The Coloration of Animals.

Professor Nutting delivered last evening the closing lecture in the "World Making" course. These lectures have been absolutely a success. The audiences have grown larger as the course progressed, and interest has never flagged.

Professor Nutting spoke of the many and varying colors that are displayed in animal life. All of these differences may be accounted for on the ground of actual advantage to the animal wearing them.

1st—Protective Coloration. (a) Many are the butterflies, birds, and small animals which are colored in shades of gray or brown, and thus are given a means of hiding themselves in the brush or amid the leaves of plants, or near tree-trunks. So perfect is the shade assumed that it is well-nigh impossible to find these modestly colored animals. (b) There is a certain class of animals clad in gay, pronounced colors, who seem to have assumed these tints as a sort of trade-mark, which says to other animals, "Do not eat me, for if you do you will regret it." And they would regret it, as the animals who say this possess some quality which might make it very uncomfort­able for those who molest them. (c) Some animals who in themselves possess no special means of protection, have with a commendable sharpness counterfeited those colors which their enemies have learned to avoid, as worn by the really harmful animals.

2d.—Coloration for aggressive purposes. This kind of coloration is taken on by such animals as spring upon their prey, as the jaguar or the ocelot. Sometimes these animals are colored the same as the trees or shrubbery, but sometimes they assume a likeness to the animal they wish to attack, as is shown in that fly which is very like a bee.

3d.—Coloration for directive purposes. Very often a peculiar white mark is to be found on the tail of a bird, and is apparently for the purpose of guiding others of its kind. This peculiar spot may be visible only as the bird alights, or as it rises. It flashes out as a kind of signal, and it is understood.

An Attractive Coloration. Bright colors and fantastic arrangement of coloration furnish a device for alarming the unsuspecting animals toward that stronger animal which is their foe.

An amusing account was given of three bird courtships, the prairie chicken mineet, and other dances were also illustrated to the delight of the audience.

Oskaloosa Alumni.

The Oskaloosa Alumni Association of the State University of Iowa held its annual reception and banquet in Oskaloosa Friday evening, May 13. The University College and Law Faculties were represented by President Schaeffer, Professor McElrige and Chancellor McClain. There were present some two hundred and fifty noted educators and University alumni. The toasts responded to upon the call of the Toast master, Robert Kissick, were: "Our Alma Mater," by President Schaeffer; "The Relation of Private Colleges to Our Public Institutions of Higher Learning," by Dr. Trueblood; "The Relation of the Public School to Higher Education," by Professor McElrige; "Our Common Schools," by State Superintendent Knowlpe; "Iowa, the Field of Letters," by Rev. B. W. Johnson, D. D.; "Professional Training," by Chancellor McClain; "County and Town," by President W. M. Beardshear of Iowa Agricultural College; and "Our Guests," by Miss Mary E. Loring.


Won by Gunn, U. of I., distance 122 ft.


Won by Merrifield, U. of I., time 5.4-5 sec.


Won by Merrifield, U. of I., time 10.5 sec.


Won by Kendall, N. W., time 54.4 sec.


Won by Rigs, N. W., time 2 min. 9.9 sec.


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Howard North spent Sunday at home.

The catalogue will be out the last of the week.

President Gates, of Iowa College, has been offered the Presidency of Dartmouth College.

Professor Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, has been spending the past few days visiting University friends. The Faculty, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, granted the petition asking for a holiday on Friday, June 3.

M. I. Heppenstall '92, who was compelled to leave college by sickness, has removed from Springfield to West Liberty.

Judge Wright will deliver a lecture at Close Hall at 3 p.m., Thursday afternoon, subject, “Reminiscences of the Early Iowa Bar.”

Union Prayer Meeting at Close Hall, at 6:15 this evening. Subject, “What are we doing with our talents?” All are invited to be present.

Sam Sawyer, L. 91, besides his law and loan business has lately assumed partial charge of the business in connection with the Muscatine electric light plant.

Law Bulletin, Number Four, is just from the press. It contains a Synopsis of the Law of Evidence, by Professor Wambaugh and an article on the Federal Judicial System, by Chancellor McClain.

It is the desire of the base ball management that all intending to go with the team to Grinnell, next Saturday, will hand in their names. It is possible that if enough tickets be procured that about one-third rates may be procured.

University students and alumni will regret to learn that Mr. Fred Grandrath, who for four years has catered for Iowa City society at his confectionary and ice cream parlors on the avenue, and enjoyed during that time the respect and friendship of his many patrons, has sold out to Messrs. Schmidt and Chihak, and will retire from the business.

Athletic Notice.

There will be a called meeting of the Association to-morrow, Wednesday, the 15th inst. The matter of a new situation and the election of delegates to represent the Association at Des Moines, will be the order of the day.

Betta Party.

The Betas gave an informal dancing party at their halls last night. The Italian string band, which has been playing on the streets for the past few days, gave fine music. The ladies present were the Misses Dey, Schaad, Griffith, Louise Alford, Butler, Allie Close, Tene Easton, Morrow, Cook, Bloom, Annie Jewett, Horne, and Rose Wise, of Cincinnati.

Chess Games.

We have the following additional moves to report in the Minnesota-S. U. I. Chess games:

Game No. 1.

10. Kt - Kt3 S. U. L

10. Kt - Kt3 H. Q. - K Kt 3

Game No. 2.

11. K - R Eq. S. U. L

11. K - R Eq 10. Q takes Q (ct)

Game No. 3.

10. Q - K 2 S. L


Inspection.

Col. John M. Bacon, U. S. A., of Omaha, Inspector General of the Division of the Flatte, inspected the battalion Saturday afternoon. The unusually rainy weather of the past few weeks continued up to Saturday, and it was feared inspection might have to be made in the Armory. But the afternoon proved clear, and at 2:30 the four companies marched from the Armory around to the campus and formed in line for review in front of the University buildings. The band in its place at the west of the line added to the pleasure and dignity of the occasion by rendering its best music. Colonel Bacon and Major Read went through the usual ceremony of reviewing the battalion in line, after which the band and companies passed in review before the Inspector. After review the battalion was inspected, each man and each piece receiving individual attention. This process occupied at least an hour, during which time the band entertained the large crowd of spectators. Following this was the battalion drill, commanded by Major Read. Each company then drilled in the setting up exercises, manual and marching. The battery was then formed and inspected, and gave the sabre drill. The manual of the piece was then gone through with, after which the battalion closed the exercises with dress parade.

One thing of interest is that the entire infantry drill was done in accordance with the new tactics, a thing not yet attempted by the colleges and universities in this vicinity. Colonel Bacon congratulated Major Read on the success of the battalion, and made comparisons very favorable to us. The VIDETTE voices the sentiment of the University when it too congratulates Major Read on his success in making the S. U. I. battalion the leading one in the west.

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