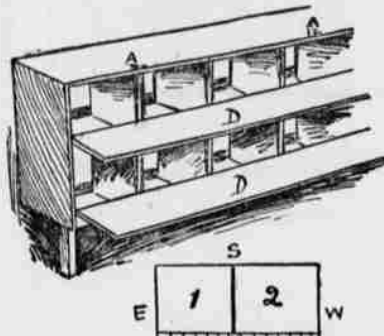




A Large Poultry House.

As a rule, a poultry-house intended to hold fifty or more birds is quite an expensive proposition, for usually it is designed with all manner of fixings which are costly without being particularly useful. The large poultry-house is not generally desirable, and while it costs more to build two smaller ones, it will pay in the long run by reason of a lower mortality among the fowls, the ease by which they may be cleaned and the added comfort in the manner of temperature. In response to a request for a house of considerable size the following plan is suggested: Let its dimensions be 16x20 feet, with six and eight-foot posts, front and back, respectively. Cover the roof and sides with tinned paper or shingle the roof if preferred. Have four windows on the south side, one east and one west window. Divide this in two parts with wire netting fastened to boards, which come up eighteen inches from the floor. Arrange a double row of nests six feet from one end of the house and place drop boards on them, so that the eggs may be gathered from the alleyway,



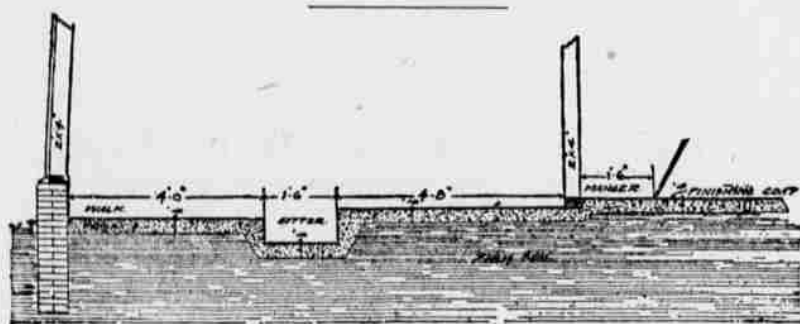
PLAN FOR POULTRY HOUSE.

which is the six-foot space between the side wall and the nest boxes. At one end of the alleyway place a door so that the eggs may be gathered without entering the house where the fowls are congregated. On top of the nest boxes, or rather above them, the roosts are arranged with a wide board under them to catch the droppings.

Orchard of Mixed Varieties.

Sometimes in a mixed orchard it is difficult to keep varieties of apples, peaches or any other crop of fruit perfectly distinct. Apples of red and green colors and sometimes of yellow

CONCRETE FLOOR FOR STABLE.



The different parts of the floor as shown above may be modified to suit conditions. It is essential that the soil below should be solid so as to give a firm bed. The first layer of concrete consists of about three inches of mixed gravel and cement on which is placed an upper layer of half an inch made of sand and cement.—Bulletin, Illinois Experimental Stations.

color will mix so that it is hard to determine which variety the specimen in hand belongs to. This is the strongest reason, when planting a large orchard, to plant all or any one variety together. Bees and the wind are the largest agents in this work, other things coming to their aid occasionally. For home production the mixing of varieties is not very objectionable, but for extensive marketing it is best to have each apple characteristic of its variety.

Hens Will Lay in Winter.

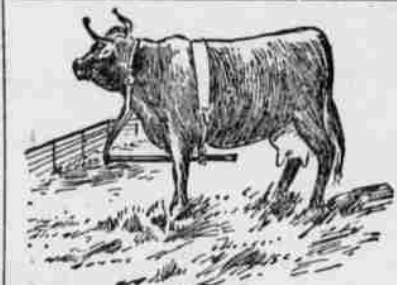
From experience I have learned that we can have winter eggs if we work a little for them. The hens must have exercise and that is best obtained by making them hunt their food or a part of it that has been scattered in litter in the henhouse or some sheltered place. Feed regular and not too much. Better keep them a little hungry than to over feed.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Ducks and Their Swimming.

With full faith in what they read, many persons have begun the raising of ducks and failed because they did not supply the necessary surroundings. A grower who is a successful duck man has hundreds of ducks each year that never get a chance to swim. For a number of years he had trouble, for his original stock was from a strain which for generations had had ponds in which to swim, so that when brought down to a drinking trough they did not amount to much.

The Self-Sucking Cow.
It is not necessary to abuse a cow for this bad habit. Simply go about breaking off the habit in a sensible manner, which is readily done with a little care and with the help of the device here described. Take a strong smooth stick about three and one-half feet long and in one end of it fasten a ring. Buckle a strap around the neck of the cow and fasten a short strap through the ring on the end of the stick or pole with the other end through the neck strap.

About eight inches from the end of the pole, the end opposite the one in



FOR THE SELF-SUCKING COW.

which the ring has been inserted, bore an auger hole and through this run a strong hard twine or leather and tie it securely to a strap fastened around the body of the cow just beyond its front legs. It will be noticed that while this device will prevent the cow from sucking herself it is a safe attachment and if arranged as directed it will be almost impossible for the cow to injure herself with either end of the pole. The illustration shows the idea clearly.

Early Corn Pays Best.

If you have a good market, early sweet corn is a paying crop, writes an Iowa farmer. It can be planted thick and an enormous number of ears grown to the acre. I have had as high as 1,000 dozen ears to the acre, and it generally sells at 8 cents to 12 cents a dozen. While the latter sorts are much bigger and sweeter ears, they do not, as a rule, pay as well as the earlier. Plant Cory, White Mexican and Early Minnesota. They will be done and off the ground by the last part of July, and you can get another crop in after it. I generally drill sorghum in between the rows when I lay it by, and by the time the corn is picked and the fodder cut off the sorghum is knee high, and by fall will make several tons of the finest of feed for horses or cattle. We grow all our fodder for the horses that way, in early sweet corn and early peas.

Packing Apples for Export.

Importers in England say that apples for that country should be packed as tight as possible and be undamaged by frost. The Canadian minister of agriculture has given notice of intention to favor a resolution to amend the act respecting the packing of various commodities so as to provide that

THIEVES HAVE AID SOCIETY.

Possess Clubrooms Open to Only the Aristocracy of Crime.

"I have no doubt that people have wondered when some crook caught in the act and without friends in the place in which he came to grief could give bonds," said Frank G. Miller, an ex-convict, to a Journal reporter with whom he had previously become acquainted.

"There is nothing strange about it," continued Miller, "for we have an organization for mutual protection and this has representatives in every large city and in some of the smaller ones of the United States and Canada. Usually in the smaller places these are lawyers, and if the crook is 'pinched' in a place where he has no friends he knows whom to send for.

"Should the case be an aggravated one and the crook in good standing with the organization the amount of bond required is learned and the society is notified to send enough to square a couple of bondsmen. The crook disappears, the bondsmen settle and tell how they would like to bring the fellow to justice, while all the time they are wishing for another job of the same sort, for they are well paid, and the lawyers get better fees for looking after our business than any ordinary practice pays."

Miller went on to say that the organization had its regular officers, who are better paid than those of legitimate societies, and that almost all of them are well respected in the communities in which they live. Miller stated that the amount paid for membership and yearly dues was large and that only "square" crooks were allowed to become members.

When asked if they were not afraid that their officers would emulate their employers and rob the treasury he replied that such a thing had never occurred but once. That man was afterward found on the streets of Constantinople with a knife sticking under the fifth rib and no one had seen fit to follow his example.

"Why," said Miller, "they know that if they should try to 'do' us they would have a thousand men keener than any detectives on their trail and that when caught no earthly power could save them."

The crooks, according to Miller, have their clubrooms in Chicago, New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and several other cities, and he declared that these clubrooms, or houses, are fitted up regardless of expense. To be able to use them, however, one must belong to the crook aristocracy and must also pay extra dues that would make the clubman of the cities blink.—Ohio State Journal.

SONGS THE INDIANS SING.

Unwritten Literature of Aborigines Should Be Preserved.

One great avenue to a better understanding of the Indian is a comprehension of their songs, for songs are to the Indian all that books are to us. Songs and ceremonies are the unwritten literature of the race. As in mediaeval times the deeds of heroes and the chronicles of peace and war were sung by bards and minstrels, so today in the festivals of the Indian the great events of the tribe are told in song. Besides its important part as the expression of the intellectual, moral and spiritual life of the Indian, song often accompanies even the most menial acts of daily toil. Such songs are special songs to fit the task, as, for instance, the songs of the Pueblo women while grinding their corn.

I paused one day at the door of a Pueblo house where a woman was singing a lute-like melody to the rhythm of her grinding.

"Tell me," I asked her, "what are you singing about?" The woman paused in her work.

"Oh," she answered with a smile, "I am singing of the rainbow Garth, who paints the heavens; of the rain that we long for; of our growing corn."

Such songs are gems of poetic and melodious beauty that would be valuable indeed in our American literature and culture. European musicians, on hearing the Indian songs, exclaimed:

"And you Americans are allowing all this to perish?" You are stamping out music unlike any other in the world—why?"

Why, indeed; for this music belongs to our own land. Happily the prejudice against the Indian songs, as against all things Indian, is waning. Yet if we are to retain the peculiar talents of this people, the schools must foster in the little ones the gifts inherited. The Indian will not work less but more for encouragement of the natural song impulses in him. And such encouragement will help to make him what we want him to be—that for which our young republic stands—the workman with ideals.—Native American.

Richest Man in Mexico.

General Luis Terrazas, Governor of the State of Chihuahua, is probably the largest land owner in the world, as well as the richest man in Mexico. It takes an eight hours' journey on a fast train to travel from one end of his property to the other.

CATARRH ANNOYING-DANGEROUS

Catarrh is usually regarded as nothing more serious than a bad cold or slight inflammation of the inner skin and tissues of the head and throat, when it is, in fact, not only a vexatious and troublesome disease, but a complicated and dangerous one. It is true that Catarrh usually begins with a cold in the head, but when the poisons, which are thrown off through the secretions, find their way into the blood, it becomes a constitutional trouble that affects all parts of the body. It has more annoying and disgusting symptoms than any other disease. There is a sickening and offensive discharge from the nostrils, a constant buzzing noise in the ears, headaches and pains in the eyes are frequent, while filthy, tenacious matter drops back into the throat requiring continual hawking and spitting, and in certain stages of the disease the breath has an odor that is very offensive. Catarrh is worse in Winter, because the cold weather closes the pores and glands, and the poisonous and unhealthy vapors which should pass off that way are thrown back on the tender linings and tissues, causing the inflammation which starts

the unhealthy secretions to be absorbed by the blood. When the blood becomes diseased with this catarrhal matter all kinds of complications may be looked for. As the blood circulates through the body the foul matter finds its way into the stomach, ruining the digestion and producing chronic Dyspepsia, or Catarrh of the stomach. It also affects the Kidneys, Bladder and other members of the body, while the general health is weakened, appetite lost and the patient feels despondent and half sick all the time. But worst of all, if the trouble is not checked the lungs become diseased from the constant passage of poisoned blood through them, and Catarrh terminates in Consumption, the most fatal of all diseases. You cannot get rid of Catarrh by treating it with sprays, washes, inhalations, etc., because they only reach the membranes and tissues, while the real cause of the trouble is in the blood. These relieve the annoying symptoms for a time, but the poison is all the while getting a stronger hold on the system and when they are left off will manifest itself in worse form than before. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and when it has cleansed the blood, this pure, rich stream circulates through the body, carrying healthful properties to the diseased parts. Then the inflamed membranes and tissues begin to heal, the discharges cease, the general condition of the system is strengthened, every one of the annoying and disgusting symptoms pass away, and the patient is left in perfect health. S. S. S. is the best remedy for Catarrh. It goes right into the blood and removes all effete matter and catarrhal poison and cures the disease permanently, and at the same time builds up the entire system by its fine tonic effect. S. S. S. is a purely vegetable remedy—non-injurious to the system and a certain, reliable cure for Catarrh. Catarrh sufferers will find our free consulting department helpful in advising local treatment to be used with S. S. S.



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Second Summer Girl—No; what was it?

First Summer Girl—While in bathing a man rescued me from drowning.

Second Summer Girl—Why, I'd call that good luck.

First Summer Girl—But the man in the case is married.

European Breakfasts.

Mark Twain, in speaking of the typical European breakfasts, said: "Do you know what I'll do? I'll nail a piece of cuttle-fish bone to the chimney, and every morning I'll hop up on the mantel and take a pick at it with a tin bill. It will be just as filling and much cheaper than a European breakfast."

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Economical Thought.

"Oh, George," said Mrs. Youngman, "my canary bird's dead."

"Yes," replied her husband. "You're not grieving much."

"No; you see, I can have it stuffed for my hat next fall, and then the rest of the hat won't cost you so much."—Philadelphia Press.

In After Years.

Wife—But during our courtship you never objected to my talking.

Husband—Of course not. Being talked to is one thing and being talked at is quite another.

Everything Limited.

The old farmer went to one end of the swaying coach to wash his hands. He could find only a few remnants of soap. "Boy," he drawled, "there don't seem to be much soap here?"

"No, sah," chuckled the porter, "you know dis is de limited. Ebbything abohd am limited."

Then the old man tried to fill a glass from the water cooler. He could only force out a few drops.

"Where's the water, boys?"

"Not much water, sah. Dat am limited, too."

Presently the porter brushed the old farmer down and the latter handed him nine coppers.

"Why, boss," protested the porter, "yo' gib de porter on de udder train a quarter."

"I know that," chuckled the old farmer, "but you know this is the limited, and everything should be limited."—Chicago News.

No Rubens' Work.

Mrs. Al de Mustahd—And have you any paintings by Rubens?

Mrs. Justin de Bunch—Mercy, no! All our pictures are by the best artists.

Mrs. A. de M.—But Rubens—

Mrs. J. de B.—Don't tell me. I never saw a rube yet that could paint.—Cleveland Leader.

Restoring the Balance.

"Wonderly has made a fortune in cotton."

"Yes, but according to his wife's dressmaker, he's fast losing it in silks."—Detroit Free Press.

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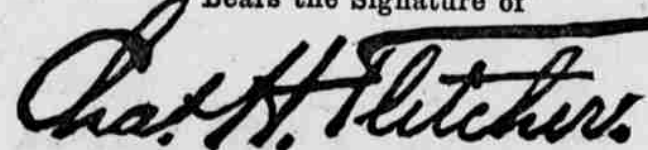
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