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FROM POORHOUSE TO PALACE BY MARY J. HOLMES

CHAPTER I.

"What makes you keep that big blue sunbonnet drawn so closely over your face? Are you afraid of having it seen?" The person addressed was a pale, slender looking child about nine years of age...

"They are poor, you say, and Mr. Howard is a music teacher. Monsieur Dupres has just left me, and who knows but papa can get Mr. Howard to fill his place." "When the subject was referred to her father...

CHAPTER II.

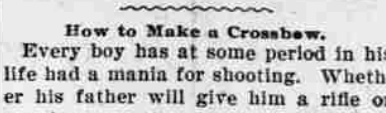
It was after the afternoon for the regular meeting of the Ladies Sewing Society in the little room of the Chilcopec, and at the usual hour groups of ladies were seen wending their way toward the stately mansion of Mrs. Campbell...

Two weeks had passed since the last vestige of land had disappeared from the house containing. Long and wistfully Mr. Johnson was so much interested in Mrs. Howard...

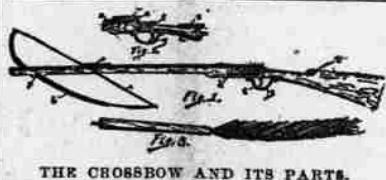
Down a Mountain Slope. The descent from the easiest pass across the Blue Ridge mountains thereabouts, known as Suleaker's gap...

Every time he reached one of the mounds across the road he had to exercise the greatest skill in steering over it squarely, but by coolness and presence of mind he brought his load safely...

Children's Corner



How to Make a Crossbow. Every boy has at some period in his life had a mania for shooting. Whether his father will give him a rifle or an argun matters but little...



THE CROSSBOW AND ITS PARTS.

Nothing is stranger than the way in which the body and mind may become dominated by what is called a "fixed idea." This is a physician of this city who makes a specialty of diseases of the nerves...

Charming New Playthings.

Our modern toys are as ingenious as they are varied and pretty, but the young people of Europe and America have no monopoly in this regard...

Serving the Birds.

Cook (to young mistress who has neglected a present of some game)—And please, m, do you like the birds' eye?" "Miss (puzzled)—The bird's eye?" "Cook—What I mean, m, is, some prefers the birds' tail." "Miss (more puzzled)—The tail? (Decides not to seem ignorant.) Send up the bird, please, cook, with the eyes and the tail—London Punch.

Excess of Women in Norway.

In consequence of emigration there is a greater preponderance of women in Norway than in almost any other country in Europe. The census of 1891 showed that there was an excess of women over men of almost 70,000...

Elephant Problem.

A Chinaman died, leaving his property by will to his three sons as follows:—Fuen-huen, the oldest, one-half thereof; to Nupin, one-third, and to Ding-bat, his youngest, one-ninth thereof.

more or less than seventeen elephants, and it puzzled these three heirs how to divide the property according to the terms of the will without chopping up seventeen elephants...

Prof. Stagg, the famous gymnasium instructor and baseball coach of the University of Chicago, has a new way to train the eyesight of ball players. Boys who read this will do well to try it.

CASE OF MIND CURE.

Imaginary Trouble Removed by an Exercise of Imagination.

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One day last fall I dropped in to see the boy, and while I was in the house an old negro auntie remarked in his hearing that 'somebody done put a charm on dat arm,' and that she knew how to 'take it off.'

Money in Eggs and Poultry.

According to the report of the United States Commission of Agriculture, New York State consumes as many eggs as England, both disposing of \$18,000,000 worth of hen fruit annually.

Growing Table Beets.

Upon a sandy loam land which had been for ten years heavily manured and cropped with table beets and celery, it was found by the New Jersey station that the use of nitrate of soda in amounts varying from four hundred to three hundred pounds per acre...

Marketing Farm Products.

Selling grain and hay from the farm in bulk reduces the profit in two ways. It is expensive to handle and haul, and it takes away elements of fertility that should be saved and returned to the soil.

Horse-Cornish Hack.

Horses are again coming back in the harness. A big concern in Chicago which invested heavily in all kinds of horseless vehicles to do their transportation have abandoned them and gone back to the horse.

FARMS AND FARMERS

Corn for the Silo.

There is a popular notion that the ensiling of corn adds something to its value which is not contained in the original material. This notion is wrong and the greater the feed value of the product put into the silo the greater will be the value of the ensilage.

Notes for Beekeepers.

Drones do not live so long as workers. Bees can endure dry cold, but not dampness. Good vinegar may be made from honey. More bees are lost in winter than by disease. Lack of ventilation is the cause of dampness in many hives.

Corn Planted for the Silo.

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Treatment of the Hired Man.

Because a man is working for wages on a farm or anywhere else it is not necessary to make him feel that he is a menial or a mere machine to be wound up every day to run for so many hours.

Poor Butter Versus Butterine.

Farmers, their wives, sons and daughters and those helpers on the farms must decide whether butterine shall have the preference to butter on the tables of citizens of cities.

Finishing Cream.

It is desirable that the ripening of cream either naturally or artificially should be at a temperature not exceeding 65 degrees, and after the ripening has been completed—that is, when the lactic acid has been well developed—it should be reduced still lower before churning.

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