Bees That Lay Eggs in Bricks and Wood

Sometimes as you are looking at an old wall you will notice that the mortar between the bricks contains a number of deep pits. If you probe into various holes you will be startled eventually by the exit from one of them of a small, but very angry, bee. You have, in fact, disturbed the mason bee in his home. The hole in which he was lurking was made by his powerful jaws.

The female lays eggs in little receptacles at the bottom of the hole and places a store of food beside each egg. The hole is then sealed up with a mixture of clay and mortar, softened with the bee's saliva. The eggs are left to themselves, and when hatched the young bees eventually eat their way out into the open.

The cousin of the mason bee is called the carpenter bee. He burrows into woodwork, choosing generally the underside of the beam, to protect the hole from rain.

At the bottom of the hole an egg is laid. Then comes a partition of mud and wood chips; then another egg, and so on till the hole is filled. The carpenter then seals it securely and leaves the eggs to look after themselves, and when hatched the bees eat through each partition till they get out.

Artist's Fee Too High Even for Profiteer

One of the good stories about the famous painter, Meissonier, is in regard to his experience with a newrich gentleman who had erected a private theater at his chateau. Meissonier was just then at the height of his fame and was spending months painting pictures and selling them for about $200 a square inch.

The rich man conceived the idea that what his theater most needed was a drop curtain painted by the famous artist, so he went to the studio and proposed the matter to him.

"How large is the curtain to be?" asked the painter.

"It will be 30 feet high and 35 feet wide," was the reply.

"My friend," said Meissonier blandly, "it would take me 30 years to paint such a curtain, and it would cost you $6,000,000."

Irish Wake

A wake is a vigil with a corpse. The word is derived from "waecan," Anglo-Saxon for a watching. It is still customary in many countries for friends and neighbors of the deceased to sit up nights with the corpse until it is buried. The custom probably originated in the ancient superstition that unless carefully guarded a corpse was in danger of being carried away by spirits from Hades. The Irish wake is especially notorious. In some parts of Ireland those remaining up nights with a corpse spend the time in drinking, dancing and telling jokes and stories. It is a highly festive occasion. Grace Greenwood in her "Stories of Travel" has this to say about the Irish wake: "A wake, sure it's an entertainment a man gives after he is dead, when his disconsolate friends all assemble at his house, to discuss his virtues and drink his poteen."—Pathfinder Magazine.

ROCK HALL

Capt. and Mrs. William Witt and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blackiston and children visited friends at Marydel. Del., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Guthrie and Miss Grace Culley, of Galena, were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Culley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parsons were recent hosts at supper to the Rev. T. C. Smoot, of Denton, and Sunday week of their son. Mr. Earl Parsons, Mrs. Rogers and daughter, Miss Nellie Rogers, all of Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. Alonza Travers, of Williamsburg, were guests last week of the latter's mother, Mrs. James Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crew and Rev. and Mrs. William H. Revelle visited Betterton Sunday and attended services when the Rev. E. M. Shockley preached to about eighty-five members of Chester Lodge of Masons.

George Westcott, five-year-old-son of Mrs. Nettie Westcott, was playing in the road Tuesday and was struck on the head by the fender of a car that was driven by Mrs. Kathleen Archibald who stopped the car within a few feet of the child.

Employees from here have begun their duties at Tolchester which opens in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Durding, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives here. The former's mother, Mrs. William P. Durding, will be their guest next week

Mr. John W. Downey, of Baltimore, is spending some time with his brother, Mr. Marion Downey and wife.

Mrs. Hilgert Kendall and children and Mrs. Charles Reeder, of Baltimore, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kendall.

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KENNEDYVILLE

The Patrons Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 p. m. in the school building; as it will be the last meeting for this school year a good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Mrs. Dodd. of Hartley Del., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Lightning struck Mr. Haggerty's house during the storm on Sunday evening.

Mr. Cooper, of Baltimore, visited his sister, Mrs. Walls last week.

Mr. James Vandyke, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Miss Mildred Melvin visited her mother over the week-end.

Miss Sue Johnston and Mrs. Cleve Tucker, of Washington, D. C., are visiting their mother and sister.

The Sunday School of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church will hold their children's Day service on Sunday morning, June 7, beginning at 10.30 o'clock.

STILL POND

Miss Anna Boyers is spending some time in Baltimore.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Frank Meeks has returned home from the hospital in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Charles Walters is visiting her daughter in Baltimore.

Mrs. Kennard Jones and daughter, of Baltimore, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet on next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. H. Cornelious, Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and daughter and Mr. Stellwagon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris.

The committee and children have been busy this week preparing for the Children's Day services to be held tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Rebekah Boulden who has been sick for some time, passed away early Wednesday morning.

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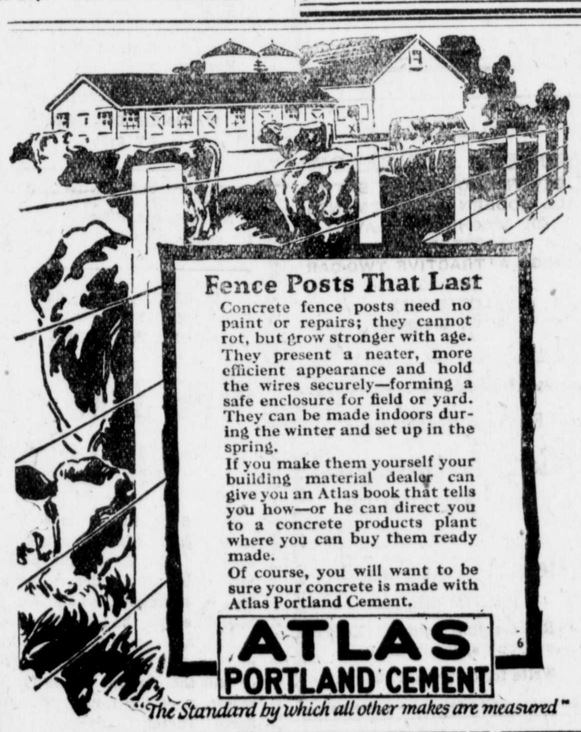
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