SIGN WAS TRIFLE AMBIGUOUS

Placard Bearing Inscription "Families Supplied" Taken at Its Literal Meaning by Customer?

"The merchant can't be too careful in having his announcements perfectly plain," remarked Sir James Rutler to some friends the other day. "For instance, a man went into a butcher shop recently and said to the man behind the counter:

"'I want two boys and a girl, please.'

"'Beg pardon, sir,' replied the man.

"'I want two boys and a girl.'

"'Beg pardon, sir.'

"The manager of the shop, seeing a little misunderstanding between the two, went to the gentleman and said:

"'Please excuse my assistant, but he is a new hand and perhaps does not understand you. What is your wish?'

"'Two boys and a girl, if you please.'

"'I beg your pardon, sir, but I'm afraid I don't quite understand you myself,' replied the manager.

"'I want—two—boys—and—a—girl. Is that plain enough?' answered the gentleman.

"The manager then said, 'I'm sorry, but I don't keep them.'

"The gentleman then replied:

"'But you have a sign outside, "Families Supplied."'"—Exchange.

IF IT'S YOUR EYES PETTIT'S EYE SALVE is what you need

World's Cables Made in America.

Practically all the world's cables are made in this country, the first having been made in 1857, the total length of the wire in the sheathing and core being sufficient to reach from the earth to the moon. When the sea is about three miles deep, and the ship is steaming at its usual rate, paying out a new line, over two and a half hours will pass before the cable reaches the bed of the sea. By the time the cable has settled to rest the ship is 25 miles away.

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United on Deathbed.

A pathetic marriage ceremony took place the other day, in a Budapest hospital. A German singer named Erdos, who was appearing professionally in the Hungarian capital, was suddenly taken ill with heart weakness a few days ago. He telegraphed to his sweetheart in Frankfort, Germany, to come to him. The girl started at once, and arrived in Budapest promptly. They were married immediately in the hospital ward, and Erdos died an hour after the ceremony.

Grecian Head-Covering.

The Greeks wore a hat called a petasos, which was soft and light, being made of felt; it was strapped under the chin to fasten it firmly to the head. But only the lower classes among the Greeks, such as herds and travelers, wore hats, and both sexes wore hats of the same shape. The Greek nobility and gentry wore no covering for the head out of doors, and women only adorned their hair with a wreath of flowers.

Insuring Private Cup.

To insure the owner of a private shaving cup kept in a barber shop that he is its only user there has been invented a paper cap to cover it which cannot be removed without breaking a seal.

Be Well!

The First Step Towards Good Health is a Strong Stomach

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Is Your Liver Sluggish

These are Nature's warning of stomach weakness and impending sickness. You should try

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Warning to the Doctor.

Never, in a moment of forgetfulness, advise the parents of a child whom you operated upon a year before for the removal of adenoids that the child is suffering from impeded nasal respiration and should have its adenoids removed.—Medical Review of Reviews.

Why cough? Stop it!

Stop coughing! Coughing rasps and tears. Stop it! Coughing prepares the throat and lungs for more trouble. Stop it! There is nothing so bad for a cough as coughing. Stop it! Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a medicine for coughs and colds, a regular doctor's medicine. Sold for seventy years. Use it! Ask your doctor if this is not good advice.

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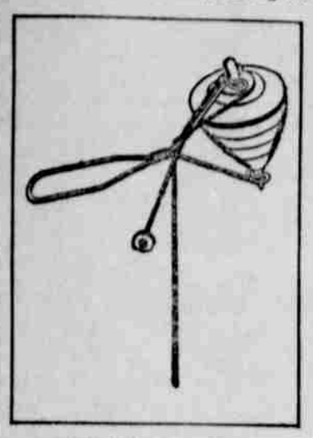
CORNER FOR THE JUNIORS

DEVICE FOR SPINNING A TOP

"Y" Shaped Wire Frame Holds Spike of Toy Until Sufficient Momentum Is Acquired.

An ingenius little device for spinning a top has been designed by a Colorado man. It remains to be seen, however, if the top can be spun any better than the average small boy can do by carefully winding his cord up and spinning his top by hand. A Y shaped wire frame has recesses at the ends of the arms to receive the spike of the top and a spindle projecting from the head. Below this spindle is a circular groove around which the cord fits, but it is not necessary to wind the cord up. Just loop the cord around this groove once, leaving one end long. Then pull the short end and in passing through the groove the cord revolves the top in the handle. When the top has acquired sufficient momentum it will fly out of the handle and spin on the pavement.



For Spinning a Top.

BEST TO PROVE ALL THINGS

Experience Teaches That It Is Well to Experiment With Matters Contrary to Belief.

Whenever you read or hear anything that is contrary to your experience or belief it is always just as well to try it, if it is within your reach, before you repeat it to your friends, because if they know it is not true they may laugh at your credulity and you will get a reputation for being either unreliable or gullible.

Some years ago there was a paragraph going the rounds of the papers and magazines saying that any boy who wanted to cut glass and did not own a glazier's diamond could cut it with a pair of stout scissors if he was careful to hold the glass and the scissors completely under water. The same thing is still to be found in some of the books on scientific experiments.

The reason alleged was that it is the vibration of the glass that shatters it, but that when both the glass and the scissors were held completely under water the water stopped this vibration. That this is not true any boy could have found out in five minutes by trying the experiment with an old negative. Glass and marble have to be cut in the same way, by making a slight crack on one surface and then breaking it.

ODD STUDY IN PERSPECTIVE

Many Things Young Artist Finds Difficult to Solve—Peculiar Illusion Is Shown.

There are many things about perspective which are very puzzling. Young artists find much trouble in getting the perspective in their drawings to come out right, and sometimes we even find errors of this sort in the work of trained artists.

The optical illusion in the picture is due to the defective drawing of the two men on the platform. In actual size upon the paper the further man looks much taller than the other. Measurement, however, shows the figures to be exactly of a height. The

An Illusion in Perspective.

illusion is due to the fact that the head of the further man is out of perspective. If he is about as tall as the other, and on level ground, both heads should be on the same line. As drawn, he is, in fact, a monster more than eight feet high.

For the Little People.

If you want to make a gift for your younger brother or sister do try a jig-saw puzzle. Select colored pictures, about five or six inches each way, from the magazines. Make your selection of pictures appropriate, choosing pictures of cupids and lovers. Paste them very carefully and smoothly on stiff cardboard. When the pasting is thoroughly dry, cut with a sharp pair of scissors into about 20 irregularly shaped pieces. Put the pieces of each picture into a small heart shaped box. This would make an appropriate gift for any one who likes to work out puzzles.

Making a Horse.

Little Elmer—Mamma, I saw a man down at the blacksmith's shop making a horse.

Mamma—You must be mistaken, Elmer.

Little Elmer—No, I'm not, mamma. He had the horse nearly finished when I came by. He was just nailing on the fee'

FOR SUMMER SLEEPING ROOM

Japanese Crinkler Crepe an Inexpensive and Always Suitable Curtaining to Be Used.

Japanese crinkler crepe is among the attractive inexpensive curtainings for the summer sleeping room. No matter what is the color scheme of the chamber, something to harmonize with it may be found in this material, which comes in innumerable shades and combinations. Another attractive curtaining in cotton has an arts and crafts design on white or tan, is striped with a narrow, brightly tinted broche pattern.

All linen crash which is 48 inches wide may be had in a variety of tones, and needs only a coarse lace or a machine hemstitched finishing to make a substantial and refined looking curtaining. Most attractive are the imported marquisettes of soft finish and strong weave, the white piques with colored stripe borderings in tan, blue, rose, maize or violet; the silk and cotton foulard patterned batistes and the hand woven chiffon batistes.

Charming looking summer bedroom curtains are of Swiss muslin, machine embroidered with white on color or with a color on white.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Fine gingham and percales will emerge from the tub with the gloss and dressing of new material if dipped in sweet milk instead of starch.

To keep towels with colored borders pretty, do not allow them to become badly soiled. Rub gently with a white soap. Rinse in warm water and then in cold water. Wash quickly and never soak or boil them.

When counting the wash make out two lists, one for the washerwoman and one for yourself. A book may be purchased with carbon paper in it such as clerks use in the stores. Write the list once and the other will be traced.

Carpets if well sprinkled with salt and then wiped with cloth squeezed out of warm water containing a spoonful of spirits of turpentine to every quart will look bright and new and will not be troubled with moths and buffalo bugs.

If you wish to have your table linen look nicely do not put it through the wringer, as it makes creases that will not come out even if the cloth is ironed when very damp. By rinsing very thoroughly it looks better even if not wrung very dry. Just try it and see. In fact, any clothes that you wish to look very nicely when ironed you will find come out a great deal better if wrung by hand.

The Kitchen Floor.

A cork floor-covering is easily cleaned and is serviceable. Linoleum is used in many kitchens. An uncovered and unfinished floor of hard maple or birch is durable and reasonable in cost, but has the disadvantage of being difficult to keep clean. Tiles of brick are both durable and picturesque, but are comparatively expensive. A cement floor is more reasonable in cost, and if a few rugs are used to mitigate its hardness, it will be a great joy. With a cement dado going up two or three feet around the walls and a sanitary drain in one corner, this floor might be cleaned with the hose every day.

To Make Good Coffee.

French cooks are famous for the excellence of their coffee, which they make so strong that one part of the liquor requires the addition of two parts to reduce it to the proper strength.

This addition is made with hot milk. The large proportion of hot milk, in place of so much warm water, gives the coffee a richness like that made by the addition of cream in the ordinary way. By this means any housekeeper desirous of making good coffee, can have it without cream.

Sweet Pickled Peaches.

One-half peck peaches, two pounds of brown sugar, one pint of vinegar, one of stick cinnamon. Boil sugar, vinegar and cinnamon 20 minutes, dip peaches quickly in hot water, then rub off the fur with a towel. Stick each peach with four cloves. Put into syrup and cook until soft, using one-half of peaches at a time. This same recipe is for sweet pickled pears, using pears and peeling them instead of peaches, and halving them if liked.

Baked Potato Balls.

Rub cold mashed potatoes left from yesterday, smooth with a spoonful of warm buter and soften with warm milk. Beat up an egg in it, stir until hot in a clean greased frying pan, not allowing it to "catch" on the side. Then let it cool. When cold and stiff make into balls, roll these in flour and bake upon a greased pan until well browned. Pile on a hot plate.

To Mend Thin White Dress Goods.

Take powdered starch, moisten with cold water so as to form a ball. Lay cloth on the ironing board smoothly, flatten the ball of starch to cover the hole, then rub a hot flatiron quickly and firmly over the starch. This makes an invisible mend, but must be repeated every time the garment is laundered.

Baker's Ginger Snaps.

Two-thirds cup of butter, one cup each sugar and baking molasses, one teaspoonful soda dissolved in two tablespoons hot water, one-half teaspoon ginger, pinch salt, flour to make a very stiff dough, roll small piece in palm hand, place in pans five inches apart, bake in hot oven; if they fall add more flour.

Lemon Curd Pudding.

Make a piece of good short crust; roll it out thin and with it line a well-buttered pie dish. For the mixture to go inside use one-half pint of bread crumbs, one pint of boiling milk, two eggs, two ounces of butter, four ounces of caster sugar, one lemon.

POULTRY

KEEP POULTRY HOUSE CLEAN

Given Plenty of Good Food and Well-Kept House Hen Will Solve the Winter Egg Problem.

Experience has led me to conclude that cleanliness is a profitable virtue in poultry raising. Give the hen plenty of good food and clean quarters and she will give no occasion for worry over the winter egg problems. We who have followed the chicken business either for pleasure or profit, for pin money or income, have heard this time-old advice repeated with religious regularity every new moon, writes Dennis H. Stovall of Oregon in the Northwest Farmstead. When we give it heed, we win; when we let it pass, we lose.

Cleanliness in the henhouse and the poultry yard is a very simple thing, for the reason that it depends upon simple things. A few years ago I experimented with fancy roosts, patent drop boards, intricate nest shelves, and various other contrivances calculated to make the hen lay, and to make chicken raising easy. These have all been discarded. They entailed too much care, and involved far more labor than the simple, common sense methods. I have found nothing better for roosts than those of the sawhorse pattern. This gives a roost

Carpenter's Horse Poultry Roosts.

about three feet high, and each one long enough to accommodate at least a dozen fowls without crowding. Placed side by side, rather than one above the other, they assure perfect cleanliness. They can be easily removed from the house for cleaning and treatment with lime, emulsion or lye. With a smooth board floor this allows a chance for cleaning the henhouse perfectly; and I have found it a good plan to give the house such a cleaning twice a week.

The next boxes are also removable, so as to allow a thorough cleaning and change of straw, the old being burned.

CURE FOR DROOPY POULTRY

Dip Made of Strong Bacon Grease and Warm Water Will Cause Feathers to Drop Easily.

Save all the strong bacon grease, especially the grease from fried bacon. When your fowls sit around picking themselves and looking droopy and shabby, get a large deep can or bucket; from its shape a large candy bucket is best; fill it nearly full of warm water; on this pour melted grease until it forms a thick scum over the water; catch your fowls, take them one by one, by their wings, and with the head held straight up, dip them down, pretty hard, two or three times into the water; let the head go completely under once; do this quickly to avoid strangling the fowl; then turn it loose.

After waiting a few hours for the water to drip from the feathers, drive them into the shade, so the sun will not blister them. For a short time they will be a sorry-looking lot of fowls.

This treatment causes the feathers to fall apart, so the body of the fowl is cool, the water softens the skin; the grease-laden feathers fall out easily, and the new ones push their way through the skin and grow in masses instead of one or two in a place; the time of moulting is shortened; the fatty grease kills all vermin on the fowl, while the grease-saturated feathers are death traps to any vermin that may get on them.

Keep the bucket filled with water and pour more grease on the water from time to time.

The fowls should be dipped early in the morning and made to roost under shelter for several nights.

By dipping fowls in the early fall they become healthy and free from pests, hence stand the winter better, and in the spring have little or no vermin to annoy them and get on and kill their little ones.

Why Eggs Don't Hatch.

There are two main reasons why eggs do not hatch. One reason is too many hens with one male bird. Another reason, keeping the eggs too long a time before setting them, eggs being too old. The yolk of the egg softens and when they reach that point the egg will not germinate. In sending eggs by express the germ of the egg is started by the heat of being closely packed and kept in hot express cars too long, also by being kept too long in very warm express offices.

Killed by Kindness.

More brooder chicks are killed by kindness than die of any other complaint. A chick that is a little hungry will take exercise sufficient to keep in good health. Make your ration for chicks about one-third cracked cane seed, and you will not have much bowel trouble, and sprinkle the floor of the brooder with good clean sand every day or two.

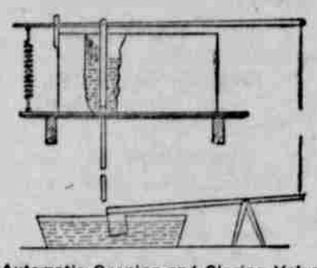
Vermin in Hot Weather.

Vermin breeds much faster in warm weather than in cool weather. Often give the henhouses, brooders and brood coops a thorough disinfecting with some good liquid disinfectant and dust the fowls and chicks well with lice powder.

WATERING TANK FOR FOWLS

Chicago Man Constructs One With Automatic Opening and Closing Valve for Supply.

From a tank placed on a bracket shelf near the ceiling of my chicken house I ran a one-half-inch pipe down and into the water dish, writes P. D. Merrill of Chicago in the Popular Mechanics. I then made a float of a tin can and attached it to the end of a lever with the float resting in the dish in such a position that an increase of the amount of water would cause the float to rise and produce a downward motion of the opposite end of the lever. To this end I attached a cord which extended to a lever above the water tank, operating a



Automatic Opening and Closing Valve on a Supply Water Tank for Fowls.

cock valve at the top of the feed pipe as shown in the illustration.

A coil spring holds the valve open when the water in the watering dish is low and allows the water to flow in until the float rises, which closes the valve and shuts off the flow until the water is again lowered in the dish.

MAKING LATE HATCHES PAY

Cockerels Will Grow Rapidly and Come in Nicely for Winter "Springers" for Frying.

Midsummer chicks are as a rule not a success. The main reasons are that the hot weather and insects are against them. But late hatches will frequently do as well as early ones with equally good care. For late hatches set hens or the incubator any time in August, to have the chicks come off in September, when the weather is cooler and the summer insects have begun to diminish.

Cockerels from early fall hatches will grow rapidly and will come in nicely for winter "springers" for broiling or frying. Pullets from these hatches may not grow to be so large as spring-hatched pullets, nor will they lay this coming winter, but they will begin to lay next spring, and will continue to lay all next summer at a time when other hens are off duty in the egg business. With a good number of fall-hatched pullets a continuous egg supply for all the seasons is assured.

BROODER HOUSE MADE HANDY

Convenient Coop for Poultry Keeper Can Be Made Any Size Desired —Cover With Netting.

The illustration shows a very convenient style of coop for the poultry keeper. It can be made any size desired, from 2x3 to 4x5 feet or more, says the Farm and Home. The smaller coop is sufficient for a hen and her brood, while the larger size

Brooder Colony House.

will hold a brooder and accommodate a flock of 100 chicks.

The yard should be made in three sections of 1x2 or 1x3 inch strips covered with one-inch mesh wire netting. If covered over the top with wire netting, it will be proof against cats and other intruders. The coop and house should be moved to fresh ground weekly.

Breast Is Main Thing.

In a market fowl, the breast is the main thing, but in order to obtain a desirable breast it is necessary to have a good body first. So far as actual quality is concerned, the color of the skin is of no importance. But when the market calls for a yellow skin, it is important that only such be served. Poultrymen can neither afford to quarrel with the demand, nor try to reform it.

Telling Sex of Eggs.

There is no possible way of determining sex of eggs. Mapes very truthfully says that the best way to tell whether an egg contains a rooster or a pullet is to hatch the egg under a hen, and watch the chick for about a year—if it crows it is a rooster; if it lays eggs, it is a pullet.

Getting Most Money.

It is not the great number of fowls we raise that brings most money, but the ones we can comfortably care for. It takes food and labor to care for poultry. Twenty hens properly cared for will give better returns than 100 only half fed and poorly housed.

POULTRY NOTES

Molting season is at hand.

Pullets hatched in March should be laying now.

Vermin breeds much faster in warm weather than in cool.

Filth and vermin are the great profit killers and yet good remedies are in reach of everyone.

If our chicks or older fowls are not thrifty, let us look into our methods and find out where we are to blame.

When the hens begin to climb trees to roost, it is time to look to the ventilation and cleanliness of the houses.

Hen afflicted with scaly leg cannot possibly give the best service in egg production, and rough shanks look bad.

Do not use harsh methods in breaking up the broody hens. Remember that broodiness is nature's provision for rest.

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Knead the dough briskly before rolling it out. Have ready a clean, sweet board of oak, hickory, or hemlock (never of resinous wood), buttered and heated. Set before the red coals under the grate at an angle that will not let the cake slip down, and prop it in place. Spread the dough upon it, patting it gently to make the surface even, and bake. As soon as it is hard enough to keep its place, set the board upright. Begin then to baste it with butter, lightly going all over the sheet. Do this three times. The cake should be nicely browned and crisped.

Cut with a sharp knife, held perpendicularly, into squares.

Virginia water ground meal should be used for this delicious cake. The northern cornmeal will not do. Nor does the southern cook put sugar into corn bread. She holds that the meal should be sweet enough without it.—Chicago Tribune.

Be thrifty on little things like bluing. Don't accept water for bluing. Ask for Red Cross Ball Blue, the extra good value blue.

The Reason Why.

"Madam, I am just out of the hospital, and—" "Don't tell me any such story as that! You are the same man I gave a piece of pie to not two weeks ago." "Yes'm, dat was just 'fore I went to de hospital."—Houston Post.

Putting the Garters On.

Mrs. Brown was preserving peaches in the kitchen amid an array of glass jars, covers, rubber bands, etc. Margaret, aged four, watched the process quietly until the fruit was in the jars and the covers ready, then she exclaimed, "Oh, mother, please let me put the garters on!"

Most Centrally Located.
NOTE THE RATES.

Trouble With the Eyes.

Sometimes tiny hairs become loosened and get beneath the eyelids. Before going to all the trouble of examining the upper and lower lids, fill the wash bowl with cold water and open the eyes under water. Open and shut them several times, and in nearly every instance this will wash out the bothersome hair. It will at least loosen such a hair so that it may be easily removed by the cotton-tipped toothpick.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

English "Hunting Parson."

The Rev. Lawrence Capel Cure, rector of Abbess Roding, whose death is announced, was known throughout West Essex as the "hunting parson." He invariably wore the old-fashioned smock and tall hat and was a familiar figure at the meets of the Essex hounds, which he attended regularly though in his seventy-eighth year.—London Evening Standard.

Most Costly Wood.

Cabole, a beautiful tree that grows on the west coast of Africa, and is also found on the island of St. Thomas, is said to furnish the most costly wood in the world. It somewhat resembles teak, and takes on a very high polish. Its price is quoted as about $3,500 a cubic meter.

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