

I know—because I took the time to check on it—that the old story that ostriches hide their heads in the sand is just that, a misconception and an old legend. I had thought, if it were true, that it would be the perfect name for the present Senate of the United States of America. Because, what better way to describe what they have been doing than to imagine them with their heads down in the sand and their backsides up in the air?

A trial without witnesses? The explanation is that “there were no direct witnesses to the alleged crime.” Does that make sense? There were, of course, and we all heard from some of them in the House impeachment hearings, but there were also more witnesses, but they were not allowed—by the accused—to come before the Senate in the trial phase of the inquiry. Does that make sense, either? I guess it does, if the accused is guilty as charged. And we all—including those Republican Senators with their heads in the sand—know that he is, indeed guilty of involving other nations in the internal affairs of the United States. That is, of course, only one of Donald Trump’s misdeeds, and probably, if we had all the information, not the worst.

As I thought more about ostriches, and read a few more facts regarding their behavior, I decided that the Ostrich Senate IS a good name for the present body. Because, there is a reason why the old story about ostriches burying their heads in the sand has remained a viable legend. The birds do poke their heads down in the dirt—to frequently turn their eggs. And, when one thinks about it, isn’t that what the Republican Senators are really doing, too—turning their eggs? Protecting their interests by protecting the criminal President of the United States? From fear of his supporters, perhaps? Or because of favors they have obtained? It is a pity that these people have forgotten what their role is, that it isn’t a job that they should regard as “theirs,” but is a service position for the protection and welfare of this country.