

times to relieve a family or a community from the depredations of this pest than from all other species combined. The Cooper's hawk selects a tree in more open woods for his home than do the preceding hawks. The nest is usually of easy access, although at the time the young are reared is very apt to be obscured by leaves. Four to five plain, bluish-white eggs are a set, about two-thirds the size of those of the redshoulder.

Later in May, from the fifteenth to the twenty-fifth, appears the veritable butcher of this family, the vicious little sharpshin, or bullet hawk, a whirlwind fighter which will attack and kill a bird of its own size and weight, and one which we must admire, if in truth for no other reason than for its indomitable courage. Secreted in the foliage of a tree, it will launch forth like a diminutive thunderbolt and without warning or a perceptible slackening of speed, grasp in its talons a chick from the farmer's door yard, even in his very presence, and disappear with a speed that would baffle the skill of the trap-shooter. This miscreant preys on the young of all feathered creation, and our only consolation is that it is probably the rarest of its family. They build in a fir or pine thicket, and lay four or five eggs, beautifully marked after the manner of the redshoulder.

At the same time we find two harmless members of the family, the marsh hawk and the American sparrow hawk. Every one who is at all in touch with country life has seen the large, graceful bird that hovers silently over meadows. This is the marsh hawk, which builds a nest of dead grass in any marshy swale and lives on frogs and mice. There they lay five to six pale bluish-white eggs. The sparrow hawk builds in any small hole, in trees, and though they may in rare instances destroy the young of some birds, they are death to that feathered curse of our nation, the English sparrow. Four to five brownish speckled eggs comprise their set. It should be our custom never to molest these two species, as they are gentle, harmless friends of man and should be protected by state laws—*W. A. Hart, in Field and Stream.*

#### Odd Railway Rule in Switzerland.

"When we reached Switzerland, said the tourist, 'we found in the railway stations, alongside of the ticket office machines for measuring the height of children. I said to the agent at Geneva:

"A half ticket for my little girl."

"Isn't she too tall?" the man asked. "Let her step on the measurer, please."

"My daughter's height was duly taken. It was four feet five."

"All right," said the agent. "She passes after all."

"Then the man explained to me that on account of innumerable disputes over the age of children half fares were now sold in Switzerland according to height instead of according to age. Children under three feet travelled free. Those between three feet and four feet six paid half fare. Those over four feet six paid full fare."

"The new rule is a good one," said the agent. "We have no more disputes. The children are measured at the ticket office and that is the end of the matter."

#### BELL BOYS TOURNEY.

##### Carolina "Hops" Play for Edward C. Hoyt Trophy.

The Carolina bell boys had their part in the week's golf, a medal play handicap for a cup presented by Edward C. Hoyt of New York, being a pleasant feature. Martin Finnegan, whose handicap was three, won first with 99, with John Mulcahy, whose allowance was two strokes, second in 103, and the balance of the field well bunched.

|                   | Gr. | Hp. | Net |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Martin Finnegan,  | 102 | 3   | 99  |
| John Mulcahy,     | 105 | 2   | 103 |
| Ernest Taylor,    | 116 | 12  | 104 |
| William Finnegan, | 120 | 15  | 105 |
| Tom Pollett,      | 107 | 00  | 107 |
| William White,    | 125 | 8   | 117 |
| William Jordan,   | 143 | 30  | 113 |
| Clarence Gurney,  | 147 | 30  | 117 |

#### MRS. FORD SINGS.

##### Her Appearance at The Carolina is Much Enjoyed.

Mrs. Seabury C. Ford of Cleveland, contributed much to the pleasure of the Sunday evening concert at The Carolina. Her first song was "Ave Maria," by Gounod, and the encore, "Si mes vers," by Hahn. The second number was "O Komm Mit Mir," by Van der Stucken, and "Woodland Madrigal," by Batten, and the encore "March Wind," by Mary Turner Salter.

Mrs. Ford is in even better voice than during her visit last season, and her departure causes regret.

#### Spoon Collectors.

Twelve thousand silver spoons are quite a large number to have stolen in a year, for it means an average of about 30 a day; but that is the record of one of the big hotels in New York, whose head steward reports that the stealing of these small spoons by so-called souvenir hunters is on the increase. He reports that at a recent dinner given by one of the large societies in New York 168 spoons were taken away by guests, and that to save themselves from this form of larceny the hotels no longer use fine silver ware for large dinners, but substitute a plated service.

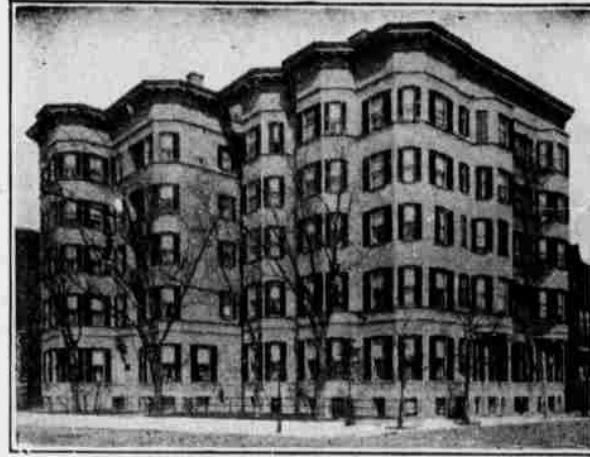
On the same day that this statement was made the manager of another large hotel told of the enormous expense that he had to meet annually by guests who stole towels. This form of dishonesty and petty thievery is a commentary upon the prevalent indulgence in all forms of graft, showing how it prevades walks of society where common honesty is supposed to exist. It is almost impossible to explain acts of selfish vandalism and such acts of petty thievery as are indicated in these reports from large New York hotels. The persons indulging in them pass for honest men and women, who would turn their cooks over to the police if the servants should put into practice these peculiar notions regarding private ownership of property.

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