#### CRUEL LITTLE BUTCHER BIRD. It Loves to Kill Small Animals and Im-

pale Them on Thorns. The butcher bird is considered b some of the ornithologists as the most sagacious bird in America. Thomas Oldbam, of Lordsburg, says the Pom oua Progress, tells us that he believe it as cruel as it is sagacious.

"I have paid lots of attention to pair of common butcher birds at my place for six months," said he, "and I have learned many new things about the habits of the peculiar butcher bird A pair of them have followed me while a-ploughing for three or four days at time, watching for me to overtura nest of field mice. When I ov rturn nest they will pounce down upon the little mice and claw and peck them to death. Then the mouse carca-ses carried away to some neighboring orange or lemon tree and spicked upon the thorns.

"The birds : e dom eat the mice, but kill them from sheer love of the excitement. When they can spike a live mouse, or even a rat, on a thorn they flutter about and chatter with themselves as if they had great fun in seeing the roleuts twist and squirm in the throes of death. But I am most surprised to see how strong butcher birds are and what they can lift and fly away with. I have often seen toads that have been impaled upon thorns of a century plant on my place and left to die. The other morning I saw butcher bird with a snake fully a foot long. He had it by the back of the neck, and flew with it up into an orange tree. He there nailed the reptile a thorn and sat and watched it. He let the snake almost wriggle off, when he flew at it and fixed it on more firmly. Because these birds are destructive to gophers and rats they are considered the friends of the orange growers.

The Monkeys Caught On.

"I once went up the Amazon and Orinoco Rivers on an animal capturing expedition for the late P. T. Barnum, said Dick Cowper, an old showman. "I got quite a collection of snakes, birds and monkeys. I hit on a novel plan for the capture of the latter, ar it worked like a charm. A monkey i a greater imitator than a Chinaman. He will do anything he sees done, and that is what gets so many of his kind into the cage. I rigged up an electric battery, and attached it to an apparatus that would allow a score of the Simians to get hold of it. I then took a party of natives, and went into the forest where there were troops of monkeys. We put the apparatus down, attached the wire and removed the battery to a considerable distance. The natives then took hold of the apparatus, dan ced and yelled, then retired. monkeys made a dash for it. Half dozen caught hold of it, and I turned on the current. They began to shriek and squirm, but the others thought their performance a part of the programme, and fairly fell over each other to get hold of the machine. I could have stuck the whole troop if they could have got hold of the concern. We then made a decent on them with sacks, and soon had a score of then corralled. But it would only work once. We tried it a month afterward. at a point fifty miles distant, but not a moukey came off his perch in the trees. They viewed the proceedings with evident curiosity, but without any apparent desire to imitate our war dance around the machine."

#### The "Green Hand."

An Eastern captain of a coasting vessel tells a remarkable story of "green hand," an Irishman, whom he employed at a pinch. "When we was under way," said the captain, "I had a mind to try him on the lookout, after we struck clear water, as he couldn't tell a halliard from a sheet line. 'Long about dark I stayed on deck, the mate at the wheel. Pretty soon he comes aft and says:

" 'There's something forenst the boat, sorr.' "'What is it?' I says.

"'I don't know, sorr,' says the man. " 'Well, go back and find out and report,' I says then; and back he goes, "A few minutes and back he comes

"I don't know what it is yet,' he says, 'but it's coming this way, and we can find out for sure in a little while. "You go for'ard, and don't come back till you know what it is,' said getting mad.

"He goes up again, but is back again in a minute and all smiling. " 'Well ?' says I.

" If you please, sorr, I don't know for sure what it is,' says he, 'but what ever it is, it has a red light and a green light, and I think it must be a

The Mocking-Bird in California. Some of my most intimate acquaintances have been the mocking-birds in the California groves. It seems almost unnecessary to cage them, they are s happy among the ever blooming trees but cages hang in balconies, at doors and windows, all about the courts and under the eaves, and passing down the streets one hears at all hours gushes of melody from the wonderful mimickers in their prisons. It is a cheerful sound, yet I like better to listen to them as they flit at will where the red pomegranates flower, where the wild figs rear their massive canopies, where they may hide their young as they choose i

the fragrant orange tree-tops. One splendid fellow has his perch on a wind mill fan opposite my door, where all day long he pours out trills rapturous with glee. Some mornings he is in such ecstasy that he bubbles down his notes in snatches, wasting no time in weaving them together, whenever I appear on the doorstep. I know he watches for my coming, for he apparently hordes his musical quiver full of gay darts, keeping silence for intervals when I am unseen, letting them fly in an arrowy shower, as if he would transport me when I reappear. He is the sancy tyrant who pecks at my hat, my hair, my gown, when I venture too near the rose vine on the lattice where his newly hatched babies are.

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wooden bar and designed the myst rious lock. The latter was of course the later product as involving mechanical skill and a knowledge of metals. The ancient Egyptians are credited with the manutacture of the original loc which was simple in construction by no means proof against the ing of the primitive burglar. were mostly made of wood, with casional example of iron or co

The warded lock was a further evolution and during the Middle Ages. in which so much of mechanical work was as soci ated with sacredotal instincts and objects the products were characterized by elaboration and the highest style of

The religion of mechanics in those mediæval times was conscience in work and faith in its thoroughness, to which in modern days we can not honestly make so valid a claim. The result in the art of lock making was the production of specimens, of which it said that history and antiquarians tel of no finer specimens, art and handiwork being happily combined. tumbler lock is Mongolian, and been in use in the Celestial empire for centuries, the ancient Chinese being artists in mechanical devices, and by no means the blockheads so liberally scandalized on the sand lots and platforms of modern times. The combi nation padlock has also a venera le record, and is attributed to the genius of French locksmith, the opinion

····· 25 cents period.

It is, however, to the four types of locks named that we owe all subsequent evolutions, and are not perhaps, except in improvements, so far ahead of elderly skill as we sometimes assume. It is simply a matter of pedigree, and in mechanical ingenuity, as in a family calendar, we could as reasonably expect to be on the census roll without a grandfather, as to be where we are mannfactures without our antecedents. In the matter of locks we care more about practical protection than in making their brass and iron monumental of a canonized man or act, and in this sense we are in keeping with the age that is more auxious about its deposits than its biographies. It is, however, none the less a fact that in the ingenions mechanism of the modern lock we

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eries of our predecessors.

are but simply amplifying the discov-

A philosophical observer has made a discovery, and communicates it to the world through the columns of a "contemporary." Like many such things, i looks so simple when once stated that one can not belp wondering why it was never found out before.

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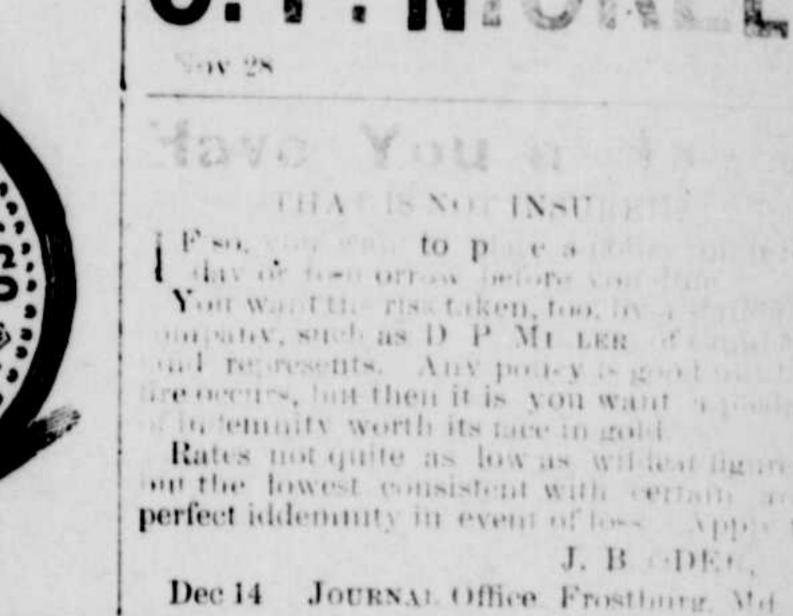


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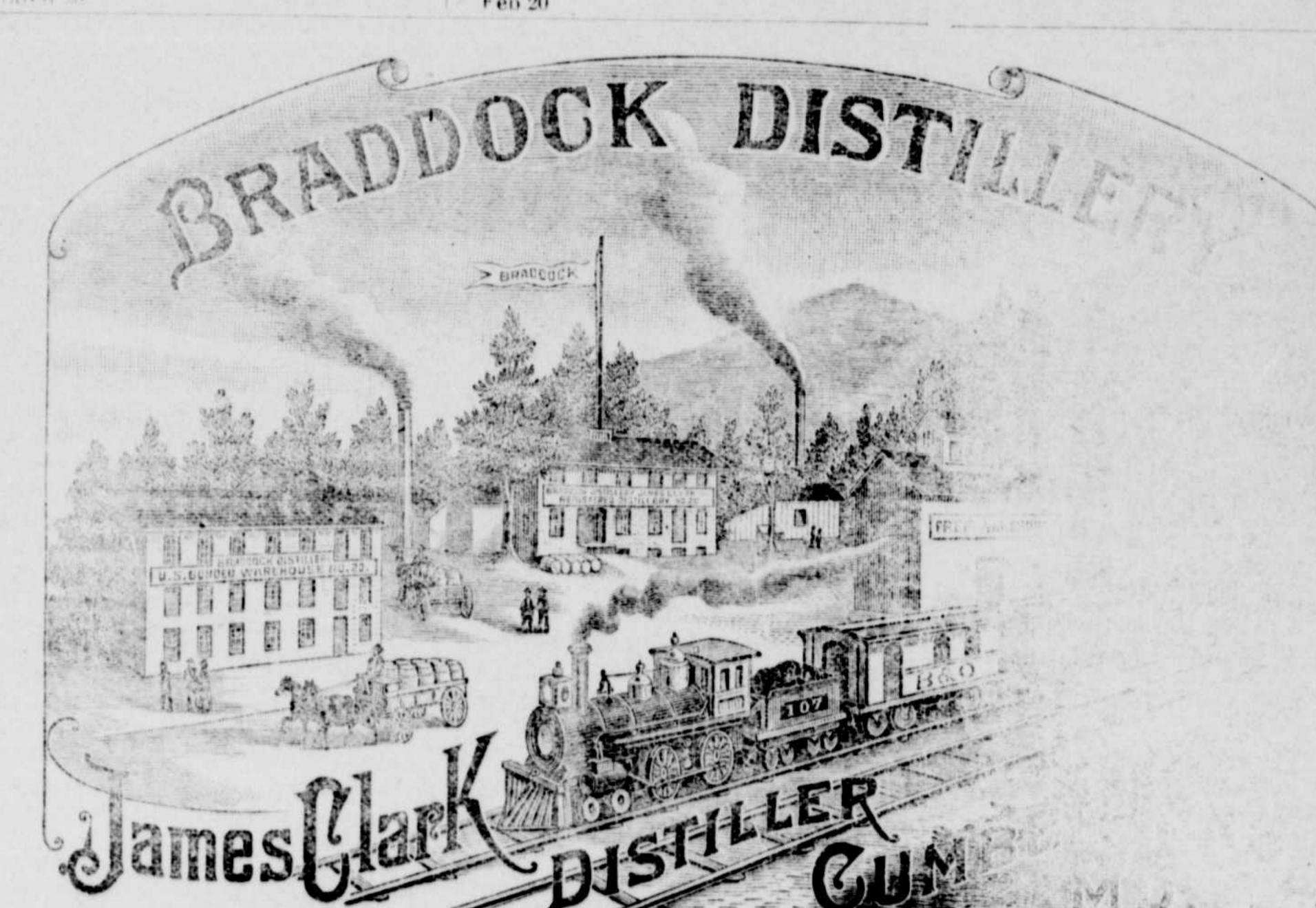


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