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Overheard in Arcady

By CHARLES C. ABBOTT

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"Ah, well-a-day, what eye may see The forest tops of Arcady?"

I have seen daily not only the forest tops of my Arcady, but have known the way since childhood. My own feet have wern the path thither, and whatever the season, whether the dog star rages or winter rules the world, it is always Arcady under the old oaks.

My sense of hearing distinctly gains

by lending no other to its assistance. Blind to all about me, not a sound but is more distinct and few escape recognition. So, comfortably seated, I close my eyes and listen. Then it is that charming tales are overheard in Arcady; and only then do those whisperings reach the ear that are not intended for other delectation than that of the whisperer. There are the songs of birds free to all the world, and those meditative melodies on so low a key that only a favored few have overheard

Probably the first time my attention was called to the whisper songs of birds was forty years ago, when, one brisk March morning, I recorded of a fexy sparrow that "it was whispering to a withered oak leaf." As I look now at the tattered and stained page of the old netebook I vividly recall the day.

But a truce to comparisons, the bane alike of profitable meditation and of accurate description. The simple fact was, a foxy sparrow very near me began singing in so low a tone that I was in doubt whether it were a bird or a musical vesper mouse sitting in the doorway of his bush nest. I had to look leng to make sure of my first impression. It was a sparrow, and, as I then wrote, it "was whispering to eak leaf." So it seemed, that is: but let that pass. It was singing to itself. Surely not a note was loud enough to be heard half a rod away. There was little variation in the sound as I heard it; it was a humming rather than singing, and bore no resemblance to that delightful sunset hymn so characteristic of the bird. My single impression of it was that of personal gratification. The bird was in a meditative moed. Its thoughts ran to music, as we should say of ourselves, recalling the words of some familiar song. As this is no uncommon trait among mankind, I do not see why the same habit should not be indulged in by birds.

Twice I have witnessed under most faverable circumstances the movements of a cardinal grosbeak when uttering what I venture to call his meditations, or whisper song. The name counts for little, because all description must fail in accurately pertraying this feature of bird life.

In the early summer of 1896 I had a disabled rose-breasted grosbeak in a eage. It soon became contented with its surroundings and was not startled by the near approach of any of the family. Every morning, commencing soon after sunrise, it sang as vigorously as any of its kind flying about the yard; and this is with us a common bird, nesting on the hillside and in the orchard. Again at evening the bird was given to singing in its matchless way, and I could detect no difference between its song and that of those about the premises. Besides this ordinary song of the rose breast, I was frequently treated to a widely different one, heard only when all was quiet. It was truly a whispered song. It bore burst of melody intended for all the world to hear. It can be described best, I think, by calling it the echo of a distant flute. That the bird was intensely absorbed by its ewn music appeared evident from the swaying metion of the body at the time and an occasional trembling, accompanied by a ruffling of the feathers and nervous twitching of the tail. No "wood notes wild" that I have ever heard are comparable to this wonderful whispered song of the rose breast.

All observers are familiar with the incessant chirping of migrating birds, and many are the sweet songs when the red wings throng the marshes and clouds of grakles sweep across the meadows. These birds are each a merry race, nowice akin, but levers of the same scenes, and they have set the October landscapes to a lively tune. At times among the trees we hear the countless voices of some passing flock, perhaps of purple finches, the warbiers, wax wings, cow-pen birds, or larks. These are forever coming and going during delightful autumn days and add a jey to every hour of the mellow sunshine. Not one of these birds that I have named is ever mute or moody. and now, if we are alert and quick of ear, it will be found that they often twitter in so low a tone that it can: be only intended for self-gratification. It is not whispering to a neighbor, for single birds separated from the flock are constantly chirping in that quiet way so suggestive of meditation. The nearest to a silent flock of birds is when we have the wax wings passing ever. The cow-pen bird is more voluble and not unmusically so, especially if we give it credit for good intentions. Abusing the cow-pen bird, like abusing "cranks" among mankind, is to criticise adversely the stronger elements of a community but for which the world would become "stale, flat,

quite as creditably as some who have set up to be its judges. Aside from ticularly in winter-it is always com- it right off. No pain! Try it. ciated with tree sparrows and snow January day, it adds its quota to the he toes, also all callouses, and withfun of a winter jubilee. As has been out the slightest soreness or irritawell said, his "feriern, broken-winded tion. It doesn't hurt at all! Free-

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There is no instance when the whis per song is so readily overheard as in the case of the white-throated spar-Indeed, for days together, as these birds linger on a hill's south side and scarcely move from the thicket they frequent, there is little else heard than the meditative, self-entertaining notes. As all are singing at short intervals, is would seem as if no one individual had time or inclination to listen to the others.

Now, the white-throated sparrow is not with us an active bird. It is restless at times, but not given to violent exertion. With a full stomach, the height of its ambition, existence becomes a period of restful meditation. and it is little wonder that with nothing else to do these birds should whistle. Not like the cardinal, clear and loud, or mandatory, as the Carolina wren, shouting "Listen! listen! listen!" but like the weary man who is at last at his ease, and hums a few notes or whistles a bar or two as an expression of relief.

"Easy, easy, let me be!" warbles the white throat; occasionally so distinctly that the woods are filled with the sound, more often set at so low a pitch that you must be very near determine that it is this, or, indeed, any, bird that you hear.

I think both the tree sparrow and the snow bird have their whisper songs. Certainly they twitter without ceasing except when asleep, and they are here during those months when vocal efforts may be classed as necessary rather than veluntary or not mu sical for the music's sake. But there s one variation from this. If you creep carefully into a thicket, and wait until your presence ceases to cause suspicion, the chances are that you will near a few low notes of the typical pesting-day song. Observing the bird's manner at such a time, it reminds one of a person trying to recall a song by whistling in an undertone. This surey the bird is not doing, but singing in a whispering way to please its passing whim.

Two birds very familiar to the persistent rambler are the tree creeper and winter wren. Weeks may pass and you will hear nothing but a chirp, and often the wren will not so much as twitter when alarmed, but patience will probably be rewarded at least once in a winter by hearing a few sweet notes, perhaps several times repeated, and then the old mute manser is resumed.

In the case of the tree creeper, the petulant squeak is not always uttered even when you go quite near and interrupt the bird's progress about the trunk of a tree. The same is true of the winter wren. It is swift and silent as a mouse at times, and rarely chirps while here, in winter, except as I have mentioned. It can scarcely be denied that when these two birds do give way to song there must be some streng ncentive, and the few warbled notes have no reference to aught beyond themselves.

The weodpeckers are a noisy race mechanically and vecally, but ne note of theirs can be called musical, nor has any the significance of a thrush's song. The golden-winged woodpecker, forever screaming, chattering, and much given to exclamations of surprise, occasionally also thinks aloud, for I have often surprised it, when alone, chuckling and chattering to it self, as I have known some very old

The surroundings tell the true story. The bird is meditating. Possibly what have heard is analogous to the grunt of satisfaction after a full meal. song of the English robin has been stated to lack in autumn "the joyeusness of spring, and the bird, in sympathy with the departing s ncholy strain." I prefer, after much bservation, to use in such instances smeng our own birds the term "meditative" rather than "melancholy."

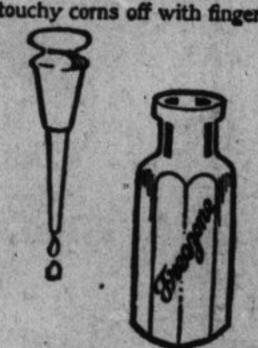
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peckers are the two foremost restdent song birds, as joyous and as given to singing in January as in June. These are the Carolina wren and crested tft. Either can be heard a full half-mile away on a still, clear day; yet I have surprised both these birds singing their familiar songs, or parts of them, in se low a key that it was by mere chance that I heard them at all. These birds clearly indicate that "whisper songs" are not an evidence of any peculiar physical condition. The moment following their atterance they may cause the woods to ring with their exultations, for no songs in the Jersey woods are more suggestive of victory-not over a fallen foe, but over the efforts of winter to dislodge them-not even those of the host of summer songsters. The Carolina wren and crested tit nearly reach the highest ideals in the

But one conclusion can be drawn, I think, from the study of these trifles of melody that scarcely break the silence. They point to a higher plane of mentality than we usually credit birds with possessing. They point to appreciation of leisure, of a relief from the many cares that enter their lives. As the tired laborer goes homeward from his work at close of day he is apt to express his pleasure by whistling as he walks. Akin to this is the meditative undertone of many a bird when. contented and safe, it' expresses its feelings in a whispered song,

Russia's Natural Wealth.

As the new experiment works itself out, there will emerge the larger question of the undeveloped resources Russia, says John Foord, in Asia Magazine. The world knows more about these than it did, but the general impression is a vague conception of vastness without much detailed knowledge. Even the Russia that will emerge from the threes of civil war and the pertis of foreign aggression will be the largest connected state in the world, easily fitted to become the foremost state of the world in population, in agriculture, forestal, mineral and industrial production, and therefore in wealth. In European Russia alone there are 550,000,000 acres of forests, which may easily enable her to organize the largest timber and wood-working industries in the world, and the largest paper-making industry as well. These are very largely in North Russia, and Northern Stberia, but farther south; Russia produces immense quantities of wheat, rye, oats, barley, bestroot, mangold, rape, hemp, kax, apples, pears, plums, cherries and other erchard and garden fruits. Still farther south there is an abundance of maise, rice, cotton, jute, tobacco, tea, almonds, pistachies, pomegranates, oranges, apricots and grapes. Russia's food production per acre has been extremely low, because the great majority of the peasants merely scratch the ground and are entirely gnorant of scientific fertilization. It has been asserted that Russia's production could be doubled and trebled without extending her agricultural area, merely by improving the methods of cultivation.

"Silencers" on Ships.

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New York's Auto Accidents.

During the year 1919, over six nundred people were killed in motor accidents in New York City; while in Chicago, the nation's second most populous centre, over four hundred lives were lost from the same cause, in the same period?

Mortality figures issued by New York State show that for 10,550 deaths resulting from automobile accidents, seven hundred were the rosult of reckless driving, eight hundred and fifty were due to defective mechanism, and nine thousand to the carelessness of pedestirans.
Children playing in the streets made up the great majority of victims .- Illustrated World.

Bishop of Honolulu.

A certain retired colonel tells a story of a dusky bishop who once went to a function in town. He gave his name to the flunkey as the Bishop of Honolulu, but the man failed to catch it, and believing that in the case of a black bishop all things were possible, announced him as "the Bishop of Hallelujah."

Squirrels Big as Cats. There is no country that can rival North America for the great number of squirrels, both species and subspecies, represented in her fauna. In so far as brilliancy of color and size are concerned, however, says the American Forestry Magazine, the handsomest and largest squirrels in the world are found in the Orient and the East Indies, along the coast of Malabar, is found a squirrel as big as an ordinary cat; this animal is bright red on the upper part of its

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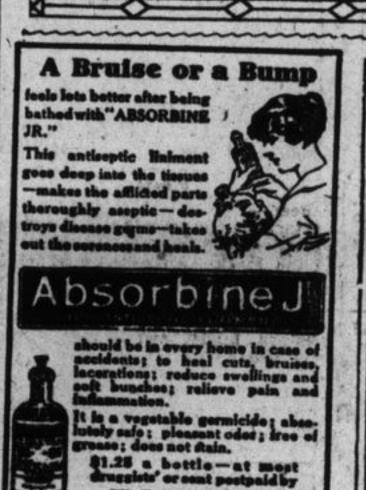
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