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RECORD GROUSE YEAR.

Reports of Big Bags From the Scottish Moors. It is now practically certain that this will be one of the best grouse years on record, and that big bags will be the rule all over Scotland, with the possible exception of some very high-lying moors on which the snows of a decidedly rigorous winter lingered late. The severity of last winter killed off the weaker birds, and a strong and healthy breeding stock is left, and when nesting began the weather could hardly have been more favorable. In most districts the number of eggs per nest averaged seven, and in some districts eight, and in all areas the birds hatched out well. Birds are already very forward—so much so that on some moors, especially if the weather be at all unsettled, they may be wild on the twelfth. Another promising fact is no disease is reported anywhere. All other game have also done well, and whatever may be the case in England, 1910 will be a great year for partridges as well as for grouse in Scotland, which has had the good fortune to escape the heavy rains that have swept England.

WALKING ON WATER. A Remarkable Scene Recently on the River Thames. A number of people on the Albert Embankment, London, were amazed to see an elderly man in an old frock coat walking in the Thames. He was up to his waist in water about 50 yards in the river, and the tide was well up. A large crowd was soon attracted, and the river police rowed towards him and requested him to get out. He said he would when he "had sufficient" and he calmly walked across Lambeth Bridge to Westminster, landing very easily at the steps by St. Thomas's Hospital. It was then seen that he had fixed to his feet a pair of small canoes about 15 inches in length, hollowed out with small air balls underneath. He sat in the canoes, and the water was up to his chest. He was an experiment, and after satisfying the police as to his credentials he was allowed to go, followed by a curious crowd, who had been greatly amused at his defying the police in mid-stream. He had apparently attempted to walk on the Thames, but was water and sunk to the level of his waist. He was perfectly dry from his waist upwards.

LIFE LOST FOR A PENNY. The Hard-hearted Conduct of a Man Who Tempted a Lad. The callous conduct of a man who offered a penny to a boy of eight in order to induce him to dive into the river at Steppny, England, and then walked away when the child was drowning, was the subject of a well-merited rebuke from the coroner. The boy was William Still. A brother said that, instead of going to school, they went for a swim. When in the water, William suddenly called out, "Mummy, mummy, come and get me out." He threw up his arms and water and sank to the level of his waist. He was perfectly dry from his waist upwards.

TRAGEDY OF THE ALPS. A Woman Climber Who Saw Her Comrade Die. An Alpine tragedy of peculiar pathos is reported by the Grenoble correspondent of the Matin. Two climbers, M. Allimand and Mme. Baronnat, set out on Sunday to follow the course of the River Reize, lost their way in fog, and fell 30 feet on to a ledge just by a waterfall. M. Allimand broke his leg, and neither he nor his companion could escape from the ledge. They lay there helpless for three days and a half, at the end of which time M. Allimand expired from his injuries and from the effects of exposure and starvation. Next morning they were seen by peasants. Mme. Baronnat was rescued and carried to a chalet, but M. Allimand's body could not be moved. Before his death M. Allimand wrote a message for help and pinned it to his hat, which he cast into the stream. The hat was found last evening, the message still being perfectly legible.

STREET CRIES AND NOISES. A hawker was summoned in England for shouting "Coals," and another for calling "Fire Wood O!" A clergyman from the neighborhood of Liverpool-road, Lillington, complained that he suffered from 24 different cries a day shouted by many more vendors, beginning with the early morning milkman and going on until the vendor of tea delicacies had disposed of his wares. The magistrate said that this kind of thing must be stopped. People are entitled to quiet and peace in the street. The clergyman said that, if allowed, he would be happy to pay the fine. He had commiseration with these poor men, although he was a great sufferer from their cries.

KING TO CENTENARIAN. The King, through his private secretary, has asked the Rev. W. H. E. Jervis, rector of Orford, Suffolk, to convey his congratulations to Mr. Robert Mills, a parishioner, who has attained "the grand old age" of 100. The letter added: "The King is interested to hear of all the good that Mr. Mills has rendered to his fellow creatures during his long life, and trusts that he is in good health, and that he may spend a happy birthday." Mr. Mills' grandmother died at the age of 101.

Imperial Brand underwear can be bought from all the leading gent's furnishing and dry good stores. The Trethewey mine has increased its capital a million dollars.

LAWS OF WARS.

The Code Now in Use Among All the Civilized Nations. The "laws of war" as at present formulated by the civilized nations forbid the use of poison against an enemy; murder by treachery, as, for example, assuming the uniform or displaying the flag of a foe; the murder of those who have surrendered, whether upon conditions or at discretion; declarations that no quarter will be given to an enemy; the use of such arms or projectiles as will cause unnecessary pain or suffering to an enemy; the abuse of a flag of truce to gain information concerning an enemy's positions, all unnecessary destruction of property, whether public or private. They also declare that only fortified places shall be besieged; open cities or villages not to be subject to siege or bombardment; that public buildings of whatever character, whether belonging to church or state, shall be spared; that plundering by private soldiers or their officers shall be considered inadmissible; that prisoners shall be treated with common humanity; that the personal effects and private property of prisoners, except their arms and ammunition, shall be respected; that the population of an enemy's country shall be considered exempt from participation in the war, unless by hostile acts they provoke the ill will of the enemy. Personal and family honor and the religious convictions of an invaded people must be respected by the invaders and all pillage by regular troops or their followers strictly forbidden.—New York Herald.

KEEPING TAP ON THE CROPS. The Way the Agricultural Department Gets Its Information. The details of the comprehensive system employed by the department of agriculture in gathering the crop information from all over the country are interesting. There are 30,000 township correspondents scattered all over the Union, whose duty it is to go carefully over the territory and submit each month concrete information as to the condition of all kinds of crops. In addition to this branch, 3,000 "county correspondents" send in separate reports from those of the township men. A state agent makes a further report direct from his agents, and an organization in direct communication with the department, comprising seventeen traveling "field agents," go about the country and make separate reports for groups of states. Special cotton correspondents are also employed to furnish accurate information concerning the cotton yield. Five different reports are sent to Washington each month by five different sets of correspondents. This safeguards the government crop reports for accuracy in local crop account and keeps the great crop reports and cost estimates for the millions of American farmers. These records are sent to the agricultural department. Officials of the bureau of statistics and a board go over all the five reports from five distinct groups of correspondents, and from all the figures a crop report estimate is distributed to 70,000 post-offices throughout the country every month.—National Magazine.

The Electric Fan. Back in the early eighties Dr. S. S. Wheeler, an electrical engineer of New York, was experimenting with a small electric motor. In the course of his experiments the doctor conceived the idea that steamboats might be run with electricity if the propellers could be directly connected to high speed electric motors, doing away with all the gears then in use in steam propulsion. With this idea in mind he had a small screw propeller constructed and fastened it to the armature shaft of his small motor. To his surprise the experiment resulted in a fine breeze of cooling air which more than delighted the experimenter, for the day was decidedly hot. It is needless to add that the experiments with screw propellers ended right there, and the engineer took up the study of the electric fan, with the result that he soon perfected the device until it was a commercial success.

Bonnyclabber. New drinks have sometimes a glorious and brief popularity. Lord Strafford, writing to Lord Cottington in 1635, extols "bonnyclabber," which he says "is the bravest, freshest drink you ever tasted. Your Spanish don would, on the heats of Madrid, hang his nose and shake his beard an hour over every sop he took of it and take it to be the drink of the gods all the while." No one, however, seems to know the exact composition of the seductive "bonnyclabber," although from an allusion to it by Ben-Jonson it would seem to have been a mixture of beer and buttermilk.—London Chronicle.

Willing to Divide. Cobble—I should like to lead you that \$10, old man, but I know how it would be if I did. It would end our friendship. Stone—Well, old chap, there has been a great deal of friendship between us. I think if you could make it five we might worry along on half as much.—Life.

The Fatal Message. Hubby—Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you? Wifey—I could not help it, Frank. She insisted on coming after she'd read your telegram.

Genuine benevolence is not stationary, but peripatetic. It goes about doing good.—Nevins.

Governor White, New York, rendered Justice Edward B. Whitney a seat on the supreme court bench to succeed the late Charles W. Dayton. It is considered probable that Justice Whitney will accept.

AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DINNER.

What Washington Irving Saw—Fine Description of the Old-Time Feast of Yuletide. No better description of the old-fashioned Christmas dinner has been penned than that of Washington Irving. The dinner was served, he says, up in the great hall, where the Squire always held his Christmas banquet. A blazing, crackling fire of logs had been heaped on to warm the spacious apartment, and the flames went sparkling and wreathing up the wide-mouthed chimney. The great picture of the Crusader and his white horse had been profusely decorated with greens for the occasion; and holly and ivy had likewise been wreathed round the helmet and weapons on the opposite wall, which I understood were the arms of the same warrior. A sideboard was set out on which the display of plate might have vied (at least in variety) with Belshazzar's parade of the vessels of the temple; "trifles, cans, cups, goblets, spoons, basins," and covers, the gorgeous utensils of good company that had gradually accumulated through many generations of jovial housekeepers. Before these stood the two yule candles, beaming like two stars of the first magnitude; other lights were distributed in branches, and the whole array glittered like a firmament of silver. The parson said grace, which was not a short familiar one, such as is commonly addressed to the Delity in these unceremonious days, but a long, courtly, well-worried one of the ancient school. There was now a pause, as if something were expected, when suddenly the butler entered the hall with some degree of bustle; he was attended by a servant on each side with a large wax light, and bore a silver dish on which was an enormous pig's head, decorated with rosemary, with a leopold on its mouth, which was placed with great formality at the head of the table. The table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance in this season of overflowing larders. A dainty guished post was allotted to "ancient squire," as the butler termed it; being, as he added, "the standard of old English hospitality, and a joint of goodly presence, and full of expectation." There were several dishes quaintly decorated, and which had evidently something traditional in their embellishments, but about which, as I did not like to appear over-curious, I asked no questions. I could not, however, but notice a pie, magnificently decorated with peacock's feathers, in imitation of the tail of that bird, which over-shadowed a considerable tract of the table. This, the Squire confessed, with some little hesitation, was a pheasant pie, though a peacock pie was certainly the most authentic; but there had been such a mortality among the peacocks this season that he could not prevail upon himself to have one killed. When the cloth was removed the butler brought in a huge silver vessel, of rare and curious workmanship, which he placed before the Squire. Its appearance was hailed with acclamation; being the Wassail Bowl, so renowned in Christmas festivity. Its contents had been prepared by the Squire himself; for it was a beverage of the skillful mixture of which he particularly prided himself; alleging that it was too abstruse and complex for the comprehension of an ordinary servant. The old gentleman's whole countenance beamed with a serene look of indwelling delight as he stirred this mighty-bowl. Having raised it to his lips, with a hearty wish of a merry Christmas to all present, he sent it brimming round the board, for everyone to follow his example, according to the primitive style of pronouncing it "the ancient fountain of good feeling, where all hearts met together."

VELOCITIES. A high wind travels from 30 to 45 miles an hour; a hurricane 50 to 100 miles an hour. The velocity of the earth on its axis exceeds 1,000 miles an hour; around the sun it is 66,000 miles an hour; the velocity of the moon is 2,273 miles an hour. Sound travels through air at 1,090 feet a second; through water 240 feet a second; along steel wire 17,139 feet a second. Electricity travels along wires above ground at 24,360 miles a second. Light, the swiftest of all, travels at 186,770 miles a second.

WHAT IT SHOWED. "Gentlemen," said the quack doctor, who was trying to get together some money for Christmas, "I have sold these pills in your market-place for the past ten years. Never during that period have I had a single complaint about them. What does that prove to you, gentlemen?" "I suppose," replied a dead man, "it proves that dead men tell no tales," replied an on-looker as he moved away.

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