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White Hand

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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CHAPTER I.

Who turn our eyes westward and behold the "Star of Empire" setting amid the golden waters of the Pacific...

In the middle of the sixteenth century, a bold and hardy band of adventurous knights and warriors, led by Hernando de Soto...

Seven years later, the celebrated La Salle, at the head of forty soldiers and a few monks, found the mighty river...

A few years later, the men whose names are cherished as among those who suffered the most and worked the most faithfully for the noble homes of the South...

This territory was inhabited by numerous tribes of Indians, more numerous, perhaps, than in any other section of the country...

It was in the summer of 1727, that we introduce our readers to a pleasant home on the banks of the Mississippi...

Money was potent, even in the wilderness, and the marquis had the most sumptuous residence in the country...

Here he and his family lived, with such of his domestics as were needed about him. The house faced to the west...

CHAPTER II. We have remarked that the Marquis St. Julien had two children. They were twins, and were a boy and a girl...

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"But wherefore art thou in his path?" "The Stung Serpent is on his way to his people."

"And are there none of thy people with thee?" "Does the Stung Serpent..."

"But why did you come here?" asked the marquis, coming more directly to the point.

"I came to guide some traders on their way to the town of the great white chief, and my boat is left above where the great river turns toward the setting sun..."

"Then let my red brother return with me to my home, and there rest for the night."

"But the Indian would not accept the invitation. He pressed to be in haste, and in a few moments more, he turned on his way, and was soon out of sight."

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Boys And Girls

Little Stories and Incidents that Will Interest and Entertain Young Readers

The Acrobat. This acrobat, the picture of which is taken from one in the American Boy...

My Bed Is a Boat. My bed is like a little boat; Nurse helps me in when I embark; She glides me in my sailor coat...

THE COMPETENT ACROBAT. are for the same purpose. The arms must be long enough for the head to pass readily between them...

A Home Made Beach. My little two-year-old cousin had been to the sea shore for the first time...

A Sign of Maturity. My cousin Florence, who is a three-year-old, was taking an afternoon stroll with her mother when they passed a window in which there were a number of green parrots...

He Knew the Evening. A gentleman was one evening showing his five-year-old son various pictures of animals...

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leaps, like a rabbit makes when the hound chases him, and the toad continued these jumps until he passed out of view down a hill.

There is many a man going about with a wonderful reputation for bravery, whose bravery, like that of the toad, rests solely upon a danger that never existed.

Probably one of the oddest claims ever made against a bank is recorded as having been made against the National Bank of Belgium.

Mulching the Strawberry Beds. The most successful growers of strawberries in the country have decided that spring cultivation is not desirable...

To Tighten Barbed Wire. A guard from a mower or reaper, is caught on to the wire. Through one end is passed a loop of stout wire...

A Succession of Damages. "I remember," says Farmer Grindstone, "what an awful time two of my neighbors had when I lived down in Kansas..."

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AGRICULTURAL

How to Handle Incubators. I have had an experience of ten years, with four different makes of incubators, and have learned a few necessary things...

House for Smoking Meats. Many farmers sell off the hogs raised on the farm and buy the hams and bacon used in the family...

Home Made Smoke House. cracks about the house should be filled in so that the smoke will not escape. This is a crude affair, but it does the work quite as well as the most expensive appliances attached to smoke-houses...

Feeding Damaged Corn Fodder. It is utterly useless to feed damaged corn fodder to cattle that are designed for market...

Creemery Don'ts. Don't put ice in the churn. Don't let your tubs get moldy. Don't churn the cream at too high a temperature...

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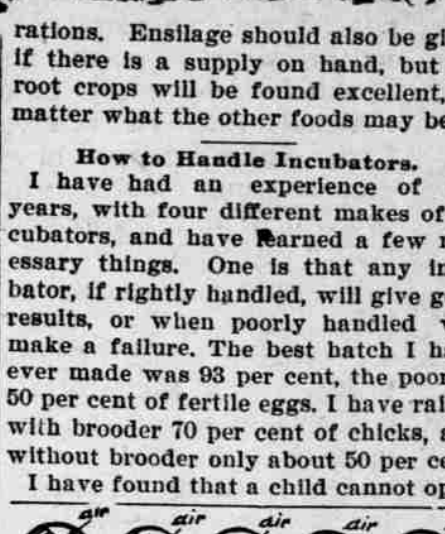
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HOW THE EGG SHOULD LOOK.

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