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NEAT TOWN HOUSE.

There are many things demanded in requisite in a house built for rural residence, and the house described below will be found to meet most of the reguirements of an urbanite. One of its chief points is the library hall, with starcase hall separate. The exterior has a very pleasing effect and gives an air of great roominess to the dwelling largely through the shape of the roof, which is built to a point.

The library has a wood mantel and bay window front. To the left of the

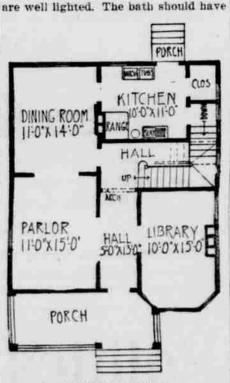


FRONT ELEVATION.

hall is the parlor, with a double window facing the porch and another window on the left side of the house. The dining room is lighted by a double and single window and has a wood mantel. the rear of the library hall. There is anything similar that happens to be an excellent store closet in the kitchen, available; in winter, anything procurawith shelves and a window for light and ventilation. In back of the kitchen is a porch, with stair to the yard.

The cellar has two entrances, one from the yard and the other by a stair from the kitchen. The furnace, hot air, is located under the dining room. The cellar bottom should have a three inch concrete flooring.

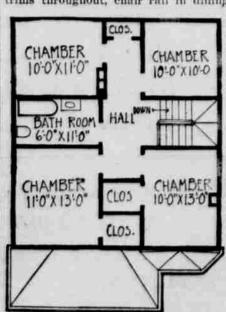
All the chambers on the second floor



open plumbing. In the attic are two large chambers, with closets and dormer windows

The framing timbers are of hemlock. built in balloon style, with all floor joists, rafters and studs placed sixteen inches on centers. The studs are 2 by 4 inches, floor joists 2 by 10 inches. rafters 2 by 4 inches, sills 6 by 8 inches and girders 8 by 8 inches. The sheathing is seven-eighths of an inch thick surface hemlock boards laid diagonal ly and well natled to every bearing. The side walls are covered with clapboards laid six inches to the weather. The roof of house and porch should be covered with sixteen inch sawed pine shingles laid six inches to the weather. with well broken joints.

The interior woodwork of the house is of white pine, with molded base and trims throughout, chair rall in dining



room and picture moldings in parlor and dining room. The floors are seveneighths of an inch thick yellow pine. The folding doors are one and threequarter inches thick; all other doors one and a half inches.

The interior walls should be given two coats of plaster, with a hard white finish. The halls should be mahogany stained, all other woodwork being painted white, except the kitchen, which should be painted brown. The exterior color scheme is: Side a town house which are by no means walls, light green; trimmings, white; roof, moss green.

Dimensions.-Front, 28 feet; side 30 feet. Height of stories: Cellar, 7 feet; first, 10 feet, second, 9 feet; attic, 7 feet 6 inches. Cost to build, \$2,500.

THE RATION FOR EGGS.

How the Writer of a Prize Article Feeds His Hens,

Mr. James Shackleton won first prize for an article on "How to Get Fertile Eggs" offered by American Poultry Journal. Upon request of the editor Mr. Shackleton offered the following faces. Massage at night and bathe on how to feed to get eggs;

Our Wyandottes are fed balanced rations so compounded that the total foods served each day have approximately one to four nutritive ratio, outside forage being disregarded in the balancing, because it is usually perfecttio of one to four we mean that the carbohydrates and fats in the food are four times the weight of the protein and also that the rations are made up from foods of animal, grain and vegetable origin. The animal foods used are enimal meals, fresh cut bone and pure raw ground bone. The grain foods used are wheat, corn, oats, bran and other byproducts of milling processes. Of these we buy and use whatever appears to be cheapest at any particular time, having regard to its average analysis, and we have never found any other reason to prefer any one grain or mill product over another. The vegetable foods in summer are refuse cabwith mirror. The staircase hall is in bage leaves, lettuce, turnip tops of ble of this nature, but our main reliance is on clover meal.

We feed only twice per day all the year round, with an occasional meal at midday in the coldest and stormiest weather. The working meal is whole grain scattered on the ground in summer, scattered in scratching shed litter in winter. The evening meal is moistened mash of milling products, animal food and vegetable food.

As to quantity of food, little useful can be said, for size, age and breed call for great changes in that respect, and even another flock of Wyandottes might do well on different quantities than we serve. The only measure of quantity we have is to get the birds into laying condition and keep them so. neither gaining nor losing weight. The quantity we serve for the morning meal varies between one quart in summer, one and one-half quarts in moderate winter to two quarts in coldest weather. The evening mash before moistening varies between two quarts in summer, two and one-half quarts in moderate winter to three quarts in coldest weather. These quantities are for twenty-five adult Wyandottes, all emales laving.

With these rations we find it easy to provided they are not permitted to spend much time batching. Of course other matters of maintenance are imperative as well as proper rations.

A Novel Incubator House.

The above illustration shows the incubator house made and used by Mrs. Ruth Morris on her farm near Fairhaven. Kan. The house is what is known in that part of the country as a "sod



MRS. MORRIS AND HER SOD HOUSE. house." Large blocks of mud are dried in the sun and then placed on top of one another, with a soft mixture between, very much after the manner of erecting an ordinary brick building. Across the top timbers are placed. which are covered with sod, then a layer of mud, upon which is placed another covering of sod. After the building is erected it is washed off with water to close all cracks and crevices; then grass and flower seeds are scattered all over it, and in a short time the structure has a beautiful covering of green and gray, here and there studded with beautiful blossoms. These houses are dry, clean and comfortable. Many farmers use them for dwellings, while the stables and barns are similarly constructed.

Dense.

Wigg-The population in London is very dense, isn't it?

Wagg-Dense is no name for it. They souldn't understand my jokes at all.-

Philadelphia Record.

Some people go abroad to complete their education and some to begin it.-Chicago News.

TOILET HINTS.

Nothing but the use of the curling Iron will make straight hair curl. To whiten finger nails cut a lemon in

half and rub in well at night. Wash off in warm water the next morning. Try the effect of adding sea sait to your warm bath at night. It will refresh you wonderfully and help you

to sleep well. The shiny nose and forehead general ly denote a butter loving, oil eating person, and until the world ends the

stomach will be the monitor of beauty. A hair wash that is highly recommended is made of one pint of water, one ounce sal soda and a quarter ounce cream of tartur.

Red noses are due to the pores being especially open upon the nasal surpext morning with cold water and alco-

An easy way to soften hard water delightfully is to throw orange peel into it just before the water is used. The peel will not only prove agreeable to the skin, but will give out a fraly balanced in itself. By a nutritive ra- grance like that which follows the use of toilet water.

Spotling Children by Care,

A great Swedish statesman once said that the world is governed too much. Whether true or not of states, the mot is certainly true in many cases of children. How often has a bright boy, full of life and energy, been spoiled by the very efforts-conscientious, painstaking, but incessant, overanxious, fussy-of his parents or tutors to train him well! In their anxiety to make him a model of virtue they allow him frankly. "It originated many years hardly any freedom or opportunity to do wrong and, being kept continually in leading strings, unexposed to temptations, the triumphant conflict with which would teach him self reliance and strengthen his moral backbone, he becomes a moral weakling. Boys thus stuffed with advice and fettered in some of our eloquent Nebraskans Jourtheir action resemble a boy rightly reared no more than a chicken trussed on a spit resembles a fowl in the field.

Some parents do not seem to know out the conscience of a child by extreme pressure and overstimulation. A have nothing but grasshoppers and shrewd old English lady was once bugs,' was the climax of this orator's asked what she would recommend in speech" exclaimed the judge. the case of children who had been too little wholesome neglect."

The Up to Date Baby. It isn't correct any more to have things daintily pretty for the newborn baby just in order to have them daintily pretty. It is no longer the proper thing to swathe the little body in yards and yards of muslin and lace and put him to bed in billows of down and silk perfumed with rose or violet. Up to date mothers no longer vie with each other on the point of delicate elaboration. They do not vie at all any more. Their one object is to make everything as sanitary and comfortable as possible for the newcomer. Sometimes they give a sigh for the pretty bow or get at least 200 eggs per year per hen. frill of lace; but, after all, everything in the new fashion looks so clean and sensible and wholesome they come to see the other was only a perverted taste and take no pleasure in it. Things have advanced in the last few years. The pursery is one of them.-Marsha Houk in Woman's Home Companion.

How to Use Glycerin. Since so many people use pure glycerin for the skin, a word of caution seems necessary.

If you apply a little glycerin to the tip of the tongue, you will find that, although it has a pleasant, sweet taste, the first sensation that is felt is one of pain and burning. This is because glycerin has a strong affinity for water and absorbs all moisture from the surface which it touches, thus drying up and parching the nerves.

Ignorant of this fact, nurses and mothers sometimes apply pure glycerin to the chafed skin of infants, doing harm instead of good. The glycerin ought to have been first mixed with an equal bulk of water. Eider flower water or rosewater can be used instead of ordinary water if preferred. This being done, it may be applied to the most tender surfaces.

Discontent of Women.

Women are more discontented than men as a rule, says Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Success. A man's discontent is more frequently constructive, a woman's destructive. I have known many women who made a constant outery against the cares of housekeeping and who as soon as they abandoned these cares mourned for the lost comforts of the home, women who craved travel and hated its discomforts the moment they set forth, women who craved the mountains when at the seashore and the seashore when on the mountains. What pitiful targets for their own boomerangs they will be in their old age! For what is more dreadful than old age which has not learned repose or calm or the contentment of patience?

Perfumed Gowns.

The scented dinner gown is a pretty extravagance. The fad costs money. but there is really no more attractive feature about a woman's gown. Sachet powder is used, not in the lining, but in change,

the little bags which are disposed in convenient places upon the gown. It is not the correct thing to use always the same perfume. One gets tired of it, but a variety is much liked-one day a violet odor, next day cut rose, next day something else, and so on through the list of sweet smells.

The Old Man's Advantages.

A man past fifty can do with less sleep than younger men. He can endure greater stendy and prolonged strain. He can bear his burden day after day with less need of recreation. The young man can "sprint," but he cannot "stay" like the man with brain grown iron and nerves steel by many years of training.

Elderly men are less temptable. They are of fixed moral habit. Appetite and passion are under control. For better or for worse they are a calculable quantity, with slight variations to be taken into account.

Elderly men are more loyal as friends if they are friends. Their at tachment to a cause or a commercial house is less changeable. They have, moreover, given bonds for good behavior in the persons of grown families whose respect is to them dearer than life. They know the difficulty of repairing mistakes.

Elderly men actually have experience. The older man best reads char acter. He is the wisest to select agents. -Washington Times.

Nebraska "Bug Enters."

A Nebraska judge was asked how it was that the citizens of his state were nicknamed "bug enters."

"The name is applied to us sometimes in the east," answered the judge ago in a peculiar way, incident to a speech. Back in 1874 a swarm of grasshoppers descended upon our fair state and despoiled everything. Crops were swept away before this army of insects, and the people were left destitute. An appeal went up for aid, and neved east to plead our cause. One of these elequent citizens in a flight of speech declared that the voracious grasshoppers had even eaten the tires that there is such a thing as wearing off wagon wheels and were devouring the railroad tracks. 'Why, our people

"And now you have the history of carefully educated. She replied, "A the sobriquet of 'bug enters,' " he concluded.-Washington Post.

An Old Superstition.

Superstition connected with the seventh child of a seventh child is commemorated by a tombstone in a village churchyard near Bridgewater, Somerset. This inscription runs: "Sacred to the memory of Doctress Anne Pounsberry, who departed this life Dec. 11. 1813, aged seventy-three years. Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." Doctress was not merely anepithet, but a baptisma! name, for she Free Bus fleets all Trains. was a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter and was therefore credited with powers of healing. She practiced in herbs and charms. For king's evil this was her prescription: "Take the Special attention given County legs of a toad. Bake and grind them to powder with pestle and mortar. Place the powder in a bag around the neck of the sufferer."-London Chronicle;

Antiquity of Glass.

So far as research has been able to determine glass was in use 2,000 years before the birth of Christ and was even then not in its infancy by any manner of means. In the Slade collection at the British museum there is the head of a lion molded in glass, bearing the name of an Egyptian king of the eleventh dynasty. This is the oldest specimen of pure glass bearing anything like a date now known to exist. The invention now known as "bleezing," the mode of varnishing pottery with a thin film of glass, is believed to date back to the first Egyptian dynasty. Proof of this is found in the pottery bends, glass glazed, found in the tombs of the age above referred to.

Weeping Trees.

The literature of "weeping trees" is enormous, much of it being plainly mythical, but there is a large basis of fact upon which most of these marvelous stories rest. Many travelers nave described the famous "rain tree" of Padradoca, Isle of Ferro. John Cockburn in 1735 described a tree at Vera Pas, Central America, from which pure water continually dripped from every leaf and branch.

Grief and Thrift.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich once received a pathetic letter in a feminine hand announcing the death of a little daughter and asking if he would not send in his own handwriting a verse or two from "Bable Bell" to assuage the grief of the household.

Aldrich sent the whole poem and not long after saw it displayed in the shop of an autograph dealer, with a good. round price attached thereto.

Quite Proper.

"I'm thinking of sending my little girl to the conservatory," said the woman next door. "All those tunes you hear her playing she picked up by ear.

"Then she ought to be," replied Mrs. Kostique.

"Ought to be sent, you mean?" "No; picked up by the ear."-ExHOTELS.

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