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the fascinating occupation of collecting sea weed is suggested, along with some timely directions about the same, given recently in Golden Days.



FIG. 1-"FLOATING OUT" SPECIMENS, The amateur collector's outfit is a very simple one. A tin pail containing a number of wide mouthed bottles, a dip net of cheese cloth with a long handle and a knife for scraping the rocks, shells or the sides of breakwaters and wharves. When the tide is out little pools will be found in hollows left by some large stone, which are veritable aquaria, filled often with slender filamentous specimens which cling to the fingers and appear to be only slime, like the green scum which grows on stagnant water. Drop bits of these carefully into your wide mouthed bottles, with a little salt water to keep them fresh until you are ready to mount your specimens. Scrape bits of drift wood. You may find rare specimens brought from distant waters on the keel or rudder of some old Indiaman. Take a boat and row out under the old wharves; you will find an abundant growth fringing the piers and piles.

The sooner the specimens are prepared after they are obtained the better, though dried seaweed, which has been sent unpropared a great distance and has lain for a considerable time, can often be floated out. For floating out the specimens an ordinary washbowl will answer, and, for small specimens, an ordinary soup plate is all that is necessary. To cleanse the specimens thoroughly from sand, and to soften it if dry, will be the first requisite. Salt water is best if attainable.



FIG. 3-THE DRYING BOOK.

Photograph cards are best for mounting small specimens. Place the spray of algæ in the water and slip your card under it in an incline I position, as shown in Fig. 1. A slip of glass under the card, or bit of tin perforated to let the water drain through, will be convenient as a support if the mounting paper is thin. Hold the stem of the specimen firmly against the card, and with a camel's hair pencil "paint" the filaments under water in the direction you wish them to lie. Lift the card quickly and place it on a piece of blotting paper, cover the specimen with a square of linen and then with another of blotting paper (see Fig. 2), and it is ready for the press. Most algoe adhere to the paper naturally; those which do not should be lightly touched with mucilage.

Two flat boards form a very good press. They can be strapped tightly together with a shawl strap if you are traveling, or can be weighted with stones, a heavy flat iron, or books. Small specimens will dry in one day, and will not require change of dryers; others will need to have the blotting removed sevry this one, and you will be | eral times and dry layers substituted, the specimens remaining in press several days. Write on the card the name of the specimen (when knowns, the locality where found, and the date when gathered.

When the Birds Wake Up.

An enthusiastic ornithologist has amused himself by investigating the question at what hour in summer the commonest small birds wake up and sing. He says: "The greenfinch is the earliest riser, as it pipes as early as 1:30 in the morning. At about 2:30 the blackcap begins, and the quail apparently wakes up half an hour later. It is nearly 4 o'clock, and the sun is well above the horizon, before the real songster appears in the person of the blackbird. He is heard half an hour before the thrush, and the chirp of the robin begins about the same length of time before that of the wren. Finally the house sparrow and the tomtit occupy the last

place on the list." This investigation has altogether ruined the lark's reputation for early rising. That much celebrated bird is quite a sluggard, as it does not rise till long after chaffinches, linnets and a number of hedgerow birds have been up and about for some time.

Two Little Roses. One merry summer day Two roses were at play; All at once they took a notion They would like to run away Queer little roses; Funny little roses, To want to run away!

They stole along my fence; They clambered up my wall; They climbed into my window To make a morning call! Queer little roses; Funny little roses, To make a morning call!

The Fatal Stone.

The facts in relation to the stone called the "Lia Fail," or Fatal Stone, are briefly as follows: On this stone it appears that the kings of Munster were crowned. It was originally deposited in the cathedral of Cashel, their metropolis. In the year 1213 Fergus, a prince of the royal line, having obtained the Scottish throne, procured this stone for his coronation at Dunstaffnage, where it continued until the time of Kenneth II, who removed it to Scone; and in 1226 it was removed by Edward I from Scone to London, where it was deposited in Westminster ab-

The Last of the Gladiators. The last gladiatorial contest under the Loman empire took place at the triumph of Honorius, 404 A. D., on which occasion Talemachus, an eastern Greek, rushing forward and attempting to separate two contestants, language in the sense of to annihilate. It was stoned to death by the fury of the asmeans literally the final deliverance of the sembled spectators. . Thus in the blood of soul from transmigration, and so from all Talemachus, the martyr, the inhuman combats of ancient times were washed away for-

ever.

Napoleon Bonaparte's Fortune-What Became of 117-820,000,000 Private Fund. What Napoleon Bonaparte did with the tory. In 1812 he told Marshal Berthin, and also Bourrienne, his private secretary, that he had nearly 100,000,000 francs, or \$20,000,000 in our money, to his personal fortune. That he did not expend it is certain, for there was his drafts. In 1805 Napoleon, after having enriched all his family, had \$15,000,000 of his The money received from the United States for the Louisiana purchase he used in that grand army that fought fascinating and ingenious romance recently issued under the title of "Napoleon Smith."

A Popular Poem. MacDonald is the author of the follogatting our cottish has been inquired for

Out of the everywhere into here. Where did you get your eyes so blue

Where did you come from, baby dear?

Out of the sky as I came through. What makes the light in them sparkle and spin?

Some of the starry spikes left in. Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I got here

What makes your forehead so smooth and high? A soft hand stroked it as I went by.

What makes your cheek like a warm white rosef I saw something better than any one knows.

Whence that three cornered smile of bliss? Three angels gave me at once a kiss.

Where did you get this pearly ear? God spoke, and it came out to hear

Where did you get those arms and hands Love made itself into hooks and bands.

Feet, whence did you come, you darling things? From the same box as the cherub's wings.

How did they all come just to be you? God thought of me, and so I grew.

But how did you come to us, you dear? God thought of you, and so I am here.

Mollie Stark.

The speech popularly attributed to Gen. John Stark on going into the battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777, was, "Boys, we hold that field to-night, or Mollie Stark's a widow." His wife, the daughter of Caleb Page, of Starkstown, now Dumbarton, N. H., was named Elizabeth, and though there is much discussion about the matter, it is probable that the legend is correctly given by the Rev. J. P. Rodman in his centennial poem of the "Battle of Bennington:"

The morning came-there stood the foe; Stark eyed them as they stood; Few words he spoke-'twas not a time For moralizing mood.

"See there the enemy, my boys! Now, strong in valor's might, Beat them, or Betty Stark will sleep In w'slowhood to-night."

The Swiss Good Night refers to the custom of the Swiss mountaineers of calling through their speaking trumpets at dusk, "Praise the Lord God." One herdsman starts the call, and his neighbors from every peak echo it. The sounds are prolonged by reverberation from one mountain to another. After a short period, which is supposed to have been devoted to prayer, a herdsman calls "Good night." This, too, is repeated, and as darkness falls, each retires to his hut. These calls may be heard for miles, and are reechoed from the rocks for some minutes after the originall call has died away.

The Rain Gauge,

The pluviometer is a rain gauge, or an instrument by means of which the rainfall of any area may be determined. It is a cylindrical vessel in shape, and has a horizontal base, surmounted by a funnel shaped tip. A glass tube allows the water from the outside to enter the bottom of the vessel. The water also falls into the funnel shaped top. The gauge is placed in an open space, free from the disturbing influences of winds, and when the water has risen one inch in the tube it is estimated that one inch of rain has fallen over the given area.

Locke's Moon Hoax.

The "moon hoax" is out of print and a copy can only be obtained by chance. It was first published in the New York Sun of Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31, 1835. The full title of the series was: "Great Astronomical Discoveries Lately Made by Sir John Herschel, LL.D., F. R. S., etc., at the Cape of Good Hope," and the articles purported to be extracts from and condensations of an account of those discoveries published in the supplement to the July number of the Edinburgh Journal of Science.

A Long Street Car Line.

There is a street car line in Buenos Ayres, 8. A., on which sleeping coaches are used. The line is about 200 miles long, and horses are used in transportation. When a man goes a day's journey on the cars, he takes a sleeper, each of which is provided with four folding bunks. The cars are about eighteen feet long. Horses are employed because they Fuel is scarce and conseare plentiful. quently dear.

An Electoral Vote.

The electoral vote for William H. Harrison in 1841 was as follows: Maine, 10; Massachusetts, 14; Rhode Island, 4; Connecticut, 8; Vermont, 7; New York, 42; New Jersey, 8; Pennsylvania, 50; Delaware, 3; Maryland, 10; North Carolina, 15; Georgia, 11; Kentucky, 15; Tennessee, 15; Ohio, 21; Louisiana, 5; Mississippi, 4; Indiana, 9; Michigan, 3. Total, 234, against 60 for Van Buren.

The Vane.

The weather vane in the shape of a large grasshopper, which adorns Faneuil hall in Boston, is said to have been placed there by the owner of the hall, who was also a wholesale grocer, as a sign of his occupation. The grasshopper was the sign of the Wholesale Grocers' association of Boston. Mr. Faneuil was a prominent member of this association.

The Watch.

The term "watch" as applied to a pocket timepiece is not as old as the article itself. The first pocket timepiece was called "the pocket clock" and "the Nuremburg animated egg." It was made in 1474 by Peter Hele, of Nuremburg, and cost a year's labor. It of Nuremburg, and cost a year's labor. It was valued at £300 and was about the size and shape of a goose egg.

Nirvana.

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