

Diplomatic.
Flakaway Jones—Hah! I dun saw dat yaller gal of yours firtin wid a Pullman porter de tudder day.
Sunbeam Smith (superciliously)—Dat's all right, sah. I dun tell her to.
Flakaway Jones—Whaffore you do dat?
Sunbeam Smith—Well, sah, when we goes on our weddin' journey an' travels on dat man's car, we wants the propriety 'tention from de mentials of de road, sah.—New York Herald.



Our Female Decadents.
Bulkeley Bigge, a charming fellow, but a bad dancer—I can't think what all the girls are coming to! They've got no backbones. Five wanted to sit out a dance with me tonight!—Punch.

A Great Scheme.
Two fin de siècle young men sat on a bench in Union square. Their dovetails were folded neatly across their laps, and their trousers were creased with case knife precision. One young man yawned wearily, and the other said:
"What's the matter, old man? Sleepy?"
"Yes, was the reply."
"Out late last night?"
"No, not out; up."
"Sick?"
"No."
"Callers?"
"No."
"Got into a little game mebbe?"
"No."
"What then?"
"Creasing my trousers."
"Creasing your trousers?"
"Yes, can't afford to go to the tailor's now. Times're too hard. Have to do it myself. Got a new scheme."
"Beat laying them under the mattress?"
"To death."
"Better'n putting them under a trunk?"
"Trunk scheme's nowhere. It doesn't put the crease in to stay. My way makes a crease that'll last a week. All a fellow wants is an alarm clock and a bedroom door. You see, it's this way: The night I want to put the crease in I go to bed early. I fold the front of one of the trousers legs and shut it into the door lengthwise. It's a tight pinch. I fix the clock so that the alarm will wake me up at the end of a couple of hours. Then I get up and shut the other leg into the door. I have to get up four times before the job's done, but when the crease is finished it distances anything that a tailor can produce easily."
The young genius yawned again, and his friend contemplated him admiringly as he went off into a doze.—New York Herald.

The Poet's Interruption.
Upon the thunder blasted cliff, scarred by the storm's resistance, he felt the glamour and the awe and mystery of existence. The magic of the thoughtful night, its endless amplitudes of light, burst on his trance and rapturized sight that gazed into the distance.
Beneath his feet the ancient sea, its mighty anthem pealing, broke on his shores of consciousness in mighty tides of feeling. Visions of mermaids' heads the waves, sporting in glee o'er sailors' graves, through emerald pearl embossed caves, his fancy was revealing.
And summer islands crowned with flowers burst from the misty ocean, and spicy archipelagos arose in glad commotion, and dolphins on the sunlit seas were sporting with the porpoises, and serene sang their soulful glees, and mermen vowed devotion.
What voice is this that breaks his dreams between the sky and water? It sounds much like a woman's voice and not a sea nymph's daughter. He bent his ear and heard her say: "Now, John, don't mope the time away. Come down to McElroy's cafe—two ice creams for a quarter."—New York World.

A Sad Overlight.
Detective (to banker)—You say your bank has been entered during the night?
Banker—Yes; the burglars got into the bank, but they failed to open the safe where there was \$500,000 in bonds and securities.
"So the burglars didn't get any of the bonds or money?"
"Not a cent."
"What a pity! If they had gone off with the contents of the safe, we could have had a clew."—Texas Siftings.

Evening Up.
"You country people make lots of funny mistakes when you come to town," said the city young man.
"Yep," replied the gentle farmer, "but when we remember what a lot of argin' it takes to convince some city folks that gooseberries don't necessarily come from eggplants we sorter learn to bear up."—Washington Star.

Metamorphosing Item.
Adams—Hot enough for you?
Brown—I don't find it hot.
"You must be a salamander."
"Not at all. I was ice in our his morning."
"Great Scott! How much?"
"Ten pounds. The toeman left me some Siftings."

THE COXSAIN'S STORY.
You know that little dero who stood on the lornin' deck because his father was too dead to bid him quit the wreck. Some folks may think it fine to write a poem on what he did, but, say, it wasn't a marker to our captain's little kid.
We was cabin jost on Sandy Hook, as plain as a mark.
An' little Jack stood on the bridge an' thought it all a lark.
"Stay right up there," his father said, "An' know the little kid would meet no harm, because he'd do exact as he was bid."
When, just like that, a shell with fire alight came rollin' at, an' men an' boys they skipped one side just like as they were daff.
"Twas just a silly trick of some fresh mischievous minkin' kid, but it seemed all dead in earnest to the captain's little kid.
He gave one hasty look around, his lip curled up in scorn, then swingin' his self down on the deck, an' true as you were born.
He grabbed that burkin' fash in both his little hands, he did, an' yanked it out! Say, did we shout then for the captain's kid?
The captain came, an' he was mad; "How dared you disobey?"
"Well, pop," the little chap spoke out, "You see 'twas just this way. You wasn't here, but, pop, I knew just 't'at you would 'a' did, an' so I took my chances. Was I right?" The plucky kid!
The captain, w'y, he just broke down, an' fairly plied his eye.
An' nodded "Yes," he was that choked 'Twas all he could reply.
That's why the men all stick to Jack: He touched their hearts, he did, that dero wasn't it with the captain's little kid!
—H. G. Paine in Harper's Weekly.

The Intelligent Composer.
The "intelligent composer" in England has covered himself with glory and distanced all previous records. His performance is described in the Westminster Gazette. The victim was a writer for The Woman's Herald, who chose to express a certain idea by means of an algebraic formula—thus: "If there are only x situations, and x men, together with y women, compete for them, then what is to become of the y men who will be put out if the young women are put in?"
The "intelligent composer" afore said had never heard of such a thing as algebra apparently. At all events he went ahead in accordance with his own judgment, and when the proof reached the author it read as follows: "If there are only Christian situations, and Christian men, together with young women, compete for them, then what is to become of the young men who will be put out if the young women are put in?"

All There Was of It.
An English paper relates that the first time the queen was taken by Mr. Downey, the photographer at Newcastle, his friends were very curious to hear how the operation had gone off. But the imperturbable Scotchman was very little excited about it outwardly at all events. "What did you say?" said a curious friend afterward.
"What did she say?" asked another.
"Well," said Mr. Downey, "I took her majesty just as I was take any other parson; when I'd settled her, I said, 'Wad it please your majesty to put on a more favorable countenance,'" and she said, "Sairtainly, Mr. Dooney."—Northern Christian Advocate.

A Simple Language.
The Hawaiian people have only 12 sounds in their language, five of which are consonants. A Kanaka can swim five miles easier than he can give the sound of "s" or "z." I cannot recall any, even those consider themselves quite proficient in English, who make even a fist at the sound of "s." As a matter of practice, the Hawaiian is so simple a language it became the common language of all foreigners—Chinese and all. English as she is spoke there is badly ring streaked and speckled with Hawaiian.—Buffalo Express.

An Expensive Baby.
Great Prima Donna—My baby is a year old, and it has cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars to bring him up so far.
Reporter—Good gracious! How on earth did you ever run to such an expense?
"One lullaby each night at \$1,000 a night."—Boston Traveller.

About 5,000,000 pounds of camphor are sent out of Japan every year. One-fourth of this goes to the United States. The state forests are estimated to be able to maintain present supplies for another quarter of a century.

Italian ships are worked cheaper than those of any other nation. The monthly expense of an Italian ship with a crew of 20 men is about \$475; of an American ship, \$1,000.

We are generally so carried away by the last words of famous personages that we never pause to reflect that the first words of these same heroes were "go, go, go."
"Marriage," says Sheridan Le Fanu, "is like the snailpox—a man may give it mildly, but he generally carries the marks of it with him to the grave."

The average time spent by the house of lords in the nation's work, according to a contemporary, is 15 minutes per day.

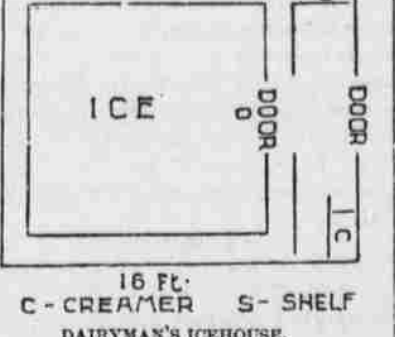
The skeleton of the leathery winged bat is, bone for bone and joint for joint, similar to that of man.

THE DAIRY

THE DAIRYMAN'S ICEHOUSE.

Build It Now and Have It Ready to Receive the Ice.
There is a saying that the luxuries of one generation become the necessities of the next. This is especially true as to the use of ice in various ways and especially in the dairy. We can get along without it, if we have an abundance of cold water, but it is handy everywhere and especially needful on farms with a limited supply of water.

In my own experience I found a creamer almost useless without it. So I set to work during the winter, some years since, to build one. And to the end that others may avoid my mistakes I will relate my experience.
As I do not keep over 10 cows I was told a small icehouse would do well enough, so I put one up 8 by 12 with eight foot posts. The ice kept well enough in one sense, but there was not enough to last through the season. It took far more ice than I had supposed to cool two or three cans of milk. I could get through



the summer months, but there was much warm weather in the fall, and the cream would not rise without, so I got ice from those who had a better supply and did not happen to need it.
But as it was sometimes difficult to get I went to work to enlarge the icehouse. I ought to have taken off the roof, but it was easier to build on the end than one side, so I added eight feet more, keeping four feet of the length as a place for a creamer. The stock of ice, some 14 loads, will answer, if rightly husbanded, up to the middle of October, but there are warm days after that, and if one is dependent on ice alone to cool the milk he may count on heavy losses, sometimes rising as high as 50 per cent of the cream.

So far am I convinced of this that I believe that if some farmers who are trying to cool milk with water alone were to test the skimmilk with a Babcock milk tester they would hardly sleep nights until they had made some arrangements for storing ice.
Were I to build anew I would make the storage room 16 feet square, outside measure. If more room was wanted, I would make the posts 10 or 12 feet high. I would have a room for the creamer, 4 feet inside, in addition, making the extreme length 20 feet by 16 in width, according to the accompanying plan.

The ice could be put in through the door, or, if more convenient, through openings in the rear end. In the latter case it would be necessary to close them with double doors. In practice I have found it convenient to slide the ice through the little room into the storage room, putting in planks (at O) and packing with sawdust as fast as filled.
For lumber rough hemlock is good enough for such a building of wood. More expensive material is thrown away. For studding I would use 2 by 6, cover inside and out and fill the space between the boarding with sawdust, well rammed down. Rough boards are good enough for roof. All that is wanted is to keep the sun and rain out, and be sure and leave openings at the gables for ventilation. One of the most active forces in melting the ice is likely to be a column of heated air over the ice.
In cutting ice I prefer that from 8 to 12 inches thick. Cakes 18 by 24 inches are a good size to handle, but they must be cut so that a certain number will fill a certain space, leaving not less than six inches between the mass of ice and the sides of the house. In sawing the ice I use a board to mark the course of the saw one way and endeavor to get a man who can saw straight the other way, measuring off each block, for I find it is much easier to pack them if the blocks are cut true.—J. G. Fargo in Practical Dairyman.

Jerseys In the South.
There is a superstition in some quarters that Jersey cows will not thrive in the south. Grade Jerseys certainly will if the cross be of native southern blood. But Mrs. W. G. McGee of Raleigh has had admirable success with full bloods also, as evidenced by the following note clipped from Hoard's Dairyman:
"The cows have only a small city lot for exercise, but with plenty of good water and a fish grain mixture, composition known only to the compounder, a feed merchant of the city, they manage to bring net dollars to their owners. Here are the yields and percentages of fat found for one milking, Aug. 14:

Cow	Usual yield, Quarts	Per cent fat	Pounds fat
Callie	7 1/2	7.70	.585
Pink	8	5.80	.464
Lida	8	6.20	.496
Placid	11	4.80	1.068
Henrie	5 1/2	6.80	.373

These are Jerseys and grades. Pink is mostly native and a farrow cow. Lida is one-quarter Guernsey and three-quarters Jersey, while Placid is a full Jersey and looks like the St. Lambert family, though her breeding was not learned. Mrs. McGee has recently purchased a "Baby" separator, and some of the skimmilk from it tested, but a faint trace of fat by Babcock tester.

In nine of the trials between sweet and sour cream churning at the lower station it was found that the sour cream yielded 3 per cent more butter than the sweet cream did.

FARM AND GARDEN

SHOP AND TOOLHOUSE.

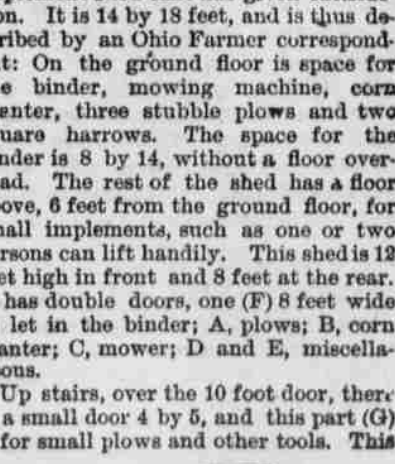
Two Plans Suggested That Offer Special Advantages to Farmers.
There is no use trying to keep tools if you have no place to put them. When they are scattered around barn, woodhouse or driving shed, they soon become soiled from rust. It does not require an expert blacksmith to do much of the jobs about the farm; hence many progressive farmers advocate a workshop. The accompanying diagram, furnished by Ohio Farmer, illustrates in a rough way a substantial but inexpensive structure. The man who owns it says:

We did all the building ourselves in a slack time of the year; hence we did not lay out much money on it. It is built of concrete wall 11 inches thick and 6 1/2 feet high. It has eight sides; therefore it is very near round. The advantages of having it octagonal shape are, there is no waste room in it from square corners; besides, the roof you will have on it is the strongest that you can build, and it requires no girts or stays in any way, as it is braced in itself, and it is impossible for it to spread, as the sheeting makes it impossible; besides, the wall is much stronger and will do much thinner, it being braced or bound all around. The sides are each 10 feet long on the outside, and being 11 inches thick make it about 22 feet from side to opposite side (diameter) inside. The main expense is in the roof, which required six squares of shingles.



Fig. 1 represents the floor of the shop; D, the door; W, windows; 1, carpenter's bench; 2, blacksmith's bench; 3, carpenter's vise; 4, blacksmith's vise; 5, the bellows; 6, the fireplace, which is built of solid masonry 3 feet square, with a hole in the top; 7 is the anvil.
In the second cut is shown a tool and implement shed that has given satisfaction. It is 14 by 18 feet, and is thus described by an Ohio Farmer correspondent: On the ground floor is space for the binder, mowing machine, corn planter, three stubble plows and two square harrows. The space for the binder is 8 by 14, without a floor overhead. The rest of the shed has a floor above, 6 feet from the ground floor, for small implements, such as one or two persons can lift handily. This sheds 12 feet high in front and 8 feet at the rear. It has double doors, one (F) 8 feet wide to let in the binder; A, plows; B, corn planter; C, mower; D and E, miscellaneous.

Up stairs, over the 10 foot door, there is a small door 4 by 5, and this part (G) is for small plows and other tools. This



shed can be built in size to suit any one. For convenience there should be a door for each wagon, and for this purpose it should be built longer to admit the tongues. The implement department is just right—14 feet deep. A shop can be located at one end, and the shed can be made as long as desired. There is a stone pillar under each post. No sill. Cost of shed, \$25 for shingles, weatherboarding, nails, etc.

TURF TOPICS.
The life of a nervous, high strung racer means abstinence, hard exercise and the cold greasing of steel and catgut.
The carriage horse is to the racer what the alderman is to the athlete. Both may be pure blooded, but the one is a Bybarite and the other a Spartan.

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