawfish is in many respects a curious fish. It probably the most voracious of freshwater fishes in reaching maturity, requiring from twelve to fifteen years to attain its growth, which is between three and five inches. The female crawfish hatches 150 eggs, which she carries under her tail until the young appear. These remain attached to the mother for several weeks by fine threads, and resemble small worms. The mother protects her young from other fish. At the age of a year they are about two-thirds of an inch in length, and at the age of 4 are put on the market as soup crawfish, and are used like oysters in making the soup."

"The male crawfish lives in colonies in holes in river banks, while the female, especially while waiting for the young fry to hatch, prefers to live by herself. She always returns to the same hole, and if by some chance another female has taken up her abode there, one or the other must leave before there can be any peace. A fierce battle generally results when two females meet in that way. The crawfish hunts its prey at night, and begins the quest as soon as dusk sets in. Then they flock from their holes and forage. They are voracious feeders, and while they feast on the carcasses of animals which may be thrown in the water where the fish abound, they will not touch them after the meat becomes putrid. They hunt young frogs and minnows, and capture them by creeping stealthily upon them, much like a ground spider approaching a fly, and darting out with great velocity, springing the frog with its sharp horns or spear which the head terminates. They quickly tear their captives to pieces with their strong claws, sinking to the bottom of the water for the purpose."

"Crawfish are never found in any numbers where there are eels or pickering. The eel is its greatest enemy and destroyer, always selecting the young ones. The crawfish will thrive on a purely vegetable diet, and is especially fond of turnips and potatoes. It sheds its shell every year, the male in June and the female in July. They are the most tender of creatures, and especially prized as a bait for bass. The most prolific water for crawfish that I ever knew is the Miami river in Ohio. There are no eels or pickering in that stream, but it is noted for a choice variety of striped bass. These bass will seldom take any bait, except the soft crawfish in the summer, and in fishing for other fish with the peeled tail of a hard crawfish or anglerworm, the craws, as they are called out there, become a positive nuisance. They sweep everything that comes near their hiding-places, and if the bait is to let down a piece of beef or pork did to a string. In a moment every craw that can get hold on it with its claws will do so. If the meat is raised slowly and steadily every one of them will retain its hold, and frequently hang on long after they have been landed in the boat or on the shore. The fisherman wrenches the tail from the body, and the craw craw away, and it is a common sight to see scores of these mutilated bodies crawling about the river banks and returning again to the water for their live for hours after the tail is torn away. The fisherman peels the shell from the tail, and has a morsel of hard, sweet smelling meat as white as snow, which makes a very tempting bait. The craws that are captured in this way are used for bait upon all hard shells. The soft shells are so delicate that it would be impossible for them to cling with their claws to anything, and they are caught by turning over the stones on the bottom of the river, where they hide during the season in which they are shredders. If there ever grows a large demand for crawfish in this country, the Miami river will be a great field from which they will be taken."

"Another peculiarity of the crawfish is that while it will survive for hours, and sometimes for a day or more, the mutilation to which fishermen subject it, it is easily killed if laid upon its back and kept there for any length of time. It works violently with its jaws of feet and claws while lying in that position, which seems to soon exhaust it and cause its death. Although their constant home is the water they will live a long time out of water, a week or more if kept in a cool place. The fact that a crawfish will not survive long if lying on its back is recognized by the cultivators of the fish in Germany, who pack from 60 to 100 in a basket, between layers of straw, and held down by a cover that prevents the fish from being turned on their backs in transit to market. The Europeans, who consider these fish as a delicacy, have a superstition that they are not good in the months containing the letter B, unlike the belief held by

NATURAL GAS.

Hills and Plains Lighted by Wasted Fuel and Merchants Advertising with It.

People look with natural gas and waste it here in a manner quite picturesque, but indicating at the same time that they either do not know just what to do with it or have not a great deal more than they can make useful. If you take the 9:15 o'clock a. m. train from New York for Pittsburgh on any day you will find the darkness after sundown relieved by frequent plunges alongside of long rows of flaming things that look like boiler furnaces, with holes in the top in place of chimneys, so that you see the be and great leaping red and white flames where the smokstack belongs. These are coke ovens, or furnaces in which bituminous coal is reduced to coke, and very beautiful and surprising things they are when seen by the hundred, in long lines and Indian file, on a pitch black night and in a region where, in some cases, no villages or houses or buildings of any sort appear.

"The eggs of the female crawfish begin to form on the curious abdominal appendages under her tail some time in January. They are ready in May. Some years ago an eccentric character named Stephen Ross lived along the Miami river, near Piqua. He was the first person I ever knew to eat crawfish, and I remember that his doing so made his neighbors very indignant. He built the same same a lobster is treated, and also ate the tail raw. Ross always claimed that a crawfish could be trained to do tricks, and he had two large ones, which he kept in a jettied-work box in a stream near his house, and which he certainly made go through certain evolutions by means of touching them here and there with a stick after taking them out of the water and placing them on the floor of his hut. No one ever knew how he taught them, and his secret died when he died."—N. E. Tooms.

Political Amicities.

The amenities of civilized life, says London Moonshine, appear to be gradually getting more and more into the background since the beginning of the present electoral campaign. In order, however, that candidates may not be at a loss to find suitable expressions where to demolish their adversaries, we here to furnish a few which we have culled from the radical speeches of the last ten years, and which may possibly have a freshness and sparkle about them that will command attention:

"I will not, gentlemen, imitate the cowardly blackguardism of my unscrupulous opponent, whose language would defile the lips of a Billingsgate fishwife; but I will endeavor to prove that his life from his cradle up to the present long methodical career is a crime."

Sophocles has told us that even an ass possesses a modicum of wisdom; but Sophocles, my gentle voters of Shuffletown, had not, when he penned those immortal lines, taken into consideration that a man named Pughly was ever going to appear in the arena of life. Had he done so he would never have written them."

Gentlemen, I will not pretend to the possession of the sagacity shown by Mr. Frummenty. He is a barrister, a Q. C., and, according to what his subsidized journal states, a learned man; but permit me to tell you that his great-grandmother mentioned chairs in the time of the Third George, and his wife's cousin four times removed is at present boarded and bedded at the expense of his downy bedstead."

You all know my opinions. They are those of the majority; if they were not I would have embraced opposite views. You all know the character of the man who yesterday had the audacity to address you from this platform. He is a political charlatan, whose panaceas are a cross between roystering, roguery and rhotip-rhuff. His ideas are no title for a highwayman, and too large for larceny on a petty scale."

It is necessary, gentlemen, to go into particulars of my adversary's career; it is necessary to dwell on the fact that he has been convicted of tampering with the first essentials of public probity? It is requisite to point out that he is once found guilty of traveling in a first-class compartment with a second-class ticket? No, I will not; for the facts are well known to you; but I should consider myself as falling in my duty did I not inform you that he plays penny Naps, and has been known to back the favorite for a crown when the whole world is aware that his wife slaves so that he may indulge in these extravagant diversions. And does this wretched scoundrel pirate, who has the audacity to seek your suffrages, suppose that you have not penetrated the thin veneer of his rascally schemes? I do not ask you to examine too minutely into his pedigree. All I say is inspect his features, and if out of the Newgate calendar you can find viler lineaments I should be glad to know where they may be seen. A villainous rascal, and a crafty fellow, and a rascal, and a villainous rascal. This is the person who has dared to issue to the free and independent electors of Magville an address teeming with patriotic sentiments. I regard him as a hopeless rascal, a finished liar, a sorry knave, and, in a political sense, a consummate idiot, and I am prepared to abide by what I say. I can even procure affidavits to prove it."

William J. Smythe, an old attaché of the New York Herald, died recently. A few years ago, when Bennett contemplated starting a newspaper in London which should smash the British "Times," he photographed Smythe to see him in London at the Langham. Smythe started at once, but failed to find his own country there. After waiting a month he wrote to Bennett, who was roving around the Continent, asking him for orders and mildly suggesting at the close of his letter that staying at the Langham was expensive business. Bennett telegraphed back from Dresden: "Who in hell is paying for this? Wait." And Smythe waited. Bennett gave up his plan and Smythe returned to America.

At a recent marriage in Ohio, the bride, a Miss Morris, wore a dress that was imported from Paris in 1742 for a wedding, and has been in the family ever since, being used only on such occasions. It was worn again in 1776 as a wedding dress, but not again till the other day, when Miss Morris donned it. Not a stitch has been altered or added to it, and it is in as good condition as when new.

THE COMMODORE'S OPINION OF HIS SON.

William H. Vanderbilt was a stranger to Wall Street for a year. Before the great decline in stocks and other corporate securities began in 1881 his fortune was three times more than that of any other man in the Western Hemisphere. It stood up, in real value, \$200,000,000. He actually lost in speculation in the following four years, it is estimated, \$40,000,000. In addition he sustained a shrinkage in the value of securities held by him of as much more, making a total decline in his wealth, according to the best authenticated computation, of \$75,000,000 to \$80,000,000. His father, old Commodore Vanderbilt, left \$90,000,000 in money, stocks, bonds and other property. No man ever had such a start in the world. That was not in reality William H. Vanderbilt's start, but up to the time of the old Commodore's death he had not been allowed to demonstrate whether he possessed any of the qualities of his father. The Commodore never had much faith in the ability of William H. The old man considered his son a good deal of a dunce. In short, he was inclined to regard him as a blockhead.

In Articulo Mortis.

One of the most eminent physicians in the country, whose practice has been largely in hospitals and among the wounded, was asked lately, "Have you ever grown familiar with death?"

"No," was the answer. "I saw a man die to-day, and the mystery and horror was as great to me in the first degree as I saw in my boyhood."

His questioner asked, "Did you ever, in all the thousands of men and women you have seen die, see one afraid to go?"

"He reflected awhile, and then answered, "Never but one. Nature, as Novalis says, usually carries the soul quietly from one world to the other. There is very rarely any shrinking from what lies beyond. But there is, almost always, an agonized looking back at some work I have done. In almost every case when I have told a patient that his end was near, he has said, 'If I could only do something which would have neglected to do while in health.'"

Dickens in one of his shorter papers, tells the story of a man shipwrecked on a distant coast, who never can return, but sits alone on the shore, looking back over the waste of water, remembering the love he might have given, the kind words and actions with which he might have made the lives of those left behind happier, now that it is forever too late. "And we all," says the great novelist, "shall go upon that voyage at last."

Hood, in one of his strongest poems, makes a woman look back on the high man ache and smart which she might have heeded, and the words which she had left unspoken, from that unknown shore.

The Egyptians had a skeleton at their feasts perpetually to remind them of death; the Eastern tyrant could not send his slave who stood beside his throne in his return, but bid him remember he was mortal. Even down to the modern times it is considered by many pious men and women right and fitting to keep hourly before their eyes the thought of death. The Chinese and other Oriental nations put the idea, and even the name, of death of sight. It is considered illbred: "He has saluted the world," they say, "with a curse."

After all, it is not dying which concerns us. It is life, to this hour and minute. These are ours. Death is in God's hand.

"Don't think of death," says the German. "Think rather of life, which is so much more imminent and awful."

It will avail you little to dwell each morning on the coffin and the worm. Consider rather the life work and the service of God waiting for you on that day, and take it up heartily and zealously; that, if you are called away, you may not look back and say, "If I could only return to do it," when there is no return.—Youth's Companion.

These Grafting-Wax Recipes.

1. For winter grafting—French: Melt together two pounds of clear rosin and two ounces of beef or mutton tallow, and when cool add one fluid ounce of spirits of turpentine and one ounce of refined oil of sweet almonds. Stir together until cooled, and then pour into a tin.

2. For early Spring—Major Francis: Four pounds of rosin, one pound of bees-wax, and from half to one of bees-wax; melt all together gradually, then turn into water and pull as for making shoemaker's wax. This is a grafting wax that needs no seeing to after grafting if well put on by coating the greasy hand and applying secondly a cotton.

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Progressive Agriculture.

Progressive agriculture, as some appear to understand it, means going ahead, without regard to safety or expense. The young progressive farmer who never hoed an acre of corn or mowed an acre of grass, fancies that by applying "business principles" to agriculture, he can roll up a fortune in a few years. He must have a farm as large as his father had in his old age; must live in a better house than his parents; he must drive a better horse; ride in a better carriage; sport a finer watch; live in a more fashionable style; play the gentlemen at more expense; cut larger swells; speak louder; and be known further than his old foggy ancestors ever dared to dream of.

The young progressive farmer has no idea of getting rich by the little; he is bound to have a pile all at once. He is not going to bring up lambs by hand, sell turkeys at twenty-five cents a bushel, carry chickens to market, wear

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patented clothes and cart potatoes round like a pedlar. Not he. Talk to him about cultivating a farm of fifty acres! Why, he wants four or five hundred acres, and he will demonstrate by figures that the best cultivated acre will produce the larger his percentage of profits will be.

Talk to one of these progressive farmers about experience and he will laugh at you. Why, he is sure that he knows a thousand things that would astonish his father. Experience? To be sure he has not had it himself, but he knows who has, and what it is. He wants to start, not at the bottom of the hill, but at the top. He don't believe in climbing up slowly, working and waiting, and though he may be willing to work, he is not anxious to wait.

Now that is the point. I believe young men ought to be set right on. Instead of beginning with much, they ought to begin with little. Instead of a large farm, they ought to have only a small one. Their experience is small, their judgment is weak, and their wants ought to be few. And beginning with a few acres, they will soon learn how to proceed to insure the best results.—American Cultivator.

Experience in Keeping House.

We believe that the statement is within the facts that most young ladies at their marriage have had no practical experience in that very dull affair of keeping house. We believe the mothers are much to blame here; they owe it to themselves and to their daughters that they become familiar and adept in household lore. "Love will not make the pot boil," says someone, sharply. Many a mother has brought up her daughter to occupy the sphere of the lily—"They toil not, neither do they spin,"—but the Heavenly Father, with reverence we say it, does not feed them as they have anticipated. This is a hygienic question as well. At a time when a bride is entering upon an entirely new life, and should be free from undue anxiety and worry, the new duties of the home often bring terror and heartache. Fear with which I say these facts touch another generation. The vigor and vitality of a nation are determined by such conditions as these. The bride who can prepare an appetizing dinner, who can handle her husband and has brought him a dowry that wealth or culture cannot supply; the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She may play in the parlor divinely, and have an exquisite study on her easel, if she can not reign in the kitchen she is not prepared to make a home. This has been said so often, it seems like a twice told tale. But grave social questions that touch the family and the home are to be solved right here. How are we to have women fit for wives? What are the requisites? And let us premise no college or seminary can give this degree, the most honorable in the world. The mother has a large share in this work; it is for her to bestow this title upon her girls.—A Country Person in Good Housekeeping.

Russian Dances in Oregon.

A correspondent of The Overland Monthly writes: Alas, the society has no instrumental music; nor even the poorest squeak of a fiddle. In this straight the toughest throats among the brothers are doctored with family and hearted fellows. A and B and C and D—are arranged against the wall to chant for hours the strains of la, la, la, with all the changes of time and air necessary to guide the steps in a waltz, the polka, and the quadrille. The particular favorite of the people seemed to be the American country quadrille. This was danced again and again, with it seemed to me, the most varied variety of blunder, the bridegroom, a member of the dance, calling the figures, tearing his hair like a Frenchman at the mistake of his friends, and shouting out his despairing instructions with a rolling Russian R, for all the world like an Irishman with a little whisky in him. Altogether, the ball was a very rude affair, with hardly a graceful scene in it, except a few moments when the young girls, sisters of the bride, in a relieved, however, by one round in the ring dance, in which the little children and the bride look part, all singing a joyful children's song in Russian. However, by rude I do not mean rough, or that there was any breach of good manners, for the social courtesy of these people under all circumstances is remarkable, but simply that they were in want of grace. Under similar circumstances of poverty and no music I have seen the people of a French community hold a ball and display all the charm of measured movement. But on the other hand, the social bond with the French was evidently artificial, or rather, no bond at all, but the pretense of a bond; whilst with the Russians all was genuine and sincere, and though there was no harmony in their dance there was harmony in their minds.

They Were Skinned.

"Say, judge, take a seat," said a funny citizen to the Herald's ink-slinger, the other day, "and let me tell you about how the boys made a moonshiner's life."

After borrowing a chew of tobacco and being comfortably seated, our funny friend went on:

"It was away back yonder in the seventies, when there was a crowd of full-souled, fire-loving boys around town. There drove down one of our principal streets, after night, by an old North Carolina wagon drawn by two ancient oxen. A barrel of moonshine whisky, a few dogs, and two typical moonshiners constituted the sole occupants of the wagon. Even the most inexperienced eye could tell it was their first trip. I was standing in front of the fire over there in the old blue-front bar, when one of the moonshiners slipped in at the back door and beak of the barkeeper to one side. 'I wish, judge,' said our friend, 'I felt a mean streak run clean through me! I just winked at some of the boys, and you bet there was fun up. After our moonshine friend had left, we gathered up a few old base-ball bats and made pursuit. They had just got over the old red hill yander by the old school house. Well, sir, one of 'em was a walking re-reading of the five dog, when he stood up, and he looked back over his shoulder and said, 'You bet, judge, I felt a mean streak run clean through me! I just winked at some of the boys, and you bet there was fun up. After our moonshine friend had left, we gathered up a few old base-ball bats and made pursuit. They had just got over the old red hill yander by the old school house. Well, sir, one of 'em was a walking re-reading of the five dog, when he stood up, and he looked back over his shoulder and said, 'You bet, judge, I felt a mean streak run clean through me! I just winked at some of the boys, and you bet there was fun up. After our moonshine friend had left, we gathered up a few old base-ball bats and made pursuit. They had just got over the old red hill yander by the old school house. 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MICHIGAN CROP REPORT.

Prepared and Published by the Secretary of State as Required by Law, January 1st.
The crop report for this month mainly relates to corn producing the wheat, oat and corn crop, raised by crop correspondents in 1885. Correspondents were notified early in the season of the nature of the questions that would be asked them, and were doubtless well prepared to make substantially accurate statements.
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