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NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.
THE DANCING HAMMERKOP.
The hammerkop, a bird of peculiar habits, is found in Cape Colony, some other parts of Africa and in Madagascar. It is something like a heron or stork, has a melancholy gait, lives on fish and frogs and is considered in Africa a bird of ill omen. Under its quiet appearance it nourishes sabbatic tastes. When it casts off its sober demeanor, it indulges in a fantastic dance. In a state of nature, two or three join in the dance, skipping around each other, opening or closing their wings. They breed on trees or on rocky ledges, forming a huge structure of sticks. These nests are so solid that they will bear the weight of a heavy man on the domed roof without collapsing. The entrance is a small hole, placed in the least accessible side. In a lonely rocky glen, Mr. Layard once counted half a dozen hammerkops' nests. One nest contained at least a large cartload of sticks. They occupy the same nest year after year, repairing it as required. The female is credited with the jointer work and the male is the decorator. On the platform outside the inner portion he spreads out all kinds of objects of various textures, bits of crockery and bleached bones. If a knife, pin, or tinder box were lost within some miles, the loser made a point of very ceremoniously depositing it. Indeed, were it not that hyenas, leopards, and jackals ranged in their vicinity, it is highly probable that man's curiosity or resentment would have often extirpated these interesting articles, or, at least, destroyed habits founded upon leisure and immunity from persecution.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.
Prof. W. J. McGee, of the government scientific corps, recently paid a visit to some very commercial farmers in Sonora, Mexico. These are the so-called agricultural ants, which plant fields of grain and regularly harvest them, not upon which they depend wholly for food, but the fact should be noted, they would perish of famine. On the other hand, the cereals that they grow have been specialized by cultivation, like the wheat and other grains of the human husbandman, and would quickly disappear if the attention of the insects was withdrawn. The fields of the farmer ants cover scores of square miles in Sonora, a large part of which is quite densely populated by them. The home of a colony is marked off by a circular clearing from five to thirty feet in diameter, of which nothing is permitted to grow. This serves as a sort of parade and exercise ground. Around the clearing is a ring of low mounds, three to twenty feet wide. On the seeds of this grass the insects subsist, plating it every spring and gathering the crop in the autumn. Across the ring which surrounds the central corn turnip-like a few little paths, connecting farm with farm for many furlongs. In the region described there is practically no vegetation except the grasses cultivated by these ants. The latter appear to keep down and exterminate all other plants, such as cacti, greenwood and mesquite. The plants naturally prevailing in that part of the country are entirely absent from the most thickly settled farming districts. In short, these insects have revealed an art of agriculture peculiar to themselves, having made conquest of the land for their needs, and have artificialized certain cereals as thoroughly as maize and barley have been domesticated by man. "It is," says Prof. McGee, "the rigorous environment of the desert has developed one of the most remarkable intelligences; and incidentally an animal and a plant have come to be mutually dependent upon each other for existence." The favorite cultivated plant of these ants is the familiar buffalo grass.

Daniel Webster on the Great West.
When we think of the teeming population which now fills many portions of our country west of the Rocky Mountains, and remember how famous, all over the world, is their singular beauty, and their incomparable value to the tourist, the hunter, the agriculturist, and the horticulturist, as well as the miner, it is interesting to read what so intelligent a statesman as Daniel Webster thought of them just fifty years ago, and to know that his views were shared by many of our prominent public men of the time. In a speech delivered in the United States Senate in 1841, with regard to the proposed Utah territory, he said: "The established territory of Utah should be established between two and a half degrees of latitude, and a line of latitude should be drawn from the Pacific coast, Webster said: 'What do we want with this vast worthless area, this region of savages and wild beasts, of cacti, of shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts, or these endless mountain ranges, rugged, barren, and covered to their bases with eternal snow? What can we ever hope to do with the western coast, a coast of three thousand miles, rock-bound, cheerless and uninviting, with not a human being? What use have we for such a country? Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast of our inch nearer Boston than it is to-day.'

A Steam-Whisper.
A new fish story is related which may or may not be true, and as it relates to an Atlantic sea, we prefer it. The story is that last spring a party of five Atlantians were fishing at the dead lakes in Florida a well-known Atlanta lawyer lost his gold watch and a silver dollar from the boat in which he was sitting. Last week he made another visit to the lakes, and during the first day's sport caught an eight-pound trout. His astonishment can be imagined when he found his watch lodged in the throat of the trout. The watch was running and in due course it being a "stem-wind" the supposition is that in swallowing his food the watch was wound up daily. In addition to the pocket-piece he found secured interest from April 25, 1894. We do not know the correctness of the story, but presume it can be easily substantiated upon the return of the Atlanta fishing party now in Florida. —Atlanta Constitution.

A New Berry in Maryland.
Mr. James Bond of the firm of Thomas Bond & Son received from his farm in Anne Arundel county this morning a fine sample of a new variety of strawberry which is termed the "Tomatoes Profitable." The berries were of large size, 33 filling a quart measure. But few of this variety are grown in this State. The first attempt to cultivate them was made last season. Japan's small losses in men in the battles with the Chinese were due in part to the accidental use of a better model. Owing to the severe cold, the Japanese soldiers wore a quantity of dress silk under their clothes; this, when they were hit, was found in many cases to have stopped the bullets.

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LOOKING INTO THE COFFIN
Napoleon As He Appeared When the Body Was Discovered.
McClure's for May: The grave in the valley of Napoleon, as the place had come to be called, was surrounded by an iron railing set in a heavy stone curb. Over the grave was a covering of six-foot high, eight feet long, and four feet, eight inches broad, and was apparently filled with earth, but digging down some seven feet a layer of Roman cement was found; this broken, laid here a layer of rough-hewn stone ten inches thick, and fastened together by iron clamps. It took four and one-half hours to remove this layer. The stone up, the slab forming the lid of the interior sarcophagus was exposed, enclosed in a border of Roman cement strongly attached to the walls of the vault. So stoutly had all these various coverings been sealed with cement and bound by iron bands, that it took the large party of workers 10 hours to reach the coffin.

"The outermost coffin was slightly injured," says an eye-witness; "it then came out of the tomb in good condition, and enclosed two others—one of tin and one of wood. The last coffin was lined inside with white satin, which having become detached by the effect of time, had fallen upon the body, and enveloped it like a winding sheet, and had become slightly attached to it.

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Attacked by a Swordfish.
The following curious incident, which we quote from one of the Oriental papers, is worth attention, although we believe that it is by no means the first instance of the same thing.—While the carpenter of the St. David, now at Shanghai, was recently examining the ship's copper armor she had discharged her cargo, he came across a curious object embedded in the ship's side. He called the attention of the captain to it and an examination was made. To effect the removal of the object he cut out the wood, and it was then found to be part of a swordfish's sword, which had not only gone clean through three to four inches of pitch pine planking, but had also penetrated one of the white oak timbers some inches, where it had come in contact with a bolt, the length of the sword being some eleven to twelve inches. The sword is now in the hands of the captain of the ship.

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