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Sicily, named by its admirers "L'Isola Incantevole"—island of enchantment—is situated at the very toe of the boot made by Italy, as if about to be kicked out of the way, and is included in the possessions of that country. It is a colorful island in old history. Before the Trojan war—fire kindled by the light of a woman's eyes—the Phoenicians sent colonies to Sicily. Syracuse, its principal city, is named by St. Paul in The Acts: "And landing at Syracuse we tarried there three days." Thucydides wrote of the great sieges occurring four centuries B. C. against Syracuse, placed, as one writer expresses it, for both war and commerce in the very center of the ancient world. Two centuries later the old mathematician Archimedes held at bay for three years the fleets and armies of Rome before finally capitulating and yielding Syracuse to its enemies. Messina, another city old in story, was founded by the Greeks more than seven centuries B. C. and is the chief commercial town of the island. Catania, a city of beauty with its palaces, villas and orange groves, is seated at the foot of Aetna, a volcano with a record of many eruptions. Palermo, the capital, is a most interesting city, facing the deep blue sea. In its great cathedral repose the bones of Emperor Frederick II, a ruler with an intellectual development some two centuries ahead of his time and consequently misunderstood.

Marvelous How Birds Wing Back to Home

Bird lovers have believed for centuries that migratory birds return to the same home, year after year. Modern science has proved this belief to be right. Birds are caught in traps that do not hurt them, marked with tiny leg bands of aluminum, each bearing a number, and released. Next year, the same birds are caught again in the same locality, often when occupying the same nest.

Evidently, a bird's memory for direction and location must be quite as marvelous as the older writers believed. The catbird winters as far south as Panama, yet catbirds marked in northern Ohio came back to the same neighborhood, year after year. Sometimes they move a few rods or furlongs, but the frequency with which they return to the very spot is astounding.

Cats find their way back to the old home across a township, horses across a county or two, and dogs have been known to pass through several states in returning to a beloved master, but birds find their way across a continent, and sometimes over a sea as well.

Geographic Joke

Panama perpetrates one of the greatest of geographic jokes on those who visit it. It convincingly makes east west. From Panama City the sun rises out of the Pacific, which to most American minds is the proper place only for setting suns. And he who sails through the canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific travels not from east to west, as he naturally expects to do, but from west to east, or, more accurately, from northwest to southeast. One gets the impression, as one writer has phrased it, that, "there is something crooked about this." The crookedness is found to be in the isthmus, which runs predominantly east and west, instead of north and south, and in addition makes a double curve like the letter S, so that at one place the Atlantic waters are actually west of those of the Pacific.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Wanted, Temperature!

Last winter Mr. and Mrs. Brown were ill with the "flu" in separate rooms. One morning, hearing a conversation going on between the colored maid and Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown asked the maid when she entered her room if Mr. Brown had any fever. The maid replied that she did not know.

Mrs. Brown then said to the maid: "Go and ask Mr. Brown if he has any temperature this morning. Tell him I haven't any."

As the maid left the room, she left the door open, and Mrs. Brown overheard the following conversation: "Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown say is you got any temperature this morning?" Mr. Brown replied: "I don't know whether I have any or not, Lucy." And the maid said: "Well, if you is got any she wants some, cause she ain't got none this morning."—Youth's Companion.

Playing-Cards Differ

American playing-card manufacturers have a profitable market awaiting them in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking American countries. But cards must be of patterns different from those to which Americans are accustomed. People in those countries demand the Spanish pack, which consists of only 40 cards, and tens. Furthermore, the face cards are different. The ace (called "as") is much like ours; the "rey" (king) wears a crown, the queen is represented by a young woman, and the jack ("caball") is a horse.

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GALENA

There was a very interesting meeting in the chapel by the Del-Mar-Va Association, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Roger Williams is on the sick list.

Mrs. Dr. Scott is very much better as she has been housed for several days with a sprained ankle.

Revival meetings closed last Sunday evening in the M. E. Church.

Mr. Benj. Jarvis returned to his home in Philadelphia after spending a week with friends in and around town.

Miss Mary and Marian Caldwell visited Dover and attended the alumni game at the school where they were delighted to meet so many old friends.

Was glad to hear that Mr. Frank Maslin has returned from Dr. Jones Hospital very much improved.

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