#### ADVANTAGES OF WINTER.

An old-fashioned winter has its advantages and disadvantages. If these were to be enumerated in parallel columns it is probable that the advantages would lead by a large majority. In a winter like the past one the ground is usually frozen to the depth of a few inches in November and thereafter the snowfall keeps a blanket over the earth which prevents the frost from creeping downward inch by inch until it reaches a depth of four or five feet. It keeps all plant life at the surface of the soil in a perfectly dormant state, but does not completely suspend the function of deep lying roots. A continual covering of ice and snow in the cities keeps the litter and filth of the street from being dried and finely powdered and carried about by every passing breeze. This is one of the most common sources of colds, infinenza, grip, infections of the nose, and its labyrinthine sinuses and the throat, middle ear and respiratory passages in general. Such affections have been less general this year than in several preceding seasons. Steady cold, although very trying to the old and to people of subnormal vital energies, is in reality much better than alternating warm spells and zero pinches, for the latter conditions invite indiscretions in dress.

At this season of the year householders' thoughts turn naturally to lawns and back yards, and there is a general desire to have clean and ornamental surroundings. Unfortunately, in many instances the desire is not strong enough to produce results. A man who beautifies his front lawn is a public benefactor. He no doubt gets some satisfaction out of his effort and expense, but every passer enjoys the result of his effort, and the whole neighborhood is benefited. When the effort extends to the back yard the number of individuals benefited is not so great, but perhaps the enjoyment by the smaller number is more intense. No one enjoys a dirty back yard, and every person who sees one from a window forms an unfavorable opinion of the householder who permits an unsightly accumulation of misplaced matter in his environment. A clean or ornate front lawn is more common than a clean and ornate back yard, yet nothing will better repay effort shan a trim back yard. It can be made wood, and the removal of household debris is a sanitary precaution as well as an esthetic demonstration.

The wisdom of maintaining a derelict patrol along the Atlantic coast, and of sending a derelict destroyer after wrecks that are reported at sea, is indorsed by the fact that the revenue cutter Gresham has just towed into Provincetown, Mass., that capsized hull of a vessel that has been drifting about the seas for the past two years, a menace to sailing ships laden with valuable cargoes, and to steamers with beavy passenger lists.

A Chicago magistrate thinks that drunken men should not be arrested, but taken instead by policemen to their homes. Perhaps the next step in this way of doing things will be to give autolats the right to exact damages from people they run down, on the ground of the trouble and loss of time which such collisions with pedestrians ardson who trained the dogs which

tablish a new aristocracy of the simple Spaniards at Melilla. life. Every man can start an aristocracy of that sort on his own account. but the trouble is that it is caviar to trained dogs as auxiliaries to their the general, because in the nature of gendarmerie and police forces. In the case it cannot support a press

King Albert, the new sovereign of the Belgians, is a progressive monarch. One of the ways in which this is indicated is his approval of the plan for named Pokrofsky, and Tret's services assuring reforms in the Congo region were requisitioned. and opening the door for commerce in that direction.

head of a household his own census a house painter, who was known unmaker, because the probabilities are der the name of Alexander. The sum that he can put down an approximate estimate of his wife's age without cresting a painful scene.

Music is reported to make the humble hen lay more prolifically. A little investigation into the relative merits of Warner or ragtime in the entertainment of the fowl might be of value.

Four poor children, the oldest 11 years of age, were arrested in Cleveland for stealing a doll from a store. Its owner must have thought a lot

Two New York boys also have succeeded in turning double back somersaults. Surely the uplift of the stage is at hand!

in the zoo at Forest park, is monarch Kaiser Wilhelm's sixth son is to join of the elk herd no longer. The crown the navy. Wilhelm ought to have passed to Big Ben, three years his gaved one for the airship fleet. junior, after two sanguinary battles,

When a woman has to disguise herself as a man in order to get good employment as a cook, it would seem that an is not invading man's kingdom as much as his been feared.

What an exquisite pleasure it must be to be able to satisfy your artistic soul by purchasing a picture for 2500,000!

Boston reports a phenomenal catch of lobsters. This will make Broadway



Perhaps the most powerful man in Abyssinia, during the crisis through which that country is passing, is Ras Tessama, chief of the regency. He has identified himself with the policy of the sick emperor, and it was he who carried out the recent coup d'etat which deposed Empress Taitu from the regency. He and his colleague, Ras Giorgis, put in her place as third regent Ras Mikael, son-in-law of Menelik and father of Lidi Jeassu, heir to the throne. It was Ras Tessama who, in 1898, at the instance of the French mission under Bonchamps, was sent to the White Nile to co-operate with Marchand in his advance on Fashoda, which nearly brought France and England to war.

RAS TESSAMA

# to produce grass and flowers instead of tin cans, ash heaps and useless wood, and the removal of household. POLICE STUDY DOGS scent him out when a policeman might pass him by. Their senses are even more acute at night than by

Successful Use of Canines At- those dogs before getting any of her tracts Attention of British Officers.

Great Britain Once More Following Up in Rear of Her Continental Rivals and Taking Cue From Their Advancement.

London.-Great Britain is once more following up in the rear of her continental rivals and taking a leaf from their books. At last she is thinking about it. That is, in the adoption of the doggie policeman. The force numbers only one at present, and he, the dog, is attached to the Berks constabulary. It is a good many years since Major Richardson of Harrow became a dog trainer, his pack of bloodhounds being a famed lot. It was Major Richdid such good work by picking up wounded soldiers on the battlefields Professor Laughlin proposes to es- of Manchuria and which helped the

> Even before that both France and Germany realized the possibilities of Russia, too, the dog policeman is known. A story just reached here from Moscow about a dog known as Tref, which is becoming a perfect terror to evil-doers. A number of bank notes and other valuables had been stolen from a Moscow gentleman

He was put on the scent of the thief, and, after taking a circuitous route, entered a night shelter, making It's a good scheme to make each straight for an old coat belonging to of 500 rubles, which had been stolen from M. Pokrofsky, was found in one of the pockets of the coat.

That London is evidently thinking seems likely, as F. S. Bullock, one of me, the chief constables of the Metropoli-

Defeated in Battle-Victor

Kills Another.

St. Louis .- Jerry, the royal elk buck

in which Jerry was completely routed

Aithough unchallenged as the undis-

and a year-old buck killed on the field.

puted king. Big Ben is enjoying no

royal prerogatives. Lustful for battle,

he bellows impotently behind the steel

bars of his prison, where he was un-

ceremoniously thrust after his double

victory. His challenges are unan-

swered, however. Jerry, who ruthless-

ly ran the herd for five years, is com-

pletely cowed by his defeat and hides himself when his conqueror hurls de-

Jerry, until the other day, never

districts, as they are known, such as man being-a clearly defined nose and for the "swearing in" of any dog con- of claws. stables, but have acquired some of with very satisfactory results.

"It is no use having a dog that won't bite." says Major Richardson. which prevents him picking up poison. and of extraordinary size." They can hear a sound 400 yards further than a policeman, and if a man is hiding in a garden they can center of the limb or tree trunk.

Hen With Human Features. Chicago.-Guests and employes of a downtown hotel are interested in a In some of the favorite "burglary" white hen that has features of a huabouts, householders have not waited a chicken, and feet like knobs instead

"The chicken is nine months old." their own from Major Richardson, said Michael Singer, one of the hotel porters, who owns the fowl, "and is compelled to eat from the hand of a person, being unable to pick food like "and these dogs, if they catch hold of other chickens. It cannot scratch and a man, will worry him just like a rab- does not cackle nor make other noises bit. The dog is held on a chain and like a chicken. It has laid two eggs. wears a specially contrived muzzle, both of which were flat on one side

Wood fibers are strongest near the

## Pie the Key to Longevity

Hale Man of Ninety-Seven Names Best Kind of Food to Eat to Be Centenarian.

Belleville. Ill.-The most remarkable man in Belleville, Benjamin straight as a soldier and spry, has given the world the secret of longevity. Here it is: "P-i-e."

Any kind of pie will do as a steady diet, from Washington pie to lemon meringue, says Mr. West. All kinds are equally stimulating and helpful. Mr. West was formerly a merchant

in Belleville, but he retired in 1884, and has since lived in Minneapolis. Twice each year he comes to Belleville to visit his son, Robert,

"I'm going to have a centennial in "Rules of health? Well, I can't say that I have any. I have just lived a Bull. prudent life. I do not know the taste of whisky or wine. When I was living here I tried to drink beer, but I didn't like the taste of it and I guess I never about following the example of Berks got enough of it in my system to hurt

"I never smoked, but I chew tobac tan police, has been over in Paris co, not to excess, though-just a couhaving a look at the kennels of the po- ple of small chews a day. I have lice dogs at Montrouge. London wants made it a rule to eat not more than phone relay by which the minute to know something about the use of one pound of meat a year.

of restlessness under Jerry's rule.

Realizing that his power was threat-

ened, Jerry tried repeatedly to force

Big Ben stood his ground when Jer

tle royal was on. It lasted but a few

Jerry forced the fighting, charging

ly Big Ben became the aggressor. He

rushed savagely and Jerry ran. The

retreat became a rout, and the two

traveled a merry pace around the pre-

serve, each of them bleeding from

many cuts and bellowing with rage.

Keepers ended the fight and saved

Big Ben, arrogant with his new au

thority, was not satisfied with one bat-

tle. He kept the herd on the move

all day, and in the afternoon cele-

Rival Routs Elk Herd King

Jerry, Long Leader at St. Louis Zoo, tender. But Big Ben had shown signs

the fight

for its brevity.

Jerry's life.

tasted defeat, and in his years of brated his victory by ruthlessly killing

nower had teaten down every con- a yearling buil that crossed his path.

"I never miss my three big meals a day. Next to pie I like vegetables best as a steady diet. I am not a vegetarian, but I have proved in my own case at least that vegetables are the healthiest food. I eat milk and eggs. West, who is ninety-seven years old. but I like cabbage, beets, turnips, corn and potatoes much better."

Mr. West said that he had not been ill a day in years. As a young man be was sickly and it was predicted that he would die before he was thirty. At ninety-seven his white hair is the

only indication of his extreme age. He takes long walks every day and carries a cane, not for the support, but for style. He wears the frock coat and the broad slouch hat once typical of the "southern gentleman." He was born in Virginia when Uncle three years," he said while here last. Sam was winning the 1812 pennant in the championship series with John

> Hear Heart Beats Miles Away. London.-Professor Milne and four distinguished doctors on the Isle of Wight, testing a new invention, tistened over an ordinary telephone to the beat of a woman's heart in London. The instrument employed in London was a stethoscope with a telesounds were magnified.

#### HORSE PARTLY DEER AND COW

Freak Animal in Canada Is Only One-Third Equine—Backbone Is on One Side.

Ottawa.-At the village of Buckingham, on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, a few miles from this city, is a horse, if such it can be called, ry aproached the other day, and a bat- that is only one-third horse, the other two parts being divided equally be-

minutes, but its fierceness made up tween cow and deer. As a freak the animal probably has no equal. The normal parts are madly at his younger opponent. Final- its head, eyes, teeth and one hind leg. Its backbone is not in the center, but runs along the side of its back. One side of the body is that of a

deer, perfectly formed, with the fine close-set ribs and the delicately curved body, while the other side resembles that of a cow, very full. with big rough ribs and the hide much rougher than on the other side.

Keep Doing. Cato said, the best way to keep good acts in memory was to refresh them with new.-Bacon.

## MY HATED RIVAL AND A LAME HORSE

By C. C. HAHN

northern part of the state while I came to the city to make my fortune. In the meantime, however, Marian Phillips was true, and life would have run along very peacefully had it not been for a hated rival. He had money, there was no one in the little up-country town to say a word in my defense except one person, her Uncle Tom.

At length there came a heart-rending letter from Marian in which she be concealed from me.

I did not give much thought to the me and I started back home the next "Mr. James Lacey, of Springfield." day. I likewise took along a wedding

our journey by rail; from which place an old-fashioned stage line perpetuated its franchise by means of an arrange your trip to Canada." open spring wagon with three seats. In the waiting room of the station, I as his uncle exclaimed: met two fellow travelers whom I had seen on the train but had not rec- to sayognized. Years had passed since I at this most suspicious occasion?

The years which had changed the features of this worthy couple had



#### "I Started Back Home the Next Day."

face. Thankful that they did not recognize me, and unwilling to reveal myself at that time, I gave my name as James Lacev, of Springfield, when we negotiated for seats with the stage driver. A breakdown near a small town created a diversion in the monotony of the trip, and, walking on to the village, which was only a mile away. I hired a two-seated sleigh. and inviting Mr. and Mrs. Giles to accompany me, we renewed our journey. Again Fate seemed to have it laid up for me. We had gone no more than half a dozen miles when one of the horses went dead lame, and we barely reached a halfway house by night. The driver assured us the

team would be all right by morning. Half an hour later, I saw a team standing in front of the tavern-a team so exactly like the one behind which we had labored for half a day, that I ran out to ask our driver what he meant by hitching up again. Rushing around to the barn I found the driver in conversation with a long. loose-hung young man with a feeble jaw and hay-colored hair, dressed in

"All right, Hank," I heard the driver say, and with an involuntary start I stepped back into the shadows. Hank Collins was my hated rival, and this

"Be sure and rub my team down well, Pat," my rival was saying. "I've got to get back to Elmdale tonight. Came over to hire Johnson's twoseated sieigh. Just got news that I will have to run over into Canada."

"A man doesn't need a two-seated sleigh to do that!" "He does in my business," was the. to me, suspicious reply.

"There are others going with me and I know a fellow down state that would give his head to know about it. I'd we have turned the trick without your new son."

Could anything be more conclusive? Marian's fears were well founded. I had arrived in the nick of time to me. In an instant I saw the whole

I began to reason. Either Hank Collins must not get to the old home tonight or I must get there before him. But how? Then the thought of how his spirited team exactly matched my own lame and tired one flashed through my mind and my plans were laid in an instant.

"Nary a bit."

"Go and get it as soon as you have rubbed down the team. And—here's person. He is in a constant state of \$5 for saying nothing-" "Sure I can do that easy."

The lady and gentleman who were with me will come in the morning in the daily attitude toward life, will Say nothing about it, but after you grow upon us until we are the slaves get your supper come out and hitch of a disagreeable habit.

"But that lame horse!" "The hour's rest will make him all right!" He mumbled a little, but the \$5 bill was a wonderful argument. As soon as he was gone I changed how!

I had left the lady of my heart at | the location of those two teams, s her home in a little village in the that the lame horse was in Hank's stall and his fresh team standing where Pat had left my own weary one. This job safely accomplished, I

went in to my own supper, recalling as I stepped inside the house that, in a moment of forgetfulness, I had while I was, as yet, a mere clerk. And signed my true name, Mark Hathaway, on the register, and there was my hated rival standing at the desk reading the list of guests.

Whatever scheme might be on foot, I soon noticed that the nephew was told me of dire persecution to compel making a successful attempt to avoid her to marry my rival, and closing the uncle, who clung persistently to with an expression of fear that there my side. At length, however, we corwas a conspiracy on foot to kidnap nered one another at the hall enher-on some pretext or other to get trance, and to my amazement the her over into Canada, where she could younger man was embarrassed at meeting his relative.

"You here?" was his only greeting latter possibility, but the fact that as Uncle Silas grabbed him by the Marian was afraid was enough for hand and hastened to introduce me as "Mr. James Lacey, of Springfield,"

repeated Hank, open-mouthed in as-At Bronxton we reached the end of tonishment. "Why, I thought-" "I am glad to learn," I hastily broke in, "that you have been able to

> Hank shot a gleam of bate at me "Going to Canada? You don't mean

I withdrew, and 15 minutes later had met Mr. and Mrs. Giles, the re- Pat and I were on our way to Elmspected uncle and aunt of my hated dale, conscious that if Hank followed rival. The revelation of their identity he would have an all-night job with filled me with undefined fears. What a lame horse. Before midnight I had was the object of their journey back told the whole story to Uncle Tom, from Massachusetts to the old home and early in the morning we drove over to Marian's.

Hank was not there, but his father was, and he glared at me in such a brought greater changes in my own belligerent manner that I immediately took Marian in my arms and kissed

> "Young man," he said, spreading a pious mask over his face, "do you mean to say that you have come up here to take this innocent girl away from her home and friends and marry her against their wishes?" "I certainly intend to marry her," I

"Oh, Marian, Marian," continued Pa Collins; oh, little Marian, who has been in my Sunday school class and grown up under my eye, kin you, I ask, kin you so far forget yourself as

to marry this man?" "I certainly can and will," came firmly from "little Marian."

"Then," spoke up Uncle Tom, "the laws of the country having been complied with, I as clerk of the county of Wooster certify that you are man and They - are - man - and - wife!"

"I am glad to hear you pronounce

asked Pa Collins

was all that could possibly be necessary to make the marriage regular. Valid it was, anyway." "What do you mean?" demanded both of Marian's parents in one breath. "What do I mean? I mean just

this: That Mr. Collins being a justice of the peace, having asked each one of these young folks if they would have each other and both answering 'yes,' he has pronounced them man and wife, and I as clerk of the county court will be obliged to make out a certificate for them to that effect."

"That's so," Pa Collins ejaculated. sinking back under the weight of the blow. "But I never thought of it." What more might have been said or done no one can conjecture, for just then there was a fingling of sleigh bells and Uncle and Aunt Giles

burst into the room. "Do you know what that scoundrel of a son of yours has done?" Uncle Giles cried, shaking his fist in Pa Collins' face. "I sent him \$5,000 to invest in the Canadian Muffler company, with a written agreement that if he should ever wish to sell out he would notify me so that I could protect myself. Last week he made a fraudulent assignment without mentioning me as a creditor, and today he was to have gone to Canada with the three men he assigned to, where the assets were to be turned over, and I would

son's livery stable, "So it was Hank's horse that got mixed up with yours?" asked Uncle Tom, with a twinkle in his eye.

have lost my money. But Providence

was on the side of right, for by mis-

take he got a lame horse out of John-

"It was." "Then Providence was good to us all around, for I own half the shares in the Canadian muffler business, and Marian's wedding portion would have been considerably reduced if you hadn't managed to make the exlike to see his face when he finds out change,. Sister, shake hands with

#### The Brighter Side.

One of the easiest things in the world is to form the habit of grumsave her. A shiver passed through bling. The occasional discontent at one's lot soon develops into chronic pessimism, a state of mind that sheds gloom around and completely overshadows the natural brightness of every normal, healthy being.

There's an old saying that puts the matter in a nutshell: "If you can't have what you like, like what you have." Try to see the good that may lie far beneath the surface of your "Pat," I said, after the driver had lot, but in the effort to unearth it returned with Hank's team and stal there will be developed a greater bled it. "Have you had your supper?" strength to withstand the harder knocks of the world.

The grumbler is a very unwelcome displeasure with everything in general and with himself in particular; it is a "I must get on to Elmdale tonight. reputation that few of us envy or covet, and one that if care be not used

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"Pa, what is an optimist?" "An optimist, my son, is a man who says, 'Well, I don't like beef, any

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"I tell you," said one man to an other as they emerged from the dimby lighted corridor of a concert hall, "I

envy that fellow who was singing." "Envy him!" echoed the other. "Well, if I were going to envy a singer I'd select somebody with a better voice. His was about the poorest ! ever heard."

"It's not his voice I envy, man," was the reply. "It's his tremendous courage."-Ladies' Home Journal.

The Business Instinct.

An English farmer, taking his little son with him, was going to the polling station to give his vote. On the way he met a friend on the same errand, and the two entered into conversation. After an excited and heated argument about the budget they came to blows. The poor lad was much frightened, and, seeing that his them so," Uncle Tom flashed back be father was getting the worst of it,

suddenly called out to him: "Hit him in the watch, father: that'il cost him something!"

A Horse Lover. James R. Keene, who is noted no less as a horseman than as a financier. said at a luncheon at his Cedarhurst residence:

"My love of horses has been a great comfort to me all my life. I have always kept my horses in their place. though. I haven't allowed them to interfere with my business.

"Some men carry their love of horses altogether too far. Such a one was a young father who stood, with his fair wife, before the crib of their first born. "'Isn't he wonderful?' the young

mother cried. 'Did you ever see anything like him at twenty-six months." 'Maternal love is all very well,' the father retorted, impatiently. but please don't try to compare it with a two

year-old thoroughbred." Good Work Proceeds Slowly.

At the present rate of increase nearly forty-five years must elapse before sufficient hospital accommodations to provide for all the indigent consumptives in the United States will be provided, declares the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, Although over 7,000 beds in hospitals, sanatoria, camps and wards for tuberculous patients were established last year, there are fully 300,000 indigent consumptives who ought to be placed in such institutions and a total of only 22,720 beds in the entire country. On May 1, 1909, there were 15.244 beds for consumptives and 294 institutions. The annual report of the national association shows an increase of 99 institutions and 7,500 beds.

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