

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Many Excuses, but One Reason. "In court," said the card on the lawyer's door...

A Last Resort.

Eastern Landlord—Yes, madam, that house is for rent. Sit down. Desperate Applicant—Thank you. I have never been so nearly dead in my life...

A View of Things Inside.

"Tommy," said the old gentleman, sternly. "I understand that you were hanging about the Polo grounds this afternoon, instead of being at school..."

Denver Ozone.

There was a young fellow from Boston whose right lung was a lost one, but in Denver's pure air...

The Baseball Craze.

"I have no reason to doubt your sincerity Mr. Hankinson," said the young lady, with unaffected sadness...

Hop Lee's Telegram.

Our friend Mr. Stanley Jewett, who now lives at Lamanda Park, gave his Chinaman a holiday last week...

Hard on the Weather Prophet.

This is the season that I love, no rain nor snow nor gale; with shining skies of blue above, while weather prophets wail...

The Human Sleuth Hound.

Inexperienced Burglar—I'm afraid you'll be caught this time, Tom. Experienced Burglar—What do you mean? "Why, you remember your last work, don't you?"

Poor Thing.

He turning the music—Ah, Miss Chestah, I was wending this morning that a man in Dresden, Saxony, had invented a thing for turning music leaves, don't you know?

The Old Granger.

He packed his "grip" and joyfully set out one day to buy some "green goods" in the city. His back again, two hundred dollars out, and no one has for him a spark of pity...

Not Surprised.

Bearded Stranger (who ran away to see when a boy)—Do you remember a boy named Dick Dart? District Telegraph Manager—Very well. Twenty years ago I sent Dick around the corner with a message requiring an immediate answer.

Thoughtful of Others.

Tramp—Can you give me a place to sleep, ma'am? Woman—You can sleep in the barn if you like. Tramp—Couldn't you give me a bed in the house? I'm a heavy sleeper myself, ma'am, and I wouldn't feel right if I should keep you waiting for breakfast.—The Epoch.

Different Systems.

Irate Father—See here, sir, what does this mean? You said you were at the head of the class, but Mr. Pedagogue says you are at the foot.

Certain of Success.

Patient (to young Sawbones, who is about to cut off his arm)—Do you think the operation will be successful, doctor? Young Sawbones—Of course it will; I'll have that arm off in less than ten minutes.—New York Sun.

Bills.

Ah! Life's not worth living, he sighed, and death will be welcome; he will. Wife, send for the doctor, he cried, and tell him to hurry; I'm ill.—Boston Courier.

WE MAKE OUR OWN PENS.

Rapid Growth of the Steel Pen Industry. Interesting Statistics. "Every year the citizens of the United States wear out 170,000,000 steel pens," said a prominent manufacturer to a reporter.

Most of the work on these little instruments is done with the aid of very fine machinery worked by women and girls. The steel used is imported, because it is believed that the quality is more uniform than the American steel.

The tempering required in the manufacture of the pens. That mysterious quality of steel which gives different colors is a quality that requires expert manipulation on the part of the workman who does the tempering.

In the crowded state of this city it is almost a matter of impossibility for boarding house keepers to supply their patrons with "fresh eggs" all the year round.

The later invention of refrigerating consists in holding eggs in proper packages in a cool temperature, so that they will not grow old too fast. The temperature is generally from 38 to 40 degs., in which they are often kept from three to six months.

Moderation in Athletic Training. The means to be adopted for the attainment of robust health are cleanliness, regularity of habits, moderation in diet, exercise, preferably in the open air, in accordance with the capacity of the individual and nature of the contest, and abstinence from strong drinks and tobacco.

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CHAPTER OF EGG LORE.

What the Hen Does for Humanity. "Fresh Eggs" the Year Round. Very few of those who visit their grocery and purchase their modest fifteen and twenty-five cents' worth have any idea of the vast quantity of eggs supplied to and by the United States of America.

Take a stroll down Washington street and see the merchants opening their barrels and cases. On the sidewalk, and even in the buildings, are women who have come to buy cracked eggs. Very few men engage in this business; the women are much shrewder, and with a covered wooden pail in hand they watch the cracked eggs being taken out.

But the rotten eggs? What becomes of them? In former years they were taken to the sews and dumped with the city refuse, but now they are the means of supporting a distinct line of business.

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ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

Fashions in Furniture—Birds and Plants. Household Hints and Recipes. Keep plants that are lifted from the open border in a cool room for a time and do not expose them at once to artificial heat.

Favorite Imported Song Birds. A well known bird dealer says that the Andersberg canaries are the most sought after of all varieties of the popular pet bird.

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A SECOND THOUGHT.

It is so long since thou wast lost to view, Through the dim shadow valley gone before, That with grief's wanted pang there throbs once more.

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AN EASY CHAIR.

There is endless variety in chairs for every purpose. The cut here reproduced from Decorator and Furnisher gives a good example of a luxurious easy chair of present style.

A large odd chair for a parlor has very thick, rounded bottom, arms and back entirely covered with elegant ruby plush. No woodwork at all shows in this chair, except a little of the bottom of the legs. This all over stuffed style is very luxurious.

Tall slender chairs with spindle work backs and small, leather covered seats, represent a very taking new style. The all over wood chairs, and wood wherever it appears in any of these, is beautifully polished.

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