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LOCUST PLAGUES.

Onslaught of the Ravenous Tribe During an Invasion.

GLUTTONS BY THE MILLIONS.

The Devastating Armies Fly in Clouds Dense Enough to Obscure the Light of the Sun—The Hoppers That Come After the Crops Are Devoured.

There are several species or varieties of the migratory locust, which are mostly to be found in dry, semitropical countries, such as the south of Europe, Egypt, Syria and Morocco, for their native home seems to be in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean, though migratory locusts are to be found in regions as remote as South Africa and South America, where they form a veritable scourge to the agriculturists. In Argentina, especially the northern half of the country, they are very destructive, for they will annihilate the farmer's entire crop in a few hours.

A locust invasion, writes John D. Leckie in Chambers' Journal, is an event not easily forgotten. The first sign of the approaching incursion is usually a long, dark cloud low on the horizon. But the dark cloud is no forerunner of rain. Instead of the precious liquid, which the farmer has probably long expected in vain, it portends the approach of his greatest enemy, the omnivorous locust.

As the dark cloud comes nearer it is seen to be composed of countless millions of locusts on whirling wings. Soon the cloud appears overhead and is sufficiently thick to obscure the sun, which is only seen opaquely, as through a mist, although the sky is cloudless and the air clear.

Now we are in the midst of a dense swarm of flying, whirling locusts, which dash into our faces, enter our houses and fill our faces with their presence. The air is simply alive with them. All open wells must be instantly covered or they will be polluted.

Fowls and turkeys welcome the advancing hordes. They simply fatten on the locusts as they run around and gobble them up. But this is no blessing to the farmer—far from it, for the flesh of poultry becomes so tainted by this form of diet as to be quite unpalatable, and even their eggs have an unpleasant taste.

So well is this fact known that as soon as the locusts make their appearance in the locality the price of eggs drops to one-half or one-third of their former figure, and even then there are few buyers. All the animals about the farmyard seem to be affected adversely, for even the horses have a strong aversion to eat grass which has been so polluted by the presence of locusts, and unless very hungry they will not touch it.

The advance of the locusts takes place as follows: First a few pioneers, the advance guard of the vast army, then the main body of the army, a host which is as invincible as it is destructive. All true locusts are migratory by nature, for the simple reason that, being gregarious in their habits, it would be impossible for them to exist without continual migration.

The ground on which they settle is completely cleared in a few hours, and they must perforce seek other fields and pastures new, where they can repeat their depredations. For the same reason the destruction which they effect is purely local. One district may be completely devastated, while another a few miles away is altogether spared from their presence.

When the locusts have eaten their fill the females commence to deposit their eggs, which they do by making an opening in the ground, in which the eggs are laid. The infant locusts soon make their appearance, scarcely so large as a pea, hopping about in countless swarms. In this stage of their existence they have no wings, but progress by hopping. While in this state—that is, before their wings are developed—they must be ruthlessly destroyed.

Long trenches are dug into which the "hoppers" are driven by rows of men, women and boys armed with branches of trees, with which they beat the ground, driving the insects in the direction of the trenches. On the opposite sides of the trenches sheets of galvanized iron are placed upright so as to form an effectual barrier.

On arriving at the trenches the "hoppers" fall into them and cannot easily make their way out, especially as their progress is barred by the wall of galvanized iron in front of them, the smooth surface of which affords them no foothold.

The trenches are soon filled with millions of young "hoppers," the weight of those above crushing to death the weight of those in their fellows. Earth is then shoveled on top of the seething mass of insects, and they are thus smothered and killed.

This is the most effective method of exterminating the locusts, but in order to insure the success of the operation it is necessary that the attempt should be properly organized and that all the neighbors should act in concert.—Providence Journal.

The Right Spirit. "Did Mrs. Brown take her husband's failure in the right spirit?" "Oh, yes! Just as soon as she knew he was going to fail she went out and bought an entire new outfit!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.—Ruskin.

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Telephone Girl Fears Electrocution. Miss Myrtle Williams has fled in terror from her job as telephone operator because she fears electrocution. This remarkable young girl faces a silver-haired spine and is paying the penalty of having her backbone transposed into an electrode. One warning shock that struck her senseless led her doctors to declare she must lead an insulated life or face a tragic end.

The silver plate in her spinal column was placed there some years ago as the result of a marvelous operation that saved her life after her back had been broken.—Los Angeles Examiner.

Powerful Motives. Teacher—Yes, children, when the war broke out all the able-bodied men who could leave their families enlisted in the army. Now, can any of you tell me what motives took them to the front? Bright Boy (triumphantly)—Locomotives.—Tit-Bits.

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SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

How Some Disputes Were Settled by Racing For the Honest Lawyer in a Town in Denmark.

In telling of his boyhood home in Denmark, "The Old Town," Jacob A. Ellis says that he does not remember that there were at any time more than two lawyers in the place. One was good, the other bad—not a bad lawyer perhaps, but reputed to be tricky, whereas the other was known to be honest.

It is therefore perhaps the best character I can give my people when I record the fact, writes Mr. Ellis, that when two farmers quarreled, each sure that he was right, they made haste to hitch up to get first to the honest lawyer, and usually that was the end of the quarrel, for the last in the race was willing to make peace.

They used to tell of two well to do neighbors who had fallen out over a line fence and started simultaneously for town. Both had good teams, and they were well matched in the race.

For half an hour they drove silently alongside, each on his own side of the road, gratingly urging on their horses, but neither gaining a length. At last as the lights of the town came into sight, for it was evening, a trace broke on one of the rigs, and the horses stopped. The other team whirled away in a cloud of dust.

"Hans," the beaten one called after him, and he halted and looked back, "are you going after Lawyer —?" naming the square one.

"I am that," came back. "Then let's go back. I'm beat." And back home they went and made it up.

A MERCENARY MARRIAGE.

Romance of Lady March and the Second Duke of Richmond.

One of the mercenary marriages which turned out happily was that of the second Duke of Richmond. He was married to Lady Sarah Cadogan as part of an agreement that her father's gambling debts should be cancelled. Lord March (as he then was, being eighteen and the bride thirteen immediately after the wedding) Lord March's tutor took him off to the continent for the grand tour, and Lady Sarah went back to her nursery. This is the sequel as told by Lady Russell in "The Rose Goddess."

"Three years elapsed, Lord March returned from his travels, but, having such an uninteresting recollection of his bride, was in no hurry to claim her and went the first evening of his return to London to the opera. There he noticed that all eyes—and lognettes—were directed to one box, where surrounded by several persons, sat a most beautiful young creature. Turning to a man beside him, he asked who she was. 'You must be a stranger in London,' was the answer, 'not to know the reigning toast of the town the beautiful Lady March?' Lord March lost no time in going to the box and introducing himself to his bride, with whom he ever after lived so affectionately that their devotion to one another became proverbial."

Cruelty to Women. We wonder what death the man will die or what tortured life he will be caused to lead who discovered the little "trick" by which a woman's age can be ascertained beyond a doubt—that is to say, while her health is normal. The only instrument required is an ordinary watch. The wrist of the lady whose age is in question is the telltale, for when you count her pulse and it registers sixty-nine beats per minute you know that she is between twenty and twenty-five years old. During the next five years seventy-one beats go to the minute, and the "femme de trente ans" and over is entitled to seventy throbs. It is a pity the man of science who established these facts is not more exact when dealing with the women of riper age, for, according to rumor and tradition, it is only after she is thirty that a woman begins to leave off having birth days.—Westminster Gazette.

Dropping Coaches on the Run. The ingenious means by which one of the great railroad systems of England drops passenger coaches off at intermediate stations without slowing up the locomotive, even for a fraction of a second, in its speed of sixty or more miles an hour is called the "slip-coach" system and is described in Popular Mechanics. It is a system never tried in America and consists in dropping, or "slipping" one or more of the rear coaches just before the station is reached. Undoubtedly many American tourists in England after alighting at their destination have been amazed to discover that the coach which they occupied was still beside them, while the locomotive and the remainder of the train were nowhere to be seen.

As George Sees the Peers. "David Lloyd George," said the minor from Wales, "is a very witty speaker. I've heard him many a time in Carnarvon, speaking in Welsh, he once ridiculed in Carnarvon the peer of lords. He said the average peer thought so much of himself at family prayers he always made one well known passage run: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of lords forever."—London Globe.

Modernity. "Some are so furiously modern that they prefer a Croquet to a Rembrandt." "If it's a better bill climber I don't blame 'em, Me for the French car every time."—London Punch.

Inexplicable. One of the strangest things in this world is why the kind of woman who is proud of her intellectualty nearly always marries a man who likes to tinker with old chickens.

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