

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Our National Bird.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Those folks back East who're agitating to make the turkey our national bird are late. Benjamin Franklin had the same notion 150 years ago.

Old Ben pointed out that the eagle was a robber and a tyrant and was the emblem of various European monarchies, whereas the turkey was not only our largest and gamest wild bird, but a native of America.



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To be sure, young turkeys aren't so smart. They love to get their feet wet so they may die from it. In dry sections, young turkeys have been known to jump down an artesian well 90 feet deep in order to get their feet wet. But the adult turkey is wise and wily, a noble spectacle in the woods and popular in a cooked state, owing to his magnificent bust development and his capacity for holding stuffing or insertion, and his superiority when worked over into turkey hash.

But if we are going to make a change in emblems, why not change the worm—the humble, dumb, unresisting worm—as typical of most of the present populace? It could be a one-sided worm, too, which would save costs in modeling, because so many of us are the kinds of worms that never turn.

The Sucker Crop.

PARLIAMENT, next month, will pass statutes to curb stock market tricksters, fly-by-night brokers, and bucket shop operators who, it's estimated, are fleecing the British public to the tune of \$25,000,000 annually.

We've tried it and it doesn't work. As Barnum stated, a sucker is born every minute—and sometimes twins. But the crooks who prey on the sucker crop, like the Dionne quintuplets, come along in batches. That breed spawn close to shore and the young all survive.

Thus is the rule of supply and demand balanced. In good times, there are just enough suckers to go around. In hard times, the suckers grow scarce, but, when one comes along, the crooks raffle him off and the winner takes all.

Anyhow, legislation won't save a sucker from himself—at least not in this country. He'll break through the law in order to prove he's a sucker in good standing in the suckers' lodge.

By the way, brother-member, how many degrees have you taken?

Restrained Statements.

AWAYFARER in Oklahoma, who claimed to have starved himself for forty-one days, on being asked how he felt, replied that he felt sort of hungry. Investigation showed the stranger had been cheating now and then to the extent of a clandestine beef stew or a surreptitious stack of wheats, but wasn't it a magnificently restrained statement?

For underemphasis, I can think of but a single instance to match it. In my youth, we had a policeman in our town with a nervous mannerism of killing folks.

One night, I was passing Uncle Tom Emery's saloon and snackstand for colored only. A group of subdued-looking customers fetched out the limp remains of a dark person who had been bored thrice through the heart.

"Uncle Tom," I inquired of the proprietor, "isn't that Monkey John?"

"Sho' is suh."
"How did it happen?" I asked.
"Well, suh," said Uncle Tom, "It seem like he musta antagonized Mr. Buck Evitts."

Smoked Glasses for Snakes.

ON THE way here, I attended this year's snake dance. The snake dance has become indeed a strange sight—for the snakes. If the tourists don't modify their wardrobes by next year, I expect to see the snakes wearing smoked glasses. Veteran snakes that have taken part during past seasons are showing signs of the strain. The bull snakes still hiss—as who could blame them?—but the rattlers no longer rattle freely, evidently fearing it might be mistaken for applause.

The commissioner of Indian affairs wants the Navajoes to grow fewer goats. The Navajoes are balking. Goat hair is a profitable crop; goat meat makes good eating—for an aborigine stomach, anyhow—and goat smell is agreeable for Navajo noses. It seems to neutralize some of the other perfumes noticed during shopping hour in a reservation trading post.

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—WNU Service.

FARM TOPICS

CORN IN SILO IS A GOOD WINTER FEED

Crop Makes More Succulent Roughage Per Acre.

By F. R. Farnham, Dairy Specialist, North Carolina State College.—WNU Service.
Comparatively few farmers take full advantage of their corn crop in producing feed for winter consumption. Corn made into silage produces more succulent roughage per acre than any other known crop.

The trench silo is the very thing for small farms where large upright silos would be impractical. Trench silos, inexpensive and convenient, are also being used more and more on farms where large herds are kept.

There is a growing tendency toward silage in preference to dry hays. Unfavorable weather at harvesting time is less serious for silage than when hay is being cut and cured.

Silage is succulent and keeps cattle in good condition through the winter. Silage production requires less acreage and, therefore, permits the use of soil-building crops on land that would otherwise be needed for growing hay.

The construction of a trench silo is fairly simple. A narrow trench should be dug on farms where only a few animals are to be fed. A cheap roof placed over the silo will help protect the feed from bad weather and keeps the walls from caving in.

Liberal Fall Feeding of Cows Increases Profits

Liberal feeding of early fall freshening cows and of all cows during the dry period will materially increase the dairyman's income, according to E. A. Hanson, extension dairyman, University farm, St. Paul.

Too often the early fall freshening cow is underfed because pastures are low, and to many dairymen it seems too early to start barn feeding only a few cows. All CTA records, however, show that fall freshened cows, well fed from the beginning, lead in year-round butterfat production.

During late summer and early fall months, alfalfa hay will serve as a pasture supplement if pastures are sufficiently heavy. If pastures are poor, fresh cows should receive a full feed of hay and grain twice daily in order to maintain high production. Silage may be fed to advantage immediately after the silo has been filled.

At this season of the year, fall freshening cows are being turned dry, and others are rapidly going that way because of poor pastures. Good dairymen aim to give their cows a dry period of about 6 weeks. Cows thin in flesh when turned dry should be fed a fattening ration during the dry period. Cows in good condition at freshening time will always start the lactation period giving more milk daily and continue at a higher level for a longer period than cows that have a short dry period and freshen in poor condition.

Orphan Chicks Best

Raise your day-old chicks away from home, if you want them to grow up to be healthy layers, is the advice of Ohio research poultrymen. Isolation of young chicks from older birds, but allowing them use of range on the experiment station farm, resulted in a mortality rate of 56 per cent. In an adjoining pen, other pullets, hatched from station eggs but which had been grown to laying age away from the station, had a mortality rate of only 24 per cent. This experiment caused the Ohio scientists to point out "the need for a new phase of specialization in poultry raising, the production of livable ready-to-lay pullets. The brooding of chicks and the growth of pullets in the future may largely become a commercial enterprise in the hands of specialists."
—Country Home Magazine.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

There are, as a rule, ten eggs to a pound.

A total of 5,035,000 motor vehicles of various descriptions are used on the farms of the United States.

A good orchard fertilizer contains readily available nitrogen. Nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and cyanamid are common forms that meet this requirement.

Canada was the leading exporter of honey to the British Isles in 1936.

A cellar with a dirt floor is better for potato storage than one with a cement floor.

The 1937 lamb crop is estimated by the bureau of agricultural economics at nearly 31,000,000 head.

Eggs whip to a larger volume and beat more rapidly if they are at room temperature than when they are chilled.

Way Back When

By JEANNE

FORMER MAYOR WAS A SONG WRITER

THERE were twelve children in our family and it was necessary to have a pretty strict rule about being reasonably quiet in the house and at the dinner table. My father repeated so often, "Children are to be seen and not heard" or "Silence is golden" that just to think of those old adages brings back the echo of his voice. I can't agree with the principle of those sayings. Children who are encouraged to join in the conversation are likely to have more self-confidence and to be more social minded. In some cases, their very talkativeness may be golden. Take Jimmy Walker for instance:

James John Walker, who later became mayor of New York City and was one of the most popular men ever to hold that office, was born in New York's Greenwich Village in 1881. When still a very small boy, he was nick-named "Jimmy Talker" because he could not be



kept quiet. His father was running for alderman at one time, and Jimmy was sent to explain that he could not be present at a political rally because of illness. The crowd called for a speech from the young boy, and he did so well that his father was elected.

Jimmy Walker went to school in New York City, and studied law; but for a while it looked as though he might be a professional song writer instead of a lawyer or a politician. He wrote several songs which were published and made a national hit by composing "Will You Love Me in December As You Did in May?" None of his other songs enjoyed the popularity of this one, however, and Jimmy decided upon a more conventional career. He went to work as a clerk for the Union Surety Guarantee company and with his earnings returned to law school. He established a fine law practice, and became more and more prominent in politics. In 1925, he was elected mayor of New York City and enjoyed more mass popularity than any mayor of recent times has known there.

INVENTOR RAN BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP

THE seed of success is ambition, and Orville Wright was ambitious from early boyhood. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1871, the youngest of five children, and as they grew up Orville and one of his older brothers, Wilbur, became inseparable. A highly respectable mid-western family, the father was a bishop of the United Brethren church and later publisher of a religious newspaper; but the family never had a lot of money. Orville Wright started to make money



early in life, going about the neighborhood and collecting old bones to sell to a fertilizing plant. When he was fourteen, he published a school paper with a toy printing press. Later he made a press of his own and Wilbur improved it. Next he invented a paper folding machine for his father's print shop. He quit school in the third year of high school and, with Wilbur, started a weekly newspaper which lasted only three months. They then turned to job printing and later started a bicycle repair shop.

At about this time, they became interested in aviation and proceeded to construct the first heavier than air machine large enough to carry a man. As in their previous activities, Orville was the creative genius, Wilbur the perfecter. Their first successful flight was at Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903, and the success of aviation was assured when Orville made a flight lasting 62 minutes and 15 seconds, in 1908.
—WNU Service.

Plaids Outstanding in Fall Modes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



PLAIDS on autumn style program? We hope to tell you! Fact is, the college-faring and the school-going (from kindergarten to high school age) girl that fails to make a right smart showing of plaid in her fall wardrobe simply is not "in it" when it comes to swank in dress. There's no doubt about it, colorful, youthful practical plaids fit into the campus, the office and the great outdoor scheme of things simply perfect.

All sorts of plaids are on the autumn fabric list from high-tone dressy plaids of silk velvet and handsome wool weaves down to the most utilitarian, practical, washable types—the kind that go bicycling along dusty roads and then come out "fresh as a daisy" after each tubing.

Bicycling is a fad so important nowadays designers recognize they must create fashions tuned to the sport. The new sturdy washable plaids are proving most likable for outfits of this sort. The girl on the "bike" as shown in the group illustrated is fashionably and sensibly frocked in a dependable completely shrunken washable plaid that gives this rider the look of being keenly style-minded.

The schoolgirl alerted in the picture is likewise cleverly fashion-conscious in that she also selects plaid for her voguish blouse, and it's safe to say she will be getting a lot of wear out of it besides enjoying that feeling of confidence it brings to be appropriately clad for the occasion.

Another way to subscribe to the plaid rage that is now featuring in every phase of fashion is to wear a true clan plaid skirt and neckerchief with your new fall sweater as shown to the right in the group.

This most commendable outfit is sure to prove an inspiration to the schoolgirl. It was shown at a recent fall style clinic held in the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Viewing the new fall fabrics one becomes fully convinced that plaids as a fashion "must" are definitely here. It is interesting to note that the more classic plaids are labeled each with its clan name. Also the many smart ways to wear plaids makes them all the more intriguing.

In enrolling as a plaid enthusiast we suggest that you line your jacket to match your plaid blouse, or wear a plaid dress matched to the lining of your coat, or top a pleated plaid skirt with a bright velveteen jacket, or enliven your fur coat or your fleece coat with a stunning plaid lining. They are showing in the stores daring coais in forest green; radiant autumn browns, and the very new deep sapphire blue with bold plaid linings in giddy contrast.

Plaid velvet dresses to wear under fur coats is another outcome of the present craze for plaids. You can also find cunning jackets of plaid velveteen. Some are bolero versions with plaid belts to match. If it is just a touch of plaid you favor, buy a dozen or so of the new plaid composition buttons and let them go marching down the front of your dark velveteen dress or coat. You can get all sorts of plaid accessories. There are ensembles of beret, bag and belt. There are belt and triangle-scarf sets to be had in plaid.
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FASHION STRESSES FABRIC ELEGANCE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Fabrics play a most important part this year, and by their richness explain the apparent simplicity of the styles which are the greatest challenge to the dressmaker. Velvets, lames, brocades, laces, tulle are all in the picture.

Lace becomes a happy medium for day dresses, almost severe in their simplicity. These may be relieved by rich belts, patent trimmings, etc. Lighter laces in silk or rayon are combined with a colored fabric lining for day dresses or two tones used in combination as Worth has done. Lelong takes a heavy white wool lace for a hip-length top of a dress which ends in a simple black velvet skirt, with four rows of the velvet used at the side front from the high waistline to the hip. Patou offers rosepoint collars, cuff or bodice trim with severe dresses—but real rose point. Schiaparelli makes lace of gold cord for three huge medallions on the top of a two-piece effect black marocain. While dresses are simple in effect, fantasy goes into the head-gear.

Style Sobriety Stressed for Chic Daytime Costume

At the height of the vogue for romantic fashions, mutinous murmurs are echoing from the ranks of style leaders who favor simple garments for wear before the sun goes down.

"Sobriety of the best quality" is the formula advanced by a leading French couturiere as the prime requisite of daytime chic.

"Wear tailored suits and little sweaters," she advises, "but have them fitted by a good tailor and made of the finest wool. See that each accessory is equally first grade, for one inappropriate gadget can spoil the entire costume."

BE PENCIL-SLIM

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



This afternoon frock of purple silk jacquard was worn in a fashion preview for the silk parade held in New York which presented outstanding advance fashions created by the foremost designers of the world. To be right up to the mark your new frock must feature the pencil-slim silhouette that fashion demands this season, such as this gown so correctly defines. The handsome firm silks of quality kind that are so characteristically a product of this season's looms have been found ideal for achieving the new pencil-slim styling.

Cutwork That Is Anything but Work

"Cutwork without bars?" Exactly—and that's the very reason this lovely Wild Rose design for doilies or buffet set is so easy to do. The delicate shades of pink would be most realistic, of course, but the pattern is no less lovely if worked in thread to



Pattern 5503.

match your linen. A refreshment table set with these would be most tempting! In pattern 5503 you will find a transfer pattern of a doilie 11 by 17½ inches and one and one reverse doilie 6 by 9 inches; material requirements; illustrations of all stitches used; color suggestions.

To obtain this pattern, send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) to The Sewing Circle Household Arts Dept., 259 W. Fourteenth St., New York, N. Y.

Trans-Siberian R. R.

The Trans-Siberian railroad covers a distance of 5,550 miles across both European and Asiatic Russia. The work of building it was begun at Moscow and was rapidly extended. Orenburg was reached in 1877. In 1889 the bridge over the Volga was built and the section connecting the Volga and Obi river basins was begun. In May, 1891, the first work on the real Trans-Siberian railroad was begun. As a single-track line it was completed in 1902. The cost was \$175,000,000.

From Moscow to Port Arthur the entire system was cheaply built. Constant improvements have had to be made.

HOW LONG CAN A THREE-QUARTER WIFE HOLD HER HUSBAND?

YOU have to work at marriage to make a success of it. Men may be selfish, unympathetic, but that's the way they're made and you might as well realize it. When your back aches and your nerves scream, don't take it out on your husband. He can't possibly know how you feel.

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