

the matter more regular."

weak objection :

morning."

safe stood.

a fine morning."

to me.

morrow?"

"If the presence of the President," said

that official, "can't make a matter regular,

I don't know what can. Let him sleep on.

Isn't his signature on the bonds enough ?"

"What shall we tell Jones?"

What could I do? I made one more

"What shall we tell Jones?" he echoed

Really, Mr. Martin, you must use your

discretion as to what you tell your em-

ployes. You can hardly expect me to tell

Jones anything, beyond that it's a fine

We had now reached the bank, which

stood in Liberty street, a turning out of

the Piazza. I took out my key, unlocked

the door, and we entered together. We

passed into my inner sanctum; where the

"What's it in?" asked the President.

New York and London," I replied.

"Good," said he. "Let me look."

"United States bonds, and bills on

I unlocked the safe and took out the

securities. He examined them carefully,

placing each after due scrutiny in a small

handbag, in which he had brought down

the bonds I was to receive. I stood by, holding a shaded candle. At this mo-

I started and looked up. The Presi-

dent looked up without starting. There

upper chamber, where he and Mrs. Jones

was dear old Jones, descending from his

resided. He was clad only in his night-

shirt, and was leveling a formidable gun

full at the august head of his excellency.

"Ah, Mr. Jones," said the latter, "it's

"The President !" cried Jones ; "and

The President gently waved one hand

toward me, as if to say, "Mr. Martin will

explain," and went on placing his securi-

ties in the bag. In the face of this crisis

rope, Jones," said the President, "in-

structing him to advance a sum of money

"Cable?" said Jones. "Where is it?"

House. I saw it was on the table just

before we started. Though I presume

"Yet, as a matten of concession, Mr.

"Strictly as a matter of concession per-

haps I will, though I am bound to say

that I am surprised at your manner, Mr.

Martin will no doubt show it to him to-

'None at all," I said briskly.

Mr. Jones has no right-

"We must have left it at the Golden

"Mr. Martin received a cable from Eu-

Mr. Martin! Why, what on earth, gen-

ment a voice cried from the door :

"If you move you're dead men !"

CHAPTER II.-(Continued.) "Yes," continued the President, "owing

to the recent sales of your real property in this country (sales, due, I fear, to a want of confidence in my administration), you have at this moment a sum of \$300,-000 in the bank safe. Now (don't interrupt me, please) the experience of a busy life teaches me that commercial reputation and probity depend on results, not on methods. Your directors have a prejudice against me and my government. That prejudices you, with your superior opportunities for judgment, cannot share. You will serve your employers best by doing for them what they haven't the sense and courage to do for themselves. I propose that you should assume the responsibility of lending me this money. The transaction will redound to the profit of the bank. 'It shall also," he added, slow

ly, "redound to your profit." I began to see my way. But there were difficulties.

"What am I to tell the directors?" asked.

"You will make the usual return of investments and debts outstanding-mortgages-loans on approved security-but you know better than I do."

"False returns, your excellency means?" "They will no doubt be formally inaccurate," the President admitted.

"What if they ask for proofs?" said I "Sufficient unto the day," said the President.

"You have rather surprised me, sir," said, "but I am most anxious to oblige you, and to forward the welfare of Aureataland. There are, however, two points which occur to me. First, how am I to be insured against not getting my interest? That I must have.'

"Quite so," he interrupted. "And the second point I can anticipate. It is,

what token of my gratitude for your timely assistance can I prevail on you to accept?' "Your excellency's knowledge of human my hesitation left me.

nature is surprising."

"Kindly give me your attention, Mr. Martin, and I will try to satisfy both your very reasonable requirements. You have \$300,000; those you will hand over to me, receiving in return government 6 per cent bonds for that amount. I will then hand back to you \$65,000; \$45,000 you will retain as security for your interest; in the event of any failure on the part of Aureataland to meet her obligations honorably, you will pay the interest on the whole \$300,000 out of that sum. That secures you for more than two years against absolute failure of interest, which in reality you need not fear.

decorated, a gift from my father on my departure. I nodded and passed on, saying to my

self: "Very industrious, indeed. Not many men have done such a night's work as I have." And that is how my fortune became

bound up with those of the Aureataland national debt.

CHAPTER IV.

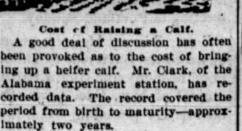
After the incidents above recorded things went on quietly enough for som months. I had a serious talk with Jones reproaching him gravely for his outrage ous demeanor. He capitulated abjectly on being shown the cable, which was pro cured in the manner kindly indicated by the President. The latter had perhaps been in too great a hurry with his heavy guns, for his hint of violence had rather stirred than allayed Jones' apprehensions If there were nothing to conceal, why should his excellency not stick at murde to hide it? However, I explained to him the consideration of high policy, dictating inviolable secrecy, and justifying a somewhat arbitrary way of dealing with trusted official; and the marked graciousness with which Jones was received when he met the President at the Ministry of Finance on current business went far to obliterate his unpleasant recollections, I further bound him to my fortunes by obtaining for him a rise of salary from the directors, "in consequence of the favorable report of his conduct received from Mr. Martin." Peaceful as matters seemed, I was not

altogether at ease. To begin with, the new loan did not apparently at all improve the financial position of Aureata land. Desolation still reigned on the scene of the harbor works; there was the usual difficulty in paying salaries and meeting current expenditure. The Presi dent did not invite my confidence as to the disposal of his funds; indeed before long I was alarmed to see a growing coldness in his manner, which I considered a once ungrateful and menacing : and when the half-year came round he firmly refus ed to disburse more than half the amount of interest due on the second loan, thus forcing me to make an inroad on my re serve of \$45,000. He gave me many good reasons for this course of conduct, dwell ing chiefly on the necessary unproductive ness of public works in their early stages and confidently promising full payment with arrears next time. Nevertheless began to see that I must face the possi bility of a continual drain on resource that I had fondly hoped woul be avail able for my own purposes for a consid erable time at least. Thus one thing and another contributed to open a breach between his excellency and myself, and, although I never ceased to feel his charm as a private companion, my distrust of him as ruler, and, I may add, as a fellow-

conspirator, steadily deepened. two pieces of wood, each having a hole Other influences were at this time at work in the same direction. Rich in the in the end, into which the nail in the possession of my "bonus," I had plunged end pieces of the screen will fit when even more freely than before into the the latter is in position. In this way it obtain a firm hold. This is true with gaities of Whittingham, and where I was will be impossible for the screen to get welcome before I was now a doubly hon- loose. In the illustration, H, at dotted But here again the chaser is handicapored guest. I became acquainted with line, shows where the screen will come ped. Hogs' tails are so little and at An Undiscovered Country in the the Signorina, the lady to whom the Pres- when in position; A, the side piece of the same time so frail that not infreng his inte with me; and my acquaintance with the Signorina was very rich in results. This lady was, after the President, per- to receive the nalls; B, the screen comhaps the best known person in Aureata- plete; G, the swinging lath by which land-best known, that is, by name and the door for the use of the hen is kept face and fame; for her antecedents and in place, and 2, the manner of attachcircumstances were wrapped in impeneing the small strap to the side of the trable mystery. When I arrived in the screen.-Indianapolis News. country the Signorina Christina Nugent had been settled there about a year. She had appeared originally as a member of an operatic company, which had paid a visit to our "National Theater" from the United States. The company passed on its not very brilliant way, but the Signoriana remained behind. It was said she had taken a fancy to Whittingham, and, being independent of her profession, had determined to make a sojourn there. At any rate, there she was. She established herself in a pretty villa, closely adjoining the Golden House; it stood opposite the presidential grounds, commanding a view of that stately enclosure ; and here she dwelt, under the care of a lady whom she called "Aunt," known to the rest of the world as Mrs. Carrington, two or three weeks. Storage eggs, that The title "Signorina" was purely profes- are put into the refrigerator immedisional; for all I know the name "Nu- tely after they are laid, come out betgent" was equally a creature of choice ; but, anyhow, the lady herself never professed to be anything but English, and openly stated that she retained her title simply because it was more musical that that of "Miss." (To be continued.)



Comfort for Hen and Chicks It is a cruel plan which shuts off the ir almost entirely from the hen with a brood of chicks by placing a board in ront of the coop at night; nor is such a plan necessary if one will take the rouble to build a coop or coops after the following plan. Build the coop after the usual plan, sloping the roof to the rear and covering the front with slats except at one lower corner, where door should be arranged, so that the her can be easily let out when desired. I'o solve the problem of plenty of fresh air and at the same time feredom from prowling small animals, construct a screen ; make the frame large enough completely to cover the front of the coop and cover it with wire netting; at either side fasten a strap with a hole in the end, and on the sides of the coop



One of the calves, which weighed at birth fifty-six pounds, consumed during the first year of her life 150 pounds of home milk, 273 pounds of skim milk, 66 pounds of bran, 224 pounds of hay and was pastured for 161 days. When she was 1 year old she had cost \$12.86 and she weighed 435 pounds.

During the second year her rations were made up of sorghum hay, silage, oat straw, corn stover and a little cotton seed and bran. The pasturage perlod covered 224 days. The cost of the feed was \$9.09 for the second year and she weighed at the end 665 pounds. Thus the total cost of feed up to the time of maturity was \$21.95.

No All-Round Poultry Food. A correspondent asks for some poul try food which will answer for general purposes-that is, a food which will make hens lay, which is also good for little chicks and which may be used for fattening later if desired. Novices in if only he may conduct the choir. poultry raising are quite likely to be more or less disturbed by the amount of detail required to carry on the work successfully and are generally seeking for some short cut, especially in the line of feeding. The same food . hich will make hens lay without fattening them will not do to fatten them on. Of course, corn is usually a part of the va- one to slip through the pearly gates. riety fed hens and will of itself fatten them, but it is not used by itself as a regular diet for laying hens. It would be as absurd to feed hens cracked corn entirely as it would be to feed little chicks the whole kernel.

Hog Catcher.

Chasing-hogs is exceedingly amusing when the chaser is bent on pleasure of love. only. When it becomes an everyday instead the air is generally laden with tioned here. expletives not suitable to polite society. The hog is an elusive beast. Being round if we were as scrupulous about the and fat-and also slippery-the chaser is not afforded any point of vantage to but one exception, and that is his tall.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

@ OME people seem to think that the only way to make sure of the church getting to Abraham's bosom is to keep her a poor beggar there. A man does not make hay by

letting the grass

grow under his

A soft voice may come out of a hard heart

feet.

No-life is more costly than the worthess one.

Salvation cannot be spread without sacrifice.

The just live by faith and the faithful live justly.

The brave man is the last to think of lecturing on courage.

No man has eternal life who is willing to keep it to himself.

His death was the last segment in the perfect circle of His life.

Many a pull is like a rubber string. most effective when it hits back. . . He cannot be meek before heaven

who turns a marble heart to man.

A good deal of summer religion is so thin you can see right through it.

The devil will let the preacher alone It takes more than rose water to

make the desert bloom as the rose. The altitude of prayer does not de-

pend on' its high-sounding phrases. The call to watch and pray means more than watching your neighbor.

It takes more than polish to enable It's better to have your feet on the rocks than your head in the clouds.

The uncontrollable tongue does not have to work long to tell all it knows.

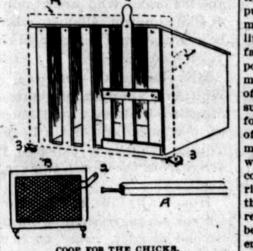
Dreaming of great deeds, we miss the doing of thousands of little good deeds. There are too many preachers trying to make bread of life without the leaven

When we get to heaven we shall duty the funny feature disappears, and think most of the mercles we never men-

> The world would get a good-sized lift things that come out of our mouths as we are about those that go in.

BEAUTIFUL CASS LAKE.

Geography of the Camp Beautiful Cass Lake, set in an emer way and white pines, contains an island of 1,200 acres known as Star Island, because its five wooded points jutting out into the lake give it the shape of a star, says the St. Paul Ploneer Press. Here also the white pines and glant Norways constitute a bit of the forest primeval. And within this island is yet another lake, the crystal waters of which reflect vividly the evergreen forest that girts its shores. This inner lake is variously known as Lake Helen and Lake Windigo. The latter name was given to it by the Indians and is said to mean the place of the evil spirit, though the fitness of the name is certainly not apparent in the quiet and peaceful surroundings of its placid waters. This lake, which is about a mile in circumference, is almost circular and has no visible outlet or inlet. Its surface is at all times higher than that of the surrounding lakes. The forest on Star Island is one of its greatest attractions. Many of the trees are two feet through the butt and are capable of being cut into five or six sixteen-foot logs. Norway pine once it is securely clamped on the hog's predominates, although many white pines are to be seen. There is little undergrowth on the island, the surface of which is comparatively even, making it an easy matter to traverse it in all directions. There are high bluffs overlooking Cass Lake which make ideal points on which to pitch a camp. From these bluffs the surface generally slopes gradually to the shores of Lake Helen. There are springs containing the purest of drinking water and wells are easily sunk at all points. From the bluffs the view of Cass Lake, with its numerous bays and inlets and background of pine forest, is enchanting. The primeval forest stretches away with magnificent sweep to the horizon and nothing in the surroundings suggests the presence of civilized man save the occasional boat of a fisherman. Star Island is a part of the ten secthat come in August and September- tions, 6,400 acres, forever set apart as a forest reserve by the government. desert the place at once. Put some of weeds until frost, and the result will spot has not been sought out by outing the wash into and around their holes be a great saving of labor in the grow- parties. So far as the great body of and along their runways wherever pos- ing of small fruits and vegetables, as summer tourists is concerned, Star other places, but you must follow them weeds and grass which spring up at all Here are all the advantages that go to make an ideal camping spot-pure air. cool, pure water, evergreen forests, high, dry land on which to pitch the Cauliflowers will not thrive except tent, myriad lakes and streams and a under the very best conditions. They fisherman's and sportsman's paradise. Added to these advantages is the fact bage, only the soil must be exceedingly that the reservation is constantly under rich. Many growers have found it nec- the police protection of Uncle Sam, essary to occasionally water this crop, which reduces the risk from forest fires which is a hindrance to field culture, and other perils to a minimum. All although the prices usually obtained re- the camper is required to do is to get a pay the care. If the leaves are drawn permit from the government; agree to together over the heads blanching will exercise proper care in regard to camp fires and not to injure the trees.



are placed to hold the screen in place.

To make the screen still more secure

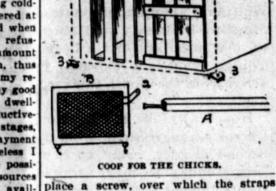
when placed have the side pieces large

enough so that a long wire nall may be

driven in them about one-quarter the

length of the nall, at the end; then sink

in the ground at either end of the coop



Till the money is wanted, you will have the use of it. The remaining \$20,000 I shall beg of you to accept as your commission, or rather as a token of my es teem. \$20,000 absolutely-\$45,000 as long as the Aureataland pays interest ! You must admit I deal with you as one gentleman with another, Mr. Martin. In the result, your directors get their interest, I get my loan, you get your bonus We are all benefited, no one is hurt! All this is effected at the cost of a harmless stratagem.

I was full of admiration. The scheme was very neat, and, as far as the President and myself were concerned, he had been no more than just in pointing out its advantages. As for the directors, they would probably get their interest; any how, they would get it for two years. There was risk, of course ; a demand for evidence of my alleged investments or a sudden order to realize a heavy sum at short notice would bring the house about my ears. But I did not anticipate this. Well, Mr. Martin," said the President,

"do you agree?" I still hesitated. The President rose

and put his hand on my shoulder.

"Better say yes. I might take it, you know, and eause you to disappear-believe me, with reluctance, Mr. Martin. It is true I shouldn't like this course. It would perhaps make my position here untenable. But not having the money would certainly make it untenable."

I saw the force of this argument, and said :

"I can refuse your excellency nothing." "Then take your hat and come along to the bank," said he.

This was sharp work.

"Your excellency does not mean to take the money now-to-night?" I exclaimed. "Not to take, Mr. Martin-to receive it from you. We have made our bargain. What is the objection to carrying it out

promptly?" "But I must have the bonds. They must be prepared, sir."

"They are here," he said, taking a bundle from the drawer of a writing table. "\$300,000 6 per cent stock, signed by myself, and countersigned by Don Antonio. Take your hat and come along." I did as I was bid.

CHAPTER III.

It was a beautiful moonlight night, and Whittingham was looking her best as we made our way along the avenue leading to the Piazza 1871. The President walked briskly, silent but serene; I followed, the trouble in my mind reflected in a somewhat hang-dog air, and I was much comforted when the President broke the stillness of the night by saying :

"You have set your foot on the first rung of the ladder that leads to fame and wealth, Mr. Martin."

I was rather afraid I had set it on the first rung of the ladder that leads to the gallows. But there the foot was; what light, for the clock had gone five, and I the ladder turned out to be was in the met Father Jacques sallying fortn. He hands of the gods; so I threw off care, had already breakfasted, and was on his and as we entered the Plazza I pointed to the statue, and said :

"Behold my inspiring example, your excellency !" "Exactly," he replied, 'I make the most

of my opportunities." I knew he regarded me as one of his

opportunities, and was making the most of me. This is not a pleasant point of view to regard one's self from, so changed the subject, and said :

"Shall we call for Don Antonio?" "Why?"

"Well, as he's minister of finance, I ought perhaps his presence would make

Jones looked sadly puzzled. "It's all irregular, sir," said he. "Hardly more so than your costume!

said the President, pleasantly. Jones being thus made aware of the havoc the draught was playing with his

airy covering, hastily closed the door, and said to me appealingly : "It's all right, sir, I suppose?" "Perfectly right," said I.

"But highly confidential," added the

President. "And you will put me under a personal obligation, Mr. Jones, and at the same time fulfill your duty to your employers, if you preserve silence till the transaction is officially announced. man who serves me does not regret it." Here he was making the most of an other opportunity-Jones this time. "Enough of this," I said. "I will go

ver the matter in the morning." His excellency walked up to Jones and

looked hard at him., "Silent men prosper best, and live long est, Mr. Jones.'

Jones looked into his steely eyes, and suddenly fell all of a trembl

The President was satisfied. He ab ruptly pushed him out of the room, and we heard his shambling steps going up the staircase. His excellency turned to me, and said with apparent annoyance : "You leave a great deal to me, Mr. Martin."

He had certainly done more than tell Jones it was a fine morning. But I was too much troubled to thank him; I was thinking of the cable. The President divined my thoughts, and said :

"I must prepare that cable."

"Yes," I replied; "that would reas sure him. But I haven't had much practice in that sort of thing, and I don't quite know-

The President scribbled a few words on a bit of paper, and said : "Take that to the postoffice, and they'll

give you the proper form; I will fill it

Certainly some things go easily if the head of the State is your fellow criminal. "And now, Mr. Martin, it grows late. I have my securities; you have your bonds. We have won over Jones. All

goes well. Aureataland is saved. You have made your fortune, for there lie your \$65,000. And, in fine, I am much obliged to you. I will not trouble you to attend me on my return. Good-night

Mr. Martin." He went out, and I threw myself down in my office chair, and sat gazing at the bonds he had left me. I wondered whether he had merely made a tool of me; whether I could trust him; whether I had done well to rely on his promises. And yet there lay my reward; and I soon arose, put the government bonds and the

\$65,000 in securities in the safe, locked up everything, and went home to my lodgings. As I went in it was broad dayway to administer early consolation to the flower women in the Piazza. He

stopped me with a grieved look, and said : "Ah, my friend, these are untimely hours.'

I saw I was laboring under an unjust uspicion.

"I have only just come from the bank. had to dine at the Golden House and afterward returned to finish up a bit of

work. "Ab, that is well," he cried. "It is then the industrious and not the idle ap-

A Marvelous Tree.

A marvelous tree is reported to have been discovered in the San Jacinto Mountains, on the borders of Mexico. of the fig in shape, but they are of vivid used to neutralize the acid of the cop-The leaves of the tree resemble those purple and covered with bristly hairs, per sulphate, says F. Grenier, who is which easily penetrate the skin, causing painful swellings. The flowers are red. and greatly resemble tarantulas.

ening odor it gives off. A few whiffs lime. For the ordinary (lime) Borof this produces unconsciousness. In deaux mixture I would use at least fact, the discoverers of the tree were as much lime as copper sulphate, pound for pound, unless I rely (as I usually rendered insensible by it.

either the "Tarantula Plant," or the "Chloroform Tree."

Sad Story.

Kind Lady-Poor man! You look so lean and seedy. Did you ever have an occupation?

failure of it.

Kind Lady-Indeed! What was the book called?

Downan Outt+"How to Succeed." mum.

Manners.

Jimmy had come to school with dirty hands, says a writer in the New York World. His teacher was shocked.

"Jamie," she said, reprovingly, "your hands are very dirty. What would you say if I came to school that way?" "I wouldn't speak about it," said Jim-

my. "I'd be too polite."

Comes Natural to Him.

Sinkers-Did you ever notice Reelton's hook nose and fishlike eyes? Corker-Yes. It isn't any wonder prentice I meet?" referring to a series of Corker-108. It isn't any famous prints with which my room was that he tells such fishy stories.

the screen, with the long wire nail in position; 3, 3, the stakes in the ground

What Makes Quality in Eggs. The grocer soon learns that he must send good eggs to his customers or he will not have them long, and the farmer who is progressive will soon learn that he must do the same. The word "fresh," when applied to eggs, may mean a great deal, or it may not. The egg grower who wishes to create a regular demand for his eggs at high prices must market his stock promptly, for there is nothing that so disgusts the experienced handler of eggs as to find that the eggs that he bought for fresh had been held in the country for ter, after four or five months have elapsed, than the eggs that are allowed to remain in the farmer's pantry for a month after they are laid before they

are marketed.

Plant Injury from Spraying. As many still complain about the injury done to the leaves of trees, raspberry bushes; etc., by spraying, it may

be repeated that there should be enough alkali, whether lime or soda, an accomplished gardener. The formula for soda Bordeaux calls for six pounds of copper sulphate to seven and one-half pounds of soda, and even then plant, however, is the heavy and sick- it might be safer to add a pound of tanical name, it is proposed to call it test. As long as the mixture has an acid reaction, danger of injury to the foliage, and possibly to the fruit, such

Dissolve five pounds copperas in ten up with the wash, and eventually they | times.

The Truck Garden Insect.

Insects infesting truck gardens very often affect field crops as well, but it should be borne in mind that pest exterminting methods that are of no use in large areas are often the best in a small patch where there is more intensive cultivation, and where the price the output brings will warrant more outlay.

quently the hog emerges from the chase minus his tail. A more sensible method ald wreath of 6,400 acres of giant Nor-



SUBDUES THE HOG

is the use of the implement illustrated herewith. The inventor, an Iowa man, claims that no difficulty is experienced in getting the noose in position. When nose it is an easy matter to lead the animal to any place desired.

Water Before Feeding.

This question of watering before on after feeding has never been settled. A leading English authority states that horses should never be watered until after feeding, but always before, especially if the feed is grain. If a horse is very thirsty give him water and then walt a short time before feeding. If possible, horses should always have access to water. They will drink less and there is much less danger of indigestion or cholera. If a horse is exhausted from overexercise, the supply do) on the ferro-cyanide of potassium of cold water should be limited. If water is tepid, a much larger amount may be allowed.

Late Weeds.

The late weeds in the garden-those are the ones that produce seed before gallons of water and add enough fresh the fact is noticed, and thus stock the Splendid as this spot is for camping slacked lime to make a moderately ground with weeds the next year. The purposes, probably less than a dozen be a book agent, but I made a dismal thick whitewash. Apply to all places garden is often neglected late in the parties availed themselves of its advanwhere the rats congregate and they will summer, but it should be kept clear of tages last season. The truth is the sible to do so. They will change to most of the work required is due to the Island is yet undiscovered country.

Growing Cauliflower.

are grown in the same manner as cabbe greatly facilitated

as apples, pears, etc., exists.

To Get Rid of Rats.

will leave your place altogether and will not return while the wash remains.

