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BIRDS LIKE TO TRAVEL.

The Reason They Annually Leave Northern Climes and Fly South.
Why do the birds fly southward each autumn and return again with every spring? No one knows, but science, in the person of Professor Wang, the eminent Austrian ornithologist, has just disclosed the usual flippant answer to this question, "Because they like to travel," is not far out of the way, after all.

In a lecture that Professor Wang recently delivered at Vienna he gave some extremely interesting details regarding the migrations of birds, all of which migrations resemble one another in two respects: They follow the most direct line southward, and are made with almost incredible rapidity. Numerous observations have been made at Heligoland, which is the principal halting place of birds of passage from northern countries, and of Egypt, which is the winter home of many, and these observations have established some facts hitherto unknown. The bloodbirds traverse the 400 nautical miles which separate Egypt from Heligoland in a single night, which is at the rate of more than 40 geographical miles per hour. The swallow's speed is over 2 1/2 miles per minute, or nearly three times that of the fastest railway train. Even the younger birds, 6 or 8 weeks old, accompany the others in their journey.

Professor Wang asks himself what is the impulse which causes the birds, after the brooding and molting season is over, to quit our northern climate. He does not think it is fear of cold—for many species quite as delicate as those which migrate southward easily withstand the rigors of the winter—but that they have an irresistible humor for traveling. This is his idea of the fact, but he can give no explanation.

FIRST SHOT OF THE WAR.

Fired by the Cadets of the South Carolina Military Academy.
The first shot in the late war was fired by the cadets of the South Carolina Military Academy, which occupies a spacious and formidable looking building called the Citadel, which was originally constructed for an arsenal. The organization and curriculum are similar to those of the United States academy at West Point. After the ordinance of secession was adopted the cadets were ordered to report for guard duty and were manning a battery on Morris Island, when, on Jan. 9, 1861, the Star of the West attempted to enter the harbor with supplies and re-enforcements for Fort Sumter. The impulsive boys took the responsibility of driving her back, firing a shot across her bows to give warning. The steamer immediately ran up the United States flag and increased her speed. The shots fell thick and fast around her, and when one struck her in the stern the commander thought it prudent to retreat and turned his vessel seaward. The cadets of this institution believe that not entitled them to the homage of the south, and the prestige thus acquired has made them the objects of envy throughout that whole section.—Charleston Letter in Chicago Record.

Iron Tonic For Orange Trees.

G. W. Proccott of Highland, who took the medal for the best box of packed oranges at the late California State Citrus fair, has been experimenting with iron filings in his young orchard. Being master mechanic of the Santa Fe system in southern California at San Bernardino, he knew more about iron filings than he did about guano or any other fertilizer, and knowing that a certain amount of iron in the soil was essential to a healthy growth of the tree and the production of fruit he put five pounds of this material around each tree, and as a result he has a highly colored orange, where before he had a pale colored fruit. The cost is insignificant. A thousand trees on ten acres will require 6,000 pounds of filings, which costs \$4 per ton—\$10 for the ten acre orchard. Of course this application of iron is not intended to supersede all other fertilizers, but simply to supplement them in order to give a good color to the fruit and enable the grower to put an attractive orange on the market, and incidentally to assist him occasionally in winning a gold medal. The railroad shops at San Bernardino can furnish one ton per day of this material, and other shops can also assist in supplying the demand.—Producers.

Overeating.
Overeating is generally condemned on the ground that by stuffing the digestive organs or by giving them too much to do the food taken is prevented from properly nourishing him who takes it. It is possible, however, that one may suffer from too much nutriment as well as from too little, even when it is properly assimilated.

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Cost of Living in Europe's Capitals.
An investigation into the comparative cost of living at the various European capitals results in the following interesting facts: At Vienna the prices of most articles of food are lowest. At Madrid they are dearer than in any other capital, and such things as bread, meat, sugar and coal are very expensive. At St. Petersburg also the price of bread is so high that white bread is still considered a luxury above the means of the working classes. Next to Vienna, Brussels is an inexpensive city. Paris is a little higher in the scale, but London is "terribly expensive."—Westminster Gazette.

The Pleiades.
Those timekeepers the Pleiades have been used to mark the days from the most remote periods. Mr. T. W. Fenkes, describing the fire ceremonies of the Pueblo Indians of Tusayan, says that, having been present on two such occasions in 1892 and 1893, he found that the error of time made by the Indians as to the 13th of November in those two years was insignificant. It was the culmination of the Pleiades which told the Indians the proper time for the beginning of their rites.—New York Times.

It Was in Inverse Ratio.
"You don't want that \$25 hat, Mary," said Mr. Muggins, who was with his wife in the milliner's store. "It's too big anyhow. Now, if the milliner could only take off four or five feathers it would be all right."
"That's easy," interposed the milliner sweetly, suiting the action to the word. "And there you have a love of a little bonnet." And then, as Mr. Muggins felt for his pocketbook smilingly, thinking of the economy he had effected, she added, "Now it's only \$50."—Chicago Record.

Solonesses.
"Have you been able to catch the speaker's eye?" asked the first lady legislator.
"Have I?" rejoined the second legislator. "Well, rather. I wore my navy blue bengaline, with the halotrope sleeves, and the speaker couldn't keep his eyes off me."
Upon the call of the house they separated.—Detroit Tribune.

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