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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 y' sah."

**Uncle Ben Liked Her.**  
A Kansas City girl recently married a man who lives in one of the smallest near-by towns and went there with him to live. The bridegroom was naturally jager that his relatives should like his bride and as one, an old farmer, voiced no complimentary opinion in his hearing he at last asked:

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

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

**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.

**Working Dog.**  
"Say, 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 up his coat and proceeded to roll up his sleeves.

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

**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.



### The Farmers' Prosperity.

No better evidence of the prosperity of those engaged in agricultural pursuits is needed than to witness the showing of wealth at the various State fairs this season. Chicagoans who attended the annual shows at Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky have returned with the most glowing reports of prosperity in the farming districts as well as shown by the increased attendance at each of the State fairs as compared with recent years.

Practically all of the State shows this year had greater numbers of rural visitors than have ever attended before. Were the farmers a little pinched for money doubtless many of them would have remained away from their State fairs, viewing a few days' study and pleasure as a luxury which they could not afford. This year, however, the farmers turned out in record numbers, and spent more money than in former years.—Goodall's Farmer.

### Valuable in the Ice House.

This is a storeroom, 4 to 6 feet square, in the ice house, or of any convenient size for the milk and butter. The room should be provided with a ventilator at the top. The doors leading to the room should each have a sash at the top. The sketch shows only the inside door. The house proper



is built with walls, the space being filled with sawdust. The dotted lines show the outline of the ice when the house is filled. If sawdust is piled upon and around the storeroom it makes a fine place to store vegetables or fruits.

### Rights of the Hired Man.

A little thought and a little "put yourself in his place" would do wonders in solving the problem of "How to keep the hired man on the farm." Of course there are many worthless fellows straggling about the country looking for jobs at farm hands, and any employer is liable to get one of them. On the other hand, there are many employers who treat their men in such a manner that no self-respecting young man would remain in their service.

As a rule the hand who goes at his work cheerfully and does not complain if a little extra job comes his way, is the man who can always find a place at the best wages going, while the one who grumbles at his regular work and fatly refuses to do an extra task is always moving from place to place. The employer who is considerate to his men, who does not impose upon them by word or deed, is the one who can always get good men, and he seldom has to hunt them up. The hired man is entitled to a good bed and comfortable room, with a place for his clothing. He is entitled to good, wholesome food, and, above all, he is entitled to decent treatment and kind words.

**Self-Opening Sliding Door.**  
The door should be hung on a perfectly horizontal bar. A cord or small rope is fastened to the door near the top and runs over a pulley at the end of the track on which the door is hung. The rope is fastened to a bucket or a paint keg in good, in which sufficient weight is placed to draw the door open when catch is raised. The cord running from the catch should run the entire length of the barn, so the door may be opened from any part of the driveway, or may extend to a post in the barnyard, so the door may be opened when in the wagon or on horseback.—American Farm World.

**Sheep Are Not Stupid.**  
The sheep is usually set down for a model of stupidity, but a gentleman who has just returned from a three years' trip in the West tells the following story: "I was on horseback a great part of the time and often visited large sheep ranches. One day, while riding along, a mother sheep trotted up toward my horse, bleating pitifully. At last I made out that there was something wrong off toward the left. I followed the sheep in that direction, and soon found the cause of her distress. Her lamb had fallen into a shallow pit and could not get out. I lifted the little thing up, and the gratitude of the mother sheep's eyes will always be a source of consolation to me."

**Practical Farm Notes.**  
Don't fail to cut out and burn any combs infested by insects and diseases. Have you ever noticed that men who are the most successful farmers stick to the crops they know most about, making a specialty of them? The man who experiments with every new thing that comes along will find it expensive business.

Measure hay in the stack this way: Measure the stack in length, width and over. Multiply the width in feet by the over and divide by four. Then multiply the result by length. To reduce to tons of hay in stack less than twenty feet in length, divide the contents by 512. For more than twenty and less than sixty days divide by 422, and for more than sixty days divide by 280.

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"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."

**In Due Form.**  
Orlando Spoonmore 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?

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