

HEN DOUBLES VALUE BY GULPING \$200 RUBY.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Dec. 12.—A White Plymouth Rock hen on display at the Western Wisconsin Poultry show, and valued at \$200, was worth twice that sum today as the result of swallowing a \$200 ruby, which was dropped from a setting in a ring worn by one of the judges, Charles V. Keeler, Winamac, Ind. The hen belongs to L. C. Danville of Montfort, Wis.

When Keeler was about to examine the bird, the most valuable in the show, the gem dropped and quick as a flash the hen gulped it down. Keeler offered Danville \$200 for the bird, and subsequently increased the bid to \$400, but the latter refused the offer and the loser left for home without his ruby.

SUES HIS PHYSICIAN BECAUSE HE LIVES.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12.—Because he did not die, Wm. Goldblatt, a Spokane jeweler, has brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. H. Roher, for \$15,000. Goldblatt alleged in his complaint that Roher told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt states that he sold his jewelry business at a sacrifice, he estimates at \$15,000, and waited for death to claim him.

Becoming impatient at his continued presence among the living he consulted eastern specialists and discovered that he was in perfect health.

RIGHTS OF CITIES IN OREGON

Supreme Court Rules on McMinnville Case.

SALEM, Dec. 12.—The special election held in April, 1910, by the city of McMinnville to annex certain tracts of land to the city is held to be void on more than one count. In an opinion handed down by the supreme court in the case of M. Thurber vs. W. G. Henderson, G. W. Jones, Martin Miller and the city of McMinnville, the decision of the circuit court for Yamhill county is reversed and the plaintiff is given the decree.

The suit was brought by Thurber to enjoin the municipal authorities of McMinnville from having his property, which was included in the tract alleged to be annexed to the city, for the purpose of municipal taxation. Before the special election to vote on the question of annexation no election notices were posted in the district to be annexed, and on the day of election the voters of the district to be annexed were not allowed to vote. When Thurber took his case into court, the lower court sustained the demurrer of the defendants and dismissed it, and Thurber appealed.

"A majority of this court has never held that a city has the authority, by virtue of the constitutional amendment last alluded to, to condemn lands outside of the city limits," says the court's opinion. "On the contrary, we hold that without express legislative authority granted to all cities of the same class, it has neither power to condemn land for municipal purposes, nor any other extra legislative authority whatever. In the absence of such permission, its attempted legislation outside its limits is as powerless to affect outlying territory as an ordinance passed by the city of Boston would be to regulate the affairs of the town of McMinnville."

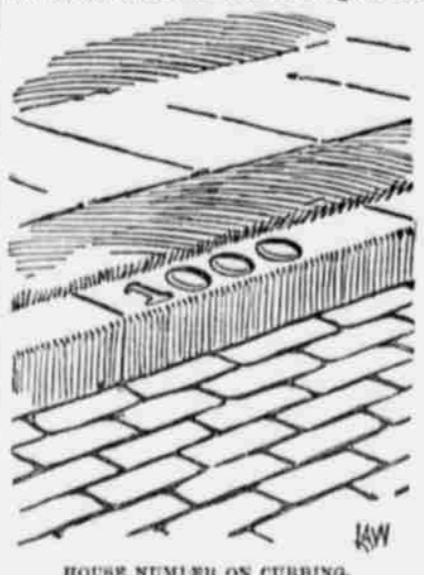
Saying that while this disposed of the case, the court's opinion went further to say that the election notices were insufficient.

The man who never makes mistakes is the man with no initiative or originality. Better a clerk who does things and does some of them wrong than one who never does anything.

HOUSE NUMBER ON CURB.

California City Adopts Unique Method of Displaying Addresses.

Painting the street number of houses on the curbing in front and the names of streets on the curbing at the



corners is being tried with satisfactory results in Pasadena, Cal., according to the Technical World.

The numbers and letters are stenciled by painters employed by the city. They are in black and about one and one-half inches high.

This is a system which would please the often puzzled stranger in a city or town. It facilitates the finding of the house he so often wastes hours in hunting.

Vanity.

"Daughter?" "Yes, mother?" "You will take cold in that thin dress." "Does it look pretty, mother?" "Very pretty." "Then I can't take cold."

She Did.

"Madge is married." "Is she?" "Yes." "Did she marry a rich man?" "I think so; Madge has been to grand opera and has nervous prostration."

Unknown Tongue.



"Funny thing about Brown." "What?" "His wife believes everything he says." "Is that so? I wonder what language the man speaks."

Tricks of the Trade.

"Why didn't you call him?" "On four kings?" "Sure." "Oh, no. That was what he gave them to me for."

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A CHRISTMAS TREE THAT WALKS

It would surprise most children if a Christmas tree came walking out of the next room on Christmas eve—surprise them even more than to see Santa Claus hop out of the chimney, for most children rather expect to see Santa Claus, but they do not expect to see a Christmas tree that can walk around. Such a one can be contrived, and this is a story of the way to do it. First it is necessary to have a living person on the inside, whom we will call the "angel" of the tree. She should be quite a tall girl.

From dark green undressed cambric cut a long, plain cloak that will reach from neck to feet. Make a peaked hat, like a large cornucopia, out of lightweight cardboard. Cover the hat with some of the green cambric, allowing a cape of the material to fall from hat to shoulders at the back.

Get three quires of moss green tissue paper. Cut it into strips six inches wide and cut each strip into a rather coarse fringe, leaving a heading at the top two and a half inches wide.

Beginning at the bottom, sew the fringe around the cloak, allowing it to reach just to the edge of the cloth.

Above the first row of fringe and overlapping it sew the second row, bringing its lower edge within two inches of the bottom edge of the first row.

In this way put on row after row of fringe, always overlapping it, until the cloak is entirely covered. Then cover the hat and its cape in the same manner.

Take a light wooden hoop, one of those that are rolled on the pavements in hoop time, and, turning the edge of the cloak up once, fit the hoop in the fold and hem the edge over it. This will hold the cloak out firmly at the bottom, and it should hang smooth and straight from the shoulders, with a generous lap where it closes in front.

Sew the fronts together, leaving an opening only large enough to slip over the head.

Now suspend the cloak on a waist hanger in such a way that you can reach it from all sides and proceed to decorate.

Around the bottom sew a row of small bells, and here and there all over the cloak sew large dress hooks, on which hang the fragile glass ornaments and small presents. Pin on the tinsel decorations and strings of popcorn with safety pins and leave the finishing touches until the angel has entered her tree.

The tall hat, tipped by its bright star, may be completely trimmed and put safely away until needed. All decorations and presents must be light in weight.

On the eventful night let the Christmas tree angel slip into the tree, and after it is nicely adjusted hang around her neck strings of colored glass balls, and suspend from the hooks the glass ornaments and presents. Put the peaked hat on her head, and the Living Christmas Tree will be ready for her first appearance.

REBORN REMNANTS.

Short Lengths of This Make Attractive Holiday Remembrances.

Very dainty powder rags may be made of short lengths of Dresden ribbon fringed at the ends. A bit of chambray is stitched to the under side of the ribbon, and it is with this the powder is put on. Such toilet accessories will be much appreciated by most wo-



REBORN POWDER RAGS.

men and are gifts that are inexpensive yet useful.

Two bits of fancy ribbon thus fringed may be stitched together to make sachet covers.

The dainty colorings and charming varieties in these Dresden ribbons suggest numerous uses for such odds and ends at the Christmas season.

Such a simple thing as a package of good pins can be placed in an attractive holder. Take a piece of ribbon five inches wide, fold it in half and then fold the edges back on themselves. Make this case a little longer than the paper of pins. Fasten the edges at the corners after fringing them and place a bow of narrow ribbon at each end, allowing for a short ribbon handle. This can be made to match the bureau trimmings and can be hung at the side within convenient reach.

Injured. "He has lost his reputation." "Did he find it again?" "Yes, but somebody had stepped on it."

Defined. "What is a bluff?" "Something made out of nothing."

Before and After. The candidate is pretty certain To promise everything in stock. Elected—then he draws the curtain And starts forgetting by the clock.

He spreads abroad some pretty fable On which his mind is firmly set, Then calmly lays it on the table. He knows the voters will forget.

MERE MAN'S CHRISTMAS.

The Offerings that Women Friends May Prepare For Him.

In selecting a gift for a man a girl is limited to articles for his desk, soft cushions, calendars and bits of embroidery.

A man will like this attractive case for brushes, which is made of very



BRUSH CASE.

wide ribbon in a novel blue and white and pale green figured design. It is lined with green china silk and is fitted with separate compartments for the different brushes. The back of the case may be made over a frame of cardboard, while the front can be stiffened with canvas. A narrow dark blue and gilt braid ornaments the edge, binds the two sections of the case together and gives body to the flaring bow of ribbon along whose face it is run.

Do not forget a round bag for collars. A circular disk of stiff cardboard six inches in diameter can be cut and covered with linen. Measure off a strip six inches wide and as long as the circumference of the circle. Sketch some simple design on it, repeating the motifs three times and embroider.

Attach rings to the upper edge and whip on the straight piece after joining at the straight edges. Run ribbon through the rings.

Started the Quakers.

Of Diggle, Mr. Barham used to tell many absurd stories. The most amusing, however much to be condemned, of his practical jokes was one in which his friend Barham also had a share. The two boys in course of one of their walks discovered a Quakers' meeting house and forthwith procured a penny tart of a neighboring pastry cook. Furnished with this, Diggle marched boldly into the building and, holding up the delicacy in the midst of the grave assembly, said with perfect solemnity "Whoever speaks first shall have this pie."

"Friend, go thy way," commenced a drab colored gentleman rising; "go thy way."

"The pie is yours, sir!" exclaimed Master Diggle, politely, and placing it before the astonished speaker, hastily effected his escape.—English College Life.

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BELIEVES IN CO-OP MARKET

Vegetable Gardener Gives Advice Farmers on Selling Products

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 12.—The he believes in cooperative marketing wherever possible was emphasized by Prof. A. G. Bouquet in his opening lecture on "Vegetable Gardening as a Profitable Business" at the 50th session of the Farmer's Week programme at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Beginning with a short talk on tendency toward intensified agriculture, Prof. Bouquet spoke of the present condition of Oregon vegetable growing business. He divided it into four classes, general market gardening, truck gardening, gardening for home use, and forcing under glass. He gave examples of the various types. The advantages and disadvantages of the business as a whole were set forth, and the four problems of the gardener, fertility of market, proper seed, soil fertility and moisture conditions, were discussed. The choice of location for a vegetable garden is an important matter he pointed out, and many factors enter into this choice, as the kind of land, the water supply, the labor ability to secure manure, the proximity of a market, and transportation facilities.

A clean packing house is essential, he said. He also spoke of other equipment, such as the greenhouse or poly of sash, and proper tools. He speaks again today on "Practical Growing of Vegetables at the Home Garden," tomorrow on "Vegetable Garden Management," "Market Problems" Thursday on "Special Problems Relative to Celery, Tomatoes and Rhubarb," and Friday on "Problems Relative to Growing Cabbage, Onions, Potatoes and Lettuce." There were 14 lectures in yesterday afternoon's programme, including instruction on plant lice and insect control, stock breeding, landscape gardening, orchard irrigation, vegetable diseases, poultry farming, winter supply, loganberry culture and like topics.

HOGS IN THE ORCHARD.

On July 1, we turned into an orchard three shoats weighing 150 pounds each. One month later we lost the smallest one. We fed them milk twice daily and for the first month about four quarts of grain. When the apples began to fall we stopped feeding the apples and when there were more apples than they could pick up daily we omitted the milk. They had accustomed to running water and on September 1 they weighed 250 and 255 pounds respectively. They turned over about two acres of ground which we wished to plow as a means of improving the orchard. We find money in hogs.—Farm and Home.

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