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WHERE MY LADY'S EASTER PLUMES COME FROM.

Source of the Decorations of the New Spring Bonnet Which Will Adorn the Pretty Heads of the Gentler Sex Tomorrow.

Now that Easter is at hand and the proverbial "new bonnet" uppermost in the minds of most of the gentler sex. it may be of interest to them to know. something of the source of the decorations by which their spring headgear is made cheap or valuable, accordingly as they are few and poor or plentiful and perfect. By this I mean the multicolored plumes, as well as whole birds which adorn my lady's hat, spring, summer and winter through, not differing so much in quality with the seasons as in quantity. To those readers of the Times who are residents of southern California, the story of the estrich plume and its origin would be a

"What does it cost, this garniture of death? It costs the life which God alone can give:

ing, how many will reckon the cost of

the hats which they are wearing?

It costs dull silence where was music's breath, It costs dead joy, that foolish pride

may live. Ah, life, and joy, and song, depend up-

on it Are costly trimmings for a woman's bonnet!

Probably the only reason that an oc-casional snowy heron is still found on cur own coast is that it has never oc-curred here in numbers great enough to attract the cupidity of the plume hunter hunter.



large part of our hat birds and plumes , eggs of this bird are bluish-green in comes from wild avian forms indigenous to southern swamps and coasts.

One of the most valuable of modern hat trimmings is that known as the "algretie." It is made from the tail feathers of a beautiful bird which has sion:

color and laid on a rude platform of sticks at a few feet elevation, usually over water. in this case, the number "He does not know a hawk from

laid varies from three to five. An old name for the little agret was "hern" (probably a corruption of "heron,") or "hernshaw," whence arose the expres-

or blue crane, but this is a misnomer as the bird which properly bears this name is much larger and of a different color. The great blue heren is a solitary bird excepting in the nestling season, when they gather in great numbers to rear their young in some se-cluded swamp. Of this bird an eastern verse-maker very aply says:

Grotesque and tall, he stands erect, Where the reed-riffle swirls and gleams. pelancholy, circumspect-

the Rescue af Her Child.

PAINE'S CELERY

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of Physicians.

and death, writes as follows:

herewith does not present an adequat delineation of its true beauty, but any one who is desirous of seeing the bird for himself may usually do so by tak-ing a stroll up the Los Angeles river bottom just at nightfall. Coming into Los Angeles over the Santa Fe I have frequently seen them standing like silent sentinels along the edges of the little stream not a hundred feet from the rushing train. This heron derives its name from its habit of flying largely by night or in the early evening. From its peculiar cry of "qua" or "quawk," is frequently called "qua-bird" or "quawk" by natives of the southern states. Large bands of these birds be-in to annear in the swamps of Los gin to appear in the swamps of Los Angeles county by the first of April, but they do not nest here, preferring to go farther north, or else remain in the south. The male and female heron are almost indistinguishable, though the male bears rather the finer plumes. From the nimble-winged gull as wel as the symmetrical tern come hat fea thers also, but the most familia sources are those wholch I have cited Many whole birds are made use of by the modern milliners, of which our or loles, blackbirds and other vividly col

Remarkable Sagacity,

Passengers on yesterday's Great Northern train from Helena witnessed a novel sight after Easin had been passed. A passenger boarded the train at that camp and his dog seemed to be



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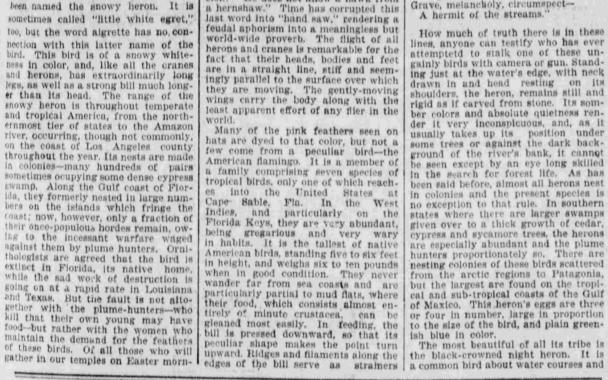
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hernshaw Time has corrupted this last word into "hand saw," rendering a feudal aphorism into a meaningless but world-wide proverb. The flight of all herons and cranes is remarkable for the fact that their heads, bodies and feet are in a straight line, stiff and seemingly parallel to the surface over which they are moving. The gently-moving wings carry the body along with the least apparent effort of any flier in the world

Many of the pink feathers seen on hats are dyed to that color, but not a few come from a peculiar bird-the American flamingo. It is a member of a family comprising seven species of a family comprising seven species of tropical birds, only one of which reach-es into the United States at Caper Sable, Fla. In the West Indies, and particularly on the Florida Keys, they are very abundant, being gregarious and very wary in habits. It is the tallest of native American birds, standing five to six feet in height, and weighs six to ten pounds in height, and weighs six to ten pounds when in good condition. They never wander far from sea coasts and are wander far from sea coasts and the particularly partial to mud flats, where their food, which consists almost en-their food, which consists almost en-

A hermit of the streams

How much of truth there is in these lines, anyone can testify who has ever attemptetd to stalk one of these ungainly birds with camera or gun. Standing just at the water's edge, with neck drawn in and head resting on its shoulders, the heron, remains still and rigid as if carved from stone. Its somber colors and absolute quietness ren-der it very inconspicuous, and, as it usually takes up its position under some trees or against the dark background of the river's bank, it cannet be seen except by an eye long skilled in the search for forest life. As has been said before, almost all herons nest in colonies and the present species is no exception to that rule. In southern states where there are larger swamps given over to a thick growth of cedar, cypress and sycamore trees, the herons are especially abundant and the plume hunters proportionately so. There are nesting colonies of these birds scattered from the arctic regions to Patagonia but the largest are found on the trop! cal and sub-tropical coasts of the Gulf of Maxico. This heron's eggs are three or four in number, large in proportion to the size of the bird, and plain green-

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