

**BIRD BATHS**

Can you imagine an orchard, a garden or a dooryard in summer without birds? Would you not miss their darting, dipping and flashing in the sunlight; sitting here and there among the flowers—preening and singing in the shrubbery? If you love birds and want more of them to come and build their homes about the premises, attract them with bird baths arranged for their constant use, because, next to food, almost any bird likes a cool, sparkling bath better than anything else in the world.

Baths that are attractive to birds, and decorative in even the nicest kind of garden, can be made with scarcely any expense at all by converting discarded objects.

A bath to perch on the stump of an old tree could be an old wooden chopping block, with its cracks puttled securely, and decorated in a pretty fashion. After the cracks are sealed so the water cannot seep through, sandpaper the surface and wash with warm soapy water. This removes all the roughness and dust and prepares it as it should be for the finish of enamel. No surface should ever be enameled until perfectly clean and, if possible, quite smooth.

**PAINTING THE BOWL.**

Enamel the clear bowl, then, inside, with a sky-blue enamel which will catch the lights and reflect them in the water. Paint the outside violet and add a design of red and gold to bring a pleasing touch of the oriental into the garden. The design need not be complicated; alternating lines of the red and gold drawn from the edge of the rim toward the bottom of the bowl would be effective, or a stripe of the red and one of gold near the rim would be pretty. Use small pointed enamel's hair brushes for the staining.

Even if one had no old bowl to decorate, a new one of about the right size can be bought for a small sum. This new bowl would have no cracks to seal and hide, so if one preferred it to be decorated with colors but be given, instead, two or three coats of varnish which will not only enhance its decorative effect but protect it from the water. An old enamel bowl, however, looks better enameled because the paint hides the staining.

Many different types of pans and earthenware dishes can be used just as attractively as a wooden bowl. It is best to place these in the shade, however, because the water heats more quickly in them than it does in the wood, and birds object to a hot bath. A bath fashioned from a square tin can can be ornamented so that it will look as though it never had any other purpose than to serve the birds.

In one garden where yellow juncos and wood violets grew—for there was a portion of it that happened to be in a low and quite moist situation, so low, in fact, that after hard showers little pools of water stood awhile before seeking away—a bath of this sort was decorated to harmonize with the flowers. It was enameled a cool sea green inside and on the outside yellow and violet. The design was a simple one. The sides and ends were painted yellow, then thin half-circles of the violet were added at the lower edges.

These portable baths are preferable to stationary ones because they can be so easily kept clean and the water changed often. The oftener the better to please the birds.

**PLACING IN STONES.**

In order to have the baths popular with many different species of birds a nice thing to do is to place stones of varying sizes, all of them quite small, to be sure, inside the baths. Several handfuls of coarse gravel is a convenient way to arrange a shallow depth at one side of a bath, to accommodate tiny birds, such as chickadees, and permit the opposite side to have only one or two small stones where orioles, robins and song bluejays can stand while deciding to plunge into a two-inch depth of water which they prefer to anything more shallow.

Birds are particular, too, about the situation of their baths. They usually like to have a convenient place to perch and tidy their foliage after a plunge. For their accommodation, then, a situation under a tree or near a shrub should be sought. Avoid placing it too near dense shrubbery where possible marauders could pounce out unexpectedly and do them harm.

**WHERE TO PUT IT.**

For artistic effect in the garden, a bath can be seated on either a grassy mound or on an old stump so that it will not be on a level with the ground surface. If some vines are planted at the base of the stump so that they will wind and cling to it as they grow the effect will be all the more picturesque for the garden. Or some wild violets could be planted here as they would flourish under the frequent showers they would get when the birds splashed the water down upon them many times a day.

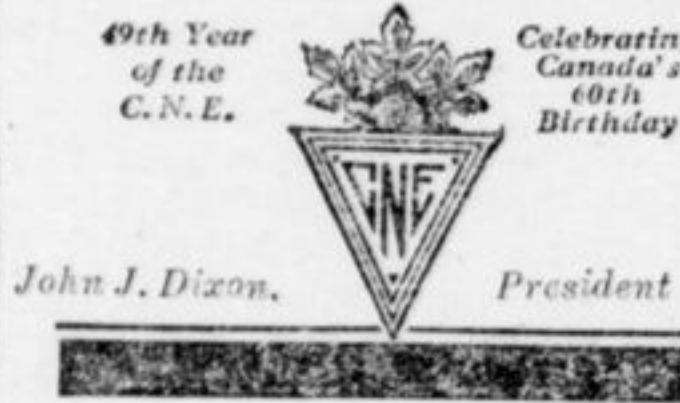
A short time after you have provided the baths, many birds will find them and will come daily, some of them many times a day, to freshen their pretty bright-colored coats and dry them in the sunshine, a lovely thing to see.

"The time is ripe for the nations of the world to make combinations for peace rather than combinations for war."—Richard T. Byrd.



**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TORONTO August 27 to September 16**

Among the new features of the 1927 Canadian National Exhibition will be the new Live Stock Pavilion—an 8-acre extension to the C. N. E. Coliseum. Canadians will point with particular pride to this mammoth new structure.



John J. Dixon, President

**Turtle, 10,000,000 Years Old, Found**

Dug Up in North Dakota With Floating Rocks and Other Prehistoric Relics

**ON EXHIBIT IN ST. PAUL**

St. Paul—Floating rocks and a petrified turtle are included in the collection of prehistoric relics which have been found in the Bad Lands of North Dakota and placed on exhibition at St. Paul, Minn.

The turtle and other articles were picked up in the proposed Roosevelt Park region near Medora, and were described recently by C. H. Stauffer, professor of geology at the University of Minnesota.

"The turtle probably was buried ten million years ago by hot ashes carried by the wind from the erupting Rocky Mountains," explained Prof. Stauffer. "The fact that the shell is intact, indicates that the turtle did not die a natural death."

He said the floating rocks were melted by the intense heat of burning coal mines. The matter rock was full of gaseous bubbles which remained as the mass solidified, thus making the rocks buoyant.

Other articles in the exhibit include a petrified piece of redwood, the point of a prehistoric mammal and bones of other animals, buried centuries ago.

"Well, well, old fellow, you look half dead. Why don't you take a vacation, or have you?"

According to the public's idea there are two kinds of chorus girls and the other kind aren't working.

The complete skeptic is the man who is as skeptical of reason as of everything else.—G. K. Chesterton.

Even when a woman's husband is the light of her life, he may go out once in a while.

"Modesty is a disease," states a doctor. Some of our novelists and playwrights have a decidedly healthy outlook at that rate.

**OWL-LAFFS**



O. W. L. (On With Laughter)

"One, two; one two; higher, faster, higher."

Oh, why did I eat that pie? These exercises tire.

"Bend to left, bend to right. Forward, backward; stop."

A pound a day must melt away. I'm melting drop by drop. No rest. No peace. No beauty nap. Haven't had a decent meal; But no one gives a rap.

"One, two; one, two"—I'm sick and tired of that. I want to eat. I want to sleep. All right, then, I'll be fat!

"Is your husband a good provider, Mandy?"

"Suh is a providah, nothin' but. He's going to buy furniture providin' he gets the money; he's goin' to git the money providin' he goes to work; he goes to work providin' there's nothin' else to be did, providin' the job suits him. He suitably is a providah."

You can buy a dog with money, but it takes love to put a wag in its tail.

Some men respect no creed but greed.

"Guess I'll go on a bender," said the fly starting around the pretzel.

An absent-minded young physician, courting a girl, charged her two dollars a visit.

Wax dummies in the store windows are dumb; but there are dumber women than wax dummies who can talk blue streaks. And of that there's no doubt.

Someone says kissing is a relic of the dark ages. Also dark nights.

Mae—"Let's match for the cats!" Sue—"Where shall we lunch?" Mae—"Let's match first."

Patient—"Doctor, how are my chances?" Doctor—"Oh, pretty good, but I wouldn't start reading any continued stories."

The story that fishing-worms can sing probably originated from some fisherman who heard a mosquito while he was putting on the bait.

Silence does not always mean contempt. Sometimes it means ignorance.

"Things could be worse. Supercities barked like dogs or had bells around their necks like cows."

"Madge is sore on Jack. She calls him a dumb-bell."

"Because she couldn't get a ring out of him, I suppose."

"How about some brains, Mrs. Casey?"

"Oh! take a couple of pounds, Mr. Casey ain't had any fer a long time."

Some men put business before pleasure; the wise ones put pleasure in business.

"He's a successful farmer" "Yes, he's sold his farm to a golf club."

To make a person want a thing for bid it.

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**GARY'S HAND WAVES STEEL MILLS START**

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation passed his hand several times over a glass sphere on his desk at 71 Broadway, New York, on June 16 last and a minute quantity of electricity thus released, amplified and transmitted to Pittsburgh, set in motion a 700-volt motor-generator used to furnish power for the rolling machinery of the Homestead Works of the Carnegie Steel Company. Says "The Iron Trade" (Cleveland):

"The demonstration was arranged by the corporation and the Westinghouse Electric Company as a feature of the convention of the iron and steel electrical engineers at Pittsburgh. The delegates visited the Homestead works to witness the spectacular start."

"The sphere on Judge Gary's desk was lined with silver and served as one plate of a condenser. Judge Gary's hand served as the other plate. A grid-glow relay, a recent Westinghouse development, connected by telegraph line to the Westinghouse works at Newark, interrupted the continuous 42.5 meter wave of the station there. The wave thus interrupted traveled by air to Pittsburgh, where it was picked up in the Westinghouse works at Homestead, amplified and transmitted by wire to the Homestead mill. Acting through sensitive relays, the wave then set the generator in motion."

"It was said the grid-glow tube employed in the demonstration was probably the most sensitive device of its kind perfected for practical use. The tube is a relay operated by a small current and controlling a current of much greater amplitude. The ordinary relays used in electrical engineering have an amplifying power of about 10,000, but the tube will amplify 100,000,000 times. It requires about one-billionth of a watt for operation, or about one-fourth the energy expended by a fly in crawling upward one inch in one second."

"The Homestead mill is one of the largest steel works operated by electricity. No less than ten thousand carloads of material were required to electrify it, including 335 motors of more than 100,000 horse-power, 61 cranes of from 5 to 275 tons lifting capacity, 80 miles of conduit for electric wiring and 30,000 tons of structural steel."

**Here and There**

Customer—"Have you any whiskey?" Drug Clerk—"No, but we have something just as bad."

"Will you promise to marry me?" "No, but I'd like to have an option on you till the end of the season!"

San Francisco Chronicle: Politics make strange bedfellows, but they soon get accustomed to the same bunk.

There is some similarity between an aviator and a politician. When their gas gives out they both meet with disaster.—Theodore Roosevelt.

No man is too big to refuse the support of any State as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.—Frank O. Lowden.

I have invested a few dollars in a chewing gum industry in Canada, and who knows what will happen?—Sir Harry Lauder.

Mistress—"Who was the gentleman who called just now, Mary?" Mary—"That wasn't no gentleman, mum, it was the master come back for his coat."

"You seem to have a good deal of faith in doctors," said Barratt to his invalid friend. "I have," was the reply. "A doctor would be foolish to be a good customer like me die."—T. H. Bits, London.

Minard's Liniment for burns.

What promises to be the biggest flower show ever held in Canada is to be held in the Memorial School Auditorium, Hamilton, Ont., on Aug. 24th and 25th. Being the combined exhibitions of the Canadian Gladiolus Society and the Hamilton Horticultural Society, it will tax the school to its capacity.

The Secretary, Mrs. Schumacher, 112 Victoria Ave. N., Hamilton, is busy sending out the prize lists and she reports keen interest in all the classes which include the open, amateur and novice.

The outstanding features of the show will be the competition for the Spectator Cup in the open class, the Eaton Trophy in the amateur class and the Kiwanis Cup in the seedling class.

Two years ago the Hamilton Kiwanis Club offered to the Canadian Gladiolus Society a cup to be awarded to the best seedling gladiolus of outstanding merit. This meant that the winner must be a better flower than any on the market at the present time.

This stirred up a great deal of interest and the rivalry was very keen. Among those entered was one from far off New Zealand. In spite of the high caliber of the entries, the judges would not make an award. The same thing happened at Peterborough last year and although there was keen disappointment among the exhibitors, it stirred up their blood with the result that this year is going to see the greatest struggle for this coveted prize.

Besides the 225 classes for gladiolus, there are numerous sections for astors, dahlias and dozens of other fall blooming annuals and perennials.

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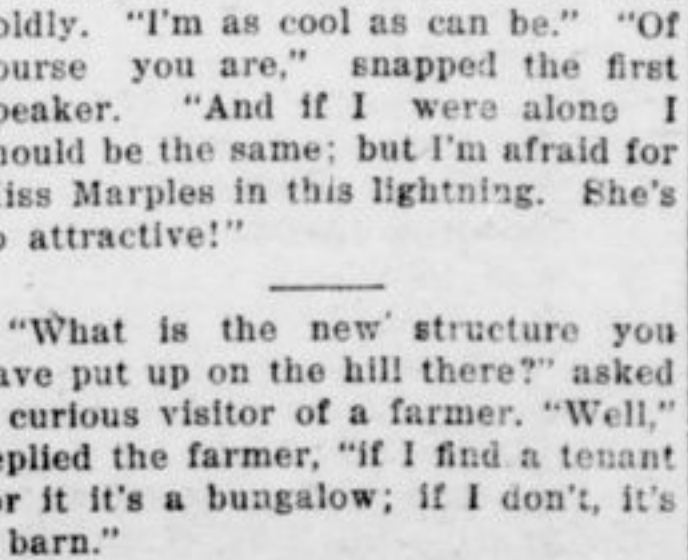


Boss—"What! Back to work so soon?" Bill—"Yes, sir, I gotta rest up from my vacation!"

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Down the winding country lane walked a strange trio—a pretty and perfectly composed girl and two men—on whose faces could be perceived the influence of the green-eyed monster. Suddenly a severe thunderstorm came on. Lightning flashed vividly an one of the men confessed that he was frightened. "What are you afraid of?" asked the other man coldly. "I'm as cool as can be." "Of course you are," snapped the first speaker. "And if I were alone I should be the same; but I'm afraid for Miss Marple in this lightning. She's so attractive!"

"What is the new structure you have put up on the hill there?" asked a curious visitor of a farmer. "Well," replied the farmer, "if I find a tenant for it it's a bungalow; if I don't, it's a barn."



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