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rallway train. Looking about for a boy to carry her heavy suit case, she espied a stalwart youth and asked him if he would take it for her to the station. He heeftated a moment, as he had been headed in an opposite direction, and then complied. At the ticket window there was an unusual crowd. The boy pushed forward, bought a ticket for the young woman, put it in the box and handed her the sult case. As she proffered him the dime which seemed about adequate for his services he smiled at her pecultarly, shook his head, lifted his hat gracefully and was gone before the ung woman had time to protest or really to understand what had occurred. Then the appailing thought came to her with conviction that he was undoubtedly a college boy put ting in vacation time at some kind of employment which necessitated his wearing quite ordinary working

"And how dreadful," she thought, squirming with mortification, ctually paid my fare, too!"



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Belinda Rejects Proposal of Charile

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"Charile," sorrowfully sighed the

young lady in the parlor of the con-

crete bouse, on Washington avenue,

response of her poetical companion,

who was sitting on the sofa beside

her, "the minute hand is drawing

closer and closer to the hour hand,

and when the time of midnight is

chimed the two hands will be even as

one. Oh, darling Belinda," he con-

tinued, as he literally simulated the

action of the minute hand, "may not

the coming together of those two

She broke away and stood firmly on

her feet. "No. Charles Henry Smith,"

she retorted, angrily, "those two hands

will remain as one but a single sec-

ond, and then the minute hand will di-

vorce itself and go on its way alone.

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toesn't stick isn't the kind of symbol-

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hands be symbolical of us?"

tem I want!"

"Yos, Belinda," was the breathing

"It is nearly 12 o'clock."



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ers by Scientific Methods.

Parasites Cultivated to Prey Upon In-

Jurious Bugs-Washington Hears

Miss Elkins Will Become

Mrs. William Hitt.

failures due to the effect of harmful

and destructive insects is a well-

The destruction and blighting of the

ding the country of such pests have been very favorable in every way. Dr. L. O. Howard, head of the bureau of entomology at Washington, the largest and most efficient organization of its kind in the world, has become the leading expenent and the acknowledged expert of the cult of setting an insect to kill an insect—the science of parasitology.

The method used by Dr. Howard is to suppress the harmful insects and to foster the useful ones, that is to destroy the destroyers by abetting the destroyers of the destroyers. Thus has arisen a new and ingenious branch of scientific endeavor, the expert culture of insect parasites. Already a number of the most important pests have been reduced to innocuousness by the insects of prey which have been set upon the trail; and while many others must still be combated imperfectly by artificial methods, relentless science is scouring the world for the tiny many-legged hounds which shall eventually hunt them

down. Theoretically every insect has its own specific enemy or enemies. These may prey upon it directly as certain beetles prey upon the larvae of the foliage-destroying moths; or they may feed upon its eggs, as is the case with many ladybirds, or they may deposit their own eggs either within the body or the egg of the victim, thereby destroying the immediate or prospective generation. Always these enemies tend to keep the insect pests within normal limitations. Doubtless in many cases the parasite would wholly destroy a species were it not for the existence of hyper-parasites which prey upon it and keep it from overexpansion. In a state of nature this balance between the various species is automatically preserved until man with his ignorance of their nature en-

ters and disturbs the whole status. Insect immigration has been the curse of American agriculture. Of our 72 importantly destructive speciesthose whose destructive powers amount up to millions of dollars annually-35 have come to us from other countries. The coddling moth, the curse of apple and pear orchards, is of European origin. The dreaded cotton boll-weevil halls from Mexico. The San Jose scale comes from the immemorial east. The gypsy moth and the brown-tail moth, twin plagues of New England trees, were brought in by accident from the old world.

As soon as an imported insect shows signs of becoming formidable, experts trace it from country to coununtil they find a region where it has been known for a long time, but has never reached the proportions of a pest. In such a place they are pretty sure to find a parasite which is the late Robert R. Hitt. keeping the depredator down. If they can acclimatize that parasite and establish it side by side with the importation, the problem is solved. Such was the method in the case of the white or fluted scale invasion of California. The scale was imported by a collector of plants at San Jose, probably from Australia. In a few years it had spread enormously, and was simply wiping out the orange crop wherever it gained a foothold. Working in conjunction with the progressive state authorities of California the United States bureau of entomology sent an emissary to Australia, where the scale was discovered in what was then supposed to be its original environment. With the Australian scale. and preying upon its eggs, was found a small red-and-black ladybird, the Novius cardinalis. One hundred of these were brought back to Californit, bred and distributed. To the terrified and skeptical orange growers the result must have seemed miraculous. Within two years from the time when the first ladybird began to breakfast on scale eggs, the victory was completely won. It was more than a victory; it was a slaughter. Since then the white scale, while it is not wholly eliminated and never will be.

to the citrus orchards of California. Occasionally at practically no cost, cience wins a victory. The experts by turning their glass upon the clover seed midge found that it produced clover crop. Generation number one London Opinion.

has ceased to be an element of peril

IN WAR ON INSECTS was never very damaging. But gen- SOIL FERTILITY IS WANING. eration number two often destroyed the whole second crop. This being ascertained, the farmers were instructed to cut the first crop ten days earlier. Thus the adult midges were laid away Dr. Howard Kills Crop Destroywith the crop before any but the most forehanded bad laid their eggs. By this procedure the second growth

of clover escaped attack Washington.-The history of crop the value of cattle which come to the tion problem. Chicako stockyards alone. Somewhere known one For many years the growers of wheat, cotton, fruit and other produce have been harassed and even lions and even billions of dollars' worth of the harvests of the counworm, the striped cucumber beetles, made to farm correctly. the house-breaking moth, which corcrops caused by harmful insects has rupts our stored clothing, and the the purpose of growing grain for the long been made a study by the agricultural authorities at Washington, quent saving in human life and carn- in case the renter is not able to do ing power, plus the increased value of this for himself, and by giving longer real estate.

MISS ELKINS TO WED AMERICAN.

Washington.-To see married the girl it was thought would be his bride, is the luck of the duke of the Abruzzi. What kind of luck it is for the duke to tell, if he will, William F. Hitt, who seems to have

made a greater hit than bis dukeship, is the luckier man, and the kind of luck he is in is plain to appreciate.

Katherine Elkins is the girl in the case. She is the girl whose name for two years past has been linked with an enemy to be poisoned by the potathat of the duke, and to forget his sor. to grower. War must be commenced row in not winning her it was said early and continued with vigilance. he went to Africa to bunt tigers, And Paris green is the most highly recomnow he is coming to Washington to mended. It may be used as a spray see the girl he lost won by another with a sprinkler, mixed with air slaked man.

The wedding is promised for the over the potato plants when covered



here. The announcement was made recently by friends of Hitt at the Chevy Chase club, and settles the status of the friendship of the young system employed, says a writer in couple, which for two years has pre Baltimore American. These colony saged their engagement. The engagement will be announced when no floors. I would advise those who Miss Eikins returns to America in Oc-

Miss Eikins and Mr. Hitt formed part of the bridai table party at the wedding of Miss Mathildo Townsend to Peter Goeiet Gerry of New York, and that the traditional bouquet of the bride, as well as the piece of cake to be used "under the pillow," has revealed that they would be the next to plight their troth. Miss Elkins, the ranking belle of

er, while Mr. Hitt is traveling with quires muscle and brawn, but more his mother, and both are following practically the same route of travel. It machines that will do the drudgery is regarded as certain that the duke of and irksome tasks while he himself the Abruzzi will be present.

ry Gassaway Davis, father and grand. properly applied to the management father of the bride-to-be, are elated of a farm, will often turn loss into over the match. Hitt is the son of profit.

In a recent sale at Sotheby's, in London, the following document written on vellum, and bearing Queen Eliza-

beth's sign manual, was sold: "Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene (sic) of England, ffraunce (sic) hour a day. and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., wee will and commande you forthewithe uppon the sighte hereof to deliver, or cawse to be delivered to our well beloved servante, Ralf Brooke, Esquire, alias Yorke, one of our herauldes of Armes, one cote depicted with our Armes on Satten with fine golde in oyle of like stuffe, lengthe and breadeth as heretofore hath bene added to the soil. If the crop is re-

"To our trustle and well beloved

Worse. Dick-There's one thing about Lou-

Smart-Set Language. "What a beautiful costume, dear!" "Do you like it?"

United States Agricultural Expert Predicts Exhaustion of Farm Land of Western Prairies.

The agricultural department at Washington is concerned about the exhaustion of the soil of the United States. On the prairies of the west From an economic viewpoint much fertility is beginning to wane. In of the most important work of para- many of the older communities fertilsitization is yet to be done. The distity has been reduced below the point covery of a parasitic destroyer of of profitable production. How to store the ox warble, for example, would and maintain productivity of soil is a mean a saving of \$5,000,000 yearly in most important phase of the conserva-

These observations are set forth in perhaps, a form of insect is missing a farmers' bulletin prepared by W. J. its opportunities, which might be em Spillman, agriculturist in charge of ployed in ridding American grain the office of farm management of the fields of the chinch bug, thereby sav- agricultural department. Mr. Spiliman defied by these parasites that eke ing a loss of as high as \$60,000,000 in says that in order that the prairie out their existence by destroying mil- bad years. There is a crying need of country may not follow the descent successful parasitic checks upon the of the east and south it is necessary Mediterranean flour moth, the army that intelligent and vigorous effort be Renting of land on short leases for

peach tree borer, to name only a few market is one of the surest means of familiar species with expensive apper reducing the productive power of the tites. But the greatest potential dis- soil. Well managed pastures and racovery is that of the parasitic bene- tional systems of crop rotation are necfactor which should perform upon the essary to the development of perma-American house fly or the mosquito nent systems of profitable farming. the miracle of exorcism which St. Pat- Land owners must realize this, and bicycle races." rick wrought on the snakes of Erin. must take steps to improve renting

not be an overestimate of the conse- a full complement of domestic animals. child replied: "Mouth organ, hand go to Europe and learn to be a poet. leases whereby the renter may reap the reward of intelligent management. In view of the soil waste that has occurred, Mr. Spillman asserts, it is not surprising that values of farm products have risen to a marked de- bugs crawl into your ears, but if one gree in the last few years.

POTATO BUGS ARE AT WORK.

War Must Be Commenced Early and Continued With Vigilance-Paris Green Recommended.

Potato bugs are at work. They are

lime, flour, or fine, dry road dust, sifted early days of the next social season with dew or rain. In any form of application at least one pound of Paris green should be used per acre, but when the plants are large a greater amount may be required. The Minnesota Experiment station prefers to use a power sprayer is advised and re- in the Bookkeeper. garded as almost indispensable. Milk ate of lead may be used as a potato bureaus. the mixture is used as a disease destroyer. In this case no additional lime need be added.

The Colony House, as good as the portable. The portable ence that must be finished daily. house is usually built upon runners the spring and summer they are drawn brought up near the feed house and dressed to the department. To save ords. arranged in rows, so it is almost as easy to care for the birds as if they were in a single continuous house. The colony-house system is in general use in England, and is practically the only houses have wheels at each corner and contemplate going into the poultry business, no matter on what scale, to

The Modern Farmer.

The modern farmer is working toward a well-defined purpose. His con-Washington, is abroad with her moth stant aim is to do less work that rebrain work. He purposes to purchase can find time to solve the problems of Senator Elkins and ex-Senator Hen- farm management. A little headwork,

Food For Chicks.

A handful of grain dug into an ant hill will bring the chickens to it, and then good-by to the insects. A plant of Swiss chard sown adjoining the poultry yard will supply greens all summer provided the fowls are not allowed to eat it more than an

To Maintain Nitrogen.

Nitrogen must be maintained by legume crops, and the best legume for the corn belt is clover. The clover crop should be left on the ground. If removed, not much, if any, nitrogen is moved and fed to average live stock and the manure given average care and hauled back to the field, the loss is nearly one-half of the plant food and three-fourths of the organic matter. If a good crop of clover is left on the ground once every three or four years, only the seeds being removed, it will supply sufficient nitrogen for quite large grain crops.

Milking.

Milking with wet hands is a filthy practise. The clean milker uses clean hands and is sure before he begins that the cow's udder is clean and that no falling dirt can get into the milk. Using lard on the hands to make milking easy will aid in making hard milk- or?" asked the Ohioan of the hotel era. It will also help to keep the cow's proprietor.



Odd Answers to Teachers' Questions



The state of the s

WASHINGTON.-One of the principals in the Washington public chools has been telling her friends of some amusing incidents of the final examinations before the close of the schools for the summer.

Among the questions she gave to the children in the third grade was: 'Name the five races of man." Imagine her surprise when one tot anraces, airship races, foot races and

Another question was: "Name some organ, pipe organ," The spinal cord was defined as a

string running from the back of the smith." head to the bottom of the heels. tant as good clothes and should be ster who had been asked to write on taken care of just as well. Don't let his favorite holiday: with soap suds and afterwards drop ered." some molasses into it."

"Polson," wrote another, "should be doctored at cace and not allowed to run on as it is dangerous. Don't treat ty" means "alum" instead of "alms." polson rough—it is liable to run into blood poison. If anyone should take bush and "habitation" was judged to poison it is a good idea to keep it as refer to one's habits. It was also dehigh up out of reach as possible."

room under lock and key in a little bottle and the cork in so it can't be got out and hide the key and have skeleton on the bottle and not let no body go in there." "A good anty dote for poison," said

one, "is to take a teacupful of soap suds every ten minutes to make you vomit till the doctor comes." (It is awful to think of the doctor's being delayed several hours.) A class of six-grade pupils were

asked to write a short blographical sketch of Longfellow. One member of the class proudly submitted the following:

"H. W. Longfellow was a grand man. He wrote both poems and poetry. swered: "Automobile races, horse He graduated at Bowdoin and afterwards taught the same school where he graduated. He didn't like teaching and decided to learn some other trade In round numbers \$300,000,000 would methods by stocking their farms with of the organs of men." To this one so his school furnished him money to He wrote many beautiful poems for children. He wrote "Billy, the Black-

> The following brief but pithy com-"Ears," said one, "are just as impor- position was banded in by a young-

> "I like the Fourth of July best 'cause should get in there syringe your ear it's the day America was discov-

A hasty look into a dictionary is presumed to have conveyed to the mind of one embryo cynic that "chari-"Ambush" was defined as a kind of cided that a "patriarch" wears feath-"You ought to keep poison in a little ers "same as any other bird."

Rural Free Delivery Is Growing Fast



THE rural free delivery service of Parls green mixed into a thin paste . the United States means the diswith water and then stirred in the tribution of nearly 3,000,000 letters and larger volume of water to be used in parcels annually along the highways a sprayer. Very good results, however, and byways of every state and terrihave been obtained by the use of a tory from Maine to Alaska. A force common sprinkler. Where the crop is of 41,000 carriers daily go over the handling and copying mail they keep large and it is possible to procure one, routes assigned to them, says a writer

Bringing the mail to the farmer now of lime, made by slaking two pounds costs the nation \$36,000,000 a year in letters daily received which must be of stone lime in water to each pound salaries for the carriers, expense of returned to the postoffice where they of Paris green, should be carefully examining new routes, maintaining should have been directed. strained into the poisonous mixture to postoffices, payments of inspectors, prevent burning of the plants. Arsen special agents, clerks and chiefs of

than Paris green. Paris green may changes in routes and carriers, where told by the postoffice newspaper, emed necessary, to establish new The permanent colony house is not amount of office work and correspond of deaths.

upon the range, and in winter may be Many of those received are merely ad or other dishonesty were on the rec-

time of opening and reading missives not properly directed is a part of the work of the mailing section. It includes a private postoffice through which every letter received or sent relative to rural delivery must pass.

Every one of the half-million and nore letters sent from this department is copied for record by a mechanical system which saves the labor of a hundred copying clerks even where the hand copying press or the carbon method has been employed. A force of only seventeen clerks is needed in this section, yet in addition to a daily record of all the outlay for postage expenses of the department and sort and examine the hundreds of

What the service does in receiving applications for new routes, petitions for carriers, decisions of the departbug polson, but it is more expensive To secure information to make ment, the payments and receipts, is

The esprit de corps of the rural free routes and to record and tabulate delivery is best shown by the last anstatistics and data for the postmaster | nual report. During the year it states general as well as for the public, a that out of the 41,000 in the service force of only 110 persons is required the total dismissals for cause were in Washington, in spite of the great only 165, less than the total number

The reasons for the diamissals were More than a million letters are re- principally incompetence and failure similar to the common stone boat. In ceived and answered by the depart to obey instructions. No dismissals ment of rural free delivery in a year. whatever for stealing from the mails



W ASHINGTON had a "safe and sane" celebration of the national birthday. In years gone by the national capital has been noted for the noisiest Fourth of July celebration of any city in the union. Last year they adopted the "safe and sane" idea. Day fireworks and a parade in the morning with speechmaking on the plaza fronting the city buildings. In the afternoon a motor parade and, at night, an illumination of the Monument grounds and more fireworks.

The "safe and sane" idea took well at first and Washington determined to stick by the modern form of celebration this year. Therefore the celebration last Monday began with the reading of the Declaration of Independence in front of the city buildings. Ten o'clock was the hour set, but, as luck would have it, the same hour the Bos. remained. ton Red Sox and the Nationals crossed bats. The Washington Post singlesand the Washington Times have offices opposite the city building. A lowed the crowd and the remainder crowd of about 1,000 people had gath- of the reading of the gloriou docuered for the ceremonies. At the news- ment was interspersed with "Good paper offices the megaphone men had boy, Doc!" "Oh, you Gabby Street!" en connected by wire with the base- | for 14 hot innings.

Baseball and the Declaration Mixed Promptly at ten o'clock a baldhead-

ed man in a frock coat arose on the flag draped stand in front of the city building cleared his throat and be gan: "When the course of human ev-" Across the way the megaphone man

nterrupted with: "Milan is at the bat-Ball one!" -"vents it becomes necessary," conthued the baldheaded reader.

"Foul-Strike one," roared the megaphone. The masculine portion of the listen-

ers became restive. Their attention turned in the direction of the megaphone man and their backs toward the baldheaded patriot. "for one people to dissolve the

polit-"

"He hits to left-For two bases-Lelivelt at the bat-

By this time 794 male members of the Independence day audience had dashed madly across to Newspaper Row. Of the original audience of the "safe and sane" celebration, 134 women 22 children, a salubriously intoxicated cab driver and the police guard

"Lelivelt sacrifices--Milan scores."

"Hurrah!--Wow! Wow!" bel-But Boston won

Why Burton Didn't Climb Mountains



S INCE Senator Burton took his congressional investigators of European waterways abroad he has been is famed for producing not only the relating this one. The senator was in highest living in all America, but it Switzerland. In front of the hotel at numbers among its population many which he was stopping a mountain of the highest livers. climbing party was arranging for a start to the top of one of the lesser mandising which our section has proin what to do and how to do it.

"Is he a thoroughly skilled climb-

tourcests down zee mountaine zide, and boze times he have come off wizout so mooch as zee one leetle zeratch." Burton did not climb any mountains

during his sojourn.

Representative J. Harry Covington of Maryland represents that section of the Terrapin state known as the Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore "The most notable instance of gour-

Alpine penks. The guide was as busy duced," said Mr. Covington to a group as a bird dog nosing around, and of newspaper friends, "is old Joe giving limitless advice and instruction Nicholson of Talbott county. One of Joe's friends asked him if he liked turkey.

"'Sure I like turkey,' responded Old Joe. 'But a turkey is an inconvenient "Ah, zat he eez," exclaimed the boni- sort of a bird. It's a leetle too much with milk also has the same effect. | face "He have lost two parter of | fer one and not enough fer two."



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ise, she nover repeats stories about her woman friends Ethel-Repeats! No, indeed; starts them.—Boston Evening Tran-

"Oh, my dear, I love it. It's just too era. It will also help to keep the cow's hideously fashionable for words!"— teat very tender, Dampening the teats