WHERE PARROTS COME FROM What They Cost, Where They Ar Caught, How They Are Treated. New York Tribune.

On a Sixth avenue elevated train the other evening was a short, thin man, tanned evidently by exposure in the tropics. He carried, covered over with a plaid gingham apron, a curious old-fashioned cage in which there was a fine young green parrot. "This parrot," he said, "is a young bird, and as you see well trained. There are two ways of getting these birds, by trapping and by catching the young birds in the nest. A trapped bird is wild and it takes two years to train it, for it bites and fights like a 'soger.' This young one was trained in twelve months. Every six weeks I go to Venezuela on a sailing vessel and try to bring back fifty parrots with me. The Indians catch them up the Orinoco river, and whenever a vessel comes into port there is a lively scramble on the part of the natives who have parrots or anything else to dispose of. The training of parrots is a regular business or many of the natives in the seaport towns of Venezuela, and whenever I have touched at the ports of Brazil or Colombia I found it much the same, except that Brazilian parrots are harder to get along the coast. Indians do nearly all of the trapping, far up in the interior.

This parrot is for a friend of mine in Forty-ninth street, to whom I have promised one for two years, but could never pick up a really fine one. When I am in port I have so little time that I have to take such birds as are offered. If I were going to sell this one I should ask \$10, although my regular price for a young bird is \$5. That is what the bird fanciers pay me for them, and they cost me \$4. That is what I paid for this one six weeks ago at Laguayra. He speaks Spanish, of course, and swears like a trooper in a dialect of Indian and Spanish. His last owners in the city of Laguayra have taught him all of the latest slang they knew.

"Yes," he continued, "\$1 is all make on one of these parrots, while on a trapped bird there is only about fifty cents to be made. I buy them for \$2 or \$2.50 and sell them for fifty cents advance. They get awful seasick on even an ordinary voyage and require as much attention as a sick baby, and many of them get so lonesome when they are shut up alone in the hold that they die of a broken heart it seems to me

"Oh, how easy they die," reflectively sighed the man. "On one trip I was bringing up seventy fine days out they began to take sick and die. The ship's doctor said it was a kind of infectious pneumonia. At any rate they all died but two. That was a bad voyage for me."

CANDLES MADE FROM PLANTS. Vegetables Which Bear Wax and Tallow-Facts About Camphor. Washington Star.

"Several curious substances of an inflammable nature are produced by plants," said a naturalist to a Star writer, "Many vegetable species bear wax, which, in the form of minute scales on the surface of the plum and other stone fruits, makes what is called the 'bloom.' It exists so abundantly in the fruit of a Virginia myrtle that the latter has received the name of 'candle berry.' These berries are collected in great quantities for their wax and candles from them burn with a remarkable brightness and freedom from smoke, at the same time giving out a pleasant fragrance. A wax bearing tree exists in South Africa, the berries of which yield a substance which is smade into candles by the Dutch. There are several species of wax palms in South America. One of them has its leaves covered with wax, while the trunk of another kind

varnish. "A substance very like tallow is yielded by a tree in China, the seed vessels of which are hard brownish husks. Each of them contains three round white kernels, about the size and shape of hazel nuts. These kernels have small stones inside them, around which the fatty matter lies. from the pit of the stone an oll for burning in lamps is pressed. Almost all the candies used in the south of China are made from this vegetable tallow. A tree abounds on the Malabar coast of India, called the 'piney, which bears a pulpy fruit that yields a great quantity of solid tallow approaching wax in firmness and superior to animal fat for the manufacture of candles.

is covered with the wax as with a

"Another remarkable inflammable substance secreted by plants is camphor. It is chiefly obtained from a species of laurel native to the East Indies. In preparing it pieces of the roots are put into an iron vessel tightly covered. When the vessel is heated the camphor rises in the form of vapor and is condensed on the cover. That is the primitive method, at all events, though I believe that it is improved upon by newly invented processes. In old trees the camphor is sometimes found, when the trunks are split open, in a very pure state, forming small concretions or tears.

PERSONAL.

- P. T. Barnum's estate has increased largely in value since he died. and it is now reckoned close up to

- Lieutenant Totten declares that he will leave New Haven with quite as much satisfaction as New Haven will feel over his departure.

- William Butner, an elected delegate to the Minneapolis National Convention, is said to be a son of Chang, the senior partner of the famous firm of

Chang & Eng. - Herr Damm, the famous Ger-

man aeronaut, died in Berlin last Monday. It is believed that he possessed plans for the construction of balloons which can be placed under complete control of the aerial navigator. - Mr. Barrie, the new English au-

thor, has discovered with what rapidity the vogue of an author augments his profits. Before he published "The Little Minister" he received \$50 per 1,000 words; now he gets about \$90.

- The late Dr. Walter Channing, one of the leading physicians of Boston, who lived to be 90 years of age, once told Col. Higginson that in all of his wide experience he had never seen any one afraid to die when the last moment WHERE'S BILL ?

CARL SMITH. Where's Bill? Yes, o' course I'm glad to See th' old town once again; When I turned th' bend I had to Jes git up an' yell, an' when seen that old steeple risin'

Like a guidepost on th' hill, Leapin' up frum th' horizon, I jes had to— Say, where's Bill? Know that meetin' house? I guess An' that's where we uset to go. Us boys! Settin' stiff an' jes so, Like we was put up to show. There's the graveyard back behind it, With th' old stone on th' hill; believe that I could find it If I tried to now. Where's Bill?

When we two was boys, Bill showed To me one day, an' th' year Cut in it was- There, I knowed it Wasn't fur away frum here. See, it's old, an' stained, an' breakin' Grass-growned, too, an' cracked, until t seems like some poor, forsaken, Homeless thing that- Say, where

Bill an' me we often wondered Whose that stone was; for we guesse t'd laid down there a hunderd Years or more at very best. In' he uset to say; "Now I don't Want no better tomb, I will Lay there when I die." Say, why don't Some o' you-uns say where's Bill?

It's the one you uset to claim. Pshaw! You talk about yer own, an' Sich fool things. Why-what's-this name Here, cut underneath the creeps An th' moss? Why are you still? His name! Here among th' sleepers-An' I— Well, I've found you, Bill.

Yes, old pard, this is the stone, an

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

-Harper's Weekly.

- Get hold on eternal life nowyou will grow into it-it will grow into

you.-Rev. W. H. Geistweit. - Men are, and ever will be, what their wives and sisters, and above all, their mothers, make them, by influence which begins with the cradle and ends with the grave.—Canon Farrar.

- Man's life means tender teens, teachable twenties, tireless thirties, fiery forties, forcible fifties, serious sixties, sacred seventies, aching eighties, short-ening breath, death, the sod, God!-Joseph Cook.

- Did you ever feel the joy of winning a soul for Christ? I tell you there is no joy out of heaven which excels it-the grasp of the hand of one who says: "By your means I was turned

from darkness .- Spurgeon. - As grain bringeth increase not when it lieth in a heap in the garner, but when scattered upon the land; so are spiritual graces best improved not by keeping them together, but by distributing them abroad.—Sanderson.

-Like those Roman walls, formed of small stones joined by an imperishable cement, which have braved the assaults of centuries, the foundations of church are formed of small virtues which parrots and when we were only three | none can over-estimate. - Eugene Ber-

> - It may seem possible now, by avoiding all extremes and all thoroughness in religion or in worldliness, to conform to both; but in the day of separation it will be found to have been a failure for eternity-a failure as complete it is disastrous and remediless .- Bonar.

> - Let every member of the church, old and young, build over against his own house in this thing. Pray oftener; pray longer. There is no danger that our private prayers will be too long. Our Saviour spent entire nights prayer .- Western Recorder.

> - Remember that the time for self-examination and self-knowledge is after all, very short. Soon we shall know the great secret. We may masquerade it for a little while in the dress of a saint, but death will soon strip off the covering, and at the Judgment we shall stand just as we are. - Spurgeon.

> - As Michael Angelo wore a lamp on his cap to prevent his own shadow from being thrown upon the picture which he was painting, so the Christian minister and servant needs to have the candle of the Spirit always ourning in his heart, lest the reflection of self and self-glorying may fall upon his work to darken and defile it. -Dr. A. J. Gordon, in The Two-Fold Life.

> - It is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man that his earthly influence, which has had a commencement will never, through all the ages, were he the very meanest of all, have an end! What is done is done: has already blended itself with the boundless, ever-living, ever-working universe, and will work openly or secretly, throughout all time.—Carlyle.

> - Our faith is founded on the clear word of God, and there we rest as on a rock, upon which the tide of infidelity has been beating in vain for all the centuries that are past. The waves of skeptical assault have broken upon it only to be dissipated into spray and foam. The grand old Bible seems to lift itself in triumph after each shock, exactly as the rock appears to emerge from the breakers when the ocean tide has spent its force.—Andrew W. Archibald, D. D.

TWINKLINGS.

- "Has you tather-er-considered our-my proposal?"
"He has. He considered it a piece of impudence."-Indianapolis Journal. - She-If you should propose to

a wealthy girl and should be rejected, what would you do? He-Well, I suppose I should have to earn my own living .- Detroit Free Press. - Mrs. Larkin-The man we've

been buying our coal of has joined the Larkin-Then I hope he sees the error or his former weighs .- Detroit Free

- Tommy-Paw, w'y do they call taking a man's money from him "bleeding him?"
Mr. Figg—Because it robs him of his circulating medium .- Indianapolis four-

- Husband-Where is that thermometer I hung up there the other day? Wife-I saw you this morning at 1 o'clock trying to brush your teeth with

- "Is the editor out ?" asked the "No" replied the devil, "but the doctor thinks he'll be out by Saturday if

somebody else doesn't try to kill him."
Kate Field's Washington. - Briggs-Are you going back

to the Bangup hotel this year?
Griggs-Not much. I came away last year from that hotel and forgot to tip the head waiter.-Life. - Prudent mother-I trust, my

dear, that you do not encourage young men in their attentions. Daughter-O, dear me, no. I threaten to tell you every time any one of them kisses me.—New York Evening Sun.

- Disturbed Sleeper (to burglar) -What the deuce are you doing here? Burglar-Attending to my own busi-

Disturbed Sleeper-O, excuse me. I forgot,-Detroit Free Press. - Servant-Your name, sir? Caller-Jinks. Servant-Do you spell it J-i-n-k-s or J-y-n-k-s? Caller—J-i-n-k-s.

Servant-Back door, sir.-/udge.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28. The resolution offered on the 18th of April by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, for payment to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations for their interest in lands in Indian territory (Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation) was laid before the Senate and Mr. Allison took the floor to speak against it, when Mr. Sherman remarked that as the resolution involved some three million dollars, he would like to see a quorum present. The roll was thereupon called and 55 Senators (more than a quorum) responded, and Mr. Allison proceeded to present his objections to the resolution, which he said would not only commit the Senate to a recommendation to the President for immediate payment of nearly three million dollars, but would also commit the Senate to! reasoning on arid statements in the printed report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, in direct antagonism to the argument and presentation made by the President. The appropriation had been made in the closing hours of the last Congress (on an amendment offered to the Indian Appropriation bill by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas) without any recommendation on the part of the committee on Indian Affairs in either House. The pending resolution involved really ten million dollars, because there lay behind it another like claim, amounting in round numbers to about seven million dollars. What he thought, therefore, ought to be done was to recommit the

whole subject to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and he would make that motion at the close of the debate. Messrs. Jones, Teller and Perkins opposed Mr. Allison's proposition and advocated the passage of Mr. Jones' reso-Without disposing of the question the Senate at 5 p. m., adjourned until Mon-

day. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES The House was engaged in doing nothing during the first hour of its ses-

sion this morning. The resolution making the position of Assistant Journal Clerk annual instead of a session one, having finally been adopted, the House by unanimous consent went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Oates, of Alabama, in the Chair) on the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriations bill.

The pending question was on Mr. Hill's amendment restoring to \$7,500 the salary of the minister to Venezuela. No quorum voting a call of the commit-tee was ordered. Although 192 members responded to their names the quorum vanished on a vote on the amendment and another call showed that 170 members were present. These constituting a quorum, the tellers resumed business at the old stand; but business was slack and again the tellers went into liquidation, and another roll call was insisted upon. This time 180 prospective customers responded, but when business was again resumed, the number of custo-mers dwindled. Republicans steadfastly refused to patronize and allowed the trading to be done exclusively by Demto suspend business. This time the committee, on motion of Mr. Blount, rose. Mr. Blount then moved that the House

the yeas and nays. The result was, yeas 19, nays 183. Then Mr. Blount offered the following resolution: "Whereas there are a large number of members absent from the House and public business is delayed, the sergeantat-arms is directed to bring in all ab sentees, and the proceedings in connection therewith shall be in accordance with rule fifteen in cases where a call of the House is ordered. Leaves of absence are hereby revoked, except for providential causes."

adjourn, and on this motion demanded

Mr. Bergen, of New Jersey, made the point of order that as the previous roll call showed that a quorum was present the resolution was not in order. This point was over-ruled by the Speaker, and then Mr. Miller, of Wisconsin, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Mr. Blount modified his resolution by inserting after the words "to bring in all absentees," the words "without leave," and at the close of the resolution the words "and the roll shall immediately be called to ascertain what members are

Mr. Miller then withdrew his motion and Mr, Blount demanded the previous question. On division the vote stood-134 to 3-and Mr. Burrows quietly made the point of no quorum. Thereupon a call of the House was ordered. After weary waiting for some returns from the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Blount offered a resolution revoking all leaves of absence, except those granted on account of sickness. Adopted. That the question of securing a quorum is a live one, is evidenced by the fact that during this call of the House the Sergeant-at-Arms procured several hacks and his deputies proceeded at full speed to Bennings, where the spring races are being held but the return from the races was not as speedy as the trip thereto, and as it was evident that no business could be transacted Mr. Blount offered a resolution rescinding the call of the House, except so far as revoking leaves of absence, and the direction for the arrest of absentees

were concerned. The resolution was agreed to, and the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29. In the House this morning the Speaker called attention to the fact that at the time of adjournment yesterday the Sergeant-at-Arms had been given warrants for the arrest of absantee members. He would now ask the officer to make his report. Col. Ike Hill then proceeded to the space in front of the Speaker's desk to submit his report, when he was interrupted by Mr. Owens, of Ohio, with a point of order that after the adjournment of the Houselast night the Sergeant-at-Arms had authority no to bring in absantees. The Speaker reolied that it was not a question of order. It was a question for the House to decide. But Mr. Owens persisted in his objections, declaring that the House had no right to issue such an order. The Speaker said that that question would arise when the Sergeant-at-Arms made his report.

Col. Hill stated that nineteen warrants had been put in his hands. Two members he had failed to find; one had been suddenly called away on account of sickness in his family; four were out of town. He had notified the other twelve, and they had promised to be here this morning. The Speaker stated that the sergeant-at-arms had called on him last night and asked what he should the liberty to instruct him to notify

them to be present to-day. Mr. Owens then came in with his protest that the House had no right to take the action it had taken yesterday. It had always been held that an adjournment terminated proceedings under a call of the House. The Speaker stated that the question had been determined yesterday. Without objection the House had adopted the resolution refusing to rescind the order for arrest.

The recalcitrant members were then summoned to the bar of the House and called upon there to present such ex-cuses for their absence as they might see fit. All were excused after excuses which in a few cases were genuine and made in good faith; in others farcial. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar.

The Sibley relief bill which has been clogging the wheels of private legislation for the past two months was finally

laid aside with favorable recommendation, after having been amended so as to refer the claim to the Court of Claims

for adjudication.

Mr. Hiram Johnson's bill (Tennes see's war claim), which has received attention for many Congresses, was de-bated for the remainder of the afternoon without determination, The committee then arose and the House, without disposing of the Sibley bill, took a recess until 8 o'clock, the

evening session for the consideration of private pension bills. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30. This was an ideal day for the races. There were not one hundred members

present when the Speaker called the House to order at noon. The House by unanimous consent went into committee of the whole (Mr. Oates, of Alabama, in the Chair) on the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill, the pending amendment being that offered by Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, restoring to \$7,500 the salary of the minister to Venezuela, which the bill proposed to reduce to \$5,000. Messrs. Hitt and Blount resumed business as tellers, but received little patronage from Republicans. However, they were patient and for almost an hour awaited Democratic

customers, who were summoned from committee rooms by pages and door-keepers and their patience was rewarded and they were enabled to close up business with honor. A quorum appeared and the amendment was lost-19 to 149.

Mr. Post, of Illinois, offered an amendment restoring Denmark as a separate mission, and fixing the salary of the Minister at \$7,500. Mr. Post's amendment was supported by several members from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and by Mr. Cum-mings, of New York. With the Northwestern men one of the controlling reasons for their position was, that among their constituents are a great many Scandinavians, whose pride would be hurt by reducing the importance of the United States' representative at Den-

mark has taken great interest in the Chicago Fair, and has made liberal preparations for representation there. Mr. Blount opposed Mr. Post's motion on the score that the proposed reduction was part of the general scheme of economy that governed the prepara-tion of the bill. He asked unanimous consent that debate on the amen'dment

mark. Another reason was that Den-

be considered as closed. Mr. Cumming vehemently objected, whereupon Mr. Blount moved that the committee rise for the purpose of closng debate.

That is on the line with the spirit of the committee that drew this bill," said Mr. Cummings indignantly. "The committee has a spirit as lofty as that of the gentleman," responded Mr. Blount

"And one far more parsimonous and mean," retorted Mr. Cummings. "The gentleman is often in that attitude to the majority,"was Mr. Blount's rejoinder. Finally Mr. Blount withdrew his motion, stating that his only object in making it was to facilitate the action of the

Mr. Cummings being accorded the

floor said that he would vote for the amendment. He wanted to rebuke this House for the spirit of parsimony which was exhibited in the endeavor to consolidate the Danish and Swedish missions In the 51st Congress there were just as many members. Scandinavian born, as there were members born in Ireland and Germany. This bill, so far as it concerned these nations, was an insult to two million of our Scandinavian citizens The Committee on Foreign Affairs had done injustice not only to the people of Denmark, whose nation was monarchical, but to our sister Republics of South America. Again he wanted to rebuke this parsimony. It meant really, virtually, legislation in fa-vor of the rich and against the poor. [Applause on the Republican For by reducing the salaries of ministers and consuls, the offices were placed in the hands of plutocrats and taken from the hands of educated, honest, laboring or professional men. He appealed to the House not to place this Government in a position where it would be regarded by all countries as the one national miser of the world.

Messrs. Williams, of Massachusetts, Dingley, and Boutelle, of Maine, also came to the rescue of the Danish mission, and advocated Mr. Post's amendment. Then Mr. Blount said that as it seemed that there was a strong disposition on the part of members to retain Denmark as a separate mission, he would not press his opposition to the amendment. The amendment was adopted. Mr. Blount offered an amendment reducing from \$80,000 to \$60,000 the appropriation for meeting any unforeseen emergency arising in the diplomatic and consular service. Discussion which arose upon the amendment brought the Italian question to the fore, through

criticism made upon the payment of the Italian indemnity out of the emergency fund by the President's action. Messrs. McMillin, Breckenridge, o Kentucky, Chapman, of Michigan, and others took the ground that the President in his action in that matter had usurped function that belonged to Congress alone and that had set a dangerous

precedent. Mr. Blount's amendment was agreed to and Mr. Chapman offered a provision that no part of the sum agreed to be appropriated as an emergency fund shall be paid to any power in settlement of any claim against the United States. On

agreedment to Mr. Chipman's amendment the vote stood 85 to 42. Mr. Ray, of New York, raised the point of "no quorum" and at Mr. Burrow's suggestion, Mr. Blount asked the consent that further consideration of the amendment be postponed for the present. There was no objection, nor was there any to Mr. Blount's further request that the paragraph relative to the continental railway commission and to the international union of American

republics be passed over. Pending further consideration the committee rose and the House adourned.

POLITICAL POINTS.

- The Republicans claimed three months ago that Cleveland was politically dead, they killed him over again in Rhode Island, and have frequently buried him. But at the present writing t looks as though Mr. Cleveland is about the "livest" man in the Presidential race.—Savannah News, Dem.

- Conventions for the election of delegates to the State Convention was held yesterday in several counties, and Cleveland delegates were almost everywhere chosen. When the instructions for Cleveland were not given outright, do with the members upon whom he served warrants. The Speaker had taken for "the most available man," which means practically the same thing as instructing for Cleveland. It is already a chestnut for anybody to talk of voting for Hill .- Richmond Times.

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