Slower Flying Birds

Woodpeckers, finches and thrushes are among the slower flying birds. They cannot keep up with a car at 20 miles an hour. Jays and orioles are about as slow, but barn swallows, going heavenly in one direction for at least 50 yards, will quickly get well ahead of a 40-mile speed.

Laying Varies

It is not always the largest bird that lays the greatest number of eggs. Although the ostrich usually numbers 15, the emperor penguin, largest of the species, lays but one egg. All other penguins lay two eggs. On the other hand, some of our small songbirds lay four or five eggs.

The Blue Earth

Deposits left behind by lost primeval forests and the petrified resin now form what is called the "blue earth" in the Samland district in East Prussia, not far from the Baltic coast. This is the only place where amber is found, for there are no similar deposits elsewhere in the world.

Hardest Resin

The hardest resin known is made from amber.

Steel Pens Old

Steel pens for writing date back to the beginning of the Nineteenth century.

Belief in Fairies

The belief in and fear of fairies, the supposed race of small, supernatural beings who meddle in human affairs, has existed from earliest times and formed a part of the superstition of nearly all peoples, says a writer in Collier's Weekly. Even up to a few years ago, many Scottish and Irish peasants raised their hats and said, "God speed you, gentlemen," when seeing an eddy of dust believed to be caused by a crowd of fairies passing by on a journey.

Feathers on Indian Bonnets

Among Indians of the plains, who are most noted for the wearing of bonnets, the feathers were awarded as an honor, says a writer in the Detroit News. Acting as a messenger, slaying a buffalo, or some other deed might bring the right to wear feathers, one or two, or perhaps five at a time. In at least one tribe it was the custom to give five feathers to any warrior who captured a wounded enemy.

Iran and Iraq

Iran and Iraq are the official names respectively for Persia and Mesopotamia.

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