Plain to Observation.

Wife—"Notice that third chorus girl in the front row. She used to go to school with me. Poor thing! She went on the stage because she had nothing to wear." Husband—"So I see."—London Opinion.

Avoid White Paper.

White paper is not as good as blue or brown for wrapping up things that are to be put away for a long while, as the chloride of lime in the paper will fade fabrics.

Reputation.

After a man has made a reputation it is the trying to decorate it that generally gets him into trouble.—Puck.

Economy.

Hub—"Have you done what I asked and saved some money this month?" Wife—"Yes, dear. I spoke to the grocer and he's promised not to send in his bill till next month.

Lost Money By Dishonesty.

Some years ago, when silver had a much higher value than at present and the Mexican dollar was worth intrinsically about 95 cents, a counterfeit Mexican dollar came into the possession of the United States assayers at the Philadelphia mint. They assayed the coin and found it to be worth intrinsically $1.00. It seems that the mine from which the counterfeiters got their metal produced silver that was strong in gold. Thus the forgers lost money by making counterfeits.

Truly Devoted Mother.

Gushing Parishioner (who is displaying the treasures of her establishment to the new vicar's wife)—"And this is the precious pussy that I wanted you to see, Mrs. Leetern. Such a sweet disposition — almost human. She has just had the darlingest little kittens. Really, to see her with them is to witness the perfection of motherhood—er, Cook! where are the kittens?" Cook (tersely) — "She ate them all, mum!"

Why Women Are Beardless.

Among many savage nations it is the practice to pull out the hair on the face by the roots, and especially is this the case with the women. The persistence in this practice throughout generations resulted in the weakening and final destruction of the organs in the skin which tend to produce hair, thus accounting for the general beardlessness of women.

Where He Might Have Been.

One of the incidents of Father Bernard Vaughan's tour in the states was an encounter with a suffragette. The haughty lady approached the English visitor and said: "And where would you be, pray, but for a woman?" "Madame," came the reply, "on a sultry evening like this I should be eating ice cream under an apple tree in the Garden of Eden."

In a Strange Place.

Little Alice was visiting her grandparents in an Eastern city. One Sunday grandpa took her to church with him. When sermon time came Mary looked around a little, and, seeing a relative up in the gallery, whispered shrilly: "Oh, grandpa, look up there! See Cousin Mary sitting on a shelf."

Catty.

"My husband," she said, "always wants me to look my best, no matter what the cost." "Well," her friend replied, "one can hardly blame him for feeling as he does."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Morgan Mot.

A Pierpont Morgan mot, or epigram, on the subject of energy was repeated the other night at the Metropolitan club in New York, where Mr. Morgan once said: "The satisfied, unambitious man, the man without energy, can seldom afford to take that famous and popular room at the top."

Here's a Tip.

If a girl worked half as hard to please a man after marriage as she does before marriage, lots of lawyers would starve to death.— Cincinnati Enquirer.

Thing That Must Be Preserved.

Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.—Marcus Aurelius.

Heard In a Restaurant.

First Diner—"Let me see. I think I'll order some lamb." Second Diner—"Don't! I never order lamb in this place—it's mutton before you get it.

Many Such.

In addition to his enemies and his friends, the wise man has a list that he labels mentally: "Impossible to classify."

Brute.

Co-ed—"What tense do I use when I say, 'I am beautiful?'" Bold Soph—"Remote past."—Vermont Crabbe.

Usual Way.

When a man doesn't know just what to say he generally says it anyhow—and then regrets it.—Puck.

Gentleness and Strength.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness. Nothing so gentle as real strength.—St. Francis de Sales.

Love.

Kisses are loves' assets, quarrels its liabilities.—Helen Rowland.

BULBS ARE PROFITABLE

Very Little Attention Is Required After Planting.

Most Brilliant and Gorgeous of Summer-Flowering Plants Are Gladioli —Succession May Be Secured for the Summer.

Any smart woman, with a bit of ground, near a large city, can make money growing bulbs for market.

The summer flowering bulbs require little attention after planting.

The canna, caladium, tuberous-rooted begonia, dahlia and gloxinia all require to be started in March for the best results.

Many of the beautiful dark-colored cannas produce both fine foliage and flowers.

In starting bulbs to be used for hedges, use long, narrow boxes, allowing for only one row, and when ready to transplant, pull the boxes apart and slip out the bulbs without disturbing the roots.

Many of our bulbs can be planted in the open ground.

The most brilliant and gorgeous of our summer-flowering bulbs are the gladioli, and these should be planted out in the garden at intervals of two weeks from the middle of April until the middle of July, thus securing a succession of bloom for the most of the summer.

The tuberose and tigredia are both beautiful summer-flowering bulbs that can be planted where they are to grow.

In buying bulbs it is true economy to buy the best, securing them of florists who have them in proper storage.

Their flowering period may be hastened or retarded at will, thus timed for special occasions or for a succession.

The chief reliance for this purpose, either in professional or amateur culture, centers in the various classes of hyacinths and narcissus, and the list is being yearly extended by new varieties.

Bulbs should have a rich, mellow soil of garden loam, sand and fertilizer. This soil should be prepared some time before, as fresh fertilizer causes rapid and unhealthy growth and often decay.

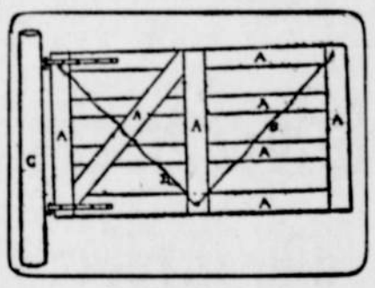
It is important that your bulbs should be planted as soon as possible after they are received, as the moisture which they contain evaporates rapidly, and with it goes much of their vitality.

In planting the bulbs see that both ends of the bulbs are sound. If either end is unsound the bulbs will not grow, as the plant sprouts from one end and the roots from the other.

MAKE A SERVICEABLE GATE

One That Has Been in Use for Several Years Shown in Illustration and Never Sagged.

We have a gate that has been in use for several years and has never sagged or given any trouble, writes W. E. White in Farmers Mail and Breeze. Boards the same size were used for all parts of the gate, put together with nails and the nails clinched. No. 9 galvanized wire is looped at the corners and run double to the



Serviceable Gate.

bottom, passing each side of the boards and twisted tight in the open spaces. Gate fastens to a heavy post with strap hinges.

Fertilizing Apple Trees.

A Maine farmer orchardist had several apple trees along a stone wall. The tree were not considered of much value until the owner plowed the field for a crop, fertilizing it heavily and giving it liberal cultivation.

The trees got their share of the benefit and produced apples last year worth $285. Another old neglected Baldwin tree was plowed and fertilized, and it responded with a crop of apples that sold for more than all the corn raised on the acre of ground where the trees stood.

Should Not Worry Sheep.

Sometimes sheep get so fearful of dogs that they will start up and run the moment a man or other object comes among them. No flock of sheep that is as worried as this, ever can do well. The very thought of being chased takes away from their usefulness, and sooner or later it will ruin the fold.

Harness for Backing.

If your teams are to be used much in handling heavy loads where backing is necessary used a harness with very wide and heavy breeching. It will add to the horse's confidence and his backing power.

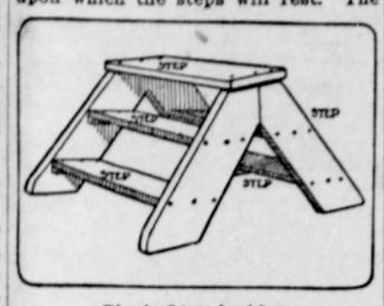
Fresh Air and Sunshine.

Fresh air and sunshine are important as well as food. Hens kept in a close, stuffy house without sufficient air and sunshine never lay the maximum number of eggs.

USEFUL PLANK STEP-LADDER

One Shown in Illustration Is Easy of Construction and Is Quite Handy About Barn and House.

For convenience, there should be a step ladder at the house, one at the barn and two or three of different sizes for the orchard. Step ladders built on the plan as shown in the cut, are easy of construction and require but little material to make them very stout. For use about the house, material as follows is necessary. To make a ladder that is two and one-half feet long and three feet high, (which is tall enough for washing windows, hanging curtains and arranging pictures about the house) will take, 5 pieces, 1x6 inches, 2½ feet long for the steps, 4 pieces same kind of material for the legs, and some strips upon which the steps will rest. The



Plank Step Ladder.

strips for the middle steps should reach across as shown in the drawing, this braces the legs and prevents them spreading when in use.

For use about the barn. Two ladders of this model, may be used as trestles by placing a piece of 2x6 inch stuff, six or eight feet long on them when used as in making farm gates, etc., and shorter pieces for ordinary work. Many uses will be found for these ladders about any well arranged farm home.—J. W. G.

DRESS SQUABS FOR MARKET

After Penetrating Brain With Sharp Knife Bird Is Allowed to Bleed Thoroughly.

(By MICHAEL K. BOYER, New Jersey.)

One-half dozen or more squab are hung on the rack at one time. The wings of each are then locked, which is done by drawing the wings closely together in the back, allowing one wing to overlap the other. It holds them firmly and causes no pain.

The mouth of the squab is held open with the thumb and first finger of the left hand, the head and shoulders being held in the left hand. With a knife in the right hand the blade is inserted through the crown of the head, penetrating the brain.

At once the operator releases his grasp and allows the bird to bleed thoroughly before starting to pluck the feathers.

By the time about half a dozen of the birds have been stabbed the first killed has bled sufficiently to be ready for picking. The squab is then removed from the rack and held in the hands while plucking the feathers.

This method is said to be the most rapid, it being found that from 100 to 150 squab can thus be dressed in a day by a good operator.

Some pigeon men believe in holding the bird while killing, but it has been proven that birds held do not bleed so thoroughly as when hanging, owing to the fact that the hand more or less compresses the fine veins, thus retarding the flow of blood.

When a bird is not sufficiently bled it shows itself in blisters. These blisters are red blotches that form on the backs of the birds, and which develop by the time the carcasses reach the market.

Fresh water should be given twice daily, but only the very best of grain. Avoid damaged stuff.

Do not fail to bear in mind that the profit is derived only from the mated pairs.

Whitewash in Dairy Barn.

Dr. Marshall, a Pennsylvania institute speaker, says that whitewashing of dairy barns should be done for the sake of general sanitation, but the main point in the fight against tuberculosis is the elimination of the dark stables and filthy stall conditions.

When clean methods are used in the keeping of cows, he advises the use of a compound made from one pound of chloride of lime and five gallons of whitewash, which, when put on the walls and stable partitions, acts as an effective preventive of disease.

Breeding Immature Ewes.

A good many sheep owners practice the plan of breeding ewe lambs, which is a poor practice from any standpoint. These immature ewes cannot be reasonably expected to produce strong, vigorous lambs and supply animals that will make a good growth and develop into profitable feeders, and at the same time reach a desirable degree of development and maturity themselves.

Hog Sheds.

Hog sheds need not be expensive, but they should be dry, tight enough to exclude rains and snows, and also capable of being well ventilated in summer when the weather is hot and shade is needed.

Pave the Feed Lot.

It is far more profitable to pave the feed lot than to sacrifice the cattle in a half-fed condition.

Makes the Lambs Grow.

Clover and alfalfa hay and corn will grow lambs to beat the band.

Confident of Her Power.

"Every woman knows that although she may not be as vapidly pretty as some of her rivals, she rejoices in a certain indefinable charm which gives her an incontestable advantage over them all."—A Little World, by Arnold Goldsworthy.

Diogenes' Reply.

Diogenes, when someone had said to him, "You pretend to be a philosopher, but know nothing," rejoined: "Even pretending to be learned shows a fondness for it."

Convenient to Have Around.

One of the most convenient people in this world is somebody you can blame.—Manchester Union.

Had Made a Change,

Clergyman—"I have a hazy recollection of marrying you before." Actress—"You did, but not to this gentleman."—Life.

Parliamentary.

It was getting late, and still the venerable ex-United States senator lingered in the parlor with the young people. Evidently something had to be done. "I hope, papa," said his daughter, gently but resolutely, "that you will not be offended if I now move a close call of the house, during which all persons not entitled to a voice in the proceedings will please retire, while Charlie and I discuss a question of personal privilege!"

Perished in Vain Sacrifice.

Alice Meadows, an Engish novelist, was drowned in the Thames in an attempt to rescue her dog, which fallen into the river. The incident speaks volumes for Miss Meadows' kindness of heart, but nevertheless it was foolish. The dog could swim, and evidently the young woman couldn't.

Flesh.

All the riding hard, shooting true and dying game—poor ethics of the open—had not brought a crumb, not a crumb, of the real bread of life.—Will Levington Comfort.

Difference.

To men a man pretends he is a good fellow; to women, what a bad man he is.

Ancient Spanish University.

The oldest Spanish university is that of Salamanca, founded in 1240.

Yes, Yes.

Divorce suits are generally homespun.—Lippincott's.

Dr. Johnson's Rebuke.

Dr. Johnson was once in company with a gentleman who affected to maintain Dean Berkeley's strange position "that nothing exists but as perceived by some mind." When the gentleman was going away Dr. Johnson said to him: "Pray, sir, don't leave us; for we may, perhaps, forget to think of you and then you will cease to exist."

True to Her Word.

Black — "She said on her wedding day that she would go through everything for him." White—"Well, I guess she has. I loaned him a tenspot this morning."—Judge.