The Man Who Knows the Forests and Their Folk

FTER his kind-and it must be admitted at once that it is an especially attractive kind-John Burroughs is unique There are naturalists enough and to spare, some of them endowed with the birthmarks that proclaim them to be the real thing and others so theoretical that no amount of effort on their part will ever persuade fish, flesh or fowl to accept them as such. Among them all there is but one John Burrougas; he

stands alone in a class by himself. This nature poet is a man of whom it is always agreeable and proper to write and about whom it is impossible to become too enthusiastle. He is doing things constantly that are worthy of record. Nothing that he does is uninteresting. The public wants to know all, absolutely all, about the man whom the creatures of the forest accept as an intimate. Like his hibernating friends of the ancient wood, he may lie hidden during the season of the wintry blast. but it has come to pass that the early spring with its re-established wild ani-mal life always suggests John Burroughs.

A New Song.

This spring the song birds on their annual migration to the North woods will sing a new song as they fly high over Riverby, their friend's Hudson river home at West Park. The awakned little creatures that peer curiously between the chinks of Slabsides, the poet's Catskill retreat, to satisfy themselves that he has not yet come will have a new theme. For it is no secret in the forest that on April 3 John Burroughs will have completed his allotted threescore years and ten.

of Oslers could never convince his forusefuiness. To these denizens of the primeval shade his silvering locks are but a further evidence of his wisdomthat long and patient delving into the mysteries of animate nature that has making him intelligible to them more intimately than any other man now living.

A Man of Silence.

can championship for taciturnity. It may be said of him that he has thought is not at home in the art of conversa-tion. No man is more capable of making it what it should be. When the and smacked his lips. conversational mood is upon him there-But he had by no means exhausted awkward not to do it.

remarkable instance of his predilection for silence occurred several years ago. A bustling and rather garrulous editor of a leading American While yeu're at it I'll magazine went to Visit the naturalist and make some coffee." business way, but they were not es-pecially congenial-the literary man becauses way, but they were not es-pecially congenial—the literary man liked to do the yeoman's share of the promise from the naturalist to furnish as series of popular nature studies for make up his mind to talking, and the post-naturalist was ast sufficiently clever in concealing his lisek of interest in the editor's easy furning his way to the brock, although resist the charm of the occasion. A

John Burroughs

visitor at the door of his but and inwhed him to enter. The editor, who was also a poet of considerable rethe Scriptural limit, but an army nown in certain quarters, was so inof Oslers could never convince his for-est friends that he has outlived his the began to voice his admiration in a torrent of appreciative expressions. Burroughs preserved a grave silence until the enraptured guest began to quote from one of his own poems. Then he disappeared suddenly, returnthem and has permitted him to know full of water, which he presented to the ereat man with a laconic "Take a drink."

The city poet gasped slightly, took a Yet this man who holds such unre-stricted communion with nature, com-his discourse. Again, very soon, he to its ways, has long held the Ameri- stanza of his own composition. Once more Burroughs rose hastily and left the room, soon returning with a bottle much, written sparingly and talked iabeled "Whisky." Although he was scarcely at all. It is not at all that he somewhat overcome by this precipitate hospitality the editor did not flinch. He took a generous swig from the bottle

are few men so charming. He does his vocabulary or his list of pet quota-not, however, see any merit in con- tions. In a few moments he was galventional talk and will on no account loping away as briskly as ever. Bur-make conversation even when it scients roughs endured calmly for a time and then rose to his feet and, pointing to a brook that flowed just ourside the door of the hut, said in the most malter of fact tone imaginable: "Have a bath. While you're at it I'll fry some bacon

In his retreat in the North woods, to It was a critical moment, but the edi-tor was a man of excellent business he did not avail himself of his host's long walk from the station and the the late summer. This editor and Mr. capacity, and he did not permit his Burroughs had met several times in a ruffied dignity to dominate the situa-tics cooling waters. tion. He had come into the North When he could make up his mind to cepted the situation with a heartiness and he rese suddenly to his feet. woods for the purpose of obtaining a rejoin Burroughs he found dinner that called forth his host's tardy ap-







"Let's take a walk," he proposed ab-

runtly They took a walk-ten miles over the hills and through the woods. Before on various subjects suggested he the afore sundown." animal life of the region Jrough Clearly I had failed in my mission, which they were passing. He was so interesting that his guest was content on the lack of harmony that seemed to to listen, and long before they returned he had recovered his equanimity. At he had recovered his equanimity. At ware," the pretentious doghouse and its the station that evening, as the editor ware, "the pretentious doghouse and its wares about to take the train cityward, "Mr. Burroughs don't claim that he's they shook hands cordially and both declared that the day had been spent in a most enjoyable fashion. The edi-tor did not accomplish his mission, but I demanded he found the inspiration to compose a poem which was quite the best of anything he had done for a long time. He admitted it, and his admirers did not dispute it.

Sometimes a Humorist.

It, has been asserted persistently that John Burroughs is devoid of humor: that he takes cognizance only of the their appearance in the daily walk of "tipple" is made from oranges-the life. This is so wide of the truth that fresh fruit squeezed into a glass, which ous side of life than is this same John Burroughs, albeit he is reserved in his manifestation

This was made apparent to the writer of this sketch on the occasion of his first and only pilgrimage to Riverby, last box of zwieback to a family of young partridges on the other side of the brook. My, but those youngsters have appetites!" the brook is appetites!" the brook is appetites in the tite the west bank of the Hudson river. It was on a fervid afternoon in late summer that I left the West Shore train at the hamlet of Esopus to find that I should have landed at West Park, the nearest sale to Riverby by rail. There was he brook. My, but those youngsters have appetites!" But fate was against the city man, and once again he put his foot in it. "I suppose you are counting on splen-"I suppose you are counting on splen-

> attractive appearance. "Beware the Dog."

in which the bunches were beginning to show purple beneath the glowing sun, there was set a large doghous which bore on its front, in very dis-tinct lettering, the legend, "Beware the Dog." Before I had time to "beware" him the dog made his appearance. Now I have been rather a close ob-

server of dogs in my lifetime, and I am ready to affirm without reservation am ready to anine specimen that came forth from that imposing doghouse was forth from that imposing opposing the the most inclicative creature upon whom I have ever set eyes. He was so friendly in his attitude and so loath to part company when finally. I torn. ed regretfully into the public highway, that I was obliged to resort to correspond measures to restrain him and to dis-suade him from his evident intention to follow me. I even doubt if I should have succ eded in convincing him had not a passing lad who was fertile in expletive and steady of aim come in my assistance. "I came to see Mr. Burroughs," 1 ex-

plained as soon as our combined fu-sillade of stones had sont the overfriendly canine to the safe retreat of the majestic doghouse.

"He's went to the village-Mis' Bur they had gone far a conversational roughs too. You'll probably meet mood overtook the naturalist, and he "em." the boy said. "I guess het, began to discourse most entertainingly though, 'cause they won't start home

exist between the warning to "be-

"it's for the benefit of the public." the lad explained. "I heard him say so when he put it up. He says it's dog days, and his dog can have the hydryfoby as well as any other."

GEORGE H. PICARD.

SOME TEETOTAL ROYALTIES. that he takes cognizance only of the Queen Victoria of Spain does not serious side of things as they make know the taste of alcohol. Her special it smacks of injustice. There was is filled with aerated waters. Oranges never a man more alive to the humor-are her favorite fruit. For years Princess Henry of Battenberg was a testo-taler, but of late she has suffered no much from rheumatism that she has been ordered a little whisky, which she regards as a penance. Both Princess Christian's daughters, too, are teeto-

could not have presented an especially "QUEEN KRUPP'S" KINGDOM.

Bertha Krupp, the heiress of the great German ironmaster of Essen, who Although the upper windows of the handsome stone cottage were open new title, "Queen Krupp." Her income there seemed to be no sign of life about there and power. Bertha Krupp is absolute and power. Bertha Krupp is absolute and power. that the premises were deserted I she has 40,000 workmen tolling for her. strolled about the grounds, which con-sisted principally of vineyard and an old fashioned flower and kitchen gar-den. At the entrance to the vineyard, have a total of 292,000 dependents.

PAN ISLAMISM MOVEMENT WILL BEAR WATCHING.

London, April 3.—In his report on the progress of the various administrative departments of the Egyptian govern-ment, issued by the foreign office today, Lord Cromer, British agent in Egypt, deals at length with the anti-British movement, known as "Egyptian Na-tionalism." This Lord Cromer de-scribes, as a plant of "exotic rather than indigenous growth." and "deepy meaning a combination of all the Mos-lems throughout the world to defy and resist the Christian powers.



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Slabsides

At the Door of

lessly. At this the naturalist's eyes fashed,

thin lips. "What do you mean?" asked Burroughs suspiciously. "On, later on, in the fall-when you

"I suppose you are counting on splen-did returns from that zwieback," he said, with an appreciative smack of his thin lips. "What do you mean?" asked Bur-

pot them," returned the other care-

CONTRACTOR INTERIOR

A will Pay its Conductors and Motor-men More Wages. Butte, April 3.—Conductors and mo-tormen in the employ of the Butter Electric company are esceiving two and a half cents an hour more than they did last month. Senator W.A. Clark, owner of the street railway sys-which went into effect on April 1. The raise follows an increase of wages granted Jan. 1. when motormen and Butte, April 3.—Colon and other diliters, who protested against the alleged un-putching improvements here." Sec. 7. Taft has made a thoreough ex-tor of the isthmus. At the Culebra out of the sanitary the isthmus. At the Culebra out the on the machinery were explained by the of the solution to the base of the isthmus is the and 3.000 pounds of raitons. I is thall take with me about 12 Eskimo dogs for possible use. If I do succeed in the possible use. If I do succeed in the isthmus of the stem shovels and the possible use. If I do succeed in the isthmus of the stem shovels and the possible use. If I do succeed in the isthmus of the stem shovels and the isthmus than indigenous growth." and "deep-ly tinged with Pan-Islamism." thereby meaning a combination of all the Mos-lems throughout the world to defy and viewed in this aspect. Lord Cromer says, the movement requires to be

Colon. April 3.—Seey. Taft reached Colon from the other side of the isthmus at 11 o'clock this morning. After lunch-eon he met a deputation of the house-owners of Colon and other citizens, who protested against the alleged un-just hardships imposed by the sanitary authorities and asking relief from the "unjust and intolerable conditions im-posed in the carrying out of the sani-tary improvements here." Becy. Taft has made a thorough ex-amination of the sanitary conditions on the isthmus. At the Culebra cut the operations of the steam shovels and the other machinery were explained by Supt of Excavation Little. The work at Empire was thoroughly inspected and from Empire the secretary went to Gatum where he was met by W.G. Bierd, general manager of the Panima rait-road. Secy Taft tramped the entire site of the future lock and visited each test pit. He watched Representative T. E. Burton as he was lowered into the larg-cet hole that goes to the bottom of the lock.

lock. When Mr. Burton came to the surface When Mr. Burron came to the surface Secy. Taft surprised every one pres-ent by taking off his coat and stepping into the bucket. He was lowered to the bottom of the test pit in the center of the middle lock. F. B. Maitby, first assistant engineer on the canal, and William Grieg, who is in charge of the Pacffic division, accompanied the secre-tary on his descent, and explained to him every aspect of the soil and work in hand. in hand

In hand. After coming to the surface the secre-tary's party took a steam launch on the old French canal to Mindi, whence they came in a special train to Cristo-bal, where the dry docks and the dredges were inspected.

A CUEAN ASSASSINATION.

A COBAN ASSASSIANTION. Havana, April 2.-Jose Ayala, ex-chief of police of Guinez, Havana prov-ince, was assassinated at Guinez this morning. The crime apparently was political, as the victim led the govern-ment forces in the victimity of Quinez during the August revolution, thereby incurring so much enmity that he went to Mexico, from which country he has just returned. The assassin, who was a member of the late rebel army, es-caped. caped.

THE PAUL JONES INJURED.

Charleston, April 3.—The gunboat Paul Jones from Sabine Pass, bound for Morris Hook, Va., came into port today scilously damaged by the storm. The captain says that the schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which was in tow, parted the hawser during the height of the gale and had not ben seen since. The Lawson is a schooner of 4,000 tons net register, was loaded with oil and had a full crew and equipment.

WELLMAN'S EXPEDITION.

He Expects to Start for North Pol-

Some Time in July.

Some Time in July. New York, April 8.—Walter Well-man, who arrived today from Paris, said he was well satisfied with his ar-rangements for the proposed Well-man.Record-Harald alrship expedition to the north pole. He informed the friends who met him at the pier that he would start in July. "If am informed," said Mr. Well-man, "that Commander Peary thinks it will not be possible to reach the pole in a balloon, by reason of the weather conditions. In answer, I want to say Peary has no idea at all about haltoning. "My balloon is constructed to meet



Battle Creek, Mich., April 3 .- A. K Detweiler of Toledo, indicted for bribery at San Francisco, was located in a private house here this afternoon, but escaped arrest by leaving the house by a rear door and being whirled away in an automobile, five minutes before the deterive called at the house to effect

It is thought Detweller's destination was Belle Isle, 12 miles north of here, where he could catch a Grand Trunk train for Canada.

train for Canada. San Francisco, April 3.—Special Agent Burns, Sheriff O'Neill and Chief of Po-lice Dinan have joined forces to find and arrest Abraham K. Detweller, the Toledo, O., millionaire, who has been indicted on 13 counts by the grand jury, charging bribery of supervisors in be-half of the Home Telephone company. Detweller has been declared by Superior Judge Lawlor to be a fugitive from jus-tice. Burns today furnished O'Neill and Dinan with a description of Detweller which, with a description of Detweller which, with a been mailed throughout the United States. Sheriff O'Neil will make his return to Judge Lawlor to-morrow morning on the bench warrant for Detweller and will report that he has been unable to find him.

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