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Monmouth Meditations

Some are old maids from choice and others from being too choice.

A wit says that Bryan is now willing to reduce the league to the grape-juice standard of kick.

As a joy killer, the flu is about as expert an agent as one might expect to find.

The early gardener, the first sitting of eggs and the early candidate are now all in the bud and about to break into blossom.

About the only thing that hasn't changed in the last decade is Mr. Bryan's method of combing his hair.

Just about the time it is beginning to be asserted that life is too expensive to live, comes the news that tombstones have gone up twenty per cent.

The Mexican political campaign is about to begin and American citizens and business interests there from now on may have a breathing spell. The Mexicans will be too busy shooting one another.

One of the glories of this country is that even the dub may criticize the color of the lilies or point out flaws in the gilding that enriches the appearance of the coronet. The executive and his cabinet are conspicuously the subjects of the moment this week and we arise to inquire. Why not call a halt to the habit which has grown stronger with each succeeding administration of concentrating the powers of the legislative and the judicial on the executive? If we have a legislative system to make the laws, a judiciary to interpret them and an executive to enforce them why not limit to each branch the functions allowed to it? And since ours is a government by the people operating under the plan of rival political parties, why should we not do as

the English do, make the government responsive to the dominant political party in Congress? When there is an upheaval in the popular vote, the president should ask the leader of the dominant party in congress to form a cabinet. This would yield all the politics necessary in governmental affairs. The great mass of government officers should be under civil service. The great branches of government work, diplomatic, postal, financial, commercial, military, engineering should be callings to which young men and women could aspire and fit themselves by exact and appropriate training. Then could be fittingly brought to a climax that move which is acquiring some impetus in certain places to elect a "business man" for president.

D'Annunzio it is said has grown weary with strife and will go back to the quiet life. He has had enough advertising now to warrant a ready market for his poems.

While lumber and building materials are climbing steadily skyward, air castles are as cheap as ever.

DIPPING CHICKENS FOR LICE

Likely to Become More General Than Dipping Cattle Because Pest Is More Numerous.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"Dip that chick!" It isn't done just for the sake of making a rhyme for "dip that tick," either. Dipping chickens is likely to become more general than dipping cattle, because the chicken louse is a more widely distributed insect than the cattle tick. The "dip" consists of 1 ounce of sodium fluoride to the gallon of water, which should be at a temperature of 70 to 85 degrees. The dipping should be done on a clear, warm day—never on a cold day. The old way of getting rid of chicken lice was by dusting with dry sodium fluoride. It was effective, but in the case of large flocks it was slow and wasteful, a great deal of the dusting material being inevitably lost. Recent dipping experiments proved successful, and the results promise a sure and speedy means of getting rid of one of the worst pests of poultry.

UP-TO-DATE SUMMER HOUSES

Colony Plan of Housing Poultry May Be Adopted to Advantage on a Great Number of Farms.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The curtain-front or partial open-front house is conceded to be the best type for most sections. The colony plan of housing poultry may be adopted to advantage on many farms. This system does away with the danger of tainted soil.

The roosts should be built on the same level, 3 feet from the floor, with a dropping board about 6 inches below them. Good roosts may be made of 2 by 2 inch material with the upper edges rounded.

The nests may be placed on the side walls or under the dropping boards. It is best to have them darkened, as the hens prefer a secluded place in which to lay.

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