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New York, with 4,000,000 population, had been adding to its total in the three years preceding 1905 at the rate of 100,000 a year. Philadelphia, with a little less than 1,500,000 population, had increased at the rate of 30,000 a year.

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### AFFINITIES BY MAIL.

Marian Grey Furnished Them to Soul-Mate Seekers at So Much Per. Affinities by mail was the way Marian Grey, plump, rosy-cheeked and pretty, who was convicted at Chicago for using the mail to defraud, put it, and soul-mate seekers flocked to her by the score.

From the wheat fields of North Dakota, the ranch lands of Texas, the corn belt of Kansas, the realm of King Cotton, the pennyroyal district of Kentucky—oh, well, from all over—they simply flooded the love lighter with \$5 notes and earnest pleas for affinities by return post.

Marian was equal to the occasion. Tucked away in her capacious pigeonholes of her desk, she had numerous pads of photographs of seven varieties in both sexes.

If the letter was from a gushing, young woman of the debutante sort, she sent back the photo of a Claudie-boy, hair parted in the middle, side-board collar and nifty tie, short sack coat and negligee shirt, peg-top trousers—a regular killer.

When the Claudie-boy wrote she sent



MARIAN GREY AND SOME OF THE AFFINITIES.

back the photo of just such a girl as you would imagine had stepped out of a fashionable down east boarding school. A girl with fluffy hair, baby-faced, and with a picture hat, and—oh, well, you know.

The six other styles were scattered along down the line to the sturdy, horny-handed tiller of the soil with the marks of contented prosperity sticking out all over him, and the pleasant-faced old lady of advanced years.

Mald Marian operated her affinity-finding institution in Elgin, Ill. From a modest beginning the affinity stunt speedily grew to amazing proportions. The postal note records in the Elgin postoffice show that she was gathering in the shekels of the realm at the rate of \$1,500 a month.

Then the vigilant postoffice inspectors began to tamper with the game. She was indicted and placed on trial in the United States Court at Chicago, before Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, and the seekers of soul mates flocked to the uttermost points of the compass to relate their tales of disappointment.

### Irish Sarcasm.

A happy and humorous example on sarcasm as apart from repartee is afforded by the following anecdote. I quote it on the authority of a friend, who, I am afraid, was the villain of the incident: A most imperturbable man was followed from Westmoreland street, Dublin, over the O'Connell bridge to the general post office by two little street arabs, who importuned him for the end of his cigar. "Throw us the butt, sir! Ah, sir, throw us the butt!" cried the youths, but as the man did not betray the slightest consciousness of their existence they gave him up at last in despair and disgust. "Arrah, let him alone," said one, with the most scorching scorn. "Shure, it's a butt he's picked up himself."

I once heard a bumptious little man who, acting as steward at athletic sports in Dublin, was very assertive in keeping back the crowd, thus addressed by an angry spectator: "If the consate was taken out of yez, ye'd be no bigger than a green gooseberry, and ye're as sour as wan already!"—London Standard.

### Trimnings.

The other day at a golf club in Scotland a minister of the kirk was reproved by an elder in his church for using high-flown words respecting a bad stroke he had made, and the minister replied:

"Weel, Dauvid, I was nae sae mich swearing as merely embellishing my feelings."

### Same Old Misery.

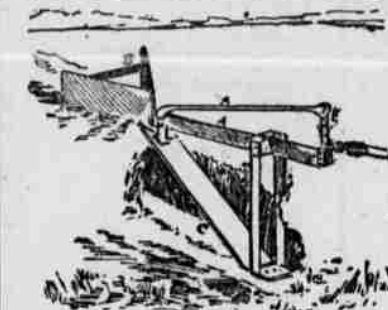
"S'pose dar wuz a turkey fer every man in de country?"  
"Wouldn't make any difference, fer dey'd have wings enough to fly out er reach."—Atlanta Constitution.

Some finished orators don't seem to know when to quit.



### Improved Ditching Plow.

A recent invention provides an improved ditching plow, especially adapted for digging tilling sewer ditches or draining ditches. The device is of very simple construction, and capable of effective service in any character of soil. It is especially adapted to be drawn by a traction engine or capstan, says Scientific American. As shown in the engraving, it comprises a beam A, which extends forward and with an upward inclination from the cleaner B. The latter is triangular in shape, being provided with two diverging wings. The purpose of the cleaner is to travel over the surface of the ground and remove the excavated material from the edges of the ditch. The beam A is hinged to the cleaner, so as to provide for a certain amount of vertical motion. Below the beam and forming an angle therewith is a blade C, provided with a cutting edge at its lower end, which serves



THE PLOW IN USE.

to enter the earth more or less deeply as the plow is drawn forward, and carry the excavated material to the surface. At its forward end this blade is braced by means of a support D, which is fastened to the beam A. At the forward end of the beam A is a clevis bar E, which is secured at its upper end to draft bar F, extending to the rear of the beam A. In this clevis bar are a series of apertures adapted to receive a link to which a pulley block is connected. This block serves to receive the cable that is passed to the windlass or drum of the traction engine, for the purpose of drawing the car forward. Owing to the lightness of this plow, it may readily be loaded upon a truck and transported from place to place.

### Buff Orpington Fowls.

No varieties of fowls are better suited to the requirements of farmers and others than Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes and Buff Orpingtons. Both Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes are to be found in every locality, and eggs from them may be had at reasonable cost. No variety seems to have a greater hold on the farming community than the Barred Plymouth Rock. The Orpingtons are comparatively newcomers, but have rapidly made their way to a first place in the utility class. Particularly may this be said of the buff variety. Buff Orpingtons are one of many varieties and probably the most popular of the Orpington family. They are rapidly replacing many worn-out strains and mongrels on our farms and have taken a front place in the utility poultry ranks as winter layers and market fowls. There is great demand for eggs and fowls of this breed. They have light-colored legs and white flesh. Chickens are hardy and grow rapidly. Eggs are of medium or larger size, according to strain.



BUFF ORPINGTON.



ORPINGTON HEN.

White Orpingtons are a most promising variety and are likely to become popular on account of their merits as layers and table fowls.—Exchange.

### Study of Blackhead Disease.

The blackhead disease which has become so destructive to turkeys in the past few years has been under investigation by the experiment station at Kingston, Rhode Island. A small parasite, microscopic in size, is the cause of the trouble. It lives in the tissues of the turkey and causes irritations that result in the death of the affected bird. The Rhode Island experiments showed that more than four-fifths of the young poults exposed in infected yards die before they are six weeks old. The disease has been popularly supposed to be confined to birds over six weeks. It is notably a disease affecting young turkeys, but one from which the older turkeys do not escape.

Of the one-fifth that do escape or survive its ravages at least ten to twenty-five per cent may die throughout the year at almost any age.

The eradication and prevention of the disease is somewhat difficult but no reliance can be placed on any drug to cure a bird that is already infected. Since the blackhead disease is less prevalent in dry situations it is apparent that sandy, well-drained lands are better for raising turkeys than the heavier moist clay soils.

### The Cat Under the Ban.

According to the report of the State Game Commission of Pennsylvania for 1907, song and insectivorous birds in that state are increasing and game birds becoming scarcer. Bear and deer are rapidly increasing.

Bears are now protected in Pennsylvania by a legal close season during the spring and summer months. During the season of 1907 there were killed in the state 230 deer.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, chief game protector of the state, recommends the placing of a bounty on the scalps of the domestic cat as well as on those of the wildcat.

"There is no greater destroyer of bird life," he declares, "than the house cat."

The legislative appropriation for bounties on noxious animals and birds was insufficient to meet the demands upon it last year. A much larger appropriation is called for, and the addition of the great horned owl and the goshawk to the outlawed class is requested.

### Starting Seeds Indoors.

Any one who intends to start seeds indoors needs a knowledge of various facts concerning each variety—the length of time needed for germination, the time required for the plant to reach the blooming or fruitage stage, and whether it can be transplanted to the open ground with safety in early spring, or not until considerably later. For instance, says Suburban Life, chrysanthemum seeds will germinate in from five to ten days, but the plants require a very long season of growth before flowering, and the person who gets ahead of Jack Frost must sow the seeds not later than March 1—and earlier, if possible. With varieties which germinate quickly, grow rapidly and bloom early, the sowing should be delayed at least a month, to avoid the trouble of repeated transplantings, to prevent the seedling plants from getting "leggy" and weak.

### A Queer Pet.

In a country town in northern Pennsylvania there lives a little old man who sells milk, carrying it from house to house morning and evening in a small handcart. There is nothing strange about that, but his companion on these daily trips is the very strangest you ever heard of—an old gray goose, who follows him about in the most dignified manner and stands watch over the cart, letting no one go near it in his master's absence. His name is Major, and his master says he is just as useful as a dog would be.

### Farm Facts and Fancies.

Hogs need clean, pure water as much as the rest of the stock. See that they get it.

Perhaps you do not realize it, but the dearest animal on your farm is the cheap scrub.

Which do you keep? The cow that makes more than she eats or the cow that eats more than she makes?

It is impossible to plant an orchard or a windbreak in the winter time, but it is possible and profitable to plan one or both.

Fungous diseases and insect pests can be kept from taking the profits of the orchard this next season by faithful, judicious spraying.

The five to eight quarts of milk a day cow will never return the farmer an adequate profit, unless the percentage of butter fat is high.

An argument in favor of the open head in fruit trees is that the fruit on such trees does not rot so badly as that on trees with dense heads.

First the framework, then the trimmings. So with stock-raising. Feed to get the biggest kind of growth, then lay on the fat as fast as possible.

The conditions under which the pigs are kept has as much to do with determining the quality of pork which will be produced as has the quality of the food.

If there is anything that makes a disreputable outfit it is an old flea-bitten horse hitched to a rattletrap of a buggy, when the occupant of the buggy uses for a robe a patched quilt.

In cultivating the plum and cherry orchards remember that it must be shallow enough to avoid breaking the roots, for the broken roots send up shoots that suck the life of the tree.