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Mental Conservation.
Mr. Subly, who was rather conceited, declared that talking with an uncultivated person had a tendency to impair his peace of mind. "Then you ought never to do it, Mr. Subly," said a young lady present. "Anyone with only a piece of mind ought not to risk it!"—Youth's Companion.

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Plenty of Grandfathers.
Little Helen's father had been looking up his genealogical tree, and frequently spends his leisure evenings poring over papers from the various historical societies relative to the matter. One day while Helen was playing with her little friends, a childish dispute arose as to which was the best looking. Helen, almost in tears, blurted out: "Well, Alice has the prettiest, and Dorothy has the nicest dresses, but I have sheets of grandfathers at home."

The Modern Farmer's Daughter.
Of course, girls on farms can be just as independent as girls in cities—more so, in fact—and healthier and happier in the bargain. They are not limited to shop, factory or office for paying employment. I know of one girl who raises pedigreed dogs, writes one of these girls in Farm and Home. I have heard of others who raise quality cats, canaries, poultry, Shetland ponies—girls who sew, nurse, pickle and preserve, bake, raise garden stuff or small fruits—girls who are satisfactorily engaged in making a living, and incidentally fitting themselves to be true helpmates when the right man comes along.

False Economy.
Mrs. Pearl White, of Michigan, writing to Farm and Home, has this to say on the subject of women practicing false economy: "Many a woman will walk half a mile or more to borrow a pattern that is not even the right size, trusting to her ingenuity and good sense to make it fit, but the chances are that the time alone which she could save would more than equal the 10-cent expenditure for a new pattern, besides securing a better fit and style, and considerable saving of nerves."

Sickroom Screen.
A screen in the sickroom is almost indispensable, for it is needed to keep light from the patient's eyes, to guard the bed from drafts, or to shut out the sight of medicine bottles and so forth. An excellent sanitary screen is made by tacking white oilcloth on to a frame, then painting on in oil a pretty scene, as birds or butterflies. These screens can be washed as often as necessary.

Useful Life.
Any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its moral life too short for its vast means of usefulness.—Charles Dickens.

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HABITS OF BROWN ANT
Injurious Little Insect Found in All Cultivated Lands.
Forms Rather Extensive Settlements in Corn Fields, Mainly in Hills—Cultivator is Not Likely to Tear Up Nests.

(By S. A. FORBES.)
The little brown ant, notorious for its injuries to corn and called, consequently, the corn-field ant, is not by any means limited to corn fields, but is abundant in all cultivated lands, in pastures and meadows, in dense forests, along hard pathways, and in the sandy soil of dry, sunny roads. One sometimes finds it nesting in rotten wood or under bark, logs or stones, and even opening up its underground burrows to the surface between the bricks and sidewalks and pavements. It is distributed "over the whole of North America, except the extreme southern and southwestern portions, from the tree line of the highest mountains to the sands of the shore."
Its home and habits have been chiefly studied in corn fields, and there it forms rather extensive settlements,



Various Stages of Corn-Field Ant.

mainly centering in the hills of corn. Several adjacent hills so occupied by it being connected by underground channels by way of which members of the same family may pass from hill to hill. This is partly, no doubt, because in corn fields it is usually in possession of plant-lice, which live on the roots of corn and which contribute to the support of the ants the fluid surplus of their own food, but partly also because in the corn hills it is undisturbed by the cultivator, which is likely to tear up its nests if they are established between the rows.

In the burrows of this ant one may find a rather mixed and varied population, consisting of the eggs, larvae, pupae, males, females and workers of the ants themselves, together with the various species of root-lice harbored by them and certain kinds of mites which share its underground habitations on terms of mutual toleration, if not active friendship. In clover fields it is very likely to have in its nests many mealy-bugs of a species which infest the roots of the clover plant, and these it treats as it does the root-lice of the corn plant—seizing them and carrying them away when their nest is disturbed, just as it hurries out of sight with its own maggot-like larvae, its egg-like pupae, and its minute, spherical white eggs.

The contents of the nest are not precisely the same at all times of the year. In the winter one finds in it no males or pupae of the ants, as a rule, but only workers and larvae, companion mites and eggs of the root-lice. In some of the larger mites' nests one or more wingless queens or mother ants may be found, although we have not been able to satisfy ourselves that this is true of all, or even most, of the winter communities of this species. A careful search and exploration of all the tunnels and chambers of large nests have often failed to bring to light a single queen. Sometimes, however, two or more queens may be seen living contentedly in the same worker family performing their proper function of laying eggs for the increase of the colony. Besides these large, composite and evidently well established communities one may often find single females in the ground, sometimes wholly alone and sometimes with a few of their own eggs, a few larvae and a small number of workers.

Rates of Seeding.
At the Kentucky station the results of a test of rates of seeding and methods of planting are regarded as indicating that in a very favorable season three stalks per hill will give a higher yield than two stalks, and that drilled corn yields better than corn planted in hills, when the rates of seeding are equal. When the corn was drilled, however, planting 12 inches apart, equivalent to four stalks per hill, gave a still higher yield in 1910.

Age of Usefulness.
The average hen outlives her usefulness in two years, and is more profitably sent to market. There are at times good hens in the third and even the fourth year, but the average limit is two years. Old hens are more likely to contract disease than younger ones.

Benefit of Tile.
A string of tile may be the means of producing 90 bushel corn on that old wet spot in the field.

POLISHED FLOOR NEEDS CARE
Methods by Which It May Be Made to Last Long and Always Appear at Its Best.

The first step in polishing a soft wood floor is to see that it is perfectly smooth and clean. It has been already painted or varnished the stains should be removed with strong ammonia and thorough scraping, when all cracks and dents should be closed with putty and a "filler" applied all over. This can be purchased at most oil and varnish shops, and should either be mixed with a little color or a sufficient quantity of floor stain should be added. The filler should be put on with a flat brush or piece of cloth and worked in one direction with the grain of the wood, while on completion of the process the room should be closed for 24 hours. At the end of that time the boards should be rubbed until they shine, with a long-handled, heavy weighted broom, over which a piece of carpet has been tacked, and this process may be repeated ad libitum. Finally the floor may be polished with boiled linseed oil and turpentine, this mixture being rubbed well in with a cloth and then left for an hour or two to dry, after which it must be again polished with the weighted brush.

Instead of a final touch of this description, the floor may be finished with a coat of varnish or shellac or with some prepared hardwood treatment, both of which should be put on evenly and thinly with a weighted brush or with an old piece of carpet. In order to keep the floor at its best after the polishing process has been completed, it should never be washed with water, but after all the dust has been removed crude petroleum should be rubbed in and left to dry.



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Where the "Space" Was.
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"I suppose," remarked a man who was passing, "there must be a vacancy under one of the tables."—Kansas City Star.

Editor Willing to Retract.
"Look here, Mr. Editor," exclaimed an irate caller, "you referred to me yesterday as a reformed drunkard. You must apologize, or I'll sue your paper for libel."
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Fruit Frappe With Nuts.
Almost every woman nowadays has her own special frappe combination, with which she delights to mystify her guests. Into the bottom of the frappe glass put a generous spoonful of preserved strawberries, on top of the berries come the ice cream, vanilla in this case, then a spoonful of whipped cream, and on top of the cream a grating of English walnuts. All sorts of fruit combinations are used as foundation for the frappe, and the covering for the whipped cream is variously cocoa, grated macaroons, chopped nuts, a sprinkle of cinnamon or candied rose leaves. Pretty little frappe glasses in the American pressed ware, light and dainty, can now be purchased as low as 80 cents a dozen. In serving, each glass is set on a pretty china plate with a little dolly between the glass and the plate. A spoon, of course, goes with it.

Vegetarian Sausages.
One and one-half cups lima beans, two tablespoons butter, one teaspoon salt, a dash tabasco sauce. Soak the beans over night, cook them in salted water until soft, drain perfectly dry and then squeeze the pulp through a potato ricer. Beat in the butter and seasoning. If not moist enough, add one beaten egg or as much of it as required, making the paste so soft that it can be rolled into croquets. Shape like sausage, dip in beaten egg and flour, and fry in butter until brown.

To Bleach Faded Blouses and Dresses.
The colored dress or blouse that has become faded with frequent launderings, or from wear in the sun, may be bleached to a clear white by boiling in cream of tartar water. The correct quantity to be used to make the garment a pure white is a teaspoonful of the powder to a quart of water.

Pepper Relish.
Twelve green tomatoes, four green peppers, two onions; chop together, add two-third cup sugar, two cups vinegar, salt to taste. Mix all together and bottle. This may be kept two years and be as good as when first made.

To Kill an Unpleasant Odor.
Dried orange peel allowed to smolder on a piece of red-hot iron or on an old shovel will kill any bad odor in a room and leave a fragrant one behind.

Considerate.
My little brother William had been staying up rather late and went to bed without saying his prayers. Mother said to him: "Why, Willie, I'm surprised at you! You haven't said your prayers." "Aw, gee!" he answered; "what's the use of waking the Lord up at this hour of the night?"—Chicago Journal.

Diplomat.
Sne—"Jack, when we are married, I must have three servants." He—"You shall have twenty, dear—but not all at the same time."—Answers.

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Protection Against Bores.
Paley, the theologian, had an ingenious method of warding off the time-waster. When thinking out a problem he betook himself to the river bank with a fishing rod. He never really fished, but he found that people who thought nothing of disturbing his thoughts would keep at a distance so as not to disturb the fish. To give color to the ruse he had his portrait painted with fishing rod in hand.

Literal Obedience.
Two little sisters, just promoted, were comparing teachers. Helen said she did not like her new teacher. "I have to like my teacher," spoke up little Mabel. "It is written on the blackboard: 'Love your enemies'."

Off Color.
The man who lets every little trouble keep him feeling blue must have a streak of yellow. — Chicago Record-Herald.

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