

The Swiss Referendum.
In some of the cantons of Switzerland a method resembling the referendum has been in practice since the sixteenth century. The present form was adopted in the canton of St. Gallen in 1830. In 1848, in spite of conservative opposition, the referendum was incorporated in the Swiss federal constitution, and in 1874 its application was extended. In all the cantons, except Fribourg, the referendum is now established.

In Due Form.
Orlando Spangmann had proposed, "I shall have to refer you to papa," said the young and lovely Clarinda Hewlins.
Orlando reflected.
"Yes," he said, "I suppose that is the correct procedure. I take the initiative and you order the referendum."—Chicago Tribune.

Some Satisfaction in That.
Mrs. Hewlins—You say that if a burglar wants to get into the house he'll get in in spite of everything you can do to keep him out. Then what is the use of your taking so much pains to fasten all the doors and windows?
Mr. Hewlins—I want to give him all the trouble I possibly can, blame him!—Chicago Tribune.

Admission by Ticket.
Mandy was a young colored girl, fresh from the cotton fields of the south. One afternoon she came to her northern mistress and handed her a visiting card.
"The lady what gib me dis is in de parlor," she explained. "Deys another lady on de do step."
"Gracious, Mandy!" exclaimed the mistress. "Why didn't you ask both of them to come in?"
"Cause, ma'am," grinned the girl, "de one on de do step done fo'git her ticket."—Judge's Library.

Start in Life.
"Young man," said a rich and pompous old gentleman. "I was not always thus. I did not always ride in a motor car of my own. When I first started in life I had to walk."
"You were lucky," rejoined the young man. "When I first started I had to crawl. It took me a long time to learn to walk."—Democrat's Telegram.

The Careless Nephew.
She forgot to mention him in her will, did his unforgiving elderly aunt. He had kept her house while she went abroad.
And forgot to mention the rubber plant.

He Did.
First Waiter—You tried hard enough to work that swell guy for a tip. Did he give you one?
Second Waiter—Yes; he gave me two. He handed me a dime and told me never to judge a man's wealth by the clothes he wore.

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Still in Process.

A New England man, lately returned from a year in South Carolina, tells of a little darky whom he saw the week after his arrival, and from whom he derived great amusement during his stay in the South.

The man was lying in his hammock on the hotel piazza one day, and opened his eyes after a drowsy period to find a small, coal-black boy regarding him solemnly, a tall glass of some cooling drink on a tray held tightly by both hands.

"Who are you?" asked the invalid, idly; but there was no reply save a broad smile.

"Where were you raised?" inquired the invalid next, with a vague idea that he had heard that was the usual opening question.

There was another broad smile, but out of the midst of it gurgled the reply: "I ain't done raised yet, sah."

Uncle Ben Liked Her.

A Kansas City girl recently married a man who lives in one of the smaller nearby towns and went there with him to live. The bridegroom was naturally eager that his relatives should like his bride and as one, an old farmer, voiced his complimentary opinion in his hearing he at last asked:

"These Ben, what do you think of my wife?"

"Wa, for a fact, George," responded the old fellow, "you shore outmarried yourself."—Kansas City Times.

Nothing Doing.

"Ray, I hear somebody in this crowd said I was a liar," blustered the village bully, approaching a group of men he thought he knew. "Where's the guilty party?"

"I guess maybe it was me," quietly rejoined a husky stranger, who measured fully six feet and looked to be stronger than an ox, as he pulled off his coat and proceeded to roll up his sleeves.

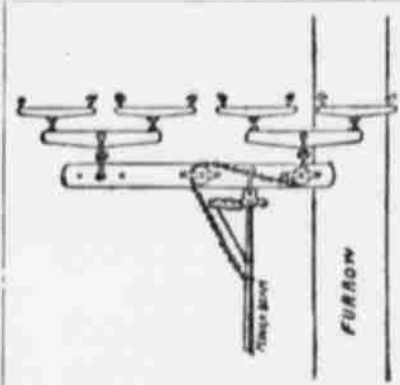
"Oh, that's all right," continued the bully, as he hurriedly backed away. "Keep your clothes on; I didn't say I wasn't!"

FARMS AND FARMERS



Four Horse Evener.

One of the simplest forms for four-horse evener is shown in the illustration which is self-explanatory except for measurements. Besides double-trees of ordinary plough length, and the stick of tough oak from which to make the evener, two pulleys large enough so a small link log chain will work through them, two bolts to bolt the pulleys on and two pieces of two-inch wide strap iron bent and used as braces for the pulleys, are required. These pieces of strap iron had better be bolted, also. Their use is to furnish a brace for the pulleys. Any small link log chain can be used, and if too long it can be wrapped around the plough where hitched. Now for the measurements. In the first place, the stick



SIMPLE FOUR-HORSE EVENER.

needs to be five feet four inches long, and from the right end to the first pulley it is just seven inches. This measurement is to the center of the pulley. From the center of the right pulley, measure fifteen and one-quarter inches and bore a hole, which is where the plough head clevis fastens. Now go back to the extreme right end of the stick and measure thirty and three-quarter inches. You then have the place where the second pulley is to be placed. This puts the two pulleys just twenty-four inches apart. This completes all the measurements that need to be accurate. At the left end, where the left team is hitched, it is best to bore about three holes, and you can fasten the doubletrees in whichever hole which seems best suited to the team. Bore the first hole about two and one-half inches from the end, then go two inches and bore another, and two inches from that, if a third hole is wanted. This evener will work one horse in the furrow and three on the plough, and there will be no side draft. Hitch the chain up pretty short so there is not too much slack when turning to the left, and hitch it to the plough back about where the coupler runs, or where experimenting tells you is the best place.—Montreal Star.

Food for Young Calves.

Withhold solid foods until the calf will take them dry, which is usually at about three weeks of age. As the calf grows older encourage big eating in order to secure good storage capacity, and with sound and nutritious foods stimulate both digestion and ability to digest.

By rich cream we have commonly come to understand to mean milk rich in butter fat. It is admitted that milk richest in butter fat is also richer in casein; and, while an excess of butter fat is not likely to disarrange the stomach of the calf, an excess of casein will. Therefore, allowing the milk to cream, and removing this to reduce the richness of the milk to the needs of the calf, is an aggravation rather than a modification, for by the skimming process the proportion of casein has been increased, while the effort that should have been made should have modified the casein. This can be accomplished by simply adding water to the whole milk, maintaining blood temperature.

Salt as Mangel Fertilizer.

The value of salt as a manure for mangels has often been demonstrated, and the demonstration was repeated at Woburn last season. About fifteen tons of farmyard manure were applied to four plots, and this appeared to be sufficient to produce nearly as much as could be grown on the soil of the field. One plot had also a top-dressing of one hundredweight of nitrate of soda, which very slightly increased the yield. Where one hundredweight of salt was added there was a further increase; but where the quantity of the nitrate was doubled, without salt, the yield was reduced.—Agricultural Gazette.

Poultry-House Lice.

Turn out the fowls some days and close all the cracks in the house except the door. Take a kettle of live coals, and place on the ground in the center of the house, but if there is a wood floor, lay a flat stone under the

kettle. Throw a half pound or a pound of sulphur on the coals, and shut the door. If the house is left closed for a few hours it is safe to conclude that no lice or mites will be found therein after the operation. The sulphur cure is the best method of ridding poultry houses of pests, but if the house is not tight it will not prove satisfactory. Clean the house as well as it can be done, mix whitewash with fresh lime, mix in a liberal supply of sulphur, after which throw sulphur into all the cracks. Apply kerosene oil to all the roosts, and burn off the outer surface. Air the house thoroughly.—Weekly Witness.

The Age of Sheep.

The age of sheep is very easily shown by an examination of the teeth. A lamb has the first pair of permanent front teeth when about 10 months old; the second pair appears at about 18 months; the third pair at 28 months and the fourth at about 33 to 40 months. When the whole of the permanent front teeth have appeared the sheep is in its fourth year. The Merino matures its teeth later than the other breeds; the Cotswold and South-downs and other highly-improved mutton sheep are some months ahead of a Merino, but at 4 years every sheep has its full mouth of teeth. Later the age is known by the appearance of the teeth, which gradually lose their sharp edges and become worn down smooth. A healthy sheep will keep its teeth good until 10 or 12 years old, if the pasture is not unusually bare and the soil sandy, so as to wear the teeth excessively.

Sheep as a Civilizer.

A speaker at a farmers' meeting eulogized the little animal with the golden hoof in the following interesting strain:

"Sheep are always the advance guard to attack new and undeveloped territory. The first sheep and the first negro slaves that placed foot on what is now the United States of America, were landed from the same fleet at St. Augustine, Sept. 5, 1565, 330 years ago. From that day to this the sheep has been the most universal live agent of the settlers in subduing the country and maintaining its productiveness; and whenever they have neglected their sterility exists as a monument to their folly."—Weekly Witness.

To Lift a Loaded Wagon.

Build a grip of timber under a wagon and place upon it a heavy beam, as shown in the sketch. Let this come just under the axle of the wagon. Then



HANDY FOR OILING AXLES.

place a stone in front of the wheel, so that when the team draws the wagon forward the wheel will be lifted upward on the inclined beam. If the incline is not too much the wagon will not slip backward and the wheel will be loose for oiling.—Farm and Home.

Looking Forward.

Luther Burbank, the famous horticultural wizard, says there is not a weed alive which will not sooner or later respond liberally to good cultivation. A day will come when the earth will be transformed, when man shall offer his brother man not bullets nor bayonets, but richer grains, better fruit and fairer flowers.

Poultry Pickings.

The heating of the brooder plays a very important part in the growth of the young chicks.

The fowls and eggs from a pure bred flock of hens will bring more money on account of their uniformity.

A good brooder is of more importance than an incubator, if one can be of more importance than the other.

There is nothing that fits into the regular farm crops and live stock better than a well managed flock of poultry.

Do not expect to find smooth sailing with the incubators and brooders at first. It requires patience and vigilance in learning to manage them.

The cost of securing well bred poultry is so comparatively small that there is no excuse for keeping a lot of mongrel hens.

There is nothing more disgusting than to see a lot of old, scaly legged roosters running with a flock of hens. Sell them off and keep good, healthy males.

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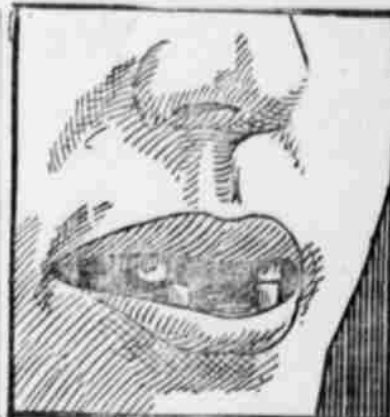
Delay in Divorce.

"The underlying reason why so much time usually elapses between the filing of petition and the hearing or trial in divorce proceedings is not generally understood," remarked a lawyer who makes a specialty of this character of practice. "Perhaps it is within the circle of truth to say that in a majority of cases, if either husband or wife, whichever side be plaintiff, should 'stop, look, and listen,' as it were, the trouble would be adjusted out of court entirely."

"As a rule, judges are inclined to afford ample time for domestic partners to ponder well before pursuing further toward legal redress for matrimonial difficulties. 'Divorce in haste and repent at leisure' is a logical paraphrase. Of course, if after mature reflection a different opinion does not ensue, the average jurist would favor progressing the suit."

Johnnie's Position.

"Yes," began Mr. Peters, Sr., "John Peters, Jr., has quit school and accepted a position in Davis' general store."
"Indeed!" commented the summer visitor. "What are his duties?"
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