

# SONGBIRDS ALIGHT ON PRAYING GIRLS

## Fly Down to Them, It's Said, at Bishop's Grave After Touching Supplication

### MIRACLE, SAYS CARDINAL GIBBONS

So Graphic and Circumstantial Was the Story As Told by the Children That the Sisters Sent News of it to the Prelate.

Baltimore, Md. Cardinal Gibbons exhibited lively interest in an incident that occurred at the grave of Bishop Curtis in Wilmington, declaring it to be both a manifestation and a miracle.

Two little girls, inmates of an orphan asylum in Wilmington while wandering through the Veneration Cemetery, observed several wild birds fluttering through the grounds and were seized with a longing to capture them.

"Sister said to put salt on their lips," said one of them, but not having any salt with them the little girls had to rely upon the almsiveness of their legs.

For a long time they pursued the birds around the many graves and tombstones. At last they became weary and almost despaired of the capture.

"Let us pray that we may catch them," at last suggested one of the little ones, and the pair knelt reverently at the grave of Bishop Curtis and sent up a fervent petition.

"We don't want to hurt the birds," explained the little supplicants. "We only want to get and love them."

Hardly had the prayer been concluded, continues the report from Wilmington, when two of the birds flew down to the grave and alighted on the shoulders of the little petitioners. For a moment they were awed by the prompt answer to the prayer, and then the little ones hastened homeward.

"See what our prayer on the Bishop's grave brought us," they cried in their joy to the sisters as they fondled the birds.

Astonished at the story told by the children, the sisters fed the songsters and gave them water, after which they released them, and the birds took to wing. Before leaving, however, they hovered over the heads of their little captors as though reluctant to leave them.

So graphic and circumstantial was the incident as told by the children, and so indisputable the evidence of their success, that the sisters repeated the story, and all credit for the answer to the prayer was given to Bishop Curtis. The story was transmitted to Cardinal Gibbons, and he was greatly interested in it.

"I consider it both a manifestation and a miracle," said Cardinal Gibbons.

Further than this, however, he declined to go explaining that the story had come to him indirectly and in semi-confidence, and he hardly felt at liberty to go into details.

"Will you call a council to investigate the matter?" asked the reporter.

"No, I shall hardly do that," he answered.

### DOWN AVALANCHE WITH WILDCATS

Numbers Kills One; the Other is Buried Under Snow.

Olebo, Ariz.—Caught in a snowslide, with two bob cats that had attacked him in the Mogollon Mountains, Tom Galbraith, after having rolled six hundred feet down the mountainside, succeeded in killing one of the animals, while the other disappeared in the avalanche.

Galbraith was looking for bear when the cats leaped at him from a tree. Just as he stood at the edge of a steep bank, so sudden was the attack that he did not have time to fire, the cats crowding him so that he could only use his rifle as a club. Fighting man and beasts approached the edge of the cliff. The snow gave way under them and they went rolling down together, loosening tons of snow as they fell. Reaching the bottom of the ravine, Galbraith succeeded in dispatching one of the cats, which was preparing to attack him again. The other had disappeared, buried in snow.

### Civil War Bullet Cut Out

Seranton, Pa.—As a souvenir of the battle of Fair Oaks, nearly fifty years ago, J. S. Cole carried around a Confederate bullet imbedded in his left leg, and it was always with pride that he exhibited the bump which lay the missile.

Recently his battle memento began giving him trouble. His leg pained him so that he had the bullet cut out. It now gangles at the end of his watch chain.

### Qualitative Decision of Character

Every man who has decision of character will have enemies; and the man who has no decision of character can have no friends.—Butler.

### Cables Pay Good Dividends

In the last half-dozen years the earnings of the cable lines between Europe and India show an annual profit of \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000.

# ELECTRIC SLEEP IS SHOWN

Dr. Louis Robinovitch Makes Successful Demonstration to Paris Surgeons of Her Anesthetic.

Paris, France.—Dr. Louis Robinovitch, who has been experimenting with her discoveries along the line of electric sleep at St. Anne's Hospital, where the city has fitted up a laboratory for her gave a successful demonstration before several of the most prominent physicians in Paris recently. Among those present were Dr. Mugnan, doyen of St. Anne's, and M. Pique, one of the best-known surgeons in Paris.

Dr. Robinovitch showed the physicians in her laboratory the result of her work. Finally she put a rabbit under the influence of electric sleep and performed a slight operation on the animal. Later the rabbit was electrocuted and brought back to life by the reestablishing force of electricity used by the doctor.

A certain surgeon in the French Navy asked to have the test applied to him so Dr. Robinovitch applied the test of local anesthetic plying one electric pole to his right hand and the other at his elbow. Then needles were passed through his forearm. The surgeon and his arm were absolutely numb. He felt the touch of the needle but no pain, and the feeling of the electricity was extremely pleasant.

To an amphitheatre on the first floor of St. Anne's they went for the laboratory and here Dr. Robinovitch introduced a human patient whom she had cured. He was a chronic patient of the hospital who had lost the power of using the right side of his body. In less than a month the doctor cured him by the use of electricity. Later she tried experiments in electric sleep on him and even tried the voltage necessary to revive an "artificially" man. The patient experienced no unpleasant results, he said and even enjoyed the sensation.

At the close of the conference Dr. Robinovitch was warmly applauded by her colleagues. This woman has made remarkable strides in making electric sleep more practical, and she hopes that in a few years she may be able to do away entirely with chloroform, ether and the usual anesthetics.

COLLEGES SHOULD MAKE MEN Rather Than Scholars. Therefore Football is Good, Says Chancellor McCormick.

Pittsburg, Pa. Chancellor Samuel B. McCormick of the University of Pittsburg does not agree with Prof. Lord of Columbia University in his objections to football. In a letter in which he approves of the game he says:

The sport is mainly developing in the student qualities which make both for character and skill. It can be put to base uses and made to minister to unworthy passions but under the proper stimulus it can also be made to obtain the high well-being of the student who engages in it and also to the highest well-being of the whole student body.

It is athletics which fuses the various departments of the university into one living whole and begets a spirit of enthusiastic loyalty such as is not otherwise possible. It is a noble thing to bring the body and the mind together into the form and the thing which does it is good and is worthy of praise and encouragement everywhere.

The function of the college is to make men rather than to make scholars.

Saved by a Pet Cat.

Sollingsgrove, Pa.—To be saved by a pet cat from being ground under the wheels of a locomotive was the thrilling and unique experience of Mrs. Mary Longenderfer of Sunbury. At a crossing of the Reading railway her walk was interrupted by a freight train on the nearer of the double tracks, and when the string of cars had passed the woman stopped forward, and halted as she noticed a frantic pulling at the hem of her skirt. At that instant a "light" locomotive dashed past on the next track so close to the unthinking woman that the momentum felled her to the pavement. Then she looked back and saw her pet cat, with its teeth securely fastened in her skirt.

Postal Union.

Under the terms of a treaty concluded at Bern, October 9, 1874, the object of which was to secure uniformity in the treatment of correspondence and the reduction of rates, etc., the provisions of which were carried into effect July 1, 1875, the whole of Europe, the United States, Egypt, British India and all the colonies of France were at the outset included in the Union, and many other colonies and countries have since joined it.

The Duke, an invalid, passes most of the time at his Scottish home here, Hamilton Palace, a great mansion that absorbs nearly all his income. He inherited the title from his cousin, the twelfth Duke, but the estates passed to the late Duke's daughter, now the Marchioness of Graham, who is one of the wealthiest women in England.

One difference between Europe and heaven is that people who make their money in America can't go to heaven to spend it.

# ONCE SALESWOMAN NOW HAS \$250,000

## Bride of Three Weeks Becomes Widow of Her Rich Employer.

### HE HAD COURTED FIFTEEN YEARS

Elderly Head of Department Store Firm Marries When Told He Cannot Live Long—Girl Took Pity for His Loneliness.

Wilmington, Del. Relatives of Joseph Hill, for most of his business career head of the department store firm of Crosby & Hill, admitted they could see no use in trying to break a will leaving his entire estate to Clara Elizabeth Wells Hill, who became a widow when she was a bride of three weeks. This means Mrs. Hill has \$250,000 after twenty-seven years of service as a saleswoman in the firm's glove department. It was hoped the amount to go to her could be restricted to her dowry, but eminent counsel convinced Hill's nephews and nieces it would be a waste of time to attack the will as they decided to make no contest. Mrs. Hill therefore thought less than a month before she had only her salary as a saleswoman in one of the wealthiest women in Wilmington. She also is young enough to look forward to many years of enjoyment. The forty other employees of the firm as far as is known are not a dollar richer than they were when the old man died.

The strange part of it is that the widow when she was Miss Wells rejected Hill steadily for fifteen years, changing her mind only in 1911 to get the property. Hill would have persistently all through that period. He was many years older than she and he failed to impress her sufficiently to induce her to give up even the independence of a saleswoman. She listened to his courtship but always was pleasant to him, but she invariably had the same answer for his proposal. How many times Hill heard her "No" in those fifteen years is guesswork. There is a tradition in the department store that he forced marriage at least once a week in that time.

Miss Wells apparently never worried of receiving his proposal and until a month ago never wavered in her refusal to become his bride. So circumstantial was the fact that only her closest friends knew the elderly merchant was interested in her any more than in other efficient employees. It now is recalled by all the saleswomen however that Hill passed the glove counter after that other department and that he occasionally stopped long enough for a word or two with Miss Wells. But on those occasions others in the store assumed he was talking business as his face always wore a serious expression.

The marriage of Miss Wells to Hill therefore was a surprise to most of those who knew them. Other saleswomen in the store said they were astounded by the news. Mrs. Hill heard all the gossip at second hand with perfect composure. She gave no explanation of the change in her intention to remain single.

It was learned however, that a short time before physicians told Hill he had small chance of recovery from a complication of malaria that suddenly broke his long vigorous health. There is no suggestion Miss Wells was influenced by a mercenary motive, but it is supposed that when Hill told her he had not long to live and begged her to brighten his last days, she consented in pity for his loneliness. The old man had no relatives in this city, all his nephews or nieces living either in Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

When Hill died almost all the relatives hastened to Wilmington to learn what his chance of getting part of his property was. They were confronted with a will bequeathing the entire quarter-million to the widow.

WRECKED, LIVE ON CLAM.

Fishing Party Suffer for Days Before Being Rescued.

Vancouver, B. C.—George Clements, of Vancouver; D. F. E. Morgan, formerly of Toronto, and Wilbur Greer, narrowly escaped death by having their fishing boat wrecked off Dundas island, west of Prince Rupert. For two weeks they were missing.

When their boat was smashed on the rocks they clung to the pieces until they reached shore, where for a week they subsisted on raw clams. They were unable to light a fire, and in wet, half-frozen clothing suffered frightfully from exposure. They were picked up by a schooner.

Population and Race.

The white race numbers 800,000,000; the yellow, 700,000,000; the black, 315,000,000; the brown, or Malayan, 35,000,000, and the red, or American Indian stock in North and South America, 15,000,000.

China Arousing.

Peking.—There are now 300 newspapers in China, while ten years ago there was but one recognized as such.

# GAME RABBIT KILLS TURKEY.

Dunny Resents Attack on Rooster and Breaks Gobbler's Neck by a Fierce Kick.

West Caldwell, N. J.—In a force encounter between a large pet rabbit, fighting to save the life of a rooster which had been its nearest and best friend for months, and a savage turkey gobbler on Josiah Werts's farm, near here, the rabbit kicked the life out of the gobbler before the farmer could save it. The first blow of the strong hind legs of the rabbit ripped open the breast and drew of the turkey and a second blow cut its throat. After sparring a few minutes the rabbit planted a terrific kick on the side of the turkey's neck, breaking it. The turkey fell dead when Werts who had no idea a rabbit could fight so fiercely, was only a few feet away and hurrying to the rescue.

The name of the rabbit is Pinky. It has no mate on the farm. Being lonely, it made friends with the chickens and became the chum of Pilgrim Father, a large Plymouth Rock rooster. Day after day they went about the farmyard together, one nibbling and the other pecking. Pilgrim Father scratched up a fat worm and then the rooster stood over it clucking and calling the hens to the feast. The turkey gobbler rushed in and swallowed the worm. That made Pilgrim Father angry and it spurred the gobbler and soon a fight was on. The gobbler knocked Pilgrim Father over once or twice. Pinky kept circling around eager to help its friend, but apparently not knowing just how to do it. Finally the gobbler committed the indiscretion of pecking Pinky.

That made the rabbit wild with rage. It began drumming on the ground with its hind legs. Suddenly it shifted the drumming to the turkey. The long sharp claws first ripped open the gobbler's breast. Then they cut a big gash in the throat and the fight ended when the gobbler keeled over dead with its neck broken.

HERO OF FOREST FIRE RETIRED

Engineer Years Ago Took Passengers Through Flames to Water.

Washburn Wis.—Jim Root, oldest engineer on the Northern Pacific Railway system has been laid off, but although he has ceased to work, he will continue to draw his pay as if he was running an engine. He is now 73 years old.

Root won fame for his heroic deed in saving the passengers on his train from being roasted alive when they were caught at Hinckley in a forest fire three years ago. He was running a train between Duluth and St. Paul. He ran his engine to Hinckley, which was found to be in ashes. Suddenly the winds fanned the forest fire and the train was surrounded by flames. Root stuck to the throttle while the fireman dipped water from the engine's tank and threw it on him and on the cab to keep them from burning.

The smoke was suffocating and the heat terrific, but the members of the crew stayed at their posts until the train reached Skunk Creek, where all escaped to the water and were saved.

Jewels in Goose's Gizzard.

Reloit Wis.—This is the goose that laid the golden egg," said Mrs. Dunward Cornelius, No. 822 Highland avenue, to her little daughter, Theresa, as she was preparing a goose for dinner.

"Mamma, let me take the gizzard to look for the gold," pleaded the little girl.

She dissected the portion which her mother gave her, and to every one's astonishment found two diamonds worth about \$12 each and a piece of gold, evidently from a setting.

One Way of Stopping a Toothache.

Waukegan, Ill.—John Serrack, a graduate of South avenue, successfully shot an aching tooth out of his jaw in a novel manner.

He first made a loop of wire around the tooth and then another loop at the other end of the wire, which he placed at the end of the revolver barrel. The bullet, on being fired, struck the wired loop and jerked the tooth out.

Color Line in Kansas Schools.

Topeka, Kan.—Cities of Kansas may provide separate schools for white and negro children in the grades below the high school, but the schools for negro children must have equal facilities and be as easy as those provided for white children. This is a decision of the State Supreme Court.

New York's Traction Fatalities.

New York City.—The traction roads in the City of New York kill about 350 persons a year and injure between 2,000 and 3,000, paying for doing it more than they pay for fuel with which to run the engines that furnish the power for the cars.


Gotham Saving Money.

New York City.—There is evident money in New York City for every sort of an honest, legitimate investment, for there is \$1.35 going into the savings banks for each \$1 taken out.

Old Lake Bed for Battery.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—It is reported here that the army engineers have fixed upon a subterranean chamber or lake, as the proposed location of the battery at Waikiki.

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