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#### Chinese Led in Canals

It is said the Chinese understood canal building at a very early period. They are believed to have been the first to invent locks to raise vessels from one water level to another. Evidently canal locks were in operation in China at least 1,000 years before the Christian era. In Europe there is doubt whether it was the Dutch or the Italians who first used locks on canals.

#### When Greek Meets Greek

The phrase, "When Greek Meets Greek," when equal and great forces compete (a hard contest is to be expected), is derived from lines in Nathaniel Lee's "Alexander the Great," "When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war," an allusion to the contest between the Greek states and Philip and Alexander of Macedon, 357-355 B. C.-Literary Digest.

### His Skirts Not Too Clean

The owner of a wireless installation was annoyed by the behavior of some boys of the neighborhood who disconnected his serial. He wrote indignantly to the teacher of the school the culprits attended to complain of their conduct and to demand their punishment. "I would prosecute them." he wrote, "only I haven't got a license for my wireless."

### Care of Umbrellas

With a little care umbrellas will wear much longer. If ribs are oiled at the joints, they will not rust and break off. The oil should be applied carefully with a toothpick or a broom straw to prevent it from getting on the material which covers the umbrella. Wet umbrellas should be left open until completely dry to avoid cutting and discoloring.

### Baffling Burglars

As a protection against burglars, an English bank has fitted its safety vault with a periscope through which a policeman on his rounds is enabled to view the interior of the vault from the outside of the bank building.

### The Happy Girls

Girls are cheerful things. We evolved this gem of thought by watching three of them-perfectly contented, under one umbrella. - Louisville Courier-Journal.

### A Matter of Gray Matter

A man may have heart enough to love two women at the same time, but he certainly ought to have brains enough not to try it.-Boston Transcript.

### Unfair

"Ay, sir, I be the oldest inhabitant this year. Ye see, last year old Jumbo Stiffins over there were two years older than I, but we found out as 'ow 'e'd been countin' in five year wot 'e'd been in jail!"-London Opinion.

### Midget Tree

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### **EASY MONEY** IS NO NAME FOR IT

By BORDEN H. MILLS

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T ISN'T really a trick at all, said the dentist to his patient the drummer, "though I don't understand it myself, to tell the truth. It's a marvelous faculty possessed by a friend of mine for knowing what's going on in a place though he may not be personally present, or have any means of communication. You can lay out here on the table an entire pack of cards, face up, and touch any one of the fifty-two Then step to the telephone and call up my friend, and he'll tell you what card you have touched."

"Impossible," said the patient. "I'd bet almost anything that it can't be done. It might be worked if you did the telephoning, and had some combination of words, or code of signals to use in talking to your friend, from which he could tell what card had been picked out. But if I do the telephoning-why, I'd wager a ten-spot he couldn't tell the card."

"Done," said the dentist.

He produced a pack of cards and handed them to the drummer, who shuffled them thoroughly and laid them out, face up, in four rows of thirteen cards each. At the dentist's request the drummer touched one, that chanced to be the ten-spot of diamonds.

"Now," said the dentist, "step to the 'phone, call 309 Cortlandt, ask for my friend, tell him that you're at my office and have touched a card, and ask him what card you touched.'

The drummer did as directed, and after a moment's pause the words came over the wire, "That was the ten of diamonds you picked out."

The money was the dentist's,

The loser pressed him for an expla nation of the trick, for trick he be lleved it to be, but the dentist insisted that he was as much in the dark as the drummer, who thereupon left the

"There's a catch somewhere," said he to his friend the credit man, to whom he related his experience, "and I'd give another ten-dollar bill to know just where."

"Well," said the credit man, "I'm not averse to making a tenner or two myself, and being forewarned. I think I can detect his little game-for it must be a game, as you say. Suppose I drop around to see your dentist friend this afternoon? I have a little filling that might just as well be done now as any other time. He'll likely talking cards with me-I'll steer him on to it if he doesn't. I'll make a little wager with him myself, and watch him closely, and perhaps I'll see the game before it is really worked, and be able to catch him in the act. You said it was worth ten to you to know how it was done. If meet you here at six and tell you how, is that tenner mine?"

"It is," exclaimed the drummer "provided, of course, you do not get the secret by persuading the doctor to tell you-and as for that, I'll trust to your honor."

"Done," was the reply, and they went their respective ways.

Six o'clock came, and they met in

the dining room.
"Well," began the credit man, you're stung-and s through practically the same experience that you did-picked out the ace of spades, and the dentist's friend promptly told me the card I had touched. I watched the man carefully during the whole proceedings. While I was getting 309 Cortlandt he paid no attention to me at all, but continued to read in a book he had picked up but a moment before I selected my card."

"It's certainly a most mysterious affair all the way through," was the drummer's reply, "and I'd give anything to know just how it was worked."

The two men dld not meet again for nearly a year, when they ran across one another on lower Fifth avenue one day, and stopped to chat, and the credit man remarked:

"By the way, do you remember how we two got fooled on that card game of your dentist friend's last year? That Ransome, who worked with him, must be a pretty slick one. I'd like to look the doctor up and ask him to introduce me to the fellow."

"Ransome?" exclaimed the other; "I don't remember that the name was Ransome. My memory isn't very good as to that part of the occurrence, but it strikes me it was more like Ramsay."

"No, I'm pretty sure it was Ransome," was the reply, "but of course I may be mistaken. Ramsay or Ransome, however, he was a pretty clever fellow, and we were neatly done, both of us. Lunch with me on the strength of it."

Accordingly they adjourned to a nearby cafe and were selecting from the dinner card when the telephone bell behind them rang. "Yes. This is Cortlandt 300," they heard the head walter say.

They pricked up their ears on the instant. That was the very number the dentist had used in his card game. The head waiter waited a minute. "Yes, this is Mr. Roberts talking to you now," he said.

Then came another pause, and then, "That card you touched was the king of clubs. Yes, the king. Good-by," Thucydides.-Kansas City Star.

and he at once hung up the receiver. "Excuse me," said the drummer, as the man turned from the phone, "but that's a queer conversation to have over a telephone. Here's the price of

a good dinner for you if you will tell us the game." The head waiter besitated a moment, and then, accepting the prof-

fered bill, replied: "It's the greatest ever. I've a triend round in Twenty-third street who's a dentist. He gets a customer talking about tricks with cards, and tells him he has a friend who can tell what card is touched in a pack igld out face up, without being present at all, just by being called up on the phone and told that a card has been picked out. The customer gets excited about it, and nine times out of ten offers to bet it can't be done. If he doesn't make the offer himself my friend does, and it's mighty seldom that he isn't taken up. The guy lays out the pasteboards, touches one, and then calls me up, and I tell him what card's been touched-every time. We knock out a hundred or more some weeks, for the doc has a blg practice-mostly among sporting men and other gents that think they know a good thing when they see it. I tell you, it's the greatest thing ever. Easy

money' is no name for it." "But," said the credit man, "I don't see it yet. How can you tell from

here what card's been touched?" "Easy," was the reply, "I have a little book here—you can see it hanging by the phone, and if you'd been watching me, you would have noticed that I looked in it before telling what the card was. The doctor has the same thing pasted in the middle of his engagement book. It's a list of the fifty-two cards in the pack, and opposite the name of each card is the name of some person—the same names in his list as in mine, in the same order.

"Suppose the guy touches the Queen of Hearts. Doc looks in the bookthat's easy, because he has opened it a moment before-maybe to put down another engagement for the patient, for all he knows. Opposite the words 'Queen of Hearts' is written the name 'Jackson.' Doc says, "Call up 309 Cortlandt, and ask for Mr. Jackson." The fellow does so. I answer the phone, look for Jackson in my list there's the Queen of Hearts oppo-"You touched the Queen of site. Hearts," says I-and the money's

ours. "Cinch? Well, I should rather may. It's almost a shame to take the

"It is, indeed," said credit, looking adly at drummer.

"Shame isn't the word," said drummer to credit.

"Have a cigar on the house, gents?" said the head waiter.

### Common House Mouse Lifts Voice in Song

A musical mouse is the astonishing animal described by Dr. Edwin B. Powers of the University of Nebraska in the Journal of Mammalogy. Dr. H. A. Morgan, a friend of his, was bothered for three or four nights last spring by a singing noise which for a time was attributed to a leaky radiator valve. Doctor Morgan began to search for the source of the noise and found that it was not coming from the radiator, but from a waste paper basket. Upon shaking the basket a mouse ran out and Doctor Morgan gave chase. The mouse ran into a small room from which there was no

As soon as the chase was stopped. and sing, the singing approximating the noise made by the cricket, but much more continuous. For 10 or 15 minutes before the mouse was captured it was in open space and under constant observation; and every time it came to rest this singing took place, even under the excitement of the chase. The mouse was turned over to a naturalist who identified it as the common variety of house mouse.

### Famous Chalk Carving

There is no carving anywhere in England similar to that on Stone mountain or with anything like the detail of the American enterprise. The most noted memorial of this kind in Great Britain is a white hopse, which is carved in the chalk cliffs of the Berkshire mountains. This carving pictures a white horse galloping. The horse is 374 feet long and the carving covers two acres of space. The origin is in doubt. The tradition is that it commemorates the victory of King Etheired and his brother Alfred (afterward Alfred the Great) over the Danes at Ashdown, 871, near White Horse hill. The preservation of the memorial is due to a ceremony of "the scouring of the white horse," in which the villagers and townspeople assemble to clean out the trench. Interesting mention of this ceremony, which occurred last in 1857, was written by Thomas Hughes.

### War That Made History

The Peloponnesian war was the famous struggle between Athens and Sparta, with their respective allies, for the control of Greece. The war lasted 27 years, or from 431 to 404 B. C., and resulted in the complete overthrow of the Athenian ascendancy. After several crushing defeats on land and sea, the Athenians surrendered their city and the war came to an end. Three reasons were given for the defeat of Athena, the early death of Periclesh; the foolish attempt of Athens to conquer Sicily; and the acceptance of Persian gold by Sparts. The history of the war was told by

### GREEN FEED IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Green feed is fully as important as either scratch grain or dry mash, and comparatively few farmers feed green food as it should be fed. truly successful poultryman regards green feed as important as mash, scratch grains or water, and sees to it that his birds are supplied daily with green feed in some succulent form. Sprouted oats are most desirable where it is convenient to sprout them. The oats should be soaked in warm water for 24 hours, then spread in shallow trays, boxes, or pans, and kept at a temperature of from 60 to 80 degrees until the stem sprout of the out is between one-half and three-quarters of an inch in length. At that stage, the oats carry the greatest amount of food value and succulence. It should be remembered that the green feed is fed for succulence and not necessarily for green color.

If it is not convenient to sprout oats, any root crop may be substituted. Mangels, sugar beets, or raw potatoes, carrots, turnips, beets, any good root crop, fed raw, is satis factory green feed. When cooked however, they are still good feed. but have lost their value as green feeds. In feeding root crops, the roots should be chopped and fed in troughs or hoppers so that all the birds have access to them, says a writer in the Michigan Farmer, Where root crops are not obtainable, squash or pumpkin chopped, or apples, may prove satisfactory. Alfalfa that has been steamed or soaked, is better than nothing, but, at best, a rather poor substitute for a good succulent green feed. The birds should be fed at least once per day all af the green feed, in some form or other, that they will clean up.

## Mark the Nonlayers to

Avoid Use as Breeders It is very important for the proper

development of the pullets that they be separated from the old birds. Particularly is this true for inte hatched and immature pullets.

Remember that much mash is need

ed for production, but that ample grain must be fed to give the birds protection from the cold.

Some form of artificial lighting to offset the short days pays well when used on these pullets. A gasoline lantern may be used if electric lights are not available. The evening lunch method is the simplest where the lantern is used. Feed the birds grain as usual before they go to roost. Light the lanterns at eight o'clock and feed again. Turn the lights off at nine o'clock.

Late pullets which are not grown by December might as well be used for food and feed saved on them. Fully grown pullets which are not laying should molt late next year and be used for breeders if they are not marked.

If the pullets are not laying 40 per cent or better now, there is something wrong. See that there is a good mash, well protected house and plenty of green feed .- O. C. Krum, Poultry Extension Specialist Colorado Agricultural College.

### Entertain All Visitors

"Entertain your visitors outside of the poultry house," is the word sent loss made Jussieu insane. to farmers by the Ohio State univer-

Chickenpox and other poultry diseling from farm to farm, the university poultrymen explain. And with eggs at present prices, they add, it is wise to avoid all chance of letting disease get a start in the flock.

"Chickenpox, roup and canker are appearing all over the state," the letter to poultrymen continues. "We know very little about the control of church door in an English village. these troubles once a flock is infected, but must rely on preventive meas ures."

Among the preventive measures the

poultry specialists list these: Sick birds should be marked and plant was recently shown at Chester, excluded from the breeding pen. Pul. England. lets should be called throughout the growing season and the weaker birds removed. Poultry houses must pro-vide ventilation in hot weather and protection from draft and dampness in cold weather.

Feed a complete ration, including minerals and vitamins and plenty of green feed. Handle a few birds every night to see whether they are in good condition. Remove birds from the flock when they show the first symptoms of sickness, for one sick Constitution. bird may contaminate the whole flock,

### Health of Fowls

The best way to keep in touch with the health of the birds and to detect digestive disorders, etc., at the earliest possible moment, is to make a practice of inspecting the droppings boards every morning. Simple looseness of the bowels, indigestion due to too rich a ration, liver troubles, excess animal food, etc., can all be detected by the condition of the droppings; and the general tendency to intestinal disorders thus shown rainfall of over 30 inches in one week. should receive immediate attention.

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#### Too Busy to Notice Relic

One of the most interesting wayside stones in England is at Kingston-on Thames, passed every day, often with scant notice, by hundreds of cars. It Saxon kings who reigned in England shot at anything. He doesn't believe London Tit-Bits.

#### Electrocution in New York.

The law making electrocution the death penalty for first-degree murder in New York state went into effect January 1, 1889, for crimes committed after that date. The first electrocution took place on August 6, 1889.

Savages so degraded they mind their own business and don't bother their neighbors have been detected in the act of living peacefully in Siberia. Steps-will be taken immediately to civilize them.-New York Sun.

### First Technical Dictionary.

The first English technical dictionpean bird is that of the swan; the ary was published in England in 1704 by John Harris, an English clergyman smallest that of the golden-crested and scientific writer. The work was entitled "Lexicon Technicum," or a Universal English Dictionary of Arts.

### Tickets by the Million.

The company operating the omnibus lines in London issues about four million tickets every day. The number of tickets kept in stock is about four hundred millions, and each ticket is stamped with a number.

### The Doctor's Daughter.

Nellie, whose father is a physician, was administering shoe buttons to her more grain, all they will clean up doll, calling them pills. "Here," said she, "take one every five years, and if you don't feel better in an hour, come back."-Hygela.

### Worth Trying, Anyway.

If engineering science were applied to the design and construction of dwellings and schoolhouses they could easily and inexpensively be made proof against the devastation of tornadoes .- Exchange.

Joseph De Jusaieu, a French botanist of the Eighteenth century, spent 15 years collecting plants in the An-Outside Poultry House des, only to have a dishonest servant

### Uncle Eben

eases are often spread by people trav- in' a fine argument," said Uncle Eben. 00 up. Mail this addressed. "when all he's provin' is dat he has patient friends."-Washington Star.

### Swallows in Profusion.

"Please keep the door closed to pre- City..... vent swallows building inside the SUNDSTRAND ADDING MACHINE CO. church," reads a notice posted on the

## Windmill Generator.

A windmill for generating electric current for farms and a crop-drying

#### Why There Is Extortion. "Often when conscience tries to

speak it finds the line busy," says an exchange. Aye, money is talking. Boston Transcript.

### Brother Williams.

Lord help us to stand prosperity. and pass it 'round de settlement leastways, all we kin spare! - Atlanta

#### What, Tattooed? Chicago ad: "Lost-Purse by a

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When in Deep Water. Having a raft of friends often enables a man to keep afloat.-Boston

widow with initials on back."-Boston

Recalling Noah's Wet Spell. Zuzuland was recently flooded by a

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#### Deductive Reasoning

"I wonder who invented the radio?" asked Bobby. It was a deep question is the Saxon coronation stone, on for Benny to answer, but he is the which, it is said, nine of the early kind of boy who believes in taking a before the Conqueror were crowned .- in ever admitting that he is stumped so he replied promptly: "I don't remember his name exactly, but it was some guy who had to come in early."

### Can Tell Coal's Thickness

The bureau of mines says that in drilling for coal a man can tell by the color of the broken coal that he takes out from the drill hole about how thick the conl is.

#### Reason for Change "Before we were married you used

to drink in every word I uttered." Yes, but your conversation is so dry now that drinking it in is impossible." -Boston Transcript.

Large and Small Eggs

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