## A GIANT IN FEATHERS

The Experience of a Young Frenchman in Madagascar.

(JOHN R. CORYELL, in St. Nicholas.)

THERRE CHARTONNE was not by any means the least excited person on the French fleet which cast anchor in Rafala bay, Madagascar, on a certain day some 300 years ago. Pierre was to go ashore for the first time inmore than a year. The captain had promised that in the morning he would it was as tall as a small tree. And such accompany the men who were going to a beak as it had! look for fresh water.

The next morning, with his beloved | egg had been, and then I was frightened, blunderbuss borne upon his shoulder, Pierre stepped proudly on the beach, I'd be eaten up in a minute. But I didn't ready and anxious to meet the savage men and curious wild beasts he felt sure he was going to see.

Shortly before dinner-time it was proposed that some of the sailors should try | clearest of trees. to shoot a few of the birds of which the forest seemed full; for fresh meat to a sailor is one of the greatest of luxuries, and it seemed a pity to do without it | big mouth. By and by I couldn't run when it was directly at hand. Here was an opportunity which Pierre did not let pass. He entreated his commanding officer so earnestly to let him be one of

"I never saw such a thing in my life before! Maybe you won't believe me, but that bird made so much noise as it came through the bushes that I thought it was a herd of cattle. And when it came to where I could see it, each of its legs looked as big around as my leg, and

"It went directly to the spot where the for I knew if it caught me with the egg creature missed the egg, it set up an awful squawk. Then I dropped the egg and ran in the direction that seemed

crashing through the bushes, and expected every minute to be taken in its any more, and fell down, when five big birds similar to the one I had already seen came leaping along straight at me.

"I lifted my gun, but before I could



sailors started for the forest. An hour later, the three men burried down to the beach laden with game, but without Pierre. Where he was they did not know; they had missed him more than half and hour before, and supposed

he had returned to the beach. "Here he is now, suddenly exclaimed

one of the men. And there, indeed, he was, hatless and in haste. As quickly as his short legs could carry him, he was tearing through the underbrush; and as he drew nearer the men on the beach could see that he

was frightened. When he reached the alarmed sailors, he sank, panting and exhausted, on the sand. To all their hurried questions he could only gaps out, "After me!" and point to the forest. Whereupon they all gathered eagerly about him to hear his

"After we had gone about two miles into the forest," he began, "I left the others, because I thought we would see more game in two parties than in one.

"A little while after I had left them I saw what looked like a large round white stone in the thick brush. I thought I might as well find out what it was, and made my way to it, and, I give you my word, it was a great big egg-almost as | would, it is calculated, hold as much as | would receive the patronage of the village | and Methodist churches are the only big as a tar-bucket. I made up my mind 160 hens' eggs. As for the bird, it was citizens. Downers Grove is located just schools that have as yet voted to accept to carry it back to the ship to take home. of the same family as the ostrich, but far enough from the city to make such a the invitation to join together for this though it was heavy; but while I stood with it in my arms, brushing off the dirt that was on the under side, I heard a rustling in the bushes, and then thought there must have been a big bird to lay that enormous egg, and then shook so that I nearly dropped the egg.

"I got behind a tree near by and stooped down so that I could see through the bushes what kind of a bird was com-

AN AFRICAN BIRD VILLAGE.

shoot, the first bird had run over me and knocked me down.

sarcastically, when Pierre had ceased speaking.

"Yes," answered the boy.

"Well," said the man, "if I were going to make up a yarn I'd try to have it reasonable, or end in something exciting." Pierre, indignantly.

"All I'm sorry for," said one of the men, "Is that he didn't bring the egg the project. The owners of the building to Chicago. He was a member of the rare omelet."

At this the sailors laughed.

As long as Pierre lived he was known as Big-Bird Pierre, for he could get nobody to believe him. Since his time, however, more has been learned of Madagascar, the island where Pierre landed; and though nobody has seen a living bird such as Pierre described, eggs and skeletons of birds have been found, and, judging from them, it is no wonder that the little French boy was frightened.

was more than twice as tall and proportionately heavier, so that, towering as it did a man's height above the tallest elephant, it must have been a startling bird to see for the first time unexpectedly.

The aepyornis, as the bird is called. does not exist now, but Mr. Wallace, the great naturalist, thinks that all the indications are that it may have lived within the last two centuries.

## THE SELF-TAMED MUSKRAT.

Wonderful Architectural Ability Disa Farmer's Family and Beplayed by the Weaving Grosbeak came a Pet. and His Family.

Birds are clever home-builders, but erhaps none known to American bird lovers make quite so curious a struc-Endeavor World:



ture as do the weaving grosbeaks of Africa. The umbreila in the picture was woven by the grosbeaks from bushman's grass. Side by side around

the edge of the rain-proof umbrella, they build their nests, each with its separate entrance. As barns are multiplied in Africa, who can say whether or not the sociable grosbeaks will abandon their umbrella villages and seek the protection of buildings as the harn swallows do, and at length lose their skill as roof weavers?-Little Chronicle.

Virginia's Big Arsenic Mine.

mine in the world, and stated to be at lie behind the stove; there he would Iowa, who died in 1867, and he was

Trapped by Clever Method.

Shy Little Animal Made Friends with

seems strange that of its own choice well known and respected personage in it should elect to become a pet; but this part of the county. He was of a this is the story told in the Christian family who were among those who com-

stream, where the water flowed swiftly, free from ice, until it emptied into the pond nearby. Along the shores of the pond the muskrats each season built their huts. In the winter they frequently swam about in the open stream, and the boys threw apples into stock and the boundless prairies to them the water for them.

up the steep bank and prowl about the proved to be a task that could be and house. Not being molested in his visits, one night he crawled under the kitchen floor and gnawed through into the kitchen. After that he was the pet

of the family. He took food from the boys' hands and allowed them to stroke his fur. recent turning out 70 tons a month, is stay for hours. The hole he gnawed again married in 1868, to Anna Ott, mated in Floyd county, Virginia, 17 was boarded up, and he was taught to daughter of Jos. Ott, of Wheaton, she flex from Christiansburg, the nearest come and go through the door. When dying about six months ago. Mi frond point. The number of persons he wished to come in, he scratched at Hatch was for several years honored by red at the mine is about 125, who the door. At night he sometimes his friends and neighbors by being housed and supplied with the neces- proved troublesome. If no one anries of life by the company owning swered his call, he crawled under the

house and began gnawing a new hole. nearly so quick on land as in water. loved and respected by all with whom he When he walked across the floor, his came in contact. He was a member of long, scaly tail dragged noisily after the Congregational church at Lisle. He him. His favorite food was apples leaves a family of seven children, all While eating, he "scooched" on his Hatch, a son of the deceased, has been a haunches and held the food in saws. When he had eaten enough, he maked the rest into a dark corner. De Kalb for some years.

LATE LOCAL BRIEFS Mrs. B. M. Muzzey and little daughter arrived Wednesday morning from Los Angeles, Cal., where they have been since Jan. 1. Mr. Muzzey remains in Los Angeles and Mrs. Muzzey expects to return there in the fall.

In Honor of Judge Adams On Tuesday, July 12, a stag dinner was given by L. W. Stanley at his home, 112 Gilbert avenue, in honor of Judge Amos Adams, of San Francisco, Cal. The guests included Dexter C. Stanley, John Stanley, T. S. Rogers, J. W Rogers, E. O. Stanley and Elbert C. Stanley. Judge Adams with his brother, Albert Adams, D. C. Stanley and L. W. Stanley left Downers Grove for the gold fields of California April 10th, 1850, arriving in Hangtown August 3rd, their dare to move. When the monstrous mode of travel being a four-horse team and covered wagon. The dinner was a memorable one, as this is Judge Adams' first visit to Downers Grove, and time all too swiftly passed as they recalled "The bird ran, too, for I could heardt the days of "Auld Lang Syne" and the is poorly done, besides \$15 is considered Auld Acquaintance ne'er Forgot." fitter briefly viniting scenes of boyhood days Mr. Adams will return to his home the solicitors were around they bein California.

Gone to His Long Rest

Rev. Washburn, of Chicago, father of Dr. A. S. Wasburn, of Downers Grove, died last Friday at his home in Ravenswood. He had reached the ripe old age of 73 years, and for fifty years had been a pastor of the Methodist church. H was one of the early Illinoian Methodist. the rocks inny way.". ministers who laid the foundation for that sect which now numbers its tens of thousands of adherents. The deceased "Is that all?" asked one of the men. 42 years ago. Deceased leaves a widow, middle of next week." two sons and two daughters.

The New Theatre Project The new theatre project is still being agitated. J. W. Tucker, the real estate agent, has become a moving spirit in the "But I didn't make it up!" exclaimed enterprise and no doubt will bring the matter to a focus soon. It may be that a stock company will be formed to float which will become vacant soon when the chair factory is moved to the new building, seem favorably disposed to making the necessary changes. It would be a very good paying investment, no doubt, as the living flats and offices tenants, and if a first class amusement house that could be used for all makes these trips prohibitive except to a few, besides many here work in the city and after a long, dreary day in the congested offices and shops are not anxious to go back again to see a show. If we had a first-class house here all

could enjoy it and it would become a

recreation place to be valued.

Frederick Hatch, of Lisle, Dead is requested to bring a basket of lunch citizens of Du Page county, died at his auction to the highest bidders. home, about three miles from Downers Grove, on Thursday of this week. He had been ailing for some time and death | corner Garfield and Ayres avenues, Hins-The muskrat is very shy, and it was a happy release. Deceased was a dale, near Fullersburg. prised the early settlers of Du Page The family lived on the banks of a county and took this prairie country from its natural state and transformed it into the many beautiful homes that now are to be seen. His father and mother came to Du Page county in 1832. They were of hardy New Hampshire at that early date, while no doubt trials At length one rat ventured to climb that made many hearts quaver, was overcome, to convert same to a home for themselves and their family. There were three sons, of whom Frederick, just deceased, was one. He was born in 1832. Mr. Hatch attended the country school and Wheaton College, and after grad-He did not object to being taken in uating taught school for nine terms. What is said to be the largest arsenic their laps. He preferred, however, to He was married to Hannah T. Burtiss, of elected supervisor of Lisle township. He was an ardent Republican in politics, A queer pet he proved. He was not but of a fair and honest nature, and was

grown up, to mourn his demise. Luther

teacher in the State Normal school as

Cass Boy Dies from Lockjaw Frank Johnson, the 14 year old son of August Johnson, living on the Orchard Road a little west of Cass, died from lockjaw, or as the physicians term it tetanus, on Saturday of last week. It appears that the boy was engaged, like thousands of other boys throughout the country on July 4th, in celebrating Independence day by shooting off firecrackers, when he received a simple wound from exploding powder. Care was given to the wound but blood poisoning set in and the dread attack of lockjaw followed on Saturday. Every attention that medical science could give was directed towards saving the boy's life, but he finally succumbed.

### Disappointed Purchasers

There seems to be some dissatisfaction over the new county atlas, just published, among those who subscribed here. It is claimed the atlas is not much of a revisement of the old one and the printing a pretty high price for the book. The trouble with many people is that when lieved, when they harangued by the hour about the publication they have in hand being the most wonderful, greatest, best, finest, etc. Then when the article delivered is but ordinary, the people grumble, and like the disappointed Irishman at Niagara Falls, when he ex claimed, "It's only water running over

Home Advertising A western editor hits the nail on the has been in ill health for some years, head when he says that "Too many merand has not been in active church work | chants look upon advertising as a scheme for about twelve years past. The fu- to help the editor. With rural delivery neral services were of a two-fold char- and department stores sending out tons acter. A brief service was held at the of advertising matter, the country merfamily home at Ravenswood on Sunday chant must have the goods and the prices by Rev. H. G. Jackson, of Chicago, and and he must advertise or get run over in on Monday the remains were taken to the march of civilization. His rents are Millington, Ill., for interment, where less, his help costs less and he can com-Rev. H. H. Rood, of Downers Grove, pete with the city retailer and pay his conducted a service. Dr. A. S. Wash- advertising too; and the time has come burn and Geo. B. Heartt, of Downers when he absolutely hasto do it. Country Grove, were among those who were prest merchants are finding out and are ent. Millington, where the late la. taking advantage of it. Our exchanges mented pastor and friend of all is buried, are showing half page and whole page "I jumped up and ran, and I didn't was the central point of some of his ads. that have always carried but small stop running till I found you, and here early experiences in building up the ads. before. Get into the band wagon or feet. Methodist church in that district about the automobile will butt you into the

### Former Citizen is Dead

W. H. Smith, a former citizen of Downers Grove, died at his home in Chicago, Wednesday, and was buried yesterday. Mr. Smith lived for a long time in Downers Grove and up to about eight years ago, when he moved Woodmen order, and several members of that order from here attended the obsequies yesterday.

A Union Sunday School Picnic Some of the town Sunday schools are that were proposed would find ready planning to hold a union picnic Satur day, August 6th. Already the superintendents have held several meetings to kinds of entertainments as well as a make plans, and have now appointed place for regular theatrical engagements | committees to assist them. The Sunday The egg is larger than a football and during the winter season, was built, it schools of the Baptist, Congregational venture possible, as the time to take the picnic. There will be several features of ride, and expense connected therewith, interest and some contest games, which will add to the success of the affair.

## Maccabee Social

The ladies of the Maccabees will give a basket social at the house of Mrs. J. H. Clampitt, 95 South Main street, on Saturday evening, July 16. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Each lady Frederick Hatch, one of the oldest for two. The baskets will be sold at

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Pay in Parliament. There is a strong feeling in England against the payment of members, on the ground that it would tend to create the class of professional politicians seen in foreign countries and our colonies, writes Henry Norman in [ the Century. Its absence obviously tends to restrict membership of Parliament to the well-to-do classes, and, as a matter of fact, these enjoy an over-whelming representation in the House of Commons, the labor members, whose expenses and a modest salary are provided from some organization of the classes they represent, being at present a small but happily increasing group. To compel a candidate to pay the cost of counting the votes which send him to serve the nation in Parliament is preposterous, and, after taking safeguard against a superfluity of candidates, the system will probably soon be-abolished.

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