



JACK RABBIT'S OWN LESSON.

"I wonder where Jack Rabbit is," said the fox a few days after the two had watched old Doctor Duck and the rabbit had learned the lesson of not pretending to be other than what he was.

The sun was pretty warm as Mister Fox ran along and his tongue hung out of his mouth as he felt the heat more and more.

That's queer," said the fox. "I wonder why he does not rest under one of the great trees, where it is cool and comfortable?"

Just as he said this he was surprised to see Jack Rabbit get up and run down to the edge of a nearby brook, where he went through the most curious proceedings that Mister Fox had ever witnessed.

Mister Fox watched Jack Rabbit while he repeated this performance three or four times, and he could not make out whether the rabbit was crazy or what he was trying to accomplish by this alternate wetting and drying himself.

At last he could stand it no longer, and, going up to the rabbit, who had just lain down again in the sun, he said: "Good morning, Jack Rabbit; and why are you not at my house as you are supposed to be, and not lying in this hot sun when the tree offers such cool shade? Do you expect to get wisdom by getting a sunstroke?"

Jack Rabbit was somewhat taken aback by the appearance of Mr. Fox, particularly when he remembered how much Mr. Fox was annoyed at being kept waiting when he was late on a previous visit.

At length he recovered himself enough to say "Good morning," and then added: "I should have been at your house early this morning had I not made a most wonderful discovery which I am applying to myself and which is going to make me the most wonderful animal in all the world."

"I am much interested," said the fox. "Pray tell me what it is that you have discovered and what you expect to accomplish with yourself that is so wonderful?"

"Well," said Jack Rabbit, "last night while I was sitting outside the house of Farmer Windom I heard him say to his good wife this wisdom: 'Good wife, if you would make anything grow you must give it plenty of water and sunshine, and immediately I know that I had made a great discovery.'"

"And how was that?" asked the fox.

"You see," said the rabbit, "that it has been the sorrow of my life that I had nothing but a little insignificant stub for a tail, and until I heard Farmer Windom I never knew the way to make it grow. Now I know that all it needs is plenty of water and sunshine, and after I have given it these two things, why, I shall have a long tail and be the most wonderful animal in all the world."

"So, that is what you were doing while I was watching you from behind the rock," said the fox.

"Yes," said the rabbit, "and I am sure it has grown quite a little this morning. I wet it in the brook and then dry it in the sun and then wet it in the brook again, and so on. I have wet it already twenty times and—kerchoo—kerchoo!"

"Yes, indeed," said the fox, "kerchoo is the way it will end, for a bad cold is all you will get with the alternate wetting and drying of a part of your body. If you were a vegetable this application of water and sun might increase you, but a rabbit with a long tail would be a sad sight. You had better get into your burrow and take a good dose of peppermint tea if you wish to avoid having something worse than a cold, and your silly actions ought to teach you the wisdom which I have wasted a whole forenoon to bring to you, that neither rabbits nor people should seek for themselves things which are unattainable and which, even if attained, would be of no use."

Work for Creditors.

"If you pass your college examinations I'll pay all your debts."

"Why, uncle, do you want me to work for the benefit of my creditors?"

GIVE EMPLOYER YOUR BEST

No Man Can Serve Himself Well So Long as He Is Dissatisfied— "Knowledge Is Power."

As long as you work for a man, give him your best. If the conditions surrounding your position are unpleasant, keep on the watch for another job. If you have a definite idea of the character of the work you like best, it would be a good idea to advertise for it.

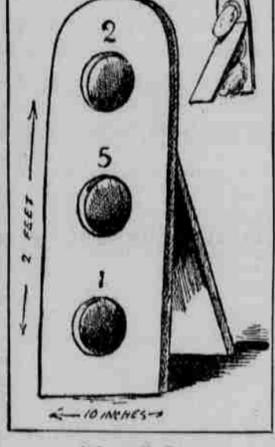
Don't work for a man to whom you cannot give your best; nor should you work for a man you can't respect. If your wages are not enough to allow you to live decently, search around for some other line of endeavor.

EXCELLENT GAME FOR BOYS

Amusing Pastime That Any Youth With Ordinary Tools and Trouble Can Make for Himself.

This is an amusing game that any boy with a little trouble and ordinary tools, can quite well make for himself, and which can be played equally well in a room or out of doors in the garden.

For it, will be required in the first instance a piece of board about ten inches in width, two feet in length, and an inch in thickness. In this board three circular holes are cut, each four inches in diameter, and one end of the wood should be rounded for appearance sake. It can then be



A Game for Boys.

painted and left to dry, and afterwards the numbers painted in some contrasting color above each hole.

Then the small bags made of linen or any other material are tacked on behind each hole, and this may be seen in the small sketch on the right which also illustrates the support that must be fastened on the back.

This game is played with rubber balls, the competitors standing at an agreed-on distance from the board and in turn throwing. When a ball enters a hole and stays there, the player scores the number that is above the hole, and if the game is fixed at, say twenty points, the first player who reaches that number wins. To add to the fun of the game small prizes for successful competitors can be easily arranged.

STREETS GIVEN TO CHILDREN

Certain Thoroughfares in New York City Closed to Traffic to Permit Youngsters to Play.

New York city is trying the experiment of closing certain highways to traffic daily and letting the youngsters romp in them. Huge signs are placed across these thoroughfares reading: "Street closed for play."

Miss Ruth Robinson, chief play organizer, says: "It brings an ache to the heart to see how reluctant some of the babies are to cut loose and play in the open street. Play seems inextricably associated in their little minds with guilt. No one, after watching for an hour or two the healthy spirit that grows among the children in these allotted play streets can doubt their benefit to the little people of New York."

Play is the best constructive factor in child growth. Even kittens and puppies will not thrive unless permitted to play. Play is the most skillful of physical trainers and moral teachers.—Child Betterment Bulletin.

Boyhood Troubles.

Mrs. Pawson—My sister is worried to death over her Reginald. She wants him to enter the ministry, his father wants him to go into business, while Reginald himself has his mind set on being an actor.

Mrs. Dawson—Hum—how old is he? Mrs. Pawson—He's going on seven.

Not a Straight Field.

When is a straight field not perfectly straight? When it is a rye (wry) field.

South American Trails



THE HIGH DESERTS OF PERU

PROBABLY no place in the world gives the traveler more contrasts in trail, scenery and climate than do the Andes in the last range of the Cordillera. From the barren snow line at the ridge down to the headwaters of the great Amazon system is but a few hundred miles, yet in this distance four distinct changes in the fauna and flora are apparent.

Starting over a hard open road where we made eighteen or twenty miles a day, the trail winds down through a rolling country until the last pass is crossed and the first signs of tropical vegetation appear, writes Lee Garnett Day, of the Collins-Day South American expedition, in the American Museum Journal.

Crossing South America from Mollendo on the west coast to Para on the east, by far the most eventful part of the journey is the 500 miles by mule train from Cochabamba, high in the Cordillera, to Todos Santos, the headwaters of the Amazon, 3,400 miles above its mouth. Cochabamba itself is a city of 60,000 inhabitants, the greater number of whom has never left its suburbs.

There were no wild animals of a kind to be feared by man along this route. Along the banks of the Chapare we found evidences of tapir, paca, capybara, jaguar, tiger cat, peccary, deer, coat, agouti and others, but the high water, which varies sometimes forty feet between seasons, had driven game to the highlands, making hunting possible only at the highest points along the Mamore. Bird life was most abundant in Bolivia; a collector could spend several seasons to advantage in these little-traversed routes across the South American states.

Mule Trail Hard to Follow.

The mule trail from Cochabamba to Todos Santos is far from an easy one to follow, notwithstanding that it is constantly traveled, being the route for most of the commerce between the low hot grazing lands of Bolivia at the eastern base of the Andes, and the high, well-populated tablelands around La Paz, Cochabamba, Oruro and other cities. It is always very narrow, passes through heavy woods, over ridges, along sides of cliffs, up or down a stream, and is often difficult even to locate.

Snails Very Nutritious.

"All snails are edible and nutritious," says Canon Hersley in a book on British land and fresh water molluscs, just published. He goes on to say that even the common or garden snail, though insipid, is as nourishing as calf's-foot jelly.

There is a large white-shelled snail called Helix pomatia that is commonly eaten by connoisseurs in the South of England, well as over France, Italy and Spain several species are used as food. In France there are many small farms which yield a good profit to their owners.

Snails are easy to raise in large quantities. They need lime for making their shells, but they do not have to be fed, as they can find their own food, which is exclusively the leaves of many plants. They are most delicious when properly prepared and cooked, and, as Canon Hersley says, as nourishing as calf's-foot jelly.

Something Accomplished.

"Do you think it does any good to express your feelings on the telephone?"

"Well, it may help to cheer the operator by giving her a few laughs if she happens to overhear you."

Geographically Speaking.

"I have just finished Lansing, Mich.," said the surgeon.

"And I," said the carpenter, "am now engaged in Macon, Ga."

"Wheeling, W. Va., is my next job," said the man with the wheelbarrow.

Few Women Who Have Plenty to Do Have Fits of Blues

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY

(Copyright, 1916.) We have many goodly days to see. The liquid drops of tears that you have shed shall come again transformed to orient pearl. Advantaging their loan, with interest, Oftentimes double gain of happiness.

Was there ever a woman—no matter how many blessings surrounded her—who did not give herself up completely to a fit of the blues now and then? They have indulged this habit—for it is nothing else than a habit—from girlhood up until at last it has taken such a hold upon them they are unable to shake off these depressions.

The splendid army of working girls should be an example of cheerfulness to the women in good homes who have nothing to do but nurse their grievances.

These working girls, each and every one, know the value of a smile and how to radiate cheerfulness. If you put the question to them whether or no they ever have fits of the blues, the smile will die out of their eyes as they answer gravely that in the business world there is no place for the girl or woman who gives free rein to fits of melancholy and that good nature, a happy mood and a genial disposition in general are the assets she depends on not only to keep her position, but to forge ahead.

It is only the idlers or those who have little or nothing to do who rail secretly over really insignificant affairs. The women wedded to men who drink up the greater part of their wages, leaving the family at home to fight starvation, ejection from the home that shelters them and with insufficient clothes to cover them, bravely fight the demon discontent, put their shoulders to the wheel and live and dream of the glorious duties they are performing in keeping their children at school and the golden reward that will surely be theirs later on.

The childless wife, who has longed for the clasp of little arms around her neck and childish, loving lips pressed to her own, encounters battles which she must fight bravely to outwit attacks of the blues. Philosophical women accomplish this by answering the cry of their lonely hearts with this truth: Whatever should be, will be. Whatever is, is best. He who denies their earnest prayers knows best.

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Timely Hints for Poultry Growers.

The best feed for little turkeys is dry grain chick feed, but it must be free from mustiness or moldiness and be clean and sweet.

Wealkings should never be tolerated in the chicken coop. Kill and bury them, for otherwise they will be the first to become infected and later die.

More ducks are killed by unnecessary handling, chilling and underfeeding than all other causes combined.

Be sure that little ducklings always have plenty of water to drink, especially at meal time, and deep enough so that they can get their heads into it up to their eyes.

Eggs to be used for hatching should not be subjected to either abnormally high or low temperatures. If they can be gathered before they have time to cool after being laid it is all the better for their hatching qualities. From 50 to 60 degrees is the best temperature for storing hatching eggs.

Little chicks should be protected from cool, damp surroundings. Nothing is more detrimental to their health and more certain to bring heavy mortality than to let them out in the wet grass early in the morning.

When shipping live poultry to market always allow sufficient room and use a coop sufficiently high, so that the fowls will not suffer from cramped positions while on the road. Any discomfort reduces their weight and costs the producer a certain amount of money.

Avoid feeding chicks food that has been in stock so long that it is moldy. It is bound to cause much trouble.

To get the most out of your flocks you must adopt present-day methods, so as to be on an even footing with your competitor.

The early hatched pullet is the one that begins to lay early in the fall, when eggs are high in price.

Collars Make Blouses.

Do you know how to "trim up" the plain blouse and make it become your individual style? Get a collar in white chiffon or sheerest organdie which, in turning back, covers the nape and the sides of the neck, runs flatly across the shoulders and straight down over the bust, forming a slender "V" opening below the throat. This collar is bordered with pin-tucked self material, straight on its outer edge and widely scalloped along the fine, embroidery-outlined inner edge. Another blouse-dominating collar has a tapering, narrow turnover coming high against all save the front of the neck, and widened by an extremely broad frilling of the plaited material, a-jour hemmed. In crepe de chine this second collar is extremely practical as well as dainty.

Education Sometimes Costly.

For the education of the 325 seniors at Yale college slightly more than \$1,000,000 has been required. While it is figured that \$4,073 for the entire four years is the average cost a student, one man alone has spent \$15,000 in the process of going through college, while another has required only \$500 to provide his education. In this connection it is a noteworthy fact that 120 members of the class have earned their way through college either in part or in whole, having earned to date a grand total of more than \$300,000.

A Few Things That You May Not Know.

A hand-operated machine to knead the stiffness out of leather has been invented by an Oklahoma man.

Included with recently invented sun goggles is a shade to protect a wearer's nose from sunburn.

Sixty miles of thread woven from the fiber of a species of Italian nettle weighs but two and a half pounds.

Sharp points in the inside of the lid of a new egg cup cut the shell away without disturbing the contents.

About 1,729 miles of railroads in the United States have been electrified to about 1,278 in all foreign lands.

Bombay averages more than seventy-two inches of rain a year and gets most of it within four or five months.

A powerful machine has been built in Germany for compressing scrap metal into more easily handled bales.

A wall tie that grips half a dozen bricks instead of two, as customary, has been invented by a Scotch builder.

Leather and canvas covers to be laced over automobile springs to keep them clean and dry have been patented.

According to a British scientist, weight for weight, macaroni is as valuable a flesh building food as beef or mutton.

In the Movies Comedy in One Reel

