

WOODCOCKS AND WORMS.

When the moon rose I took a position near one of the moist places, where the borings were freshest and most plentiful, and awaited developments. For a long time the bright light of the moon fell upon the spot I wished to observe, and I could see everything with the utmost plainness. At about 8 o'clock a woodcock dropped down silently beside the brook. Presently another bird walked out of the shadow and joined it. Both began to "boop" for worms, an operation I had never seen before, and a curious performance it was. The birds would stand in this position for several seconds, as if listening. Then with a sudden, swift movement they would dig the bill its entire length in the soil, hold it so for a second, and then as swiftly withdraw it. Though I watched the birds carefully with the glass, I could not detect the presence of a worm in their bills when they were withdrawn. But the subsequent process gave me the clue to their method of feeding. After having bored over a considerable piece of ground—a square foot or more—they proceeded to execute what looked comically like a war dance upon the perforated territory. They then occasionally tapped the ground with the tips of their wings. My intense curiosity to know the possibility of this process was at length satisfied by seeing a worm crawl, half an inch from one of the borings, when it was immediately pounced upon and devoured by one of the woodcocks. Presently another worm made its appearance, and so on until the woodcocks had devoured as many as a dozen of them. Then the "vain" seemed exhausted, and the birds took their leave. I have subsequently studied the philosophy of this method of digging, and have come to the conclusion that certain birds are a great deal wiser than certain bipeds without feathers. If you will take a sharpened stick and drive it into the ground a number of times, in a spot which is prolific with worms, and then lay on the ground with the stick for a few minutes, you will find that the worms will come to the surface, and that they will come up through the holes which you have made. I account for it by the supposition that the tapping of the stick somehow affects the worms the same as the patter of rain, and it is a well known fact that worms come to the surface of the ground when it rains. The antics of the woodcocks after they had made their borings, then, were simply mimetic, and intended to delude worms into the belief that it was raining in the upper world. The worms, being deceived, came up and were devoured. All this may seem ridiculous to you, but

HACK DRIVERS' GRIEVANCES.

They Have Them Against Each Other, the Man "with a Pull" and the Public. In even the hack business trust tendencies are manifesting themselves, according to a cabman, whom a reporter of The News met at one of the Jersey City ferries the other day. The vast majority of hacks in this city, he explained, are under the control of one man who claims to have a "pull" at the city hall, but who does not own a single horse or vehicle himself. "How can that be?" asked the reporter. "Well, he enjoys the privilege of going within the wharf gates and soliciting patronage while the regular hackmen are kept outside. He, consequently, has a monopoly of the business connected with four or five of the principal ocean steamship lines, and the others can have what is left after he gets through. "He makes arrangements with the big car companies which enable him to collect large commissions on the business he turns over to them. 'Hackmen,' the speaker thought, 'run out about the same as other people. In the matter of honest regulations they are no different from the rest of the world. They are honest because they think they can get out of it. They are dishonest because they know how much time they can save by taking a train to arrive they have so had an opinion of the man in reply to another question the hackman proceeded, 'I know that hack drivers are dishonest, but they belong to that class to whom licenses are issued without investigation as to character. Anybody can get a license in this city. Men who own their rigs are generally an upright lot, and the morals are those of the man who has a cab or coach for a few days or weeks in order to get a chance to escape his public. "Have we any rule about customers among us? Certainly. It is that the first driver at a gate should have first position, and each man afterward in the order of his arrival, and is understood by all hackmen. If the first man cannot arrange satisfactory terms with his first call, the call is passed over to the next, and so on, the last in the line being generally the cheapest. "Why is the last man in the line cheapest? "Because the very fact of his coming late shows that he has coined money elsewhere, and so can afford to take less. "If a man at the head steps out of a line at the ferry or railroad station he loses his position, but not when in a line before steamship passengers. When in the latter line he holds his position until he makes a bargain. "What class of people pay high rates with the least reluctance? "South Americans. They are the hardest to deal with. They are from London and New York and pay our higher charges. The average Frenchman is the easiest to deal with. The trips are generally for a few days, and he pays well. But the class are not good food for the business. They expect similar rates elsewhere. "Whenever you see a hackman whose badge number does not correspond with the carriage number keep a sharp eye on him, because some-thing is wrong about the fellow," was the hackman's parting advice.—New York News.

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WOODCOCKS AND WORMS (continued)

Further details of the woodcock and worm experiment, including observations on the worms' behavior and the birds' feeding habits.

How Passover Bread is Made.

Detailed instructions for making Passover bread, including the process of kneading, rolling, and baking the dough.

THEOLOGICAL

Information regarding theological studies and courses offered at the university, including details on the curriculum and faculty.

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Table with columns for Train Name, Direction, and Time. Includes sections for 'WEST-BOUND TRAINS' and 'EAST-BOUND TRAINS'.

CORNISH ORGANS

Advertisement for Cornish Organs, highlighting the quality and variety of the instruments available for purchase.

HOME SINGER

Advertisement for Home Singer sewing machines, featuring an illustration of the machine and text describing its features.

China's Taxation

Article discussing the taxation system in China, comparing it to other countries and analyzing its impact on the population.

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Advertisement for a collection of magnificent flowers, showcasing various varieties and their characteristics.

THEOLOGICAL (continued)

Continuation of the article regarding theological studies, providing further details on the university's offerings.

TRAIL RAILROAD CO. (continued)

Continuation of the railroad schedule table, providing additional train times and routes.

CORNISH ORGANS (continued)

Continuation of the advertisement for Cornish Organs, including more details on pricing and availability.

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