

THE COURAGE OF GEESE

A California Man Comes to Defense of Malignant Bird.

Among the defenders of the goose is a resident of Sierra County, California. The special incident upon which he bases his defense of the goose, and which is printed in the San Francisco Call, happened several months ago. The story is given in his own words.

I was on my way to a neighbor's place several miles from my own, when I noticed a large flock of geese coming south. They were white geese with black wings, and were flying in the usual V-shaped formation.

In looking at them I noticed a black eagle, an unusually large one coming from the east. He was flying directly toward the geese although his course would carry him a little below them.

The geese saw the eagle about the same time that I did. Before he arrived opposite them they gave decided signs of uneasiness. I saw that they were beginning to break up their regular formation, and I watched with curiosity to see what would be the outcome.

Hardly had I noticed their commotion when they formed into two hollow squares. The eagle was now on a point and a little below the geese. One square hung perfectly perpendicular in the air with hardly a flutter of the birds' wings.

With a concerted movement the geese that formed the lower or slanting hollow square swooped down to the direction of the eagle. Their sudden rush caused the eagle to turn out of his course and fly rapidly toward the north.

The two groups having joined, the V formation was again assumed, and the geese continued their flight toward the south.

I never heard of an eagle attacking geese. Besides, this eagle was hardly in a position to do so. His evident intention was to fly along about his own business. The geese were the ones who made the attack, if such it could be called.

WATERPROOFING MATCHES

A Simple Method That May Be of Use to Campers.

Perhaps some of your readers would be interested to know that I have found a simple, inexpensive way to waterproof matches.

Into some melted paraffin (care be taken that it was as cool as possible) I dipped a few ordinary matches. After withdrawing them and allowing them to cool it was found that they scratched almost as easily as before being coated with wax.

Several were held under water for six or seven hours and all of them lighted as easily as before immersion. When the match is scratched the paraffin is first rubbed off and the match lights in the usual way.

Matches treated as above would be very useful in camping or canoeing. Since more rubbing is required to light them than the ordinary match it would be practically impossible to set them on fire by accidental dropping.

French "Tomatoes" and Their Bread. The little loaves of bread supplied to the French soldier have from time to time been known by the name yet to use. The trademark of light-colored loaves de son literally bread from rods was used with a small ball.

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BEETLES IN BIRDS' NESTS

New Region for the Efforts of Bug Collectors.

In the Entomologist's Monthly Magazine Mr. N. H. Joy indicates an apparently little explored region for "rare" beetles.

Having last year obtained various species of birds' nests, Mr. Joy was led to explore the region of these species. He further concluded that if the nests of the familiar birds and mammals were carefully searched many species of beetles would be discovered.

Mr. Joy has put his theory to the test and finds that birds' nests are a source of many rare and interesting beetles. And in searching the nests of various birds he has even discovered some new species.

It is not possible that when such sites are more carefully and exhaustively searched new species of beetle may reward the collector.

Eleven years ago an Italian explorer made a boat of artificial stone or cement which he used much later to the French soldier have from time to time been known by the name yet to use.

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WHEN NIAGARA RUNS DRY

Nature Will Destroy Cataract in Three Thousand Years.

According to an official of the Geological Survey, a comparison of the geological records for a period of 30 years shows that the land surrounding the Great Lakes is being gradually tilted from northeast to southwest at such a rate that in two points 100 miles apart, the northern rises five inches, while the southern sinks the same amount.

Although the sea level rises about one inch in 10 years, the official quoted predicts that this movement continues, in about 300 years the upper lakes will discharge into the Illinois River the Illinois and St. Clair Rivers will flow toward a point in the water of Lake Erie to Lake Huron and the Niagara River will run dry.

Women in Ethnology. The recent investigations of Dr. J. H. Steward among the Veddas of Ceylon and the great importance of the work of Dr. Steward's wife, Mrs. J. H. Steward, in the study of ethnology, is a source of interest to many.

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Natural Rotation in Forests. The rotation of trees in a forest is a natural process. It is a process of natural selection, where the trees that are better adapted to the environment survive and reproduce.

His Favorite Game Bird. A dinner one day saw a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger discussing the merits of various game birds.

A Bird Census. The census of birds in a certain area is a difficult task. It requires a lot of time and effort to count all the birds in a large area.

The Periscope. Under the name of Periscope, the French inventor of the submarine periscope, has designed a new type of periscope.

In Memory of Bishop McQuaid

Month's Mind Mass Celebrated at the Cathedral.

A solemn pontifical mass of requiem was celebrated at the Cathedral at 10.30 o'clock Wednesday morning for the repose of the soul of Rt. Rev. Bernard John McQuaid, first bishop of Rochester.

With scarcely an exception, the priests of the Rochester diocese were in attendance, and many came from the Buffalo and Syracuse dioceses.

The procession left the vestry at 10.30 o'clock, going to the high altar. Following the cross bearer and the acolytes came the students of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's with the bishops and priests of this and other dioceses.

Another large crowd attended the euchar party given for the benefit of St. Edward's mission at Lyceum hall last Wednesday evening. The party was under the direction of the Misses Corkery.

The funeral of Frank Sullivan was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Peter Vandenberg, 72 Birch Ave. last Monday morning with services at the Holy Family church at 9.30 o'clock.

The remains of Michael Jones, who died in Rochester, arrived here Saturday morning. The services were held at St. Mary's church at 9.45 o'clock.

The Willing Workers will hold another euchar party next Tuesday afternoon in Woodman's hall on State St. All ladies of the city are invited to attend.

St. James' Gators. Sir James Ross in the course of his travels noted a curious fact with regard to the penguin, namely the habit of swallowing stones.

The "Vanilla Bean." The vanilla bean is the fruit of a vine belonging to the orchid family originally found in Mexico.



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COOK OPERA HOUSE. J. H. Moore's Greater Vaudeville. "A Night With the Poets" Max Witt's Singing Colleen.

Wilbur Mack & Nella Walker. Elinore Sisters. The Josettis. 4 Prevosts. Claude and Fannie Usher. Sam Williams. Mooreoscope.

Another Artificial Fertilizer. The success attained in Norway by the electrothermic process for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen in the form of nitric acid.

A Lightless Lighthouse. On a sunken reef 350 feet distant from Norway Lighthouse is a remarkable beacon which warns mariners with the help of a light which is self-luminous.

His Pedigree. The calf, which Gideon King had taken the summer resident to see, surveyed his owner and the stranger with a wary eye.

Why She Declined. "Really," said the stylish lady, "I was unwilling to see the wonderful display of rhododendrons."

To Break Up Tipping in Iowa. Des Moines Iowa. The Committee on rules in the Iowa house has made a rule prohibiting tipping employees.