

NICKELL: SCIENCE INSTITUTE MEMBER TALKS ON BIRDS

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winters from Southern Mexico to Argentina and Chile. The first illustration was taken from a photograph of eight nests one above the other in as many successive years. Robins and Phoebe occasionally build four or five nests upon one foundation in one season. This is abnormal, however, and is probably due to their attempts to rid themselves of mites or other parasites which swarm in the lower nests. It is obvious that only those birds which build in sheltered places where their eggs are protected from the weather, are able to construct these many-storied nests over a period of years.

A pair of our birds are called master nest-builders. The Baltimore Orioles, Pewees, Hummingbirds, and Vireos are some of the Warblers, fashion nests that are beautiful examples of avian craftsmanship. Others, such as the Night Hawks, the Killdeer, and the Spotted Sandpiper merely select a suitable place and more or less wallow out a depression in the soil in which their eggs are laid. Still others, building in shrubs or trees, construct the most flimsy sorts of nests. This is characteristic of Mourning Doves and Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos.

The Cowbirds are unique among the birds of North America in that they never build nests. The females are known to deposit their eggs in the nests of other, more numerous species of birds, most of which fall easy victims to the gluttony of the young cowbirds. Usually, one or two eggs are deposited in a nest before the host birds begin incubation. The Cowbirds' eggs, however, have an incubation period which is two to four days shorter than those of the host birds. Thus, the eggs of

the former may hatch along with the others even if deposited two or four days after incubation has begun. The presence of a Cowbird nesting in another bird's nest usually means death to the young of the host birds. The young Cowbird either consumes most of the food brought by its foster parents, resulting in starvation for the others, or it crowds them out of the nest where they die from cold or predatory animals.

Most of the Cowbirds' victims are either unaware of the intruder's work or they are helpless to prevent it, but a few birds are aware of what is going on and are aggressive in ridding themselves of the interloper. Robins, though not often parasitized, usually break the alien egg and throw it from the nest. Field Sparrows which are frequently visited by Cowbirds, often abandon their nests and build new ones. The least known antagonist of the Cowbird is the gay little Yellow Warbler, which has been known to add five layers to its nest in order to conceal several eggs of the former deposited in the various layers below.

The Mourning Dove is not parasitized, but it is not diligent in finding a pair of these birds using an abandoned Robin's nest for their own. A few species of Goldfinches often destroy the abandoned nests of Yellow Warblers, Baltimore Orioles, and others, and use the materials in constructing the framework of their own nests.

Little interesting facts like these, which the student of the Out-of-doors is constantly discovering, constitute an ever-growing incentive to push on to further exploration of a world in which there is still ample room for uncovering new relations.

This is the time of year when many of our feathered friends are returning from their travels into distant hemispheres. With them they bring the seeds of the old world and the seeds of the new, and their craftsmanship, as well as their assistance in finding the balance of Nature. All of these should help to broaden our appreciation of the world in which we live and of all creatures which inhabit it.

YOU WERE TWO-THIRDS IN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

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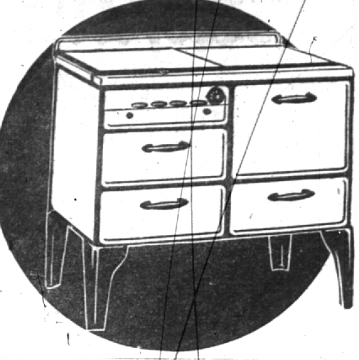
in the merchandise for that's what went over the counter to you first. Of course the women made such inroads on the 'vat supply here that there's practically nothing left at the moment. It'll probably be many weeks before you husbands will hear them say: "But dear, I haven't a thing to wear." For they have all there is to wear that was brought into Birmingham shops.

You had to eat over Easter, and you seem to have eaten well. The grocery stores report that you bought more meat than you did last year at this time, so they, too, spent a happy holiday.

In the drug stores and gift shops you outdid yourselves buying cards and gifts for people, for all the toilettes seem to have absolutely vanished from sight.

All in all, it is being a very prosperous spring season here in town, and you are certainly not stinting yourselves or your families.

Cooking School Grand Prize



IMPOSING ARRAY OF PRIZES OFFERED COOKING SCHOOL

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inary art. Mrs. Wright will produce before the eyes of the audience marvelous and appetizing dishes and what is more, proceed to show how any housewife can turn out the same kind of delicious food miraculously simply and easily in her own kitchen. The food prepared by Mrs. Wright in the school will be given to members of the audience.

According to Mrs. Wright, any chemist who carefully tests a little of the food that she prepares together will be able to get an explosion as a reward. Likewise, any cook who tests ingredients together is going to have a reaction. The result can be an explosion, or it can be a happy holiday. Mrs. Wright states that the program for the cooking school, which she has been arranged to open, that home cooks can make easier, more certain, and more enjoyable and accomplished in their homes. She will devote a good portion of her time to the preparation of a nourishing and delicious meal of nourishing food for the members of the audience.

The Evening Cooking School is a absolutely free of charge, which in Birmingham, and surrounding territory.

It's a Super-Human Bank Teller



The pretty young clerk, seated at this huge machine couldn't make an error if she pulled down the machinery just wouldn't permit it. Really it's 24 adding machines in one. In effect, a super-human bank teller, the machine, displayed recently in Chicago, adds checks and other totals, and proves each category, and totals and proves their sums.

'Ghost' of Indian Gets Wampum



Regarded as a ghost by his tribe because he survived after being left for dead during a smallpox outbreak some 50 years ago, John Sinks, above, 75-year-old Osage Indian, has moved into Pawtucket, Okla., from his tree-top "home" near that city, to live over a fortune estimated at \$200,000. The wealth represents Sinks' share in George oil lands.

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Set for Toehold on Spring Sports



Blessings on this, little man! He's Frank Michaels, Jr., of Washington, D. C., who symbolizes youth in the first days of spring by taking off his shoes preparatory to uttering in bare-footed days—and bruised toes!

EDITORIALS PRESS FREEDOM

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the constitutionality of the late-Hay's law's legislation, by tax their administering agencies when they refused to do so, to be discontinued.

Mr. Miller closed his address with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson: "Our liberty depends upon the Freedom of the Press, and that can not be limited without being lost."

Paul N. Axtell was chairman of the last town program.

Why Not?

While White and his mother were walking along the street they passed an advertisement agency with the sign on the window: "Let's Help Sings!"

"Look me," said White, "that where we got our green coat?"

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The Birmingham Eccentric

THIS AND THAT

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young relationship to them—wouldn't that be great? If you knew that this man and woman really hungered for their lost child, would you be willing to show him with every gift in your possession; if you knew that the legal establishment of your identity to them would bring you what you require, and what they would love to bestow, you would invest a little time in proving the relationship, of course.

"It seems to me, then, that most people on earth who depend upon Christianity to sustain them are without this practical understanding of their true identity. Most people, to carry out my illustration, further, are aware of the house on the hill, and have a kind of blind faith that some relationship exists between them and the rich man and woman in that house—but they have failed, in their growth spiritually, to gather the type of information that will establish their sonship; all of which merely means that they continue to miss the house on the hill, with its abundance of goodness for them, without gaining admission within the grounds and the house itself."

And then this mutual friend, addressing my sick friend, suggested: "Why don't you go back to your own pastor and tell him of your difficulty; tell him of your needs; tell him that you've exhausted about every human means to get relief and comfort; then ask him just why you, as a lifelong churchman, in your hour of extremity, seem to be so ignorant of your relationship with God—ask your pastor just how you can establish your identity to the rich parents who might be years in the house on the hill."

The next time I see my sick friend I'm going to ask him why he made out with his pastor.

Gore Examination April 7
John Gore, 29 years old, of 1235 Yorkshere, was arraigned in Pontiac Municipal Court before Judge Milton F. Cooney yesterday on a charge of felonious assault. He demanded an examination and Judge Cooney set the date for April 7, placing Gore under \$50,000 bond.

According to statements made to a 26-year-old Detroit woman, Gore invited her for a ride and together they drove to a spot near 7th and Ten Mile roads early Monday morning where, she alleges, she was maltreated.

Canton, China—About one hundred passengers in third class cars of the Canton-Hankow express, were burned to death when an explosion set fire to their car. The engineer, unaware of the fire, sped on through the night. Bodies of the victims were found along a 15-mile stretch, where the passengers had buried themselves from the train.

Monument to Michigan's Lumberman



If the recently completed photographic contest of the First Michigan Tourist Association's to be used as an indicator, the Lumberman's Monument, in Inos County, Oshtemo Falls, in Presque Isle County, and Broken Rocks in Huron County, are the three most widely photographed spots in Eastern Michigan. Nearly one-sixth of the 260 photographs received in the contest were taken in those spots. The monument, which cost \$50,000, is by the noted sculptor, Robert Atkin, of New York, and is a memorial to the early lumbermen of Michigan. It is located in the Huron National Forest, Oshtemo Falls is a popular camping spot located 12 miles west of Rogers City on scenic Oshtemo River. Broken Rocks, located at the tip of the Thumb, offers one of the most spectacular scenic views of its kind in the middle west. (E. M. T. A. service.)

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