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Will Sometimes Happen.

"You wouldn't believe it, lieutenant, but only yesterday a lieutenant lay at my feet."

"Oh, yes! Lieutenants sometimes stumble!"—Fliegende Blaetter.

No Dash About Him.

Jones—Hamilton is a pretty good example of what a business man ought to be.

Brown—In some ways, yes, but then he's so terribly deliberate. Why, I've known him to spend ten minutes over his noonday lunch.—Boston Transcript.

Keeping in Practice.

The Washington's birthday masked ball was in full swing. The hour for unmasking had arrived.

"Where is George Washington?" asked the Spanish inquisitor of Louis Quirze.

"The last I saw of him," said Louis, "he was in the buffet cutting down the visible supply of cherry bounce."

A Quandary.

"Jones is in a bad fix mentally." "What's his trouble?" "He can't decide whether it is better to lose his soul cursing the joy pavement or lose his life trying to whip the man that throws ashes on them against the wind."—Baltimore News.

Usually the Case.

"Do you believe that position affects one's sleep?" asked the Mt. Auburn man.

"Certainly," replied the Norwood philosopher. "I never knew a man who had a position on the police force to be troubled with insomnia."

On Their Dignity.

He—I kind o' think I've seen you before. Ain't you a shop girl at Bergen's?

She—Sirl! I'm a saleslady!

He—That so? I'm an elevator gentleman at the same place.—Philadelphia Press.

A Butterfly Farm.

Near Scarborough, England, a farm exists for rearing moths and butterflies. Half an acre of land has been planted with trees and shrubs for the purpose. In their season the stock of caterpillars is twenty thousand. From thirty to forty thousand preserved insects are kept in reserve, so that butterflies and moths can be supplied irrespective of the time of the year.

Excessive Moisture.

Little Tommy when told he was growing too fast, said:

"Yes, I think they take me too much. Why, I have to water a bath every morning."

Subordinate.

Mr. Byrne Coyne—Ah, sweetest one, may I be your captain and guide your bark down the sea of life?

Mrs. Berrymore (a widow)—No, but you can be my second mate.

Out of Repair.

A small boy while walking with his mother one very warm day, and being nearly overcome with heat, raised his hat and feeling the drops of perspiration on his brow, said:

"Mother, my head is leaking."

HOW FORT SAN CARLOS FELL

German Gunsers Loaded Shells with Limburger Cheese.

In Fort San Carlos the Venezuelan garrison was pluckily withstanding the steady fire from the German warships. Shell after shell had exploded around them, men wounded or dead lay here and there, yet manfully they stuck to their guns and knew no fear, according to a writer in the New York Times.

"Do you want?" cried Gen. Bello, hoarsely, shaking his powder-stained fist at the flame-belching ships riding beyond the bar.

And, though the brave Venezuelan knew it not, the worst was already coming his way.

From the smoke-clouded gun deck of the German flagship "Brave Bill" Pilsener, gunner's mate, had climbed to the bridge, where the squadron commander, in vexation, was pacing back and forth.

"I beg to report, sir," he began, saluting and speaking with the peculiar Williamsburg accent, "that I have a scheme to put them Venezuelans outer commission."

"Vell, vass iss?" returned the commander, impatiently.

"Why," explained the gunner's mate, with a cruel, devilish light in his eyes, "we've got sixteen cases of limburger cheese and nine barrels of sauerkraut left in the hold, and I would suggest that we load some of our shells with the stuff."

The German commander recoiled at first from so diabolical and uncivilized a method of warfare, but he was bent on victory, and in the end he yielded to the idea.

Behind the defiantly thundering walls of the fort brave Gen. Bello was making an encouraging speech to his men.

"Remember the customs receipts," he concluded, in a burst of patriotism, and a cheer went up from the powder-coated throats of his men.

Just then the first of the limburger and sauerkraut charged shells from the flagship's main battery exploded over the fort. As the thick, dense odor settled down around them the patriots, panic-stricken, drew their cutlasses and cutting their way through it fled frantically from the fort to the clear ozone of the hills beyond.

FORTUNES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

More than \$1,500,000 is expended for photographs every year in New York city. Upward of 400 photographers reap this harvest, ranging from the Bowersky type man to the ultra-fashionable artist with a studio on Fifth avenue.

Be it raining or shining, in war or in the piping times of peace, thousands seek the skylight galleries every day with the fell intention of being "took." The present era of prosperity is entirely favorable to the natural vanity which prompts the average man and woman to face the camera.

Photographers who maintain expensive establishments and cater to the swell set share largely in the advantages of the good times, but their clientele, the wealthy folk, who spend from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year regularly for photographs, do not vary much in their orders whether the times be good or bad. It is the average business man and wage-earner, and more especially their families, who swell the photographer man's wallet these days, and thousands of such families spend from \$50 to \$100 a year.

Next to theatrical people, society folk get their pictures taken oftenest. Actors and actresses, so photographers say, are by no means the best of their patrons, and some of the studios decline their trade altogether, the principal reason being that they are bad paid. A member of one prominent firm said it was found inexpedient to deal with theatrical people and their regular patrons; it was like trying to mix oil with water, since the requirements of the theatrical photograph in accessories and background differ widely from ordinary phases of the art. Not a few fashionable women, however, like their pictures in the style and similitude of actresses.



He (after the proposal)—But suppose your father objects? She—Just inform him that I have decided to marry you, that will settle it.—Illustrated Bits.

A long story of a hanging, if well written, is very interesting.



To Train Grape Vines.

It may be said that there are a dozen systems of grape vine training in use, all of which have their good qualities and each, perhaps, superior to all others under certain conditions. The system of training from a single upright growth is, however, admitted to be after the most approved lines, and it certainly gives results. The illustration shows how the vine is trained in its first year. It is cut back to two strong buds at the time of planting and is set so that the buds will be just above the surface of the ground. A slight



stake is pressed into the ground near the vine and the vine is fastened to it with cord of a waterproof kind. If the trellis is built during this first year this cord is run to the first wire (the top one) and fastened. The vine will make the growth about as shown in the cut during this first year. The trellis is an important feature of the plan. The posts should be set eight feet apart, and so that they will stand about six feet out of the ground. Two wires are used in the position, as shown in the cut, the wires being fourteen inches apart. In training the vine for the second year cut off all that portion above the top wire, and as the lateral canes grow select the strongest opposite each wire, one on either side of the main stalk, and train them along the wires; this gives us two arms, so to speak, running along each wire at the end of the second year from planting. The third season the fruiting buds must be handled, and it is a good plan to select every other bud to supply the canes necessary for the upright growth from the arms. This upright growth is shortened in from time to time during the growing season, so as to throw the strength into the fruiting canes. This system of training requires labor, but it gives most excellent results.

Temporarily Blinds the Horse.

It has long been known, and put to practical test time after time, that to get a horse out of a fire the best plan is to blindfold him, and many an animal has been saved in this way which it was impossible to remove from the burning stable in any other manner.



TO PREVENT FRIGHT

practically the same principle to control fractious or vicious horses and to stop runaways which are caused by the animal taking fright at some object on the street or road. While the blinder in common use on bridges prevents the horse from seeing objects on either side, there is nothing to shut out the view of anything approaching which might tend to frighten the animal, and it can also turn its head if it hears a noise; but with this new device the driver or rider has only to pull a cord lying parallel to the reins and a bellows-like curtain is drawn over both eyes to shut out the sight completely. In this condition the animal can only stand and tremble until the object causing the fright has passed, when the curtain is lifted by releasing the cord, and the horse travels on as before. The curtain is housed in a small semi-circular leather casing passing over the animal's forehead just above the eyes, and the operating cords are inserted in the bit rings before passing back with the reins.

Agricultural Notes.

Eggplant is a gross feeder, but easily cultivated.

Interest in the apple box grows apace in the east.

Bone black is said to be good fertilizer for parsnips.

Give a good, thorough cultivation between the rows of strawberries.

Beets will stand considerable cold weather and may be planted early.

In a cold frame or sprout hotbed is a good place to start lima beans on sods.

It has been demonstrated conclusively that when an animal is fed on a variety, instead of on corn exclusively, a greater gain in weight is secured. Corn will excel in the production of fat, but bone and lean meat sell in the live animal as well as fat, rapid growth being a gain in weight.

In butter and cheese making every effort should be made to suppress dust which, according to a dairy authority, carries more infection than any other source.

Bees carry pollen from one flower to another while seeking honey. The real benefactors are the bee keepers, many of whom keep bees for pleasure rather than for profit. But for the bees many fruit trees that blossom out full would produce no fruit.

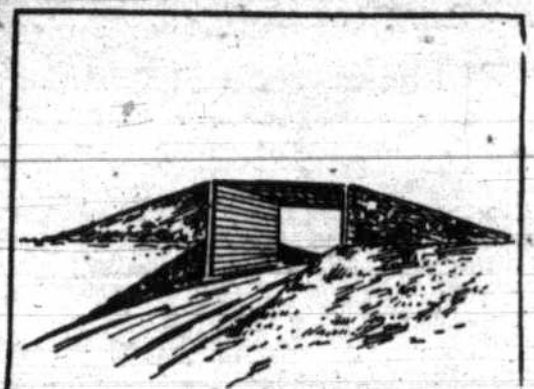
Such crops as squash, cucumbers and melons should have all fertilizers applied by broadcasting over the surface of the ground. If manure is applied it will also give good results if worked into the soil, although well-rotted manure in the hills will assist the plants at the start.

Preventing the spread of fungus diseases could be accomplished better by destroying the branches and vines that are cut away from trees and bushes than by the use of other methods. It is not sufficient to remove the portions of trees affected with black knot. They should be consigned to the flames, as no remedy is as sure in the destruction of the spores as fire.

Connecting Pastures by Causeway.

It frequently becomes desirable to have the pasture so arranged as to let stock pasture on both sides of a highway. The pasture is sometimes located on one side of the highway and yard and watering place on the other. Much time is required to drive cattle back and forth.

The difficulty can be overcome in a very convenient way. Select a place where there is a little rise in the ground, say from 2 to 4 feet, the more the better. Construct a wide ditch, from 10 to 12 feet, so it will easily admit a team to work with scraper down at bottom of it. Make it from 2 to 4 feet deep, as the natural condition of ground will admit. It must be constructed in such a way that it will have natural drainage at lower side, other-



wise it would fill with water after very heavy rains and be of no practical use.

A plank bridge is built across the opening and the sides planked. It should be made 5 1/2 to 6 feet high to admit the passage of all kinds of stock or even horses below. The earth taken out in digging is used in constructing the grade on each side of bridge. The bridge, as well as grade or dump, must be made as wide as required by law. The deeper it is practical to make the ditch, the less it will be necessary to dump upon the grade. A tight fence must be constructed from the pasture on each side of the passageway close up to the bridge. I have seen such a passageway constructed on the level prairie, but in such a case is only practical in every dry season, because in a rainy one the ditch will fill up with water.—Lewis Olsen, Kandiyohi, in Farm and Home.

Small Farms to Be the Rule.

In the future small farms will be the rule. More and better products will be raised on 60 acres than are now on 120 acres. There are farmers to-day who plant a 40-acre field in corn who could take the same amount of manure they used and put it on a 20-acre field, and get a greater yield and of better quality. Besides this, it will take only half the time to plow and cultivate the 20-acre field, which would further add to the profits. What a lesson the market gardeners are constantly giving to us farmers. Why, some of them use more barnyard manure on 20 acres than some farmers do on 120 acres. The crops the gardeners get are enormous, and their land is constantly increasing in fertility.

Wool Not the Whole Thing.

While the wool crop is an element to be considered when estimating the value of the sheep it must not be thought the whole thing, and when the price of the fleece is low do not turn away from the flock or turn them off the farm simply because that product is not up to what it formerly was, says Wool Markets and Sheep. Think of the many other advantages to be derived in sticking to our white fleeced friends.

Beets or Ensilage.

Corn ensilage and sugar beets were tested at the Nebraska station as to their value as succulent feed when given to dairy cows. The herd was divided into two lots, the same as in the experiment for testing alfalfa and wild hay. The results shown by this experiment were a little in favor of ensilage, but the difference was very slight. It seems to be more a question of how cheaply the two succulent feeds are produced than of their feeding value. Both foods gave good results and were relished by the animals.

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