NATURALISTS' PORTFOLIO.

Seth Green's Observations of Reasoning in Trout.

Remarkable Strength of Spiders-lvv Keeps the Walls of a House Free From Damp-Curious Deformity of a Lincoinshire, Eng., Family.

Seth Green, the celebrated American pisciculturist, gives a most extraordinary account of the acute reasoning power and infallible memory of some trout which came under his observation. In a pond he had some 5,000 large brook trout which had been originally captured by means of a fly and barbless hook. The fisherman who landed them had instructions to do so as quietly and gently as possible, and so the tront had ample time to examine the strange tackle which had played them so false. This experience, according to Mr. Green, they never in life forgot. To illustrate and prove his theory he would accompany a brother professor in matters piscicultural to the banks of the pond, carrying behind his back a long cane and a fishing rod. The trout would follow him along on the look-out for bread or scraps of liver. Suddenly he would swing his cane from behind him and flourish it in the air. The trout smiled, wagged their tails, and asked for another bit of bread. But when a moment later he took the rod with the reel and tackle from its concealment, away the trout fled to the furthest end of the pond, where they remained huddled up for the rest of the day. They were careful trout, those of Mr. Green's.

A Fingerless Family. In a Lincolnshire village live a family who suffer under the curious deformity of being fingerless. This peculiarity does not appear to be one of those freaks of Nature which may appear in one individ-ual, and not be transmitted to the next generation. So far as can be learned, the singularity has existed in this family so far as history or tradition extends, and there seems at present no signs of its dying out, as the grandchildren are as devoid of fingers as their grandsire. The hands of this re-markable family present the appearance of having had the fingers amputated, or chopped off roughly and unevenly below the second joint, leaving a short stump. There is no nail or hard substance, d were it not for the absences of ything like a cicatrice, a casual server would conclude that the fect was due to accident; but as ough Nature had attempted to mpensate for the absence of gers, the thumbs are sbnormallarge and strong. The family s in other respects fully endowed nature, and do not appear to nce of fingers might be expected entail. One of the daughters, ged twenty, can write, sew, knit. nd is in every way as dexterous and accomplished as other girls of her age and station. When asked if she did not find it awkward to be fingerless, she replied; "No! If you had never had fingers, you would not know you needed them." The only drawback that seems to be occasioned is the curjosity of the absence of fingers evokes from strangers.

A Canary Captured by a Spider.

The strength of some of the spiders which build their webs in trees and other places in and around Santa Ana, Central America, is astonishing. One of them had in captivity in a tree there not long ago a wild canary.

The ends of the wings, the tail,
and teet of the bird were bound together by some sticky substance, to which were attached the threads of the spider, which was downward and was so securely bound with little threads that it could not struggle, and would have soon been a prey to its great, ugly captor if it had not been rescued by an onlooker.

Advantages of Ivy.

The growth of ivy on the walls of houses renders the walls entirely free from damp: the ivy ex-tracting every particle of moisture from wood, brick or stone for its own sustenance, by means of its tiny roots, which work their way even into the hardest stone. The overlapping leaves of the ivy conduct water falling on them from point to point until it reaches the ground, without allowing the walls to receive any moisture whatever from the beating rains.

Mrs. Swell-Our house is fitted up with all the improvements, and

ing! It must be the paste, I s'pose. five

A MISTAKE

She was a fair and cultured mald With violets in her turban. She lived and formed a Browning Club Within a town suburan.

And went with regularity To Boston, for the Symphony. Sho had a lover, but, ains!

He was a gay, hold drummer, Who had no passion for the muse. In whater or in summer. He laughed to seorn the Browning Club And in derisjon held the Huls.

As for the concerts Symphony, He said they made him weary; Better he liked a minstrei troupe With entertainments cheery, And to the opera comique

Went always gayly once a week. The two were wed one hapless day, The maiden nothing daunted, But soon she 'gan to pine and tade By folk uncultured baunted,

He, too, dropped like a flower at fall, From to much music classical. "Woe's me!" at length she wildly cried, "Our souls blend not together.

"True, true," with hittorness he sighed, "Life is all stormy weather To one with wife whose soul is dark To all, save poetry and Bach." Next day he fied to the Wild West;

In loarry and distraction. The warwhoop of the Indians Might serve as a reaction; She joined a set which dwelt apart And nothing knew but Just high art.

Oh. Boston maids of entrured bastes. To smile on drummers jolly With years attuned to volgar strains, Is most egregious folly.

Dark must his social record be, Who shuns the concert Symphony. -Boston Courley.

PUSS IN BOOTS

They nearly strike me dumb, I tremble when they come Pit-m-pat.

This paljutation means These boots are Geraldine's; Think of that! Where did a hunter win So delicate a skin

For her feet? You lucky little kid. You perished, so you did, For my sweet. fairy stitching gleams.

On the sides and in the seams, And reveals That the Pixles were the wage, Who tipt these funny tags, And these heels.

What soles to charm an elf! Had Crusoe, sick or self, Chanced to view One printed near the tide. Oh, how hard he would have tried For the two.

For Gerry's debonair, And innocent and fair As a rose; She's an angel! in a frock, Sae's an angel! with a clock To her hose.

The simpletons who squeeze Their pretty toes to please Mandarins, Would positively flinch Fnom venturing to pinch

Geruldine's. Cinderelia's lefts and rights To Geraldine were frights, And I trow

The damsel deftly shod, Had dutifully trod Come, Gerry, since it suits Such a pretty puss (in boots)

Setyour dainty hands awhile On my shoulder, dear, and I'll Put them on.

-London Magazine

A Ten Story Clubhouse.

Think of it! a club house ten stories high. This is what the Iroquois Club of Chicago proposes building on the corner of Adams street and Michigan avenue. The second floor is to contain the principal rooms of the club, the third floor will be a large reception room for use on formal occasions; the fourth and fifth floors will be furnished into rooms for the members, the sixth floor will contain a large ball room, eighth and ninth floors the dining rooms, and servants will occupy the tenth floor. This is the most ambitious effort in the way of a clubhouse that has as yet been projected.

People Who Rarely Wink,

There are people who rarely wink. How they manage to get along without doing so is a marvel, but somehow or other they do. slowly but surely drawing up the bird by an ingenious pulley arrangement. The bird hung head moist than others, and the very moist eye does not so much need moist that believe, and the very moist eye does not so much need the assistance of the lids to keep the eyeball bright. It is a constitutional matter, for winking though under the control of the, will, is done so quickly that it is practically an involuntary action.

Men wink when they feel that the eve is uncomfortably dry, and when it does not become dry the necessity for winking is not felt.

The Moon.

The moon is a fossil world, an ancient cinder, a ruined habitation. The moon was once the seat of all the varied and intense activities that now characterize the surface of our earth. Its life age was, perhaps, reached while the earth was yet glowing.

A Regular Windfall.

Fond Mamma-Why, what have you in your apron?

we have a picture molding in the parlor.

Mrs. Homespun—Sakes alive!
But your house must be awful damp! To think of a picture molding! It must be the paste. Leives

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