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The brancher may be caught by the

lure of a pigeon or a quail, and the hag-

There is a deadly enmity between the

hawks and their nocturnal rivals, the

owls, and hence ar owl is frequently used

swoop down for the opportunity of a

blow at their hated enemy. A tame

hawk or falcon also makes an excellent

In the early spring hawks' nests can

be found within twenty minutes' journey

by rall or ferry from New York City.

and young ones procured, which will

prove interesting pets to those who care

bestow time upon them. Should a

demand for young or trained birds arise

there are plenty of dealers in birds and

animals who would hasten to supply the

market with both the domestic and imported article, but if any of the readers

their hand at hawking, they will enjoy the sport the more and understand the

birds the better if they rear and train

Hawks and falcons, being of wild and

violent natures, are at first insensible to

both punishment and caresses; hence

with an intractable bird want of light

and food is the only punishment that

will affect it, and it is of the utmost im-

portance that the same person should

always administer its food and care for

the bird's welfare. Having secured a

brancher, shackle its legs with the supple

wits usually terminate with bells. With

an old army buckskin gauntlet protect

your hand and wrist, place the bird upon

your gauntleted wrist, and carry it

about with you night and day, giving it

ao opportunity for rest. If your falcon

or hawk tries to bite and fight you, douse

his head into a pail of cold water, and it

will quiet him, and then put on the

leather hood, which will keep him

in complete darkness. Three days

and nights of this will make the wildest bird inclined to be docile to

certain extent. Next teach the

hand and never do so without whistling

or giving the peculiar call, whatever it

may be, by which you intend to sum-

recognize the call and associating the

poise with food, and food with its perch

upon your gauntlet, will always fly to

your wrist when you call. Familiarize

your charge with horses, dogs and

When the ruling classes wish

strengthen their power over their poorer

brethren, they seek to make the poor de-

pendent upon the bounty of the rich for

their support, and by thus destroying

the independence of the so-called lower

classes, the cues in power retains their

position. Now exactly the same policy

must be pursued with a wayward or fool-

thongs of straps called bewits; the be-

them by their own hand.

this paper think of seriously trying

decoy for his wild brothers.

gard by means of a decoy and a net.

FALCONRY.

A REVIVAL OF ONE OF THE NEW

DIVERSIONS.

Picturesque Description of the Sport

-How to Train a Hawk for

Field Purposes-Ameri-

can Birds of Prey.

A rainbow had been shattered by the

bolt from heaven struck in the midst of

the sun path, scattering a shower of

jewels that reflected back the sunset hues

of the sky. An instant later an Ameri-

can osprey rose from the waves with its

glistening prey in his talons. It was a

noble sight-a grand plunge, an uner-

ring aim, a skilful and quick recovery; and as I watched the bird rise higher and

higher over my boat, and thought what

ing sport it would be to discard our

hooks and lines, our creeping and crawl-

ing and disgusting bait, and to substi-

tute a ring or perch of ospreys, hooded

and belled like the falcons of old. It

was an enchanting fancy, and nothing

but the grim necessity of being com-

from carrying out the idea.

pelled to make a living has deterred me

The ancient sport of falconry is about

to be revived by a number of wealthy

men in New Jersey, where, in the open

country, there are excellent opportunities

Faiconry was introduced into England

about the fourth century, and flourished

during the Middle Ages and the Renais-

sance. From the peasant with his spar-

row-hawk to the crowned king with his

gerfalcon, all were pasionately fond of

hawking. What were then considered

vast fortunes were expended upon the

cultivation of this sport. The grand

master of the order of St. John of Jeru-

salem sent twelve falcons annually to the

kings of France. A French knight of

the order conveyed the birds to his mon-

arch, for which service he received as a

present his traveling expenses and money

equivalent to \$15,000 a year. Louis

XIII was daft on falconry, and always

went hawking before going to church.

Albert de Luynes made a fortune by his

scientific training and treatment of the

birds. Baron de la Chastaigneraie, chief

falconer for Louis XIII, cared for 140

birds, and employed 100 men to assist

England and Germany were enthusi-

astic on the subject of hawking. No

lady or gentleman, noble of ecclesiastic,

with any self-respect, would appear in

public without a pet bird mounted upon

the gauntleted wrist. The officiating

clergy even took their birds to church

with them, only leaving them perched

upon the alter steps while engaged in the

Formerly falcons were divided into

wo classes, noble and inferior. The

gerfalcons were the nobility in the bird

aristocracy, and the others, the falcon,

the hobby, the merlin, etc., had to con-

tent themselves with riding on the

gloved hands of esquires and people of

The United States is well supplied

with birds of prey, none of which prob-

ably are not susceptible of being trained

for the chase. That they can be trained

I know, having as a lad reared many.

and taught them to come at my call and

to be gentle in their behavior, not pinch-

ing my wrict when perching upon it.

This is half the battle, and any one with

In selecting a bird try to secure a

brancher, that is, a bird that has been

long enough out of the nest to hop from

limb, but is as yet incapable of flight and

consequently unable to provide for its

own wants. Paupers are always servile,

and as this young bird must live upon

your charity he will be more easily tamed

than a haggard, that is, a fell grown

bird that is perfectly competent to hunt

for himself and supply his own wants,

and is consequently independent, and,

under restraint, fierce and savage. Young

birds that have just left their wild cra-

time and patience can do the rest.

him in their care.

actual church service.

small importance.

for fun with hawk and dogs.

grand and artistic and intensely interest

The new Japanese Parliament refuses to allow ladies to listen to the debates.

Illinois and Wisconsin have counties in which the English language is never.

It is stated that although the college men in the United States are only a fraction of one per cent, of the voters, yet they hold more than fifty per cent. of the highest offices.

There seems to be a strange fatality associated with the office of Secretary of the Treasury. Within a few years three Secretaries have died during their terms -Folger, Manning and Windom.

Statistics on the foreign commerce of the Port of New York for the past year show that over one-half of the foreign commerce and nearly two-thirds of the imports of the United States passed through that port.

According to the St. Louis Republic, there are 24,000 fewer people living on the farms and in the villages of Massachusetts now than there were in 1860, but there are 1,032,000 more people in the cities than there were at the same

The Boston Transcript chronicles the fact that the picturesque and extraordinary phases of life which characterized the old Japan are rapidly passing away as Western civilization is obtaining a greater and greater foothold in the

The United States of old supplied the world with mackerel. To-day, laments the New Orleans Times-Democrat. it does not catch enough for home use, and the greater portion of the mackerel it consumes are imported, the country paying out over \$10,000,000 a year for

Says the Baltimore Herald: Hump. one of the Indian chiefs who recently visited Washington, is as straight as an arrow and a strikingly handsome savage. Little Wound was never wounded in his life, and Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse is the most daring rider of all the Bioux tribes. You can't trust even a redskin's name.

The Detroit Free Press protests that the haughty pride of a haughty Indian chief is all bosh. "From old Red Cloud down to the lowest sub-chief," scoffs the Michigan humorist, "they will beg, borrow and steal, and a plug of tobaccothrown into the mud will result in a scramble like dogs after a bone. They brag and boast, but have no real pride."

The Chicago Herald estimates that the recent Indian campaign will cost the people of the United States not less than \$2,000,000. Of this nearly \$1,000,000 was spent on transportation of troops and supplies; \$187,702 for extra clothing and garrison equipage for a winter campaign, \$70,000 for horses broken down and \$87,000 for difference in price of supplies purchased for troops in the field and the price at the post where the troops were drawn.

A census bulletin just issued shows not only the radical changes that have taken place in the class of vessels used for transportation on the great lakes, but the increase in the tonnage and valuation during a brief period of five years. In 1886 the net tonnage was 634,652; in 1890 it had reached 826,360, an increase of 191,708 tons. The estimated value of these vessels in 1886 was \$30,597,450. and in 1890 the aggregate valuation was \$58,128,500, an increase compared with 1886 of \$27,531,050. The figures presented also show that sailing vessels are fast giving place to vessels propelled by

By the classification of States made by the Census Bureau, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Kansas form the "Northern Central Division," while Montaus, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California form the "Western Division." the others being the North Atlantic and Southern Central. This recognizes no Eastern States, notes the Boston Transcript, but it is not improper to apply that term to all those east of the Missouri River, for the centre of the United States from east to west between New York and

The former customers of a Berlin (Germany) restaurateur will have the sympathy of epicures everywhere. Mine host has but recently failed, and the settlement of his affairs has brought to light a very peculiar bit of trickery. Venison was always to be had at his place, and it must have been a popular dish, as venison is necessarily scarce and expensive in Berlin. One of the restauvateur's creditors is a dealer in horseflesh, and that gentleman has brought in a large bill. Inquiry develops the fact that the venison of the establishment was nothing else than this same horseflesh. The revelation is a cruel one and seems almost unnecessary. When a man is eating horseflesh and supposes that he is eating venison he is all right. He is, practically, eating venison. And it is a misfortune and a loss, financially and otherwise, if he is ever enlightened on the subject.

A LULLABY.

Tiny rays of golden light Through the half-closed shutters stre Shifting lines upon the night, Slender as the moon's first beam.

Hearts are gladdened by the glow Shed upon the winter air, And a voice that's soft and low Steals from out the casement there.

Soft and low a mother sings To the baby of her breast; While the tender music brings Thoughts of loving hearts at rest.

Years fly back: I look again Into two eyes sweet and deep; Hear a mother's low refrain-"Sleep, my little baby, sleep."

Pausing at the cottage gate, In the stream of golden light, For a little time I wait-Years have lived again that night. Days I thought had passed away,

Came back to me with a sigh: Called up by a home-like ray, And a mother's lullaby. Then the mother's sweet song dies; Through closed blinds I see the bed Where a sleeping baby lies-

Smiling lips and curfy head. Then a prayer I whisper low-Bless the little one unknown, For the sake of long ago-Then I go my way alone.

# Molly's Experiment.

-F. S. Mines, in Godey's Home Journal.

BY EMMA A. OPPER.

"Going to-teach school!" Harry Burton echoed, much as though Molly had said she was going to Sonth Africa. "I commence next Monday," said Molly, merely and commenced mend-

by the fact of Molly's older sister, Celia, twelve. having gone behind Molley for the pur-

"Where is the school?" Harry inquired, bare vard.

number twelve," said Molly. "Have you-positively engaged it?

For the life of him, Harry could not muttered, and tied his horse at the one help gasping. He had been at a dance post and strode to the door. with Molly the night before, and she rich; but-good gracious!-neither were before and ten times as capitivating.

two weeks ago, and I had a card from had meant to utter with dignity. and am to begin next week."

some thread. Molly was rather petite, doubted it. with a pretty complexion, a straight At least she recovered immediately, and a half, and to-day she was, to Harry the room. Burton, maddeningly so.

feeling which had taken possession of out. him deepening every minute.

"Ten weeks." Molly threaded her needle. "Until February, then!" Harry mur- schools. Sundays?"

"Probably not often," said Molly. "Are you fixing that thing to wear?" Harry demanded. "This apron. Yes. You can hardly was in for half an hour of it.

be a school-teacher without an apron. his angry vehemence. The sun struck at least, and near him, though she was through the window on her hair, which was a rich red-brown; her lips, softly

parted, showed her white teeth; her bluegray eyes were lowered. growing ithin him, suffered such a wretched dg that he winced.

not be treated so like a boy -a baby! He would not pretend anything but disgust for the nonsensical chiefly for his tormenting-and succeed- were good-looking and the boys manly.

'Good-by, then!" he said, coolly ris-

He shook hands with Celia warmly, and with Molly distantly, and stalked out. ly cozy. Celia took him to the front door.

Celia was pretty, too. ing in sympathy with the irate young monotonously soothing way. back out, and I haven't said a word to most sleepy.

Celia laughed, helplessly. But this was unsatisfactory.

"Don't you know what her reason is, anyhow?" Harry asked, bluntly. that she suspected Molly's freak to have the warm, cheery, dusty schoolroom. a not very remote connection with him-

That she was fairly convinced that Molly was hurt, or incensed, or jealous, or-being at sea as to the cause. Celia could not rightly gauge Molly's emotions; but she knew something was wrong.

How could she tell him that she deemed Molly's startling act to be a rebellious, indignant attempt to even matters-to show him her indifference-to go away from him altogether, and let him see how serenely she could do it. Celia knew not the reason of her pretty sister's dudgeon. How, then, then, could

she impart to her pretty sister's admirer

her vague suspicions? He was an admirer only-not a fiancee It would be manifestly improper. Celia "Well, good-by!" said Molly's ad-

His tone was funereal; so was his expression. He drifted down the path as though it made no difference where he went to. He divined that Celia was Molly was crying. It was more

He told himself that he would go over for: He was sick of Molly's freaks and ing for you, and-oh, dear!" whims. In view of this absurd affair, it seemed to him that she always had been lessly tearful. whimsical-which was an injustice. Teach school-a district school! She was out of her senses. What did she and comforting arm around her. mean by it?

Harry felt an all but uncontrollable wish to go back and shake her. He thrust his hands into his overcoat pockets and whistled dismally. Why, he shouldn't even see her again, he didn't

know when. He was more than dismal; he was angry and sulky. He felt the need of a to do with me?" little comfort and mental quietude, and he thought he would go around and see Alvira; and acting on the resolve, turned

The week which followed was one into your head?" which he never forgot, for in it lay his first taste of real unhappiness, which mured. grew into settled gloom,

He went to the lecture alone. He had been wont to take Molly Paine to everything of merit that came along. He went at the party because she was not Molly. sleighing and felt so wretchedly lonesome New he abominated her. that he got home as quick as possible. He went to a small party, and grew to positively dislike the pretty girl he took in to supper and went home with, because she was not Molly Paine.

He fussed and moped and chafed, and Alvira Austen's cousin?" on Friday afternoon he went to see

"Do you expect Molly to-night?" he asked.

a young man possessed of a single idea than I?" -an idea he had battled against, but which had overcome him. He went ing the lace ruffle of a white apron. home, got his horse into his cutter, took

pose of communicating her sentiments to quiry. Within short space he was pull- clothier, you know?" the caller, in dumb show. Her sentiling up at the door of a little schoolhouse, "No, I never!" said Molly, stoutly. which had been white once and was brown now, set in the middle of a big, is. One thing you did know, Molly,

> middle by many small feet. "Dismalest hole I ever struck!" Harry a nonsensical rumor! Molly!"

Molly answered his knock-Molly herhad worn pink roses on a pink China self; Molly in a brown dress and white silk gown. Not that the Paines were apron-looking rather prettier than ever Her lover's heart rose to his throat,

the directors yesterday. I am engaged, He fancied that Molly gasped and shrank a little. In view of the self-pos- twelve?" Molly went to the work-table for session he had always known in her, he

small nose, a charmingly moulded and shock hands and said, "How do you and the directors are delighted. I'm a mouth. She was always as proudly self- do?" and replied to his inquiry that she revolution, a cyclone, and I'm going to posed as though she was twice eighteen was well, and walked before him across stay. You can come after me Friday

The platform held two chairs. Harry "For how long a term?" he queried, took one. He was rather discomposed. the bewildered, exasperated, miserable He had supposed that school would be

But the round clock on the wall point- with tender irony. ed to half-past three, and he knew the barbarous four o'clock rule of district and bring her back Monday mornings. mured. "Shall you-come home for Molly, who held an open book, was

up and down before her class, her head the hap high, her lips demurely adjusted, her known. eyes clear and bright. And the visitor

Oddly enough, he was conscious of a feeling of comfort such as he had not day Night. She raised her pretty brows lightly at known for many days. Molly was here, giving all her attention to a geography

He felt a thrill of happiness in her mere bright presence-brown dress, Harry Burton, throbbing with his white apon and all. Besides, the room honest love for her, which had been long was clean and pleasant, in spite of hackchalk-dust.

And the school, which numbered twenty-five, was very decent-appearing; Harry admitted that. The children were prank she was playing, it seemed to him, red-cheeked and healthy, the older girls The crackling fire made the great black stove seem cheerful, and the little "I'm going to Pomeroy to-mor- old melodeon by the platform created a row, and if youdeave next week, good- homelike atmosphere. There were eversome plants on the sills. It was decided-

Molly's lover sat in a sort of lethargic calm. The geography class was reciting "I don't know," she murmured, frown- chief cities and principal rivers in a

man, and smiling because she couldn't The warmth of the room, after his help it, "what ails Molly. It's ridiculous. long, cold drive, had a dulling effect-We've all talked and argued and implored as did his subtle, growing happiness and here's the result. I was sure she'd after his long dreariness. He was al-

any body about it. I've been positively He wore a bland contented smile ashamed to. But she's going to do it -- which puzzled the school --- the scholars she actually is-and now it will have to admired him, however. He was not land on horseback, which they regard as come out. I don't know what all the girls very distinctly aware of anything; he will say. If she'd ever done anything of knew a history class succeeded the cheon. The same image is cast even on the kind before—or if she needed the geography, and a spelling class the his- the old bells of their church.—Chicago money-or if-anything! But for Molly tory, and that two additional spelling News. classes followed, and that Molly was speaking to the school in her bright tones--something about next week's work; and that she was giving a mili- green mineral not fusible. The variety tary-sounding order-one, two, three; called rock cork very much resembles Celia dropped her eyes. Being a wo- and that the school was filing out with cork, is soft and easily cut, and so light

> home?" she said, hurriedly and breath- fibres is called amainthus, because cloth lessly, as though afraid of the silence.

"That's what!" said Harry, emphaticyou back Monday morning. A faint murmur in reply.

your boarding place?" Molly erased in silence.

forth, warmly, "and you're a jolly little teacher! I don't care what you're doing it for-it's a gorgeous success!" All his bitterness was gone, and he laughed light-heartedly and immoderate.

"Molly," he cried, "what is the mat-He was over at the blackboard the next

Molly rubbed away, her face invisible.

laughing, and he did not care. He felt her lover could credit, but she was cry-

"You-you came so suddenly!" she to Cella in a minute, if she wasn't spoken | whispered, chokingly. "I wasn't look-She gave up and turned away, help-But Harry turned, too, and-by no

means could he help it-put his strong It was a question after that of who should break the silence, which stretched itself alarmingly. Harry did at last. For a light had had broken over him, and he meant to

sift matters. "What made you do it, Molly?" he de-manded. "Was it-could it be anything

A silence, and then a low murmur. And, under protest, a few more tears. "Good gracious!" the young man cried. into a side street and knocked at a modest "You never believed that? Molly Paine, you didn't? By George! who put that

> "Jenny Ford!" said Harry, in a stage She was the pretty girl he had disliked

"Jenny Ford," the injured tones mur-

"Is she crazy?" he fumed. "She said she'd heard it." "But anybody knows better-everybody! You, Molly! Have you lived in

Perry all your days not to know that I'm "I knew you were some distant connection," Molly whispered, trying to get her hand free, and failing.

"I'm her 'first cousin third remove,' as And when Celia said no, he got up they say. We're third cousins. Well, and went out like one in a dream, or like and you know she's 'quite some' older "I didn't think that made any difference. She's pretty and stylish.'

"So she is; and a good girl beside!" Harry strove for a like indifference some hot bricks and a soapstone and said Harry, warmly. "There's only one and composure. This was made difficult went off in search of district number prettier and better. Well, and you knew she was going to marry Mr. John Chap-He found it by dint of indus trious in- man, of Pomeroy, next March-the

said Harry, gravely, "and that is that The snow was up to the fence on never cared for anybody but you, and "Four miles north of here. District either side, being tramped down in the never would and never could. To have doubted what you knew so well, al! for He softly boxed her ears.

"Come now," he said, when a second happy silence was over-and he laughed again, mercilessly-"come, you're not going to teach school any longer? Now that you've proven that you're utterly indifferent to me, and entirely able to "Certainly!" said Molly. "I applied and he stammered over the greeting he take care of yourself, and more than anxious to get along without me, wen't you say good-bye to district number

"Never," said Molly-"never! I'm tremendous success. The school likes me, and the parents are pleased with me, nights and bring me back Monday mornings, if you choose; but I stay!"

"You can use the vast wealth you will accumulate in the purchase of yourahem!-trousseau," her lover observed,

He did come after her Friday nights That was Molly's last effort at schoolteaching, but neither she nor her lover going on with a recitation, pacing slowly regretted the little episode. They were the happiest ten weeks they had ever

And she did use her money for her trousseau, the next spring; for their wedding tollowed Alvira's shortly .- Satur-

A Little-Known Russian Caste. In the neighborhood of Goldingen,

Russia, there are seven villages whose inhabitants do not belong to any of the classes of society in which the subjects of Russia are divided. "They are neither neyed mottoes on the walls and floating counts, nor barons, nor princes, nor nobles, nor merchants, nor townsmen, nor peasants." They style themselves Kurische Koenige, and enjoy the privileges of nobles, although they live and work for themselves like simple peasants. Up to 1854 they paid no Government taxes and were exempt even from military duties. In their local administration they subject themselves only to the ruling of their "ober hauptmann," green festoons over the windows and without whose permission not even the simple "hauptmann" may leave his village. Historically no one knows how those peasants have procured for themselves the rights they enjoy- But there is a tradition current among their neighbors that for important services they had rendered to the first Russian conquerors of their province those privileges were granted to them. Among themselves they cherish the tradition that they are the descendants of the ancient Kings of Kurland. They keep in their church a flag with the picture of a King of Kur-

# All About Asbestes.

their family heirloom and their escut-

Asbestos is a fibrous, white, gray, man and a sister, she thought she knew. | well-trained precision: and that at last, | as to float on water. | Rock leather and | formation which so evidently dates back But how could she say to Harry Burton at last, he and Molly were left alone in rock wood are varieties somewhat similar | to an epoch long before the earliest to rock cork, but not so light. The "Did you-did you come to take me finest fibrous variety with easily separable made of it was cleansed by passing it And she went to the far end of the through fire. This cloth was used by room and began erasing figures from the the ancients to enwrap dead bodies placed on the funeral pile so as to preserve the ashes of the body unmixed. It was also ally. "Don't you want to go? I'll bring | woven by them into handkerchiefs and | the earth's crust, the latter was crumpled towels. Of late years it has been considerably used as fire-proof roofing, floor-"I thought you'd give it up after a ing and packing in safes, journal boxes week of it. Shan't you? Do you like and around steampipes. Paper has also been made of it, but though, at red heat, the paper remains uninjured, the writing "It's a jolly little school," he burst disappears. It is said that Charlemagne had a tablecloth of asbestos, which, for the amusement of his guests, he was wont to throw into the fire at the close of the meal. The finest specimens of this mineral come from Corsica and Savey, though some are found in the Alps, Pyrenees and Ural mountains, and in North America and New South Wales, while commoner varieties, such as the rock cork and rock wood, are found in Lanarkshire, Tyron, Dauphiny and parts of Scotland .- New York Dispatch.

#### WORDS OF WISDOM.

The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfil another. The fear of being called a coward makes lots of cowards act like brave

The turn in the long road traveled by most men is usually the turn into the

'Tis astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to ravel if a single stich is dropped.

hammer of Thor, and the fragments The sudden death of a friend of his were scattered over the western sky; a own age has a greater effect on a man blood-red highway ran in a straight line than 1000 sermons. over the sea to the sun, which rested like The world is getting on towards 6 a ball of molten metal on the horizon. There was a sudden rushing sound, and

o'clock in the morning, instead of 6 o'clock in the evening. When you find two men in the same business who claim to be friends, you have two more hypocrites.

There probably never was a man so good that he did not hope in his heart that his successor would be a failure. If people worked as hard after a marriage to keep each other as they did be-

fore the engagement to win each other,

marriage would be more of a success. Why is it that everyone has something to be ashamed of? The fact that there are no exceptions to the rule would seem to indicate that no one can be wise enough to prepare for to-morrow's evil. Good manners are the settled medium

of social life, as specie is of commercial life; returns are equally expected of both; and people will no more advance their civility to a bear, than they will their money to a bankrupt.

### Bears Tackle a Locomotive.

Engineer Smith, of one of the Lakeland and Bartow trains in Florida, reports having quite a little adventure the other day while on his southbound trip. While crossing "Rattlesnake Fork" trestle two large bears, it appears, emerged from the woods at the side of the track, and trotted on the trestle ahead of the train. - Smith gave a puil with the throttle, and the engine bounded forward. The bears heard the on-coming train, and plainly did not like the situation. They were afraid to leap from the trestle, which was quite high, and began trotting to gain the other side. Finding that the train was gaining on them, both turned just before reaching the middle of the trestle, and standing upright, faced the train, and put up their fore-paws like accomplished and trained

prize fighters. The train rushed on, and the cowcatcher struck both bears, fairly throwing one about twenty feet into the air and off the trestle, and lifting the other one some ten feet into the air. The latter, as he came down, fell on the platform in front of the boiler, and, clutching at the brass rods, managed to retain his hold there. Frightened by the roar of the engine so close to him and the hot iron beneath him, bruin hastily scrambled up and crawled onto the fore part of the board that runs from the cab onto the

front of the engine. Catching sight of the fireman's face through the window, the bear growled savagely, suffering severely from his wounds, probably, and started for the window. The fireman had just been raking the fire and his huge iron poker was red-hot. As the bear crawled along near the window he threw it open and unged at the bear with the red-hot iron poker. The hot iron went sizzling into bruin's hide, and the agonized beast gave a terrible howl and tried to spring up at his assailant. The engine gave a lunge at that moment and off dropped the bear, falling almost directly under the wheels, but he scrambled off in some manner, only losing part of his hind leg. He rolled down the embankment, and, with a loud growl of pain and rage,

bounded off into the dark woods. It all passed so quickly that the engineer and fireman could hardly realize the facts in this strange adventure, and when they got to Bartow they had a wondering crowd around the engine examining the bloody trail made by the bear as he climbled up the engine and ran along the footboard.

A Great Monument Built by Shellfish. Who built the Washington monu-

Funny creatures with shells made it long ages ago at the bottom of the sea. Some of them were little and some quite big, but all of them left their homes behind them when they died, to furnish material for a memorial to the father of his country. If you will go up to the top of the

hill, at the foot of which are the fish ponds, and will examine closely some of the stones of which the mcnument is built, you will find their surface smooth. with no visible trace of the individual shells that lent their substance to this mighty structure symbolical of eternity. This is because the shells in the beds from which the marble came were so squeezed together by pressure and otherwise metamorphorosed as to be reduced to a simple mass of lime. In many marbles, however, you will discover the shells quite visible, so that their very form, preserved for goodness knows how many centuries, lends beauty to the polished rock. Few things can be more interesting than to observe the trace of what was once a living organism in a possible appearance of man upon the

But the mere deposit of such shells did not make marble. It required geologic action to effect the transformation of the limestone into the material which composes the Washington monument. For instance, when, by the cooling of up so as to form mountains, great heat was developed and limestone beds in places where such action took place went through a process of crystallization by the heat, thus forming what is known as marble. Wherever traces of the original shells which compose the limestone are found they are called fossii shells. If the monument contained such shells, visible in their original shape, it would be a most interesting memorial of the world before the deluge, as well as of the immortal George. — Washington Star.

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the game well, and is obedient to the call, you are safe to take him to the field and try him on wild game, and if you are fond of field sports you will be more than repaid for your perseverance and trouble in breaking your brancher. as a decoy to induce the haggards to

Although the word falcon is often used indiscriminately for any or all birds used to hunt, yet in the language of falconry there are many distinctions, according to Yarrel; for instance, the female peregrine was exclusively called the falbon, and on account of her great size, power and courage, was usually flown at perons and duck; the male, often only two-thirds the size of his mate, was called torcel, tiercel and tiercelet, and was flown at partridges and magpies. Soon after the Norman conquest the

birds were regulated by law with nice distinctions; one style was for kings, as we have before stated, another for princes of the blood, still others for dukes and great lords fifteen grades in all, which reached down to the knave. Naturalists are as bad as the Normans or worse, and divide and sub-divide and

quarrel over the sub-divisions. In 1874 two well-known authorities published a list, one making six species of goshawks (Astur), and the other thirty-one; the latter made only twenty-three sparrowhawks and the former forty-five. According to the latest authority at hand, the hawks differ from true falcons in not having a toothed or notched bill.

The goshawk of the United States is one of our handsomest birds of prey; the the crown of his head is deep black and the upper parts bluish-slate, darker at the tail. There are no cross-bars on the throat, but each individual feather has an artistically arranged dot or dash of color. It has dark tinged wings, a tail of the same hue, with obscure bands across it A broad white stripe with fine black pen ciling running from above and behind the eve adds expression and flerceness to the face. Audubon loved to watch this bird and describe its bold, daring adventures as on strong wing it sailed over the American wilds that have sine bird to take its food quietly, allowing become populous towns and farming no fluttering, fighting or undue excite- districts. It would take a volume to ment during its meal. Feed it with your describe each species and be unnecess sary, as the only object of this article 1 to attract the attention of the sportsmar to the grand possibilities for sport the mon the bird in the future, when you would be opened by a revival of hawk wish it to resume its perch upon your | ing. wrist. It will by this means learn to

The fair sex would also have an or portunity, for "in days of old, when knights were bold," the knight always paid his court to his fair one by his marked attention to the falcons. Using the greatest judgment in flying the bird at the proper moment, never losing sight of it, encouraging it by calls, following it and securing the prey from the death dealing talons, and with a caress as a reward for the lucky or skillful work, the knight would slip the hood over the bird's head, and with all the grace he could assume place the falcon on the slender wrist of his and the bird's mistress .- New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Heir to Austria's Throne.



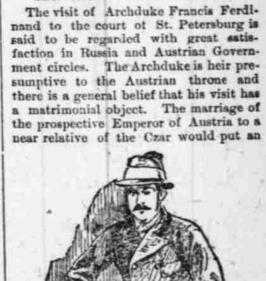
head and bewits on its legs. With such a bird, excite its appetite by forcing it to swallow pellets of tow mixed with a little wormwood and garlic. This will increase its hunger and thereby make it more dependent upon its master, and consequently more docile, and the pleasure it derives from the gratification of this artificial appetite will attach it more

closely to its master who feeds it.

In a week or less the bird is tamed, and then you can commence with the training. Take the falcon out in your yard, or, if you live in the city and have no back yard, seek a retired spot in the park. Put a piece of meat on your hand and, calling the bird, teach it to hop on your hand. By no means allow it to partake of the meat until it has answered your call. Next fasten the meat to a lure made of a flat piece of wood and covered on both sides with the wings of the bird you intend to hunt or the skin of the animal you expect your hawk to pounce upon. Unbood your bird and show it the lure. If the bird strikes the lure, allow it to take the meat when it has answered your call and returned to your wrist. The string attached to the lure may be from ten to more than thirty yards in length, and when the bird swoops down upon the lure at the full length of the string and will then obey the call, you are on the road to success and know -that the bird recognizes the lure, and knows that by answering your call it will be entitled to the meat for its reward. This point gained, you need no longer fear allowing your bird freedom, because at a moment's notice you can reclaim him with the call or signal; even if he be soaring he will descend to his accustomed perch upon the buckskin gauntlet.



dle on rock or treetop are called eysas, You may now show your bird living game by letting the real animals or birds, represented by the lure, fly or run laidiand are the most easily famed and trained; but they are apt to lack the capped by strings fastened to their legs. for use. The manual value one of its kind extant. strength and audacity of the brancher or



end to all danger of war between the two empires for many years to come. It was recently stated that the young Archduke was to marry his cousin, Princess Elizabeth of Bayaria, but the match seems not to have been definitely arranged. If the visit were merely of a political character Ferdinand would be accompanied by some of the Austrian Ministers, as he is rather young in the science of statecraft.

Considerably uncertainty exists in the public mind as to the identity of the heir presumptive to the Austrian crown. The direct heir to the throne is Archduke Charles Louis, the Emperor's brother, and then his eldest son, Archduke Francis Yerdinand, who has rssumed the designation of D'Este ever since he inherited the wealth of his uncle, the Duke of Modena, amounting to £50,000. Failing Archduke Francis Ferdinand, who is unmarried, comes his younger brother, Archduke Otto, whose wife is the Princess Maria Josepha of Saxony. They have one child, a little boy, who bears an extraordinary resemblance to his great-grandfather, Kaiser Franz. Prince Francis Ferdinand was born in 1863. The fortune which he got from the Duke of Modena will pass when he becomes

Emperor to his brother Otto. The Prince recently visited England and it was said at the time that he wished to improve his acquaintance with the exiled Orleans family, who have several rather good-looking Princesses to be married off. He is, like most of the Hapsburgers, a very distinguished-looking man, is very carefully educated, has considerable artistic attainments and is said to be a good soldier .- Chicago Post.

The spread of women's clubs throughout the country has led Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller to prepare a practical guide which is to contain directions for organizing a club, suggestions for proper management and a form of constitution ready for use. The manual will be the only