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Proving a Statement.
A certain minister, who is an emphatic preacher, is at times at a loss to give his utterances proper weight. For instance, he'll say:
"This statement is as true as is the night which will follow day," or "as true as that the trees will bud in spring."

Sometimes it happens that the doctor has more statements than he has illustrations to give them weight. On one such occasion he remarked, "This is as true as the"— Here the doctor halted. He paused a few moments, and then his face illumined. "As true as is the statement that some member is yet on his or her way to church."

A few moments later a lady entered the edifice and swept grandly up the aisle. The doctor's face assumed an "I told you so" appearance. The congregation began to smile, then to laugh.

Sympathy for the embarrassed lady, however, soon subdued the apparently uncontrollable mirth.

How Tennyson Decided a Matter.
Here is Tennyson's own account to Mr. James Knowles, editor of the Nineteenth Century, of how he was offered and accepted the laureateship: "The night before I was asked to take the laureateship, which was offered to me through Prince Albert's liking for my 'In Memoriam.' I dreamed he came to me and kissed me on the cheek. I said in my dream, 'Very kind, but very German.' In the morning the letter about the laureateship was brought to me and laid upon my bed. I thought about it through the day, but could not make up my mind whether to take it or refuse it, and at the last I wrote two letters, one accepting and one declining, and threw them on the table and settled to decide which I would send after my dinner and bottle of port."

Mouth Filling Microscopy.
"Microscopist" is usually pronounced mi-cro-sco-pist. It is a horror of articulation, besides concealing the plain meaning and derivation of the word. But if we first say "micro" and then "scopist," taking care to place the stress on the first syllable, we get easiness, pleasantness and common sense. There are hosts of others, but none quite so terrible as "microscopist" as it is commonly pronounced or tried to be pronounced, for it reigns in a sort of pinched, rheumatic, splendid isolation, "high on a throne of royal state, by merit raised to that bad eminence."—Verax in London News.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by H. H. Bateman. Only 50c.

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How the Young of the Feathered Tribe Are Educated.

There is a school of the woods, just as much as there is a church of the woods or a parliament of the woods or a Society of United Charities of the woods, and no more. There is nothing in the dealing of animals with their young that in the remotest way suggests human instruction and discipline. The young of all the wild creatures do instinctively what their parents do and did. They do not have to be taught; they are taught from the jump, says a writer in the Atlantic Monthly. The bird sings at the proper age and builds its nest and takes its appropriate food without any hint at all from its parents. The young ducks take to the water when hatched by a duck and dive and stalk insects and wash themselves just as their mothers did. Young chickens and young turkeys understand the various calls and signals of their mother the first time they hear or see them. At the first alarm note they squat; at a call to food they come on the first day as on the tenth. The habits of cleanliness of the nestlings are established from the first hour of their lives. When a bird comes to build its first nest and to rear its first brood, it knows how to proceed as well as it does years later or as its parents did before it. The fox is afraid of a trap before he has had any experience with it, and the hare thumps upon the ground at sight of anything strange and unusual, whether its mates be within hearing or not. No bird teaches its young to fly. They fly instinctively when their wings are strong enough.

TWO STOCK EXCHANGES.

Differences Between the New York and Berlin Institutions.

If any member of the New York Stock Exchange who is entirely unacquainted with German speculation should visit the Berlin bourse he would find at every point the most striking divergencies from his home experience. He would be surprised to see the bourse attended by quite 2,000 persons, including clerks of banks, newspaper men and even visitors like himself. Also, he would be interested in the immense size of the hall—300 feet long, divided by colonnades into three sections, one of which is assigned to the Produce Exchange. On one side of the hall several doors open into a grassy court, shaded by trees and surrounded by a pillared lobby, where brokers sit in dull summer days and float their latest stock of anecdotes.

That shaded court is suggestive of deeper differences between the New York Stock Exchange and the Berlin institution. In New York the number of members is fixed and is small in proportion to the immense volume of business done. In Berlin there is a great horde of small dealers, and the amount of trading is much less than in New York. Owing to the easy terms of admission, the bourse becomes a mere place where traders meet to effect their transactions. There is no sale of seats. In fact, no membership fee exists, but only a small yearly tax is collected, which varies from time to time as the expenses of the organization require. Contrary to New York practice, membership is largely held by companies and firms. Nearly all the banks of the city, for example, are members, and the more important ones keep above a score of their employees on the floor. Thus the individual New York broker, as a rule, counts for vastly more than a member of the bourse. New York is concentrated, is intense. Berlin disperses its energy, and is comparatively dull. It knows nothing of those great days of triumph or disaster that render the annals of Wall street picturesque. And it lacks our large daring operators who startle the country with their bold schemes.—William C. Dreher in Century.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Rolling ground is the best for an orchard.

Blighted leaves and branches on fruit trees should be cut off and burned.

That a tree does not bear well every year is not an indication of disease.

Most effective pruning is done in the early stages of the orchard's growth.

One advantage in pruning during the summer is that the wounds heal very quickly.

Dead branches are often the means of conveying decay to an otherwise healthy trunk.

In pruning roses cutting back closely produces, as a rule, fewer blossoms, but of a finer quality.

Never prune a tree unless there is good reason why a limb or branch should be taken off.

A moderately heavy soil that has been underdrained and subsoiled and then carefully worked is capable of producing the heaviest crops of fruit.

Deceptions of Wild Birds.

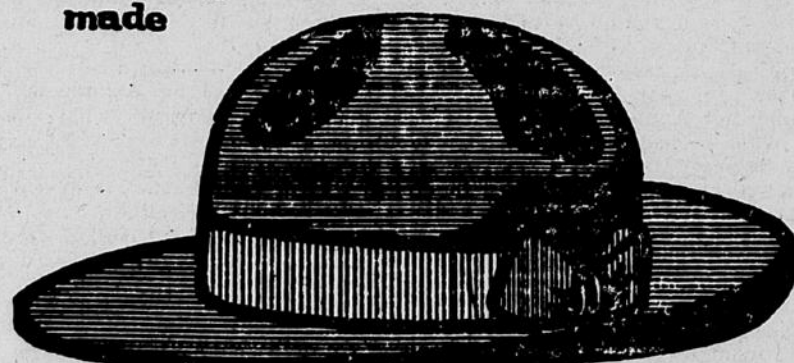
Falcons, hawks—the largest species—can compress their feathers and look very slim if they think it necessary to do so. As to the owls, they can hump up into any position they think most suitable. It is useless to look for these self preserving traits in any of the family kept in zoological collections, for the birds are so accustomed to see large numbers of people passing and repassing or standing in front of them that they treat the whole matter with perfect indifference. They know that at a certain time their food will be brought them and that they are otherwise perfectly safe. Then the raptors in a wild state have a bloom on their plumage like the bloom on a bunch of grapes, which is not often seen when in captivity.—Cornhill Magazine.

Disenchanted.
"Until I met you, Matilda," he murmured in a voice husky with emotion, "I believed that all women were deceitful, but when I look into your clear, beautiful eyes I behold there the very soul of candor and loyalty."
"George," she exclaimed with enthusiasm, "this is the happiest moment I have known since papa took me to the London oculist!"
"London oculist?"
"Yes, dear; you never would have known that my left eye is a glass one."

Then the moon went under a cloud, and George sat down and buried his face in the sofa cushion.—London Answers.

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