How Fledgling Cuckoo Ousts Its Bedfellows

Early birds, says the New York Times, lured north by early spring warmth, do well to avoid cuckoos as neighbors when they start nest building.

The cuckoo mother lays its egg in the nest of some other bird and flies away without another thought for the cares of motherhood. The fledgling, newly hatched, rewards the hospitality of its hosts by shoving their eggs out of the nest and wolfing all of the food the devoted pair continue to bring to the nest.

Fresh proof of the unsocial habits of the cuckoo was brought forward at a meeting of the Linnean society in London by an English scientist. Last summer he photographed the young birds in the very act of ousting their bedfellows.

The pictures taken show that the bird slips one wing under the egg, rolls it up on his back and then slowly shoves it up to the edge of the nest and over, "like a human workman walking backward and rolling a heavy barrel up a steep incline with his shoulders."

The scientist reports that one cuckoo, only a day and a half old, threw out the same egg 15 times within the hour, it being caught and replaced each time.

Latin and Greek Names Popular With Learned

In medieval times a custom prevailed among learned men of changing their names into Latin or Greek appellations, says a writer in the New York Times Magazine. Desiderius Erasmus was formed out of the family name Gerard, which in Dutch signifies amiable—Gar, "all," and Aerd, "nature." This was first changed to the Latin name Desiderius, of much the same significance, and later into the Greek Erasmus. An amiable reformer, originally named Hertz Schwartz (black heart), elegantly turned this into the Greek name Melancthon.

The celebrated Reuchlin, whose name in German means "smoke," considered it more dignified to smoke in Greek, by the name of Capnio. The vulgar name of a great Italian poet was Trapasso; but when the learned Gravina resolved to devote the youth to the Muses, he gave him a mellifluous name—Metastasio.

Hoping

Little Billy, age five, had been pestering his father all evening as to the age of his parent. Finally, growing a trifle weary of asking questions, he said: "Daddy, are you one hundred and fifty years old?"

His father, greatly annoyed by the endless inquiries, absent-mindedly, said: "Why sure. Of course."

The next day Billy related his newly acquired bit of information to a neighbor, across the street.

"My gracious!" exclaimed the woman in mock surprise, "he hasn't much more time to live, has he?"

"Guess not," Billy admitted, "but I hope he lives a coupla' more Christmases."

Roger Williams' Home

Providence (R. I.) was founded in 1636 by Roger Williams, who bought a tract of land from the Narragansett sachems and built a house at the confluence of the Moshassuck and Woonasquatucket rivers, and with a few followers set up a town government. In 1637, after a few more settlers had arrived, the plantation covenant was adopted embodying a complete separation of religious and civil affairs. It was incorporated as a town by the colonial assembly in 1649. The name of Providence was chosen by Roger Williams in recognition of "God's merciful providence unto me in my distress."

Not So Modern

Youth sometimes finds it isn't so strictly modern in its ways after all. A high school lad was making some mysterious telephone calls at home. He talked in that strange, garbled language known as "pig latin," so that his mother wouldn't understand his conversation. For a week the strange words echoed over the family telephone. Then suddenly the telephone conversation went back to straight English. The boy's mother knew the "lingo" well. "Why we used to talk it when I went to school," she told her son.—Detroit News.

In the Same Light

Jimmy's father was a playwright, and Jimmy had just arrived home at the end of school term. The father took the report and read it. It was not very favorable.

"Look here, young man, they don't say very nice things about your work."

"Coming up in the train, Dad," retorted Jimmy with a grin, "I was reading about the play you had produced last night, and they didn't say—"

"Better have your lunch," said the playwright quickly.—Answers.

Collections of Noises

A British film company has a rather extensive phonographic library of the sounds which they are likely to have use for in the making of film pictures. This includes the sound of the surf, shots, crowd noises, cheering, hissing, train sounds and similar ear disturbers. The results are said to be very satisfactory, although the process is more costly.

America's National Emblem

The bald eagle was adopted by the United States as the national emblem in 1782. This bird ranges about three feet in length, with a wing spread of perhaps seven.

Citizens if Born in Country

Chinese cannot become citizens of the United States. Children born of Chinese parents in the United States are citizens by virtue of their birth in this country.

Figuring Warfare's Cost

In the Civil war, the Union troops numbered 2,128,948; there are various estimates of the Confederate forces, ranging from about 600,000 to 1,400,000. The total Union loss was 359,528, including killed, dead from wounds, disease, etc. The Confederate loss (partial statement) is given is 133,821 dead from wounds or disease. The cost of the Civil war has been estimated at $5,000,000,000. The total number of soldiers mobilized in the World war has been estimated at 65,038,810; the total killed, 8,543,515; wounded, 21,219,452. Professor Bogart's estimate of the direct costs of the World war is $186,333,637,097 and of the indirect costs, $151,612,542,560.

Turning Back Time's Pages

Tracks which animals left in Alabama 250,000,000 years ago, a petrified crocodile which succumbed in New Mexico 60,000,000 years ago, dinosaur bones at least 80,000,000 years old, the petrified skeleton of a man who settled in Florida perhaps as much as 20,000 years ago and the frozen bones of animals which roamed Alaska at about the same period, were among the important scientific discoveries announced by the American Museum of Natural History recently as a result of the activities of the organization.

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Credited to Novelist

The phrase, "a verdant green," is one which seems to have been with us for a long time as a reference to somebody who is gullible, who is easily deceived, who may be a plain simpleton, in fact.

Actually, however, this expression is not so old as might be surmised. Indeed, it is only three-quarters of a century since it was introduced into the English language, it being taken after a character in Cuthbert Bede's novel of that very name, published in 1853.—Kansas City Star.

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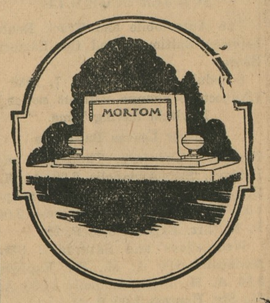
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