UNCLE JOE'S PRIZE

By JANE OSBORN.

When Dave Brown left his office in the big city for a day or two to revisit the old home town of Hardy's Corners, he always made tracks for the one-room headquarters of the Hardy's Corners Weekly Gazette, where his Uncle Joe Brown, with the ald of a single office boy, performed the entire operation of getting out the local news sheet, all the way from circulation boosting to running the press.

"Well, now," began his uncle in his characteristic drawl, "if you really want to help out a mite, you might hitch up the old nag and take a turn out the pike to see the girl I've picked for the winner of the beauty contest. You see, it's this way: Subscriptions have been kind of falling off since the rural free delivery brought the city papers around every day, and for some years I've been thinking I'd got to do something to help give things a boost. So I hit on the idea of having some contests of interest to the women folks. I've got a due bill on the dry goods emporium here for some advertisements they have owed for going on two years, and I'll have the winners take out their prizes that

Well, the contest is coming along fine-especially the beauty one-and I've got a drawer packed full of pictures of pretty girls from all around here-only all of them aren't so pretty

"I've about decided on the winner I stopped around to get a good look at her after she'd sent i her photo and, honest, you couldn't see a finerlooking girl if you spent a lifetime looking. She's a regular old-fashioned kind-beautiful eyes and-oh, well, you've got to see her to know. Now, what I want you to do is this: I've picked her, and in the next number of the Gazette that comes out on Saturday, I'm going to announce her win ning, with a picture of the girl, and the same afternoon we're going to have the girl and some of her friend: come down and blow them off to a course dinner at the hotel, and then take them on a joy ride.

"Now, suppose you go out this morning and see the girl, and tell her she has got the prize, and take the due bill on the emporium with you, and, if you could, you might take her to the emporium and have her pick out a pretty dress and hat and other fixings for the prize. Be sure to get some thing pretty and kind of showy, so when folks see them they will sort of give the Gazette a boost.

"You'll have to stop at the house when you go to get the horse, and you'll find the name of the girl on an envelope, with the due bill. Let's see -you'll find them in the family Bible, in the sitting room.

"And, say, take a tip from me," addd Uncle Joe, "there isn't much better kind of girl going when it comes to picking a wife than regular old-fashioned, bright-eyed, pink-cheeked country girls. If I wasn't so old, I might be sparking around this beauty winner myself. Now don't let the grass grow under your feet."

Sally Bunn-that was the name on the envelope-came to the door herself when Dave Brown called at the her hands and plump arms were covered with flour and her face was flushed with the heat of the oven. But somehow at that first glance it never occurred to Dave to think that this really could be Sally Bunn. True, she was a nice little girl, bright-eyed and clear-skinned, but not at all the type of girl he had in mind when he listened to his uncle's eulogy. Some how, Dave had felt convinced that the girl his uncle would select as the beauty would be of the peaches-andcream variety of blonde-a veritable Marguerite, with braids of molasses

candy hair. And, besides, Sally Bunn, though she was much impressed by Dave Brown's city clothes and city manners was also mistaken. She took him for a book agent, and had all but shut the door in his face when he said that he bad come from the Gazette to see Miss Sally Bunn.

"I'm Sally Bunn," she said, and Dave tried to cover his surprise.

'Fine! I've come to tell you that you have won the prize in the contest," he said. "My uncle, who owns the paper, asked me to come and tell And now I am going to ask you to let me take you to town to select the pretty dress and hat and things

"How perfectly wonderful," cried the girl, clapping her floury hands. "May I pick out just what I want? How wonderful!" And, bubbling over with delight, she led the way to the

Dave suggested that Sally should take her mother or sister or some one as a chaperon on the expedition, but Sally explained that she was the only daughter of Farmer Bunn, who was a widower. She and the maid-of-allwork, Aunt Mandy, were alone in the house, so she would have to go with-

out a chaperon. "But I don't in the least mind, for I know just what I want. Oh, how perlovely it is that I am to have a new dress and hat and things! You know my father's feelings on that. He is old-fashioned, and he doesn't that I told the truth. like to have me spend money for new dresses. I have to make them all for myself. You see, he is like the old folks, and he says it will be all the more for me to have for a portion when I am married, only I shall never

rearry anyone, I am sure.

replied, and then as he watched the girl he realized that in truth she was more than passing comely. "The only surprise is," he reflected. "that that ick-skinned old uncle of mine should have had sense enough to discover it."

Before they started out, Sally insisted on serving Dave with a dainty mid-morning luncheon of gingerbread and milk strawberries and cream, and they climbed into the old buggy and started off over the country road on what was the most exciting shopping tour of Sally Bunn's existence.

"I just dote on pretty clothes," she said simply. "Tell me, do you think pink or blue would be more becom-And as Dave studied her coling?" oring to find the answer, he assured himself that no girl he had met in the city could compare with this simple country maid.

"A wonderful housekeeper"-she had prepared the luncheon with her own capable hands-"plenty of money and as handsome as a picture." Dave said to himself. "The old man cer-tainly was right."

Then the girl at his side interrupted him. "Why was it that you seemed so surprised when I said I was Sally Bunn?" she asked. "You didn't seem to think that I could have won that prize."

"It wasn't ouite that." laughed Dave "Though to tell you the truth, I didn't Bugniou of Switzerland, who in 1913 think that you were the young lady I was looking for. But I know you better now. First impressions are never quite fair."

"No," agreed Sally, turning her head away with a blush, "but you do think I deserve the prize now, don't you?" And then changing the subject, as Dave supposed, very abruptly. "Did you think that was good gingerbread?"

That evening Dave returned to his uncle's house. He had just been through what he was convinced was the most delightful adventure of his He had rather overdrawn the life. due bill in his efforts to secure for Sally the prettiest hat and dress and shoes that the emporium displayed. He knew he could explain his motives to his uncle later. He had taken Sally to one o'clock dinner at the hotel, and then after the return drive had left her at her own front door, still clutching her beloved buddles and packages, radiant and delightful in her happiness. He had promised to be back early the next day to take her in for the gala luncheon and automobile ride

"You are a better judge of beauty than I thought you were, uncle. That little girl is not only as pretty as a picture, but she is the most delightful girl I have ever met. I never thought you'd call her a beauty, though. I thought you went in more for the peaches-and-cream variety. It takes an expert to recognize real beauty. I congratulate you."

The uncle beamed with real pride. "I guess I can pick them as well as the next feller. So you got her all fixed up fine, did you?"

"The prettlest things in town," plied Dave. "In fact, I went a little over the margin allowed. But I intend to make up the difference myself. In fact, I have taken your good advice. I am going to woo my country girl in the true old-fashioned style. something she said, I am sure she is

not engaged to anyone else." They were sitting in the living room at the time, and Uncle Joe had farmhouse on the pike. Sally Bunn opened the fly leaf of the family Bible where the due bills were kept. He looked at them and his whistle of surprise interrupted Dave's praises of Sally Bunn.

> "I'm blowed," exclaimed Uncle Joe. and after a second whistle shriller than the last, he added, "if you didn't go and take the wrong envelope. Say, you haven't been to see the prize beauty at all. You've been off to see little Sally Bunn, the girl I gave the prize to for the best loaf of bread.'

> Uncle Joe leaned back in his chair and laughed long and loud. "Sure, she's a nice little girl and her pa and I have been pals since we were boys. one of the richest farmers in the county, and Sally's all right, too. But I don't see that she's so much on looks. I guess I'm not one of these experts you were referring to after all. Why. the girl I picked is a regular winner, golden hair and blue eyes and a skin that looks like pink and white roses.

> "Say," went on Uncle Joe, after a little reflection, "what did you buy for Sally? Well, if that doesn't beat all. The prize that was going with the best loaf of bread was only going to be one of those new bread mixers the women folks are making such a But I'm real glad you made the mistake. I'd a deal rather have you marry Sally than a girl that was so stuck on herself that she'd send in her photo to a beauty contest, even if she was a regular winner." (Copyright, 1916, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Table Repartee. They were seated at the supper table when a small domestic storm arose.

your bread. "Well," rejoined the patient wife, "I

urn your tea, don't 1?

say that you wouldn't marry the best Mrs. Wederly-Well, after a month's experience, I am inclined to believe

An Ideal Chauffeur. Dora-They say that it's just thrillingly delicious to take an automobile trip with the Roasters new chauffeur.

Daisy-Why is it? Dora-Because he's cross-eyed and left-handed.

NEVER IN DARKNESS

Peculiar Quality of the Eyes of a Cat.

Scientists, After Considerable Investigation, Appear to Have Discovered Why Household Pet Can See in the Dark.

Not satisfied with the old explanation that a cat's eyes glow in the dark because they catch and concentrate every least glimmer of light that may

be about, scientific men have been making expe-00

riments recently to ascertain if there may not be some other explanation, for the eyes glow when there is no light at all. This is true of the eyes of many other animals than cats; in fact,

including birds and insects. The first man to point to what seems to be the true reason was Professor

it is true of most nocturnal creatures,

suggested that perhaps invisible ravs - such as the ultra-violet or infra-red - were transformed by some chemical action into visible rays at the instant of reflection

from the eyes. Now come two Costa Rican professors, G. Michaud and J. F. Tristant, reporting their experiments upon the effect of ultra-violet rays on the eyes of men and animals. They filtered a ray of sunlight through a special filter composed of a cell of Uviol glass containing a solution of copper sulphate and a film of nitrosodimethylanilin, thus cutting off all the visible rays and allowing none but the invisible ultra-violet to enter a perfectly dark room. In the room these rays were allowed to fall upon the eyes of a dog or a man who had been in the dark for fifteen minutes. The pupil immediately became sharply defined in luminous green against the violet-

black background of the iris. This startling effect, they believe, is caused by the pigmented iris absorbing the ultra-violet rays while one of the tissues inside the eyeball, perhaps the purple of the retina, fluoresces when they enter.

The Factory Peril.

For a noncombatant to get within the firing line of the bloody European war is considered an impossibility. There is a reason—it is a dangerous place; one's life would be in jeopardy. Here in New York, are more than 1, 000,000 persons, working every day, in places almost as dangerous as the firing line of Europe. They go and come with no thought of danger, merely be cause they have thus far escaped death and injury. Yet a tragedy might be enacted at any moment. Some time ago the cloak, suit and skirt industries or New York engaged Dr. George M. Price to inspect the fire hazards of the many buildings devoted to these manufacturing interests. Doctor Price has made his report, in which he says that. out of 928 buildings, 30 were found to be perfectly safe. It might require a mathematician to figure out how much better chance one of the employees of these structures has of escaping death than he would have on the firing line. -Insurance Press.

Little Pete's Defense.

At a meeting of the Canadian-American society in a Maine town one evening recently, two members of the organization fell to disputing which had the smarter children. Joe Belanger was proclaimed the victor when he came to the front with the following:

"De nodder day my leetle boys Pete was go on de schoolhouses wid hees leetle dog. De teacher gets mads wid de boy and tel' heem for go back on de house jes' so quick he can't and took de dog and never bring heem back som' more. Leetle Pete do fes w'at de teachers is tol' it. Bimeby Leetle Pete is go back on de schoolhouses and jes' so soon he set heemself downs som' leetle dogs was com in and stan up on front of Leetle Pete. De teacher

Teachers, dis don't was de sam dog; Youth's Companion.

Of a surety a few men, perhaps not "Madame," exclaimed the angry hus- a score in all, have had the power to the average about eight or nine per band, "you seem to forget that I earn strip from millions their meed of life cent of potash and two per cent of on this wind-sweetened earth! For phosphoric acid. Investigators have myths conceived in a few ambitious considered that there is enough potbrains the whole world must pay with ash and phosphoric acid in a pushel grief and agony! What can we do, of ashes to make it worth 20 or 25 when this war is over, to insure that cents. Besides that, some 10 or 15 Miss Singleton—I was surprised to we shall not again be stampeded by hear of your marriage You used to professional soldiers, and those—in whatever country-who dream paper dreams of territory, trade and glory, caring nothing for the lives of the simple, knowing nothing of the beauty of the earth which is their heritage .-John Galesworthy, in Scribner's Maga-

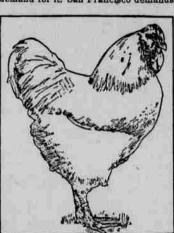
> Appendicitis an Old Disease Generally regarded as a modern disyears ago and accurately described in still existing records.

BREED FOR THE FARM FLOCK DAIRY HERD IN WINTER

Farmer Must Suit Himself and Market Conditions in Selecting Variety-Discard the Scrub.

As with most of our domestic animals, there is absolutely no best breed of hens; if there was there would soon be only that one breed left, while now one hardly dares say how many good breeds there are without first consulting the very latest issue of the Standard of Perfection.

Then suit yourself and your market conditions in selecting your breed, but select some one breed and "stick to it" until you have the best flock of that breed in the county or state. The color of the shell of the egg has much to do with the market demand for it. San Francisco demands



Fine Type for Farm.

a clear white egg, while Boston wants a rich brown color; and the intermediate cities, all the way across, may, in a way, take almost any color; but most city retailers find it to their Fixed rules in feeding are not pracadvantage to separate the colors to tical. suit individual customers.

But never, no never, fool away very much time with "scrub" or mongrel stock on the farm, and don't try to keep too many breeds or you may soon have a lot of mongrels yourself. Even on the regular poultry ranch where many breeds are kept, strange "mixeries" sometimes happen in some most unexplainable way.

It is often claimed that mixed breeds or "scrubs" lay better than purebreds, but a careful investigation will generally prove that the feed, care, and perhaps the age of the birds. has more to do with the egg product than the simple fact that they are cross-bred.

But while different markets demand different colored eggs there is no market on this continent, at least, that demands a dirty or stained egg, or an egg that has been under a broody hen for a night or two, or one that has been out in the sun for several days. Gather daily at least and ship at least weekly.

DAIRYMEN VERSUS THE DAIRY

Man Is Chief Factor in Production of Clean Milk, According to Medical Experimenters.

perts and experimenters in hygiene a tenfold worse odor than any feed made a study to determine the most the cows will eat. important factor in the production of Surrounding conditions have much clean milk—the dairy or the dairyman to do with the milk-producing value of Chicago Journal. -and have come to the conclusion that the dairyman is the chief factor

ported from dairy to dairy and can make clean milk wherever he goes. It is said that if all the nonessentials

or matters of secondary importance a more mature age. are eliminated, the factors which even alone are sufficient to produce under the conditions found in ordinary milk than where the animal is milked dairies a milk so clean that it will have with great regularity a pacterial count less than 10,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter are as follows:

Milking with dry hands into covered milking pails, the proper washing and sterilization of milking palls and milk cans, cooling the milk by placing the cans in tanks of cold water or ice water, regular laboratory testing of the milk for bacteria, and payments based on the laboratory tests.

ASHES GOOD AS FERTILIZER

They Not Only Contain Potash and Phosphoric Acid, but Also Magnesia and Lime.

The farmer who burns wood for was get mooch mad and say, 'Pete, heating and cooking should carefully w'at for you bring back dat dog w'en store the ashes and not permit them I tol' you never bring back dat dog to leach, as they have a peculiar fertilizing value. They not only contain "Leetle Pete is stan' up and say, potash and phosphoric acid in appreciable amounts, but also contain magshe's nodder one. I get two of it." - nesia and lime, and when applied to the land they also act indirectly to increase the available nitrogen content of organic matter in the soil.

Ordinary house ashes contain on cents additional might be allowed for the "alkali power" of the ashes. This power is that which enables ashes to rot weeds and to ferment peat. The notash content of ashes will be lost if they are permitted to leach, and care should be taken to store them in a dry place.

Dormant Spraying. The "dormant spraying" which destroys the bark scale and the eggs of sase, appendicitis was known in Egypt injurious insects, is the most important spraying of the year, in the judge ment of some orchardists.

First Essential Is That Cows Be Kept Comfortable.

Right Kind of Feed Goes Long Way **Teward Bringing About Contented** State of Mind-Several Important Factors.

(By W. M. KELLY.) Good stable management is an im portant factor in determining the profits from the dairy herd during the winter. The first essential is that the cows be comfortable, because a cow kept otherwise can never do her best. She must have a comfortable place

to lie down, stand up, move and

stretch her limbs and lick herself all over the body. She must have sunshine and plenty of light. She must have pure air to breathe, and this means that the stable must be provided with some system of ventilation to give a frequent change of air. This need not be expensive, only a little forethought and a few dollars' worth of material and labor. She must have good pure water at least twice a day, or better still, have an

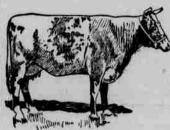
automatic water basin at her side. The stable should be cleaned daily, and be thoroughly disinfected. The ceiling, floor and sides should be all smooth and of concrete construction. and the fixtures largely iron. It is not expensive, and they are sanitary and permanent.

Large, smooth concrete mangers for feeding are about the best we know of today, Judgment and common sense must be exercised in the methods of feeding and handling the cows.

Overfeeding is wasteful: underfeeding is unprofitable. The cows must be well nourished at all times, but if given more than they need for maintenance and production, they waste it as a rule.

Never stir up dust or foul odors at milking time. If you do a lot of it is sure to get into the milk. Whether to feed the cows just be-

fore milking is a much debated question. It is not at all dangerous to feed them a little grain, provided you etir up no dust or disagreeable odors. As a rule, the cows will give down their milk more freely when they have



Profitable Dairy Type.

contented minds, and a little of the right kind of feed goes a long way toward bringing about this contented state of mind. Never clean the stables A number of American medical ex- just before milking, for it will stir up

any ration.

Dairy cows cannot make as good and the dairy of secondary importance, use of whole grain as they can of Balsam. Adv. The clean dairyman may be trans- grain that has been ground.

In the generality of cases, helfers with their first calf do not show as high a test of butterfat as they do at

A period of rest before freshening will usually produce a larger flow of close up to calving.

A man can better afford to sell but ter at the cost of production than to sell grain, that is, when the selling price of the butter includes the feeds and labor at their market value.

HOW TO GROW BLACKBERRIES

Fruit Will Not Thrive in Dry Places Plenty of Moisture Is Needed-Cultivate Constantly,

Blackberries need plenty of moisture and it will not pay to plant them on the top of some dry knoll: for the fruit will not grow to perfection in such dry places, and it will be hard Choose a place where the ground is of good quality, and where there is plenty of moisture.

Prepare the ground thoroughly by plowing and harrowing before planting, and make the ground meliow down quite deep where you set the plants. You cannot be too particular in this respect-remember you are setting them out for profit and not simply to see whether they will grow or not. They should be set about four feet apart one way, and eight feet the other way.

Keep the ground loose by constant cultivation, and the sooner you can get a good large bush, the sooner you will get fruit, and keeping the ground loose will help to keep it moist.

Hurt Milk Business. Before anyone condemns the dairy business, he should make an effort to keep real cows and feed and care for them so they will make a profit. A few of the "weak sisters" meandering

around in cows' hides are what put the kibosh on the dairy business. The Dry Cow.

Some cows should go dry longer than others, but every cow will need a season of rest of at least a month or six weeks. It will be better for her and her unborn calf.



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The Ford peace trip, besides adding somewhat to the gaiety of nations, offered to the pictorial satirists in many quarters of the world an opportunity of a lifetime. Two rather distant echoes of the junket appear in the March number of Cartoons Magazine. One is from the Christiana, Norway, Vikingen, and represents the Detroit idealist as a rat leaving a doomed ship. A touch of humor is added to the cartoon by reason of a bathing suit hung on a clothes line in the bow of the boat. The bathing suit is sup-posed to be the property of Mme. Schimmer.

The other cartoon is from the Auckland, New Zealand, Weekly News, and shows "Ford's ark" plowing across the seas. Placards reading "Buy our cars" and "Votes for women" are con-spicuously displayed upon the sides and roof of the craft while Ford is seen trying to launch the dove of peace, and asking it: "Why don't you fly?" This Auckland newspaper, like most of the English journals, seemed to regard the peace trip mostly in the light of an advertising campaign

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About Time.

One evening the young minister, who had semed rather attracted by "Blg Sister" Grace, was dining with the family. Little Sister was talking rapidly when the visitor was about to ask the blessing. Turning to the child, he said, in a tone of mild reproof:

Laura, I am going to ask grace." "Well, it's about time," answered Little Sister in an equally reproving tone. We've been expecting you to do it for a year, and she has, too."tone.

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changing my pants, sir.-Puck. HOWARD E BURTON-Assayer and Cher ** Lendville, Colorado. Specimen prices: Go Silver, Lend. St. Gold, Silver, Sc.; Gold. Soc. Zi or Copper, Il. Mailing envolopes and full price is sent on application. Control and Umpire work icited. Reference: Carbonate National bank

er-I was right in the middle of

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