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THE HERCULES BEETLE.

This South American Giant Is the Biggest Bug In the World.

To the Hercules beetle, a giant among insects, which is found in certain portions of Central and South America as well as in the island of Dominica, one of the British West Indies, belongs the distinction of being the biggest bug in the world. In appearance this creature is anything but prepossessing and looks as if it belonged with pink snakes, purple spiders and other creatures of the imagination.

It is a common trait of tourists and travelers to make little of anything seen in foreign lands, especially in the little West Indian islands, and to declare that similar things of vastly greater size or better quality occur in "God's country." When they run across the Hercules beetle, however, they are obliged to acknowledge themselves beaten.

Although so formidable in appearance, this insect is perfectly harmless. It lives in the heavy forests and feeds on the sweetish sap or gum of native trees. The larva, or grub, is about four inches long and as thick as a man's thumb and looks like a huge white maggot. It is considered a delicacy by the native negroes and caribs, who roast it in hot ashes and say that it tastes like roasted nuts.

Clumsy in appearance, the Hercules beetle possesses great powers of flight, and in the outlying villages it is not uncommon for one of these huge creatures to enter the native houses, being attracted thereto by the lights. The invariable result is a prompt extinguishing of the candle by the wind created by the beetle's buzzing wings, accompanied by screams from the inmates of the house, who imagine a jumble, or evil spirt, has invaded their dwelling.

A popular belief among the natives is that the Hercules beetle saws off limbs of trees by grasping them between the two hornlike appendages and flying round and round. This is a manifest impossibility, as the insect has but little power in the horns, and, moreover, the upper one is lined with a soft, velvety hair, which would be rubbed off at once by any friction.

TABLECLOTHS.

The "Doublers" and the "Bubbles" of Olden Times.

In the twelfth century the tablecloths were very large and were always laid on the table double. For a long time they were called "doublers" for that reason. The cloth was first placed so as to touch the floor on the side of the table at which the guests sat. Then all the cloth that remained was folded so that it just covered the table.

Charles V. had sixty-seven tablecloths which were from fifteen to twenty yards long and two yards wide. He had one cloth which was thirty-two yards long, and that had the arms of France embroidered on it in silk. All of these were fringed.

In the sixteenth century "doublers," or double cloths, were replaced by two tablecloths, one of which was small and was laid just as we lay ours today.

The other, which was put on over it, was large and of beautifully figured linen. It was skillfully folded in such a way that, as a book of that time says, "it resembled a winding river, gently ruffled by a little breeze, for among very many little folds were here and there great bubbles."

It must have required much art and care to make dishes, plates, saltcellars, sauce dishes and glasses stand steadily in the midst of this undulating sea and among those "bubbles" and puffy folds.

However, the fashion had only a short existence, as is apt to be the case with unpractical fashions, and toward the latter part of the century a single cloth, laid flat and touching the floor on all sides of the table, came into general use.

Not the Same Bill.

After much persuasion Sir John Astley allowed himself to be put forward some years ago as a Conservative candidate for parliament from Lincolnshire. He confessed he knew little about politics, but entered into the campaign as rare sport. One day he addressed a meeting of electors at a village in the isle of Axholme, and when he had finished somebody challenged his hearers to fire questions at him. Presently there came the query, "What do you think of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's liquor bill?" For a moment Sir John was nonplused, but only for a moment. Pulling himself together, he replied, "I cannot answer for Sir Wilfrid Lawson's liquor bill, but I do know that last year my own was a deuced sight too big!"

The Holly.

The holly in Germany is called Christdorn, or Christ's thorn, the legend being that it was of this plant that the crown of thorns was made. In France the honor is assigned to the hawthorn, which is there called the noble thorn. In Spain the legend assigns the honor to the bramble. An old Scotch legend makes the crown to consist of thistle blades, while in the folklore of England the climbing rose is said to have been the plant selected by the persecutors.

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Agricultural Expert Cautions Farmers About Clover Parasite.

Mr. F. H. Hillman, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has issued an interesting statement regarding his recent investigation of a parasitic growth which has extensively infested the clover on the farm of Mr. C. Bosley Littig, of Baltimore city, whose place is at Van Bibber, Harford county. This pest, it is stated by Mr. Hillman, threatens to become a serious menace to clover fields in all parts of the State unless some decisive action is taken to prevent its further contamination of the fields where it was discovered.

"Mr. Littig's clover field covers 22 acres of April-sown red and alsike clovers, says Mr. Hillman, "on wheat stubble, which stands knee-high and displays practically a perfect stand, barring a single condition, which demands the immediate destruction of the stand in order to prevent repeated loss of clover in the same field.

"The field is infested practically throughout with dodder, or love vine, a parasitic plant, whose golden yellow threadlike stems are creeping among the clover plants, or, if more advanced, are spread over the top of the clover in yellow patches which are easily seen from across the field. The source of the dodder was the red clover seed employed. This seed contained the dodder seeds in large numbers. A duplicate sample of that sown which was shown contained the dodder seed to the extent of a dozen or more seeds per square foot of the field surface at the usual rate of sowing. The seed was produced in Chile.

"Whenever it is probable that some dodder seeds have matured the plants should be burned on the spot. This may be favored by cutting the infested clover and allowing it to dry; the addition of straw may insure sufficient heat to kill seeds which may have fallen to the ground. If the dodder is not yet out of flower it can safely be plowed under with the clover or cut for forage. In the latter event the stubble should be plowed under immediately.

"In case the seed vessels are full-sized, but still green, the dodder should, for safety, be treated very much as if it were ripe. In this stage of development seeds may ripen in the ground after being plowed under."

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