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FOR YOUNG FOLKS

A BOTTLE TRICK.

How to Cut the Inclosed Thread and Not Break the Seal.

A very pretty experiment may be made with a sunglass, an empty bottle and a piece of thread. Let the bottle be of clear glass, not colored. In the lower end of the cork fix a bent pin and to the pin attach a piece of thread not long enough to touch the bottom of the bottle. Tie a shoe button or something of light weight to the thread to make the latter hang straight.

Now, having procured a sunglass, which, you know, is nothing but a lens convex on both sides, and having selected a day when the sun is shining and a place where you may avail yourself of its rays, you are ready for the experiment.

You may if you choose pretend that you are going to perform a little feat

PAINTING THE THREAD.

of magic. If so, tell the spectators that you intend to cut the thread in the bottle without touching the cork or the bottle either. Then let some one put sealing wax on the cork in such a way that the seal could not be broken without detection.

Having made these preparations, leave the room for a moment and go to a window or a door where the sun is shining. There with your sunglass focus the rays upon the thread in the bottle, and you will soon burn it in two with the heat. Take the bottle back to the spectators and let them guess how you performed the feat. Of course they must not know anything about the sunglass until you are ready to give them an explanation.

This experiment will illustrate the passage of the sun's heat through glass without heating it, for you will find that while the focused rays burn the thread in two they do not heat that part of the bottle through which they pass or any other part.

AN INDIAN LEGEND.

Why Birds Love the Trees and Build Nests In Them.

An Indian story that has been handed down and is still believed by many Indian tribes is one about the transformation of leaves into birds. Long years ago, when the world was young, the Great Spirit went about the earth making it beautiful. Wherever his feet touched the ground lovely trees and flowers sprang up. All summer the trees wore their short green dresses. The leaves were very happy, and they sang their sweet songs to the breeze as it passed them. One day the wind told them the time would come when they would have to fall from the trees and die. This made the leaves feel very bad, but they tried to be bright and do the best they could so as not to make the mother trees unhappy. But at last the time came, and they let go of the twigs and branches and fluttered to the ground. They lay perfectly quiet, not able to move except as the wind would lift them.

The Great Spirit saw them and thought they were so lovely that he did not want to see them die, but live and be beautiful forever, so he gave to each bright leaf a pair of wings and power to fly. Then he called them his "birds." From the red and brown leaves of the oak came the robins, and yellow birds from the yellow willow leaves, and from bright maple leaves he made the red birds; the brown leaves became wrens, sparrows and other brown birds. This is why the birds love the trees and always go to them to build their nests and look for food and shade.—Kansas City Journal.

A Clock Problem.

Mr. X., the puzzle expert of an English magazine, has a clock which takes six seconds to strike 6 o'clock. How long does it take, he asks, to strike 12 o'clock?

If you say, as you probably will, twelve seconds, you will be quite, quite wrong. The actual time taken is thirteen and one-fifteenth seconds.

In striking six there are five equal periods of time between the strokes. This gives one and one-fifth seconds for each period. In striking twelve there are eleven such periods, and eleven times one and one-fifth equals thirteen and one-fifth.

Conundrums.

What parts of speech are shopkeepers most anxious to dispose of? Articles.

What is that which we all eat and drink, though it is sometimes a woman and sometimes a man? A toast.

What word is it which has five letters and if two are removed only one will remain? Stone.

Why is the letter E like death? Because it is the end of life.

Why Zeke Laughs.

Once a little black boy named Zeke Bunn
Laughed at everything under the sun.
Said his playmate, Bob White,
"'Tis a laughable sight
To see any one having such fun."

Said Zeke to Bob White, the white boy,
"I have hardly a book or a toy,
But there's no use to cry,
So I laugh because I
Haven't anything else to enjoy."

ANIMAL FOOD FOR HENS.

Merits of Green Cut and Ground Bone Compared.

Animal food should be given to hens as often as possible, fresh clean meat preferably; also green cut bone, says A. V. Meersch in Western Poultry Journal. Some poulterers depend exclusively upon pressed scraps from butchers or rendering works. Butchers' scraps, trimmed bones, etc., are better. Farmers cannot always obtain these, but an ordinary farmer's table provides enough bones in the course of the year to partly supply his poultry if utilized.

Green bone contains the natural juices and is not only soluble, but is food. It contains lime for the shell of the egg, nitrogen for the white, a proportion of oil and fat, and also serves as grit. There is nothing that can approach it as good for poultry so far as a combination of excellent materials for egg formation is concerned. Bear in mind, though, we also cannot recommend ground bone. There is quite a difference between green cut bone and ground bone. The one is ground, while the other is cut with knives. The bone contains adhering meat and combines flesh and bone forming elements which make the completed chick.

Ground bone becomes hard and brittle, has lost the natural solvent by evaporation, but green bone is readily dissolved when eaten and is also the most economical of all foods. A pound of green cut bone will be an excellent allowance for about sixteen hens or an ounce for each hen per day. This is cheaper than grain and has the advantage of containing more egg producing food than any grain known. A pound of bone will give as good results as four pounds of grain, but we do not infer that nothing but bones should be allowed. Give grain and green food, but make the green bone part of the ration.

Profitable Geese.

Seeing how profitable geese are and the little attention they require as compared with other poultry, it is somewhat surprising there are not many more geese bred. They are grazing stock, like horses and cattle, and during the warm weather will feed eagerly on the succulent grasses which grow on the banks of ponds and streams, and they will seldom refuse the herbage found on the roadways. This food, with other materials picked up, will generally keep geese in good condition during the summer and early autumn, little or no grain ration being needed. When the female has laid about a dozen eggs she generally gets ready to incubate, but should not be allowed to do so, as geese, like ducks, are poor sitters and make bad mothers. Put the eggs under a hen and get them hatched as early as possible, for early goslings make the largest and finest birds. Goslings, generally speaking, are very hardy and are not difficult to rear. The best food for them at first is hard boiled eggs chopped fine, breadcrumbs and short, sweet grass. As in the case of chickens, the coop must be kept dry and warm, but it is imperative that water be generously provided if there is no pond or stream handy. Water for swimming is not essential for geese, but they must have plenty to drink and also some they can have a bath in.—London Mail.

Selecting Pullets.

It has been said the pullet that commences to lay earliest in life is the one to lay the largest number of eggs through life, as cattle that have the milk producing organs active make the best cows. Select the fast growing, early maturing specimens that present in full the type and size found in the breed, and use only these as breeders, and the egg producing merits will be increased. It is care and attention to the flock that find and secure these merits in the progeny. Neglect and haphazard breeding never pays. In short, the April and May hatched pullets can be brought into profit only when they receive the best of care, food and housing. Regularity in feeding is an important item, and at no time in the stage of their growth must they be stalled. Feed a little at a time, but feed often. Birds thus fed will ever be ready for the next meal, and they will eat it with a relish.—Michael K. Boyer in American Agriculturist.

Doctoring Poultry.

Doctoring fowls or chickens after they are really sick is generally by no means a very encouraging process to undertake. It often costs more in time and drugs to cure a sick fowl than the bird is worth after it is cured, but still a little timely knowledge of symptoms and their proper remedies handy will sometimes save a fowl. But to be successful you must fight any poultry disease at its very outset. When disease appears do not wait till tomorrow or the next day to see if it will "wear off," as if you do it will "wear off" the fowl. You should at once search out and remove the cause and give the proper ingredients before the bird is beyond cure.—A. V. Meersch.

A Good Market Fowl.

White Indian Games, which fight no more than Plymouth Rocks or Wyandottes, are large, well developed birds with tremendous legs and breasts, says a Wisconsin poultryman in American Agriculturist. These adapt them well for market purposes. They are hardy and very quick to mature. As layers they have held their own with Plymouth Rocks for some years on my place. For crossing purposes no breed is better.

Marketing Poultry.

Dressed poultry should not be packed for transportation until entirely cold. It should then be laid in clean straw, breast down, keeping wings and legs close to the body. See that there is no discoloration of the skin.

Sharks Delicate In Captivity.

Sharks are rather delicate in captivity, and it is difficulty to keep them in aquariums. Whatever care may be bestowed upon them they do not seem to be able to stand confinement, however large the tank or pool may be. In captivity sharks swim round and round the tank, nine times out of ten taking one course and never reversing. A shark has been known to keep its course for three or four months without change and, except for food, never halting, so far as it was observed. It would keep going all day long and would be found going in the morning just the same. If food was placed in its way it would stop for several minutes and eat, remaining headed the same way. Presently it would start on again in the same direction on its rounds, moving slowly unless disturbed.

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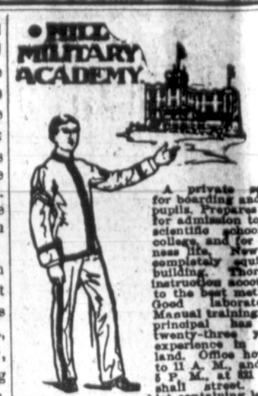

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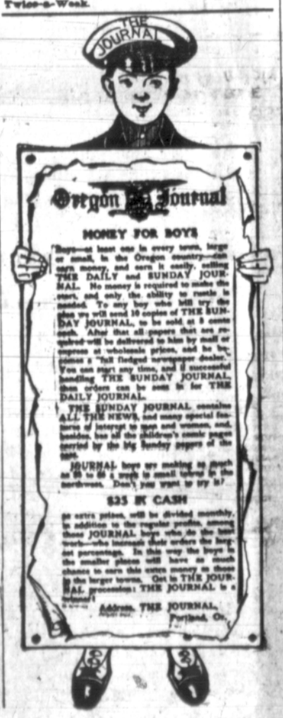

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