







Miscellaneous.

Birds and Fruit.

Of the value of birds for the protection of fruit against insects, a correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph writes as follows:

My own notion of the cause of the failure of our fruits, is that in some way we have had the misfortune to lose just those kinds of birds that feed upon the insects that destroy them. We allow our little birds killed without proper regard to the consequences. Each kind of bird has its favorite, it is its peculiar insect to feed upon; and if we destroy them we multiply by millions those insects until if we permit matters to go on as they are now going, we shall soon be unable to raise anything. I believe where there are no woodpeckers there will be no fruit; that they feed on insects which infest trees, and if there be enough of these interesting birds about our orchards, our fruits will be as perfect and plentiful as ever. I can remember when we had more than twenty times as many wrens and woodpeckers of various kinds as we now have, and I think we have now more than twenty times the amount of insects to take their places.

We must have the birds or too many of the things upon which they feed. The red-headed woodpecker, which was a common bird here ten years ago, is now really a rare bird. I have not seen one for two years. It was this sawcy fellow which came and took our first ripened cherries, and he was often shot in the act, because we did not know he was eating those that contained the worms that would soon fall, and go into the ground to lay their millions of eggs, which when hatched the following year would sweep all before them.

Bulwer says of men "That those who are early ripe are generally worm-eaten and unsound at the core." We know it is so with early ripe fruit. If we had a bird to pluck the early green plums which contain the eggs of the future curculion, perhaps we would grow plums without difficulty; but as we have not such a bird, we must do without plums. A friend told me that in the month of September he saw a downy woodpecker light on an ear of corn as it grew in the field, where, after holding the side of his head to the husk for a moment as if listening to the gnawing worm, though no hole or other evidence of one being there could be observed, he began with an energy which these birds alone have, to pick a whole through the several layers of husks, and directly "dragged the grub from the corn it destroys." It is strangely suggestive.

In a moment more it had torn it into mince-meat, and gulped it down. Every one who has noticed this powerful cunning little bird, whose whole family are famous for being in a hurry, must have seen him thus holding his beak to the side of the decaying limb that he might know where to strike for that critter within.

We are too ignorant of the value of birds; farmers often know less of them than do city people who only value them for their melodious music.

A GREAT HAIL OF SOUTHERN ORDONANCE.—There have been received at Fortress Monroe during the past two weeks, one hundred and eighty iron guns late the property of the rebels, and mounted at the approaches of Petersburg and Richmond. These guns are all of large calibre, ranging from seven to ten-inch. The ten-inch guns were taken from Fort Darling. They are of rebel manufacture, and newly new, having been cast in 1864. They are said by competent judges, to be excellent specimens of serviceable ordnance. They bear a strong resemblance to the Armstrong gun, being reinforced at the breech by concentric hands. All were cast at Richmond. Nearly every one of them are effectually spiked. These guns were never finished at the foundries where they were cast, and they bear the roughness peculiar to castings when first taken from the sand in which they were moulded.

There have also been received eighty-five brass guns. These are of every conceivable shape and pattern, many of them being of United States manufacture, and lost in battle. But now "the king hath got his own again." Then there are rude and cumbersome brass pieces of Southern make, quaint old French guns, which were stored away in government arsenals before the war, and dragged forth to service by the hardpressed rebels. All these guns are now huddled together in gun yards of Fortress Monroe. What disposition is to be made of this captured ordnance has not yet been made known to the gun yard people.

There also have been sent down immense piles of ammunition; explosive projectiles of every pattern and shape, rudely boxed and marked Confederate States of America. Richmond laboratory stand about in vast piles, and as one gazes upon them, and the numerous guns of brass and iron, field and siege, the conviction grows that it certainly was not a scarcity of the munitions of war that compelled the surrender of Lee. All these guns and mortars are stored away from profane eyes in the great gun yard where guns and munition, whether our own or rare trophies, are ably cared for by the grey-haired old ordnance sergeant, James Welch.

The great and deathly guns are cared for tenderly as helpless children by the sergeant. He puts his favorite guns as would a fond father his particular bright precocious boy.

A Dissertation on Ankles.

The *Tribune*, whose conductors are now the acknowledged arbiters of elegance in all its departments, entertains its readers this morning with the following dissertation upon ankles. Speaking of the exercises of the German ladies at Jones's Woods yesterday, it says:

ANKLES are positively enchanting, and yesterday, for the first time, we took it into our head to make a hasty study of this charming and suggestive feature of female beauty in an entirely ethnologic and purely esthetic point of view. Representatives of almost every European nation participated in the amusement. The wind was high; the convolutions of the hobby horses were swift; and the "study" was easy as well as delectable. We ascertained by numerous examples the following facts:

The German ankle, as a general thing, is not beautiful. It is short, thick, clumsy. Yet to the eye of the love slave it may appear more graceful than that of the Venus de Medici. Nevertheless, there are many kinds of ankles of the Germanic formation, and some of them are not at all unsymmetrical.

The Danish ankle is generally very good. The blood of the sea-kings is in the dimesel's veins.

The ankle of Saxony (of course we speak and always only of female ankles) is worse than the Danish. It is shorter, thicker, and indicative of vigor and vigor only.

But the Swiss ankle is a model of beauty. Long, slim, elegant, delectable, it is something to think and dream of. The pensat stocking of plaid covers it with fairy-like exactness. You can see the keen muscles play beneath the fabric of the covering. It swells not abruptly, but gently, upward into a perfect calf. Only the Alpine roads, the rude torrent crossings, the romance of Switzerland, could have produced such an ankle. It is for a picture rather than an every-day sight; it is for the painter, the poet and the philosopher. It is beautiful, charming, enchanting. It is strangely suggestive.

The ankle of Bavaria is also beautiful. Lean and elegant, it however broadens too quickly as it approaches the foot, which is an imperfection not easily to be overlooked by the connoisseur.

Austria is worse. Her ankle has the fault of having no taper. The calf of the leg ends at the foot.

Hungary is the same. This is probably owing to the inhuman tyranny which has trodden over her for years. Women are compelled to pull the plough and canal boats, and engage in other species of degrading labor more meet for cattle, steam and caloric engines, and nothing better could be expected of their ankles.

Prussia makes a better show, but, on the whole, her ankles are not good, and in dancing she has a ludicrous custom of switching up her petticoat, in order to make a special display.

The Irish needs no eulogy. It speaks for itself.

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