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FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship is not like love; it cannot say "Now is mine and now is thine." The crown of me is set on mine own brow. This is the mine, the hour, and the day. It cannot find a moment which it may call that for which it lived; there is no now nor pledge thereof, nor first fruits of its love. Nor harvest, and no myrtle crown nor bay.

Love lives for what it may win or has won. But friendship has no guerdon save to be. It is its own good, and in the past Or future can no clearer dreams be done. Or hope for; save its own dear self to see. The same, and evermore unchanged to last. —Edward Lucas, New York Sun.

"General Order No. 1."

John F. was a soldier. He was a member of the Tenth Maine regiment and orderly sergeant of his company. He was every inch a soldier, brave and true, albeit a little prone to stick to the letter rather than to the spirit of the law. The articles of war were his study. In short, he was excessively military—military all through.

At the close of the late war John came home and was shortly afterward installed into the responsible position of sexton of our church, and he straightened things out wonderfully. On the very first Sabbath after his taking charge we found posted upon the wall of the church vestibule an imposing document headed, "General Order No. 1."

There had been trouble in certain quarters resulting from the difficulty which ladies who came to church late found in gaining their seats when gentlemen had got in ahead of them. John determined to remedy this, so he issued "General Order No. 1," which read as follows:

Rules to be observed when a lady wishes to enter a pew in which gentlemen are already seated. Let the lady advance one pace beyond the pew-halt—about face—and salute. The pew will be vacated by the gentlemen by a flank movement. The salute should rise simultaneously with the lady's salute, and face outward—then deploy into the aisle, the head man facing the lady, the others passing to his rear, when, if necessary, the line will be perfected up and down the aisle by a right or left countermarch, as the case may require, the right in front.

The lady, when the way is clear, will salute again, and advance to her position. In the pew, after which the gentlemen will break from the rear, obliquely, and resume their places.

Parties performing this evolution have possession of the aisle until it is completed, and some others will interfere.

JOHN F. F., Sexton.

Things went straight after that.—New York Ledger.

What Shall We Make Our Sunday?

What is to be the fate of our Sunday no one can tell. Its fate ought to be fair and even noble when one thinks about the growth of common sense and the day of rest for man and beast ought to ask no aid from revelation, so easily should it repose upon the wants of our race. And if to this conception of rest be added the idea of a certain high and moral education, the day should still find ample support in the processes of reason. A majority of Americans perhaps favor the day because of their religious beliefs and feelings, but almost the entire population ought to confess the value of a season by any former period.

The multiplying millions, the awakened intellects which can grow in vice as easily as in virtue, the needless work and pain of a people made half wild by liberty, the value of all true education and study, whether it comes from the arts or the fields of the sanctuary, join in asking the thinkers powerful in the church to discover what kind of Sunday will most truly bless man, not only as a religious being, but also as a being capable of greatness and happiness upon earth.—Professor David Swing in Forum.

"Everybody's" Idea.

First Boy—Why does everybody look so glum?
Second Boy—"Cause there ain't goin to be no war."
First Boy—Did everybody want to go to war?
Second Boy—No; everybody wanted to stay home an make money while the war was goin on.—Good News.

New Office Requisite.

Visitor—Why do you have that dog sitting on your writing desk?
Clerk—I have mislaid my sponge, so I am getting him to lick my postage stamps for me.—Sobremesa.

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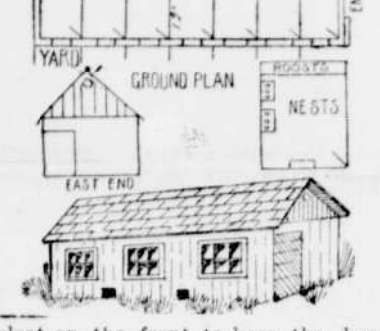


HOUSE FOR LEGHORNS.

How It Is Built, Ditched and Arranged on the Inside.

This sketch is from the building of a prominent breeder of white and brown leghorns. The buildings are 12 feet wide, with a good single roof, double boarded and paper between, some with floors of wood, some cement and some with earth floors. The board floor, well bedded with straw or chaff, is considered by him as the best. As he does not breed in large numbers, ten or twelve in a pen, the pens are divided up, each 8 feet wide, each portion boarded up 3 feet and wire or lath above, laths preferred.

The roosts are 2x4 round off and they are 2 feet over a drop board which slants a little to the front with a 2-inch



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AN ODE TO THE HEN.

Of robin and bluebird and linnet, spring poets write after page; their praises are sounded each minute by prophet, soot, singer and sage; but not since the stars sang together, nor since the creation of man, has anyone drawn a goosefearer in praise of the patient old hen.

All honor and praise to the singing that cheers up the woodland in spring; the old recollections of bringing up childhood and the love of things; but dearer to me than the twitter of robin, or martin, or wren, is that motherly cluck when a litter of chickens surrounds the old hen.

And her midwinter cackle, how cheery, above the new nest she has made; it notifies hearts all a-weary another fresh egg has been laid; when the old bird waxes heavy and aged and lazy and fat, well cooked with light dainties and gravy, there's great consolation in that.—Nebraska State Journal.

THE WINTER LAYERS.

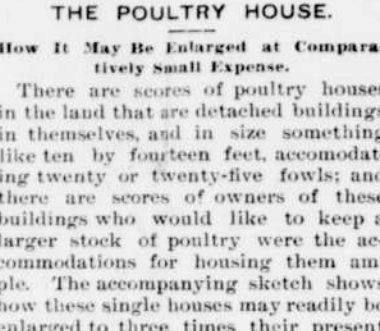
Must Be Hatched Early and Well Fed During Warm Weather.

Poultry World, if they are exposed to the inclemency of the December and January weather. Now and then we find an egg or two, dropped by the fowls in mid-winter. But as a rule, unless we aid them with warmth and kind usage then, they will not "discount" for us in the extreme cold season. If we desire to have fresh-laid eggs, therefore, in the winter-time, be it remembered, we must use the pullets which have come from the early previous spring hatch, and we must provide them with good warm houses, stimulating food, and good care through the autumn and early winter months. When we come to the breeding stock—from which the succeeding spring we desire to produce fresh hatches of chickens—then the later birds of the previous year, or the two or three-year-old hens that come into laying in February and March, will be profitable. Winter-laid eggs are of no account for hatching purposes, except in the incubator. And although it may be well enough to start an early brood or two annually, the bulk of all the hen-setting done in the North occurs to the best advantage after the month of March.

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