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Killing Turtles

Shooting and Trapping Means Devised to Rid Hatcheries of an Enemy

Turtles are a menace to fish hatcheries and do a lot of damage. They are cannibals when it comes to eating fish, and because of their murderous inclinations fish wardens and students of fisheries are a unit in favor of their extermination from hatching ponds.

At the State fish hatchery at Pratt the lake is fed from the Ninnescah River and get into the ponds from that stream. They are known to be fish killers, so means are two ways, shooting and trapping, the latter being the more efficacious.

Some time ago a lot of turtles appeared in the Pratt hatchery. Prof. L. L. Dyche, State Fish and Game Warden, decided to shoot them, and since the neighborhood had a young boy of some 12 years who was an expert shot with a rifle, Dyche found him.

"Say, son," he said, "I will furnish all of the ammunition for you if you will shoot turtles. They are sticking their heads up every morning now and the shooting ought to be good."

The youngster took up the proposition gladly, for it furnished fine sport for him. The turtles come to the surface and poke up their heads and at such times the youngster did his firing. When a turtle's head is struck or knocked off by a bullet the body drops back into the water immediately. The in about two days the body comes to the surface and floats.

The youngster shot about 300 times in one day. But there were no bodies visible. Two days later, however, the water was littered with them, and when they were gathered up in a boat in was found that the boy had killed eighty-seven, a rattling good record.

The most effective way that is being worked out on a large scale is a series of traps to be located at the intake of the water from the river into the ponds. The trap is a unique contrivance. Large boxes are to be built of half inch meshed wire. On the river or lake side boards some six inches in width are to be laid on the sides of the wire boxes, making a sort of run way, slanted at an angle of perhaps forty-five degrees. Across the top of the boxes connecting the two runway planks will be two more planks made into trap doors. The planks are narrowed and weighted on one end with lead and set on an iron balance rod.

A turtle is a peculiar creature. It likes to crawl up on things, and these runways will temp him. The turtle will get up on top and crawl out on the trap boards. Another will come along and push the first turtle a few inches further along. A third will about make enough weight to tip the trap board, and down into the wire box the game will be dumped. On the four inside walls of the wire box sheet metal of some kind will be used as lining, over which the turtles cannot crawl because they cannot get a foothold.

But the biggest and meanest turtle of them all, the old snapping turtle, is a pretty bright chap. He doesn't take to crawling up on boards or doing any aerial stunts of that kind. The traps won't work on him once in fifty times and other means have been devised by the Kansas fish and game warden to capture him. He gets into the pond and there meets his Waterloo.

An iron stake is run through a fish and the stake is them driven down into the bed of the lake near the shore. Of course the whole fish is put under water. Right under the stake is placed an old fashioned steel trap securely anchored.

The old snapping turtle makes for the fish and enjoys his dinner but in probably 50 per cent. of the cases while waddling around enjoying his repast he sticks one of his short, stocky legs into the trap and is caught. You would think that a snapping turtle would fight and pull loose, even though it meant the sacrifice of a leg. But he doesn't. He yields and quits. When caught your Mr. Snapper is always a quitter. He is much like a mountain lion in that respect. A lion will raise Ned until caught in a trap and then he yields like a baby.

Also your snapping turtle is very much of a sucker. Suppose he is fortunate in eating the fish on the stake and getting away without being caught in the trap. He will come right back to that stake againg looking for more food, and a second bait will most often mean his finish.

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Carriage of Mails

The Elders and Fyffes Line

The London "Standard" publishes the following:

Mr. A. R. Ackerley, managing director of Messrs. Elders and Fyffes, the well-known fruit shipipers, in an interview yesterday stated that the Postmaster General had approached the firm with regard to the inauguration of a regular direct mail service between this country and the West Indies.

Messrs. Elders and Fyffes had, said Mr. Ackerley, for some time been carrying mails to certain parts of the Indies on the poundage system, but without any restriction as to knots or scheduled times of departure from England or arrival at the destination.

The Post Office, he added, were in negotiation with his company with regard to a subsidy and accompanying mail conditions. "But," remarked Mr. Ackerley, "we are fruit carriers entirely. Our sole object is centred in getting fruit from the West Indies regularly, promptly, and in fresh condition. We do not desire to be mail carriers under conditional subsidies."

Carrying mails to the West Indies, he continued, must be considered from two points of view. First, there was the question of mails to Jamaica, and second that of the service to the other West Indian islands. There was no difficulty with Jamaica, for mails could reach there from this country as quickly via New York as direct. With regard to the other islands, a boat with mails called about once in three weeks, and then only remained two or three hours, thus affording no opportunity for a reply to be sent until the next boat called three weeks later.

Mister Ackerley added that Messrs. Elders and Fyffes banana trade had so improved that they contemplated a service of regular weekly boats to the principal islands, whether they carried mails or not. The terminal port in this country was not yet settled. At present they had a fortnightly service running into Bristol and a weekly service to Manchestef.

Current News.

A gang of street arabs belonging to the great army of the Limon unwashed have camped out near the old Costa Rica railway station. The greater portion of their time is passed in playing marbles, fighting and using the most filthy language imaginable; immediately a motor car is sighted these young villains place obstacles on the track in the shape of pieces of scrap iron and stones. Several cars have been derailed recently and their occupants nearly killed. We hope this will reach the eyes of our energetic Chief of Police and the pest arrested and well flogged as is done in every country when a boy is too young to be imprisoned.

While a woman named Victoria Ramirez a native of this town, who had only left the United Fruit Company's hospital yesterday morning, where she was a patient and had returned there in the afternoon to meet a male friend, when almosh opposiet the public wash house she staggered and fell to the ground. Fortunate for her, a lady and young gentleman that reside in the vicinity promptly hurried to her rescue and lifted her up and placed her in an empty room under the offices of the Alcaldia de Limon. The woman was suffering from a dislocated ankle and was properly charged with her native beverage called guaro.

Mr. Edward Somers left for Kingston, Jamaica on Monday last on the Prinz August Wilhelm. The young gentleman came here in 1902 and by dint of perseverance built up a first class trade in his line. He worked for several years in Limon and latelly repaired to Siquirres, and there treated his many customers to fine fost wear that bear a fair comparison with English and American boots. Mr. Somers Elder of a religions body commonly called "Mellennial Dawn", and at a meeting last Thursday night an address accompanied by a purse was presented him.

From late Jamaica papers to hand we learn that an invite from Downing Street, London has been sent to all the West Indian colonies inviting them to send a contingent of Volunteer or Volunteer Militia to represent at the coronation of King George which takes place in June next. The mother country is prepared to stand the expense of each contingent from and to its home, and to comfortably housed when in England. Jamaicans here will remember that a large contingent of volunteers represented Jamaica at the coronation of their late King Edward VII.

A man named Campbell resided near the track line west of the city died almost suddenly yesterday morning. From information received it appeared that the unfortunate man left his house at early morning for his field; after working all day he suddenly seized with paiul al over his body, he at once left for his home and reached there a little after 4 o'clock. All assistance by way of house remedy was rendered him but to no avail and he expired at 2 o'clock this morning without procuring the aid of a skilfull man. Deceased, was a married man and left a wife and daughter to mourn his loss.

The Hamburg American Line steamer arrived in port about 5.45 on Wednesday evening last from Jamaica via Colon and Bocas del Toro. As usual she brought a good quantity of cargo, mails and packages for htis fortnas aeso passengers. The following is the list: J. Bechar, O. Burhgmeyer, Mrs. C. Montejo, Mrs. A. Faniels, J. Williams, Mrs. E. Grant and 2 children, J. W. Morblock, Da Sargant, A. S. Sasso, Miss C. de Selles, Miss Louisa Castillo, G. W. Herón and C. W. Fulton.

Daring Robbery

On the night of the 31st. instant a daring robbery was committed in the market. Solomon Nunez, Syrian, being the victim; on the previous evening Mr. Nunes securely fastened his stall with the fixxtures that is for that purpose. The back of his stall is not closed boarded, consequently a wide sheet is always kept to keep out the eyes of persons; through these openings some with very small hands can have a close to near by things in the stall. Mr. Nunes did not miss the articles that were stolen when he opened the stall, is was not till a customer approached him and asked for face towels that he discovered that he had an unwell come "partner". Several articles of werning apparel were stolen. The matter was reported to the chief of police and two policmen were sent down to the market to get a statement from Nunes.

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His First Examen

A Venerable Archdeacon was examining a small school on seventh street recently. In the course of the examination the particulars of the five senses presentede themselves. Now children, what is the ear the organ of the asked "Hearing" was answered by many. What is the eye for? Seeing Judas! And the nose? "Smelling Bats" !And the tongue? All the children paused:—"Come now," said the archdeacon, in his kindly voice, what do you say the tongue is for? "For poutting out at you," the youngsters yelled.

CIRCULAR FROM U. T. RUDD

The Market Store

I beg through this medium to advise all my Customers whose accounts are over Sixty days (60 days) old to make settlement within Thirty days (30 days) from date failing, which, I shall without hesitation publish their Names and amount due, as a safeguard against their getting Credit elsewhere.

Limon 4th January 1911. 1 m

The molar and the maid

A cute little Jap woman has opened a dentist's office in the city of London, where she intends to ply her avocation with vigor and victory, and it is hinted that John Bull has had more "sore" teeth since her advent in the capital of England than was ever heard of before. The petite and pretty Oriental lady, for it is rumored that she is altogether unlike her countrywoman Katishaw, with a "caricature of a face," is full of cunning and coaxing, has stirred London until many molars need mending that seemed sound before, and as she serves tea to each patron, she has pad full houses since her opening. This maid of the Mikado has undertaken quite a daring enterprise, but if she took her native wit and wisdom with her and adds both to her nerve, she'll do a good business and prove a worthy example to her sisters of the Flowery Kingdom, but it will be interesting to watch her progress, for, besides pulling John Bull's teeth, feeding him to tea is no meank tas in itself.

Hard on wife beaters

Upon the size of the wite a man beats depends the size of the fine he must pay. In Kan. Yesterday Luther Chambers was fined $25 for beating his wite Chambers said he could prove by his wife that it was his first offense. A sweet-faced little woman walked out of the crowd to take the witness stand.

"Is that little woman your wife?" asked the court before she had testified.

"Yes," replied Chambers.

"Your fine is raised to $500," said the Judge.

Tariff on Whiskey

Scotch and Irish whiskeys are going up. The Treasury Department to-day issued an order imposing a countervailing duty of threepence (six cents) a gallon on Scotch and Irish whiskey imported into American States country, on which the British Government pays a bountry of threepence per gallon. The British Government has been paying this bounty for several years, but the Treasury officials only learned of it recently.

The regular duty on whiskey is $2.60 per gallon. As there are about sixty four good drinks in a gallon, the six cents increase will not fall hard on the cousumer. The total duty will now be $2.66 a gallon. The imposition of the countervailing duty will bring about $150,000 additional revenue into Government coffers each year.

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