

### Some Literary Cats.

It has often been said that poets and artists, as well as the most refined women, are cat-lovers. There is something about the cats' soft, quiet ways, their dignified reserve, their graceful curves, and their artistic poses that appeals to all lovers of the beautiful in nature.

Miss Sarah Orne Jewett is a cat-lover, and the dear old country women down in Maine, whom one loves to encounter in her stories, usually keep a cat, though there are only the farmer's plain useful cats.

"I look back over a long line of cats," she says, "from a certain poor 'Spotty,' who died in a fit under the library window when I was less than five years old, to a lawless, fluffy coon-cat now in my possession. I shall tell you of two in particular: one the mortal enemy and the other the friend of my dog 'Joe.' I may mention, by the way, that Joe and I grew up together, and were very fond companions until he died of far too early old age, and left me to take my country walks alone.

"Tolly," the enemy, was far the best mouser of all, quite the best business cat we ever had, with an astonishing intellect and shrewd way of gaining her ends. She caught birds and mice as if she foraged for our whole family. She had an air of responsibility, and a certain impatience of interruption and interference, such as I have never seen in any other cat, and a scornful way of sitting before a person with fierce eyes and a quick ominous twitching of the tail. She seemed to be measuring one's incompetence as a mouse-catcher."

Miss Mary E. Wilkins is also a great admirer of cats. "I adore cats," she said to me. "I don't love them as well as dogs, because my own nature is more after the lines of a dog's, but I adore them. No matter how tired or wretched I am, a pussy cat sitting in the doorway can divert my mind. Cats love one so much—more than they will admit, but they have so much wisdom, they keep it to themselves."

Miss Wilkins' "Augustus" was moved with her from Brattleboro, Vermont, after her father's death, when she went to Randolph, Mass., to live. He had been the pet of the family for many years, but he came to an untimely end. "I hope," says Miss Wilkins, "that people's unintentional cruelty will not be remembered against them." At Randolph she had two lovely yellow-and-white cats, "Punch" and "Judy." The latter was cruelly shot by a neighbor, but the righthand cat, with the angelic expression, still survives. "I am sure," says Miss Wilkins, "he loves me better than anybody else, although he is so very close about it. Punch Wilkins boasts one accomplishment: he can open a door having an old-fashioned latch, but he cannot shut it."

William Dean Howells says:—"I never had a cat, pet or otherwise. I like them on general principles, but know nothing of them."

Colonel Higginson confesses to a great fondness and admiration for cats; while those who are familiar with Charles Dudley Warner's "My Summer in a Garden" need not be reminded of the cat "Calvin" and his interesting traits.

Edmund Clarence Stedman is a genuine admirer of cats, and evidently knows how to appreciate them at their full value. At his home near New York he and Mrs. Stedman have "Babylon," a fine large Maltese, who attracted a great deal of attention at the New York cat show of 1895. Their "Kelpie" took a prize at that show, and is a handsome, long-haired blue cat. Babylon, like many other Maltese cats, is remarkably intelligent and is looked upon as quite one of the family. "He thinks he knows as much as any of us," Mrs. Stedman says. "He despises our other cats, but he is very friendly with human beings, and makes friends easily with strangers. He is always near the dinner-table at meal times, and expects to have his share handed to him carefully. He has his corner in the study, and has superintended a great deal of literary work."

### BAD TASTE IN PULLMAN CARS.

In the October Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok sharply criticizes the interior decorations of Pullman cars as "A Riot of Bad Taste," that is absolutely inexcusable, for "the Pullman Company," he contends, "is a rich corporation which can have what it will. If good taste does not exist in its furnishing department, as indisputably seems to be the case, the company can and should buy it. For the same amounts now expended on these cars, effects of harmony and of truly artistic drapery could be obtained which would be a credit to the company. These cars could have an incalculable influence on the community. The new cars which the company constantly builds could, better than any other medium that I know of, be made to reflect in a panoramic manner the newest and most progressive steps made in artistic decoration and furnishing. They could be made the most effective traveling educators of the public. Instead, they are simply vehicles of the worst taste imaginable—in fact, of no taste whatever. As amazing conglomerations of the most glaring and grossest inharmonies of color, they stand absolutely supreme. They violate even the simplest canons of good taste."

### On the Farm.

#### POULTRY NOTES.

Feeding fat meat is of no benefit. Make the home market the best market.

Hens cannot lay without lime in some form.

As a rule a two-year-old cock is best for breeding purposes.

Old hens do not usually begin to lay until the spring.

Nothing tells so quickly on the health of fowls as dampness.

When the hens have a good range they will usually pick up enough gravel.

Too heavy feeding and want of exercise tend to boneness.

A house of medium size and a few fowls is better than a large house with many.

In all flocks, even in the most carefully bred, poor specimens will frequently appear.

If the little chicks are put on the perches too soon their breast bones are likely to become curved.

One advantage with late hatched turkeys is that if well fed they will come into market after the holidays.

If one fill of crude petroleum be mixed with a quart of kerosene it will make a better mixture than either one alone.

If in a thrifty condition 10 days is long enough to fatten fowls if kept in confinement and properly fed and cared for.

If allowed to accumulate the ammonia arising from the droppings often injures the health of the fowls while on the roost.

New blood in poultry is the basis of beauty, vigor and prolificness, and is more essential to success than all else combined.

The whole secret in securing plenty of eggs is to feed the hens sound, wholesome food in liberal quantities and keep them comfortable.

One advantage with the small flock is that each individual of the flock can be better known to the owner and better attention can be given.

Under average conditions a fowl weighing not over four or five pounds and fat will always sell readily and bring the highest price in market, so that there is no advantage in feeding especially for weight.

Another method of breaking up the setting hen is to place her in a barrel containing a few inches of water, allowing her a stand on a brick placed in the center and just enough above the water to keep her feet dry while if she attempts to sit down her feathers will go into the water.

#### DAIRY EVOLUTION.

The latest development in the dairy industry, and one that has attracted the most attention, probably, is dairy bacteriology. It is only a few years since that the study of bacteriology has been sufficiently scientific to reach milk and its production. To day we find that the man who is up in his business is the dairyman who fully understands bacteria, where they come from, how they go and how to determine the good from the bad. The man who has the best knowledge along that line is the man who is best fitted to carry on dairying scientifically and exactly, and to guarantee that his product will be always uniform providing his milk, or the raw product, has been delivered to him in the proper shape.

Marketing dairy products has been almost entirely revolutionized within the last 25 years. The methods of transportation, have improved, methods of packing, packages and handling in every way have been so radically changed that the handler of butter of 25 years ago would hardly be able to understand or appreciate what has been accomplished unless he had grown up, as it were, with the improved methods.

We must have the dairy type, conformation of the cow to the business for which she is designed. We look upon the cow now as simply a machine through which the products of the farm are passed and from which we receive the milk in its perfect condition. The cow that would produce 100 or 200 lbs of butter per year 50 years ago was considered a fairly good cow, but the cow that does not produce 300 lbs of butter per year now is hardly considered up to date. This has been brought about by studying the problem and finding out how the milking ability of the machine could be developed.

#### FORCING MELONS.

Melons are the most difficult of forcing crops to handle. The midwinter ripening of the fruits requires more painstaking care and closer attention than any other crop. The plants from seed leaf to fruit must be grown in heat without the slightest check. They should be planted on the bench in a strong, loamy soil, which is retentive enough to hold moisture at the roots but not heavy enough to become sour. No shading of the glass is required, but air should be given on all days when possible. The plants are trained as are cucumbers, except that the central shoot should be pinched out as soon as the plants are well established in the bench, allowing

three or four lateral branches to grow to the height of 4 or 5 ft, when these in turn should be pinched back.

In setting the fruits, it is best to wait until a number of pistillate blossoms are open on a plant and pollinate them at the same time, as it often happens that if one fruit starts into growth some time before other flowers are pollinated, the fruits fail to set until the first one reaches considerable size. Pollination is accomplished in the same manner as with cucumbers and should be done on sunny days when the houses are dry. Except during the time of setting fruits, the house should be moist and the leaves sprayed frequently. The temperature of the melon house should run at least five degrees higher than for cucumbers.

### GROWING GIRLS

SHOULD BE BRIGHT, CHEERFUL, ACTIVE AND STRONG.

A Great Responsibility Rests Upon Mothers at This Period as It Involves Their Daughter's Future Happiness or Misery—Some Useful Hints.

Rosy cheeks, bright eyes, an elastic step, and a good appetite, are the birthright of every girl. These are the conditions that bespeak perfect health. But unfortunately this is not the condition of thousands of growing girls. On every side may be seen girls with pale or sallow complexion, languid, stoop shouldered, and listless. Doctors will tell them that they are anemic, or in other words that their blood is poor, thin and watery. If further questioned they will tell them that this condition leads to decline, consumption and the grave. What is needed is a medicine that will make new, rich, red blood, strengthen the nerves and thus restore the vigor, brightness and hopefulness of youth. For this purpose no other discovery in the annals of medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and thousands of once hopeless girls have been made bright, active and strong through their use. Among those who have been brought back almost from the grave by the use of this medicine is Miss M. C. Marceau, of St. Lambert de Levis, Que. Miss Marceau says: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to speak of the benefit I have experienced from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For some years I resided in Wisconsin with a relative, where I devoted my time studying English and music, intending to make the teaching of the latter my profession. I was never very strong, and my studies fatigued me much. When about fourteen I became very pale, suffered from severe headaches, and weakness. I consulted a doctor, and acting on his advice, returned to Canada. The fatigue of the journey, however, made me worse, and finally I got so weak that I could not walk without help. I was extremely pale, my eye-lids were swollen, I had continuous headaches, and was so nervous that the least noise would set my heart beating violently. I almost fasted and my weight was reduced to ninety-five pounds. Neither doctor's medicine nor anything else that I had taken up to that time seemed of the slightest benefit. I was confined to bed for nearly a year and I thought that nothing but death could end my sufferings. Happily an acquaintance of my father's one day brought me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and urged me to try them. I did so, and I thought they helped me some, and my father got more. After I had used a few boxes all my friends could see they were helping me, and by the time I had taken nine boxes I was enjoying better health than I had ever had in my life before, and had gained fifteen pounds in weight. I tell you this out of gratitude so that other young girls who may be weak and sickly may know the way to regain their health."

Girls who are just entering womanhood are at the most critical period of their lives. Upon the care of receive depends their future happiness. Neglect may mean either an early grave or a life of misery. If mothers would insist that their growing daughters use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills occasionally, rich blood, strong nerves, and good health would follow. If your dealer does not keep these pills in stock they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

AN ORGANIC TROUBLE ANYWAY. My poetry, said the bard who was not satisfied with the way in which the world was being run, always comes from the heart. Oh, replied the lady who was inclined to take a cheerful view of things, I somehow got to supposing it came from your liver.

#### A WEDDING PRESENT.

Of practical importance would be a bottle of the only sure-pan cure—Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor—which can be had at any drug store. A continuation of the honeymoon and the removal of corns both assured by its use. Beware of imitations.

"Have you tried 'Salada' Ceylon and India Green Tea? asked the dealer of a consumer of Japan.

"No, I never experiment," said the customer.

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"Yes," said the customer, "I do." "Then, take a trial packet."

Result: Japan Tea forever discarded, "Salada" Ceylon and India Green Tea adopted.

The above conversation is suggestive to you reader, if you drink Japan Tea.

#### INGENIOUS BIRDS.

Architectural Skill Displayed in Building Their Nests.

A careful examination of a bird's nest will convince anyone that it is a work of art. One cannot help wondering at the ingenuity displayed by its architect. How carefully a bird adapts itself to environment is well illustrated by endless examples: The red-winged blackbirds, whose nests are usually built among reeds, flags or bushes, make their nests very much deeper when the place selected is subject to very strong winds than in more sheltered spots, and then, as a future safeguard, the mouth of the nest contracts so that the eggs will not fall out when the flags are swayed by the wind. Some birds readily avail themselves of new and favorable conditions.

The phoebe formerly built its nest exclusively on rocks, but now that houses and bridges are to be found throughout the country this bird has, to a great extent, changed its former custom, and it now builds nests on almost any sort of structure built by man. This also applies to the barn swallow, while the chimney swift has taken possession of our chimneys and almost forsaken the hollow tree trunks in which but a few years ago they built in large colonies. The quail and many other birds, such as the meadow lark and some of the sparrows, often arch their homes over with either the growing vegetation surrounding the nest or with dry material brought for the purpose; and in some places they build covered paths or entrances.

The crested flycatcher often makes use of a snakeskin in the construction of its nest, which occupies a hole in a tree. The ruby-throated hummingbird saddles its tiny nest on a high branch and covers it with lichen, so that it resembles an excrescence on the branch. The Baltimore oriole hangs his well-built nest, a masterpiece of bird architecture on the extreme end of an overhanging branch, where nothing but a winged enemy can reach it. To guard against these, the nest is made so that it looks something like a hornet's nest, with which the jays, crows or hawks, would not care to interfere. The eggs of the belted kingfisher are placed in a hole, often six or eight feet deep, excavated in a bank by the birds themselves, after as much as two weeks' work. The tailor birds sew the edges of a large, growing leaf around the nest, so that it is absolutely hidden from view. The bower birds use queer materials, such as bones, pieces of metal, shells, etc.

The Baltimore oriole is one of the most ingenious of bird architects, and employs any material that is accessible. String, hair, grasses and plant fibers are often used, and one bird lover tells of a nest made completely of silk thrown from the windows of a neighboring silk factory.

In the bright-plumaged birds of the temperate region the brilliant coloring is usually localized. The common bluebird has head, back, wings and tail of brightest, purest blue, but the breast is russet and the under parts white. The all blue birds are the indigo bird and the grosbeak.

Yellow is a common color on parts of the plumage, but only one yellow bird even approximates freedom from other colors; that is the little yellow warbler, which has but slight markings of russet and olive. The cardinal grosbeak, the summer redbird and the scarlet tanager are almost wholly red. The first has a ring of black around the bill, the second has wings black to brown and the third has black wings and tail, while the rest of his plumage is of the most brilliant scarlet.

#### AS TO STRIKES.

What's the matter with that man? asked the clock. He doesn't seem to have anything to do but wind me up. No, replied the calendar, he isn't working. He and his companions struck some time ago.

Huh! Suppose I should stop working every time I struck? That's so, but I notice it freshens me up every time he takes a month off.

#### CHOOSING THE LESSER EVIL.

"George," said his mother, "I will not whip you this time if after this you promise to be a good little boy like Willie Jones." "Mamma," said Georgie, earnestly, "whip me, please."

#### THE CHORISTERS.

There's a little band of singers Every evening comes and lingers Neath the window of my cottage in the trees; And with dark they raise their voices.

While the gathering night rejoices, And the leaves join in the chorus with the breeze.

Then the merry stars come out To enjoy the merry rout, And the squirrels range themselves upon a log;

And the fireflies furnish light, That they read their notes aright— The katy-did, the cricket and the frog.

All the night I hear them singing; Through my head their tunes are ringing—

Strains of music straight from Mother Nature's heart; Now the katy-did and cricket, From the deep of yonder thicket, Then the croaking frog off yonder dunes his part.

By and by the moon appears, And the midnight hour nears, And her smiles dispel the low'ring mist and fog.

Then the mirth is at its height, And they glorify the night, The katy-did, the cricket and the frog.

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#### SPEED OF BRITISH CRUISERS.

A new record for the passage from the Mediterranean to Hong Kong has been made by the British cruisers Isis and Dido. The Isis reached Hong Kong in 22 days and 7 hours from Malta and the Dido arrived not six hours later. The sea speed of the Isis for the 7,500 miles was 16.3 knots an hour. Both ships were detained in the Suez Canal, taking 20 hours to pass through, and they were delayed twice for 24 hours while coaling at Aden and Colombo. They had to coal at Singapore beside. They are sister ships of 5,600 tons.

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