

**The Fervency of Youth.**  
"Bobby is attending to his piano lessons very faithfully of late," said the uncle.  
"Yes," replied his mother; "I don't have any trouble with him about that now."  
"How did you manage it?"  
"Some of the neighbors complained of the noise his exercises made, and I told him about it. Now he thinks it's fun to practice."—Washington Star.

**IN OLDEN TIMES**

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

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Dear Sir: I wish to inform you of the benefit my wife has received from the use of your medicine. I must say that your "Family Prescription" is the best male regulator on earth; my wife has been cured by the timely use of it.  
I have been using your "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Pleasant Pellets," and I am fully satisfied they are all you claim them to be, so, wishing you abundant success, and hoping that the Almighty God will continue His blessings toward you in your noble work, I am,  
Respectfully,  
W. J. WALKER.

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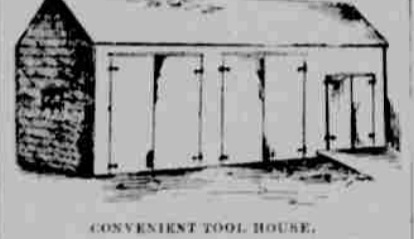
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**OUR RURAL READERS.**

**SOMETHING HERE THAT WILL INTEREST THEM.**

**Tool House for the Care of Farm Implements—Success in Fruit Gardening—Action of Frost—Wheat for Sheep—Farm and Household Notes.**

**Care of Farm Implements.**  
There are farmers who leave their tools exposed to the action of the weather for twelve months of the year, but, fortunately, these are comparatively few. There are, however, a great many farmers who, at the opening of spring, bring forth their tools from safe winter quarters and for six months or more expose them to the action of sun, air, and rain. Tools used one day are left in the field, or out of doors, for expected use on the coming day. These expectations are frequently not realized because of rain or dull weather, during which these implements of iron, wood, and steel, suffer constant depreciation. It is a slipshod method to leave tools lying about out of doors during the season of farm work, and this practice goes a long way in leading to the conviction that "farming doesn't pay." No business man could afford to thus expose his machinery or stock in trade. In fact there are very few business operations in the country that could survive such wasteful practices as are to be seen on many farms. A little effort will soon establish the habit of putting tools in a safe and proper place when not in use. Thus the implements will be preserved; it will always be known where to find them, and much time will be saved that is now spent in hunting them. It will wonderfully assist to secure all these advantages if a separate tool house is provided, a building that is given wholly up to the housing of all the farm tools. The illustration accompanying this shows a conveniently arranged tool house, where all the implements in use about the farm may be secured when not in use. One end of the building is partitioned off and floored over, the small tools can be kept, while the rest of the building has an earthen floor covered with gravel and entered by two large doors, permitting mowers, rakes, and other machines to be driven into the building.—American Agriculturist.



CONVENIENT TOOL HOUSE.

**Success in Fruit Gardening.**  
Published accounts are given of the success of small orchards planted a few years ago in Northern Ohio. Among others is that of Aaron Teeple, who ten years ago bought three acres of land, built house and barn on it, and planted it with a general collection of fruit-trees, including peaches, pears, and plums, and twenty of the most popular grapes. One half of the ground is devoted to market-gardening. For three or four years he has taken premiums for the fruit. It is said that the receipts this year will exceed \$500. The plum crop was over fifty bushels this season, and the fruit large and highly colored. This furnishes a fine example of the brief time required to bring fruit-trees into profitable bearing.

**Care of House Plants.**  
Most house plants suffer a great deal from the dry atmosphere of dwelling rooms, and syringing alone does not suit their wants. A florist suggests a new idea to overcome this difficulty. A wire frame in the shape of a bell large enough to cover the plants is made to support a tent of heavy Canton flannel. Every night the flannel is dipped in water and then wrung out and placed over the plants. If it dries so rapidly it may be sprinkled again. It is claimed with this treatment tender maiden-hair ferns have been kept in perfect health. A very important operation connected with the cultivation of plants is watering, and much care and judgment should be exercised in applying it, especially when in pots. The amount of evaporation which takes place continually varies, and therefore no set rules can be given when to water. Many plants suffer on account of being given an insufficient supply. They should be only watered when moderately dry, and then enough given to soak through all the soil in the pot, allowing it to run out at the bottom. Rain water is the best for watering, but should not be applied to the plants at a lower temperature than that in which they are growing. To prevent bad effects of moisture lodging on the foliage in winter watering should therefore be attended to in the morning, after which a light syringing is beneficial to most all plants; it is desirable to keep dry over night.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

**Action of Frost.**  
The process of congelation is curious and interesting. It is well known that water, when frozen, is expanded and occupies more space than it did before, and hence that the ice is lighter than water and swim upon it. If a bottle full of water, tightly corked, be left to freeze the bottle will be broken for want of room for the expansion of the water while assuming the solid form. This property of water, when frozen, tends every year to diminish the height of mountains. Fissures and crevices become filled with water during the summer and its expansive power when frozen detaches masses of rock, which will roll down to lower positions. In its more moderate and minus effects, the operation of this general law is productive of a very beneficial consequence to the gardener, for the hard frosts of turned-up soil are loosened and broken into pieces by the expansion of water which they contain when frozen. The earth is pulverized and brought to a finely divided condition for receiving seed. Hence the utility of turning up strong or clay soils to be acted upon by the frosts of winter, thus saving mechanical labor in trying to accomplish what the natural force can do so cheaply and well.

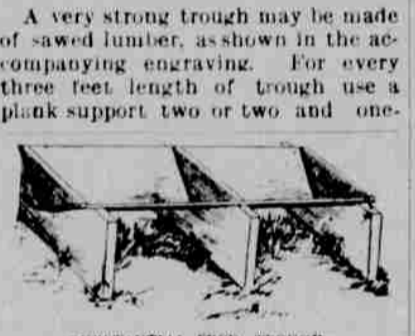
**Hints for Housekeepers.**  
BREAD crumbs cleanse silk gowns. MEND the torn pages of books with white tissue paper. GLOVES can be cleaned at home by rubbing with gasoline. TOOTH powder is an excellent cleanser of filigree jewelry. MOISTURE and paint may be removed from glass with hot, sharp vinegar. NEVER put salt on a steak until it is cooked and removed from the fire. COOKS warmed in oil make an excellent substitute for glass stoppers. The brown discolorations may be removed from cups used in baking by rubbing with a flannel dipped in whiting. GUM arabic and gum tragacanth, in equal parts dissolved in hot water, make the best and most convenient mullage you can keep in the house. WHEN purchasing canned goods it is a safe rule to observe whether the head of the can is concave, a bulging appearance being indicative of decomposition. OPORS from a sick room can be easily removed by sprinkling coarse ground coffee on a shovelful of burning coals, and thrust it into the corners of the room.

**The Bite of a Hog.**  
It is a serious thing to be bitten by any domestic animal, and the danger

is probably greater when bitten by a hog than by any other. This is not because there is an active, poisonous gland with hollow tooth through which the poison is pressed. That is the way a rattlesnake bites, or rather stings. The danger from the bite of a hog may be as great as from a rattlesnake, but it is the danger from bloody poisoning caused by carrying on the tusks of the hog some poisonous saliva with which its mouth is filled. We call this saliva poison because the hog is an indiscriminate feeder, and not careful about getting particles of dirt or even of excrement of other animals with its food. It is poisonous, just as are the scratches from finger nails, which always leave an inflamed sore, hard to be healed in proportion to its abrasion of the skin. This is because with each scratch of the nail some of the dirt that always gathers under it is brought into contact with the blood. A cut with a clean knife heals more quickly, especially if treated at once with some antiseptic and the air is carefully excluded.

**The Best Poultry Cresses.**  
Opinions differ as to what breeds and crosses are the best business fowls. A writer in the Fancier's Journal has selected the Light Brahmas for roasting fowls, the Black Minorcas for eggs and the Black Langshans crossed by the Black Minorcas used as not strictly pure bred, they having an outcross with Langshan to give them extra hardness and larger bodies. The Light Brahmas are used both in their purity and crossed by Indian Game. But there are other Good breeds that can be selected, notably the Plymouth Rock, the Wyandotte, the Houdan and the Leghorn, with probably as good results as this writer obtains with his selections.

**A Strong Hog Trough.**  
A very strong trough may be made of sawed lumber, as shown in the accompanying engraving. For every three feet length of trough use a plank support two or two and one-half feet long, twelve inches wide, and two inches thick. Saw out from the middle of each piece a right angled triangular piece with the sides forming a square of the same length. Use boards one inch thick for the sides, and nail the trough together as usual with the triangles sawed out of the two inch stuff for ends. Now set the trough in the angles sawed out, but far enough away from the end piece to nail from the inside of the trough into the supports, and put the triangle sawed from the supports for the center, and nail that after cutting enough from the bottom corner to let water run through.



SUBSTANTIAL FROG TROUGH.

**Location of an Apiary.**  
The location of an apiary, on a farm is an easily solved problem. There is always some corner in which stock does not go, sheltered by trees, or orchard, or along some hedge, and on every farm this spot might as well be occupied by bees as by weeds; and if a season comes when the cornfield or stubble are overrun with weeds, owing to too much rain or other unfavorable circumstance, the farmer may rejoice in the fact these same weeds will increase his honey crop. With a little forethought and some labor what a source of plenty and profit these unused nooks would be.

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Penwiper—A year ago, sir, I came to you and asked you for a raise in my salary, and you would not grant it. Since then a little child has come to bless our home, and now, sir, I ask you again.  
Head of Firm—Um. I don't think I can give you a raise, Penwiper, but I tell you what I will do. Is it a boy?  
Penwiper—Yes, sir.  
Head of Firm—Well, when he's big enough, I'll try and make place for him.

**University of Nebraska.**  
The University will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the granting of its charter on Charter Day, February 15th, 1891, and the day following. All possible preparations are being made to render this celebration worthy of the high standing of the institution and of the great and growing reputation of the state school system, of which it is an integral part and the recognized head.  
Anniversary Oration—Prof. George Elliott Howard, A. M.  
A general invitation to participate in these exercises is issued to all graduates of the University, to all who have attended the University one year or more, and to the press of Nebraska.  
All persons intending to be present at the celebration, whether accepting special invitations or included under the general invitation, should at once notify the Executive Office, State University, Lincoln, of such purpose; giving name, address, whether coming alone or with others (as with wife or husband), day and hour when they will reach Lincoln, by what route, and day and hour when they desire to leave Lincoln; whether they will accept the hospitality of the city or prefer to make their own arrangements for accommodations.  
On or before February first, notice of assignment for entertainment will be sent to all those who have thus expressed their acceptance of this invitation.

**Basewood for Honey.**  
A writer says: "I never knew a season when the basewood did not furnish some honey. The shortest yield that I ever knew gave a three days' yield, in which honey was plentiful that the bees could not prepare room enough to store it, with a gradual tapering off two days more, making five days in all. The longest gave a yield of twenty-five days, with three of them so cold that the bees could work only a little in the middle of the day. The state of the atmosphere has much to do with the secretion of honey in the basewood flowers. The most unfavorable weather is a cold, rainy, cloudy spell, with the wind in the northwest. If basewood came at a time of year when we were liable to have much such weather there might be such a thing as an entire failure of honey from it.

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For Throat Diseases and Coughs use Brown's Bronchial Troches. Like all really good things, they are imitated. The genuine are sold only in boxes.  
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**The Romans issued private or consular coins which bear the names of every leading Roman family.**  
The only source of the great lakes is the rain that falls within their basin which averages 40 inches per year.

**KEEP UP THAT RASPING COUGH** at the peril of breaking down your Lungs and Throat, rather let the afflicted immediately resort to Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant, which cures all Coughs and Colds, and ameliorates all Lung Complaints and Throat-ails.  
The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is an inveterate tennis player and spends the greater part of her time in the courts at Cannes. Her imperial highness, who is by no means a first rate player, always wishes to win.

**Hood's Permanently Cures**  
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Ripans Tabules are the most effective recipe ever prescribed by a physician for any disorder of the stomach, liver or bowels.  
Buy of any druggist anywhere, or send price to THE RIPANS CHEMICAL COMPANY, 10 SPRUCE ST., NEW YORK.

**Preparing Salt for the Table.**  
The head waiter of a hotel gives this advice: When you dry salt for the table stir in a teaspoonful of cornstarch to a quart of salt and let it grow cold before it is put into saltcellars. Then the salt will not grow moist in damp weather or cake together in lumps.

Having heard that Queen Victoria has expressed a wish to visit Naples, the king of Italy has offered to place the Palace of Capo di Monte at her disposal in the spring for as long a time as it will suit her to stay there.

**The Public Press.**  
It may be truthfully affirmed that the public press is an educator; that it is the champion of right, the defender of the injured, and the terror of evil doers, and what is of encouragement to all is the fact that it keeps in advance and carries its standard in the front of civilization and of refinement. If not the ideal leader, it is at least a living exponent of best thoughts of good men, and is, as a rule, found upon the side of truth and right.—(Tex) Gazette.

**Life: "What are your hopes for the future?" asked the solemn man. "I have none just now," replied the youth. "Tomorrow is my best girl's birthday and I am worrying about the present."**  
Strike the liver, remove disease, promote good cheer and good health, by the use of Beecham's Pills.

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