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NEWSY NOTES

BY AGROLOGA

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small birds. They are cannibals, too, for when an English naturalist, John Curtis, confined two in a box, one ate the other and finished his meal by assimilating the contents of a caterpillar three-quarters of an inch long! These larvae vary considerably in color from whitish to brownish, often with orange tints, and some have the sides of their bodies ornamented with fleshy tubercles, each with a spreading bunch of hairs. Thus they feed for about a fortnight, and then spin a silken cocoon which they cunningly cover with bits of lichen from peeling or tree-trunks. If they are an early generation they emerge from the pupal state in three weeks, in summer, but the autumn generations remain dormant till the following spring. It will thus be seen that even these humble creatures have a life-history at which we cannot help but marvel at.

It is stated that the Chrysope often emits a disgusting odor, when handled, as a protection. I have however caught these flies on several occasions and noticed nothing objectionable.

The Order Neuroptera has been variously divided by the systematists. Howard, in his "Insect Book," separates it into seven families, and these again are divided into a number of genera. Besides the Chrysope, the only other family deserving special notice is that of the Myrmelionidae, or Ant-lions, as the name means. The larvae of these flies are carnivorous and feed on ants and other small insects. The manner in which they secure their prey is very curious. The ant-lion excavates a conical pit in sandy spots, and buries itself in the centre of the pit, leaving only its horny pincer-like jaws visible. When an ant comes within range, snap go the jaws like a trap. It is said that if the intended victim eludes the trap and tries to climb the slippery sides of the pit, the ant-lion throws a shower of sand, causing its prey to slip back to the centre of the excavation. I have never found the ant-lion here.

A PROPHETCY THAT CAME TRUE

Last October—to be precise on the 7th of the month—the Canadian Press broadcasted the fact that one Joey O'Connor of Fort Erie, veteran "Goosebone" prognosticator of the coming winter would be and severe. He knew this, he said, from the thickness of the bark on the north sides of the elm trees, and the bushiness of the squirrels' tails. The weeds, too, were unusually high, and this gave promise of a heavy snowfall. To the uninitiated, these omens may prove a little difficult to pick up to weather conditions, but the proof of the pudding, it is said, is the eating of it; and now Joey can pat himself on the back, as the school children once advised a more excited person to do.

SOME PART-SONGS

For a change of subject I have just looked over my selection of part-songs. Some are new and old, and in many cases the old are the better. Bishop's "Forresters, sound the cheerful horn," is a lively piece, not at all hard, and well suited to country choirs, being in six-eight time there is a good swing to it. Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The long day march," requires more skill in interpretation, but is a really artistic piece, with great use of accidentals. It is a little sad in its theme but I fancy it better than the rest: a good piece. John Hatton's "The Letter" is a humorous part-song; the singer is supposed to be a college student "mooching" home and has not received a letter from his innamorata; every rat-tat at the door sets him agog, and when it turns out to be the baker or the butcher instead of the postman he has hard things to say of them. The metre and tune about from four-four to six-eight time, and the music is not too hard. Another of Hatton's is "The Hapless Land," a setting of Longfellow's poem of that title: good solos for the bass voice. "Down in a flow'ry vale" is an easy piece but of quite Gregorian character. The words are modern and gently humorous. The music was composed by Constantine Pesta.

WEEKLY GARDEN GUIDE

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LAWNS—Ref. Bul. No. 2

The lawn merits first attention in spring, and being usually the centre-piece for the floral display on its borders, a close velvety turf enhances the beauty of the whole. As soon as the ground is free of excess moisture and fairly firm, rake the lawn and use roller or back of spade to make a compact, even surface. Reseed thin or bare areas with a grass mixture suited to the location, whether shady or exposed, the seed being covered to a depth of one-quarter inch—not more. Cover the seed with a thin layer of fine compost or earth. The covering earth may be placed on a screen and sifted over the newly seeded areas. In a day or two before seeding, apply over the whole lawn C-I-L Plant Food, at the rate of two pounds to 100 square feet (10' x 10') and water in.

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in 1541, and greatly resembles the church music of the period. "The Song of the Pedlar" is in one respect the opposite: while the words are old (from Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale") the music is quite new by C. Lee Williams. A well-constructed piece, rather stately in its phrases, but still preserving something of the antique flavor demanded by the words. Not hard. They tell me that Dudley Buck's "In Absence" is a great favorite in the Old Country, and it deserves to be. My copy is for two tenors and two basses, but one may be sure that it is published also for mixed voices. Time wants wishing, but otherwise the piece is easy. Sullivan's "O hush thee, my dear," is an old favorite, with words from Sir Walter Scott.

Pearsall's "O who will o'er the Downs to Erin in grade one, so to speak, but tuneful. "Ye Shepherds, tell me" by J. Manning, is a likeable little part-song with chorus. Bishop's most ambitious "Daughter of Error" with chorus and soprano solo, was splendidly rendered at a concert in Charlottetown some years ago. All these are published by Novello of London, and may be ordered through your favorite music dealer.

"FASTE EGG DAY"

At the last moment I have come across a picture with the title "Part of the Easter Monday Egg-Rolling Crowd on the Bear Lawn of the White House at Washington"—and it appears that "thousands of gaily-painted eggs are rolled down the hill at the rear of the President's House." This egg-rolling or bowling was a custom in the North of England, that had come down from very ancient times. The children kept tab on the Sundays before Easter by "Tid, Mid, Missey Carling, Palm, and Paste Egg Day."

"Paste Egg Day" was Easter Sunday when each of Paschal eggs were given to the neighbor's youngsters, who bowled (or as it is called "booled") them on the Easter Monday. Palm Sunday we know, but what of Carling Sunday and the other Lenten Sundays? I hope to conclude the Notes on these next week.

FUR FARMING

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out the pelts. And then again at times there are plenty of pelts available and the demand from the manufacturer is brisk, in which case prices will continue normal, and there is no need to worry over the situation. But occasionally it happens that orders for fur garments decline sharply, and the manufacturers are compelled to stop buying—then prices slump. On the other hand, there is the other picture, too—the cloud with the silver lining. When the demand for manufactured furs continues good, and perhaps certain varieties are being picked up at high prices, the stocks of the dealer soon become depleted, and the fur farmer is deluged with inquiries from him that the market is short of furs, and that now is his opportunity to realize on his pelts. In such a situation a fur farmer is liable to pelt everything in sight, which, to say the least, is:

A POOR POLICY

The fur farmer who pelts everything he can lay his hands on is doing himself and the industry a grave injury. Such a policy can have only one result—the market is flooded, very often with indifferent and inferior pelts, and consequent low prices follow. At the beginning of the fur season, fur dealers have their own methods for determining the prices they can afford to pay for pelts, and these prices must be based on existing market conditions—otherwise, as sometimes happens—buyers are incurred by them, which is unfortunate for both the buyer and seller.

POST MORTEM NO. 3

Subject, female fox three years old. In fair condition. The history was not definite. She had seemed to feel quite well, but did not seem to be as active as a normal fox should be. She ate fairly well, but at the last she failed rapidly, and was found dead in the pen after an attempt had been made to forcibly give her stimulants. The autopsy showed a well advanced case of inflammation of both kidneys or Bright's disease. A careful pathological examination confirmed the findings. Cause unknown. The ranch in which this fox was housed was well kept, and both she and the other foxes were given the best of care.

POST MORTEM EXAMINATION NO. 1

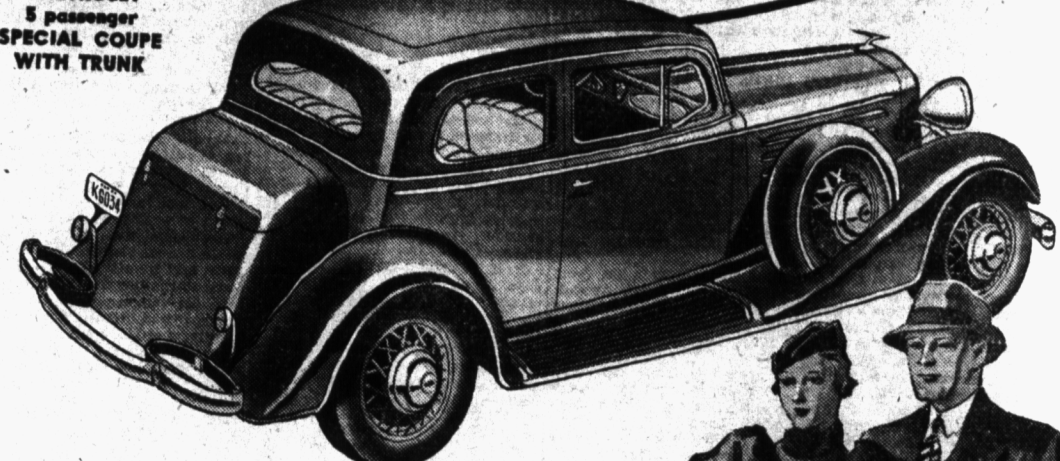
Subject, male fox two years old; extremely thin and emaciated. The history was that this fox had been falling for three months, gradually losing flesh but having a fair appetite. At times he seemed restless and uncomfortable, and he had a habit of chewing his feed paws, and he would do this for quite long periods if allowed to do so. Eventually he became weaker, and finally died. This was the second fox to die on this ranch with the same symptoms, in a period of six months. The autopsy revealed acute tubercular tuberculosis. The tiny tubercular nodules were well scattered through all of the lobes of the lungs and numerous ones were present on the plural membrane of the chest. The mesenteric glands were much enlarged, and this condition was present throughout the intestinal tract. The spleen was considerably enlarged, and the other organs were quite normal in appearance. The veterinary in commenting on the fact that two cases similar in their symptoms occurred on the same ranch in one season raised the question as to whether they



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A form of insect control which is receiving considerable attention in the world over, and particularly in Canada through the Dominion Entomological Branch, is known as the biological method, or pest control, or in other words, the introduction and encouragement of the natural enemies of the insects. Many of the worst insect pests in Canada are not native to the country but are invaders from abroad, especially in years gone by when no plant inspection service was maintained. Parasites known to attack those foreigners in their native country are brought to Canada and reared carefully at the laboratory at Belleville, Ont. At the proper time these parasites are liberated in areas where they must attack the marauding insects; much after the style of setting a thief to catch a thief. In order to prevent, as far as humanly possible, new insect pests entering Canada, officers of the Dominion Entomological Branch are constantly on the looking for any forms of insects, or present on importations of plants, or plant products. Thus are dangerous enemies being intercepted.

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