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HARRISON, - NEBRASKA.

It takes a smart bunko man to unload a gold brick on his wife.

A girl hasn't must use for a man who is too cowardly to propose.

A wise man isn't known by the company he refuses to associate with.

An officeholder no sooner loses his job than he begins to howl for reform.

When a woman has a long talk with a man it means that he's - good liener.

If a man is too lazy to get up and light the kitchen fire he will never set the world ablaze.

A physician says that nearly all politicians are afflicted with a cutaneous disease known as the itching palm.

Reports from the bacteriological department have it that the bacillus of lockjaw has begun to sit up and notice things.

A near-sighted Milwaukee man who loves his pipe recently smoked up three packages of breakfast food before discovering his error.

Did you ever notice in the war news when the reports come from the other side that the enemy's troops are either "mowed down" or "wiped out"?

The Japanese leader who commits suicide when he makes a mistake has not learned the beauty of the American system of having a wicked partner.

The neighbors have discovered that when a man carries his wife's photograph around with him it is not devotion so much as it is a scheme to pacify her at home.

The announcement that rubber has been found in a supposedly useless weed in Colorado suggests that some newspaper correspondent in that region possesses an elastic imagination.

The ease and certainty with which the British press is showing just how Russia ought to carry on her war seems to be in inverse ratio to their memory of recent events in South Africa.

In Prague the city council has decreed that women shall not wear long skirts in the streets or parks. Prague would be a good point for the next meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs. It seems to be clear off the map as to its powers and privileges.

Quinine is needed by the natives of India as much as postage stamps. In the opinion of the paternal government of that country, for it sells the drug at postoffices throughout the Indian empire. When a man has a chill he goes to the stamp window and asks for a quarter's worth of five-cent pills or five-grain stamps or five-stamp pills or five-pill stamp-well, anyway, the postmaster finds out in some way what he wants, and sells it to him.

These scientists and students of domestic economy will be the death of us yet if they do not desist from their apparent determination to tell us what we shall eat, how we shall have it cooked and served and the manner by which we may meet the exactions of the servant girl and start the physicians on the road to bankruptcy. After mature deliberation we have decided to go ahead this summer, eating what we like, whether it agrees with us or not, eating it at home when possible and taking our chances.

The Mormon church is a great commercial and industrial power. Its people do not co-operate in the socialistic sense, but the capital to conquer new soil from the desert, to start new manufactures and to extend their influence in every way is supplied by the tithe, or tenth part of every Mormon's income, so rigidly collected. With this vast fund the wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad and the desert to blossom as the rose. Industrially the Mormon church has some wonders for the West, but it has all been done for the aggrandizement of the Mormon hierarchy.

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may be done. The new Spanish law also forbids the employment on that day of women and of other persons under eighteen years old.

There is a disposition in many quarters to ridicule the political ambitions of young men of wealth and social position who aspire to public office, and the ridicule but thinly veils the serious and oftentimes bitter opposition encountered by candidates of this class. The early poverty of American pioneers and the fact that the majority of America's great public men came from humble walks of life are responsible in large measure for a deep-seated prejudice against the rich man in politics. In the case of the youthful rich man of inherited wealth this prejudice is intensified by a general but erroneous belief that the children of the rich are raised in comparative idleness and are ignorant of practical affairs. Such a belief applies with much greater truth to the sons of great men than to the sons of rich men, but even in the case of the former the public is apt to mistake the notable exceptions for the general rule. A large per cent of the elderly rich men of the present day are so-called self-made men, which term may be liberally defined as men with common school educations who by the exercise of natural ability, strength of character and tremendous industry, after aided by wide opportunity, have become successful in financial, commercial and industrial pursuits. There have been few such men who did not regret the lack of educational advantages in their youth and hence the majority were inspired to confer every educational benefit possible upon their children. It was inevitable that such practical men should not neglect the practical training of their children, although the nature and amount of such training necessarily was regulated by the receptive faculties of the pupil. Despite the glaring but sporadic instances of degeneracy in the youthful rich, it may be truthfully stated as a general proposition that the unlimited advantages they have possessed to qualify for the real duties of life have not been neglected and the result is a very desirable type of young men as a class. Only class prejudice or demagogism will oppose the advent of these young men in politics without a hearing or an investigation of their fitness. In nearly every instance where they have been successful in obtaining public office, despite prejudiced opposition, they have displayed intelligence and a patriotic desire to serve the best interests of their constituents. The possession of ample means has removed the temptations from them which have made well-intentioned young men in public life victims of the bribe-giver.

Wolves Grow in Numbers.
The wolf is more dreaded of humanly than any other animal. No doubt we of to-day inherit that dread from ancestors who had occasion to fear the long-fanged quadruped, for there are few portions of the world to-day where the wolf is really dangerous to mankind. Dangerous to man's pocket, to his herds and flocks, he is still to-day in many portions of the country. A ranch in Montana or New Mexico may pay many hundreds of dollars a year for gray wolf scalps. Such a scalp is cheap at \$12 or \$15 to the rancher, for the gray robber would certainly have destroyed many times that value in calves or colts from the range. Yet in spite of all the warfare made upon them and all the prices put upon their heads these dreaded, mysterious, ghost-like, terror-inspiring creatures still hold their own. Outcasts for ages, hated, persecuted, they still endure, each for himself and without a friend on earth, even among his own kind. Last year the State of Minnesota paid over \$6,000 a month in the best of the wolf season. One day of the month of last March the State Auditor paid \$6,158.50 in wolf bounties. The total for the few months preceding was \$36,548.50. On this basis the current year will foot up nearly as much as the two years preceding, which appears to indicate that Brother Wolf is holding his own, even as a matter of commerce. In many parts of the Western cattle range the gray wolves are increasing rather than decreasing.—Field and Stream.

The Naked Truth.
She was a gushing young thing, given to springing curious queries on unsuspecting people. He was a plain, blunt man, who hated gush and gushers. She suddenly flashed her thoughtful eyes upon him and said:
"Don't you think poor Adam must have had a great deal on his mind when he wandered alone in the Garden of Eden?"
He callously replied:
"Well, from the accounts I have read of the party you mention, I should say that whatever he did have on must have been on his mind. That's the naked truth for you."

Too Few.
"The use of tobacco is very prevalent," said Mrs. Swayback.
"Yes, there are comparatively few smokeless men," added Mr. Swayback.—Detroit Free Press.

"I have stood this as long as I intend to," a woman said to her husband. Providing the woman is truthful, what will she do?

We would all raise the devil here if we could induce others to do the work.

FARMS AND FARMERS



Handling Bags of Grain.
In grain-growing sections more or less grain in bags has to be handled by man-power, and this becomes considerable of a burden after a time. A device for assisting in this work may be easily constructed by any handy man. Set a heavy post in the ground so that it will stand about two and one-half feet above the surface; then take a heavy board, the wider the better, and about ten feet long. Cut two pieces of board wedge-shaped and fasten to the lower edge of the board. Cut these pieces so that when they rest on the ground with the other end of the board resting on the beveled top of the post the whole thing is firm.

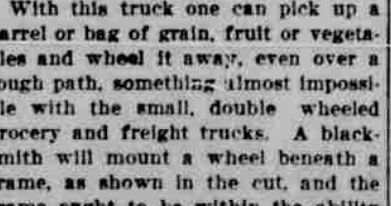


FOR HANDLING BAGS OF GRAIN.

by truckmen in the cities. With the hook lift the sack of grain on the lower edge of the board, haul it up the smooth surface of the board and when at the end set on the sloping post it may be easily transferred to one's shoulders. In the illustration figure 1 shows how the wedge-shaped pieces must be cut, figure 2 how the post should be beveled, figure 3 the iron hook, and figure 4 the slope of the board.

Handling Fowls in Yards.
Where it is necessary to keep the fowls confined to houses and yards during the summer and not much chance to divide the yards, the best way to handle them is to have the yards of four-foot netting, the top covered over as well, and every few weeks move these yards to a new location, where fowls have not been the present year. This is considerable trouble, but it must be done if chicks and fowls are kept on a small area. If it is not possible to let the fowls have a range, then green food must be provided in some way. A good plan is to give them some cut grass or weeds at night just before they go to roost. A better plan is to rake up the cuttings following the lawn mower, for they can consume these short blades better than grass cut with a scythe. All fowls in confinement ought to be allowed to run for an hour or two each night, even though it is necessary for several people to keep them out of mischief. This run will do them a world of good, and the egg results will pay for the trouble of watching them. Don't forget the necessity for an abundance of fresh water several times daily.

Single Wheel Truck.
With this truck one can pick up a barrel or bag of grain, fruit or vegetables and wheel it away, even over a rough path, something almost impossible with the small, double wheeled grocery and freight trucks. A blacksmith will mount a wheel beneath a frame, as shown in the cut, and the frame ought to be within the ability



SINGLE WHEEL TRUCK.

of any one handy with tools. A medium sized single wheel truck will do much work and do it easier than is possible with a small double wheel truck.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Shade for the Swine.
Shade for swine is quite as necessary as for other animals, and when one has a tree or two in the pasture the question of shade is readily settled. If there are no trees plant three or four, and while they are growing use portable houses for shade, making them with a sill set on runners and with a ring set in the front sill so that a horse may be attached and the house moved when necessary. These houses may be made of any cheap material and the roof arranged so that a portion of it may consist of tree limbs laid over the boards set far apart. The cost need not be great and the results will pay for the time and labor spent.

Milk Shipped as Ice.
The milk supply of Copenhagen, Denmark, is shipped to the city in a "rozen condition. It is filtered as it comes from the farmers, then pasteurized to 185 degrees, then cooled, and frozen by the brine process. It is shipped to the city by train in insulated chambers. On arrival it is stored in a main house, and thawed out as

needed. It is declared, the taste, flavor and other qualities are unimpaired, and that the milk so treated can be kept sweet and fresh for any reasonable time.

Strawberry Planting.
Most fruit growers are familiar with the pot-grown strawberry plants offered by nurserymen for setting in the summer, says the Indianapolis News. As a rule such plants are too expensive to set in any considerable number, but this is an ideal way to obtain plants of new sorts for testing; though much more costly than the layer plants one will get from them a crop, next summer, of sufficient size to determine the desirability of the variety. Then, too, it is possible to increase one's own plantation by taking from the old beds the new plants and setting them out in the new beds any time this month. To do this with the best results, cut the runner which connects the new plant with the parent, then a week later, just after a rain, dig up the young plant with a liberal amount of soil attached to the roots and set it with the soil on the roots in the new bed.

With care not a plant will be lost in the transplanting and these plants will give one a crop of berries next summer nearly equal to those from year-old set plants. The precaution to take is to have the lump of soil adhere to the roots so that the growth of the young plant will not be materially disturbed by the transplanting. Where but a few hundred plants are to be reset one can easily supply the water to the soil necessary to make the soil stick to the roots.

The New Year Book.
The annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture occupies one hundred pages of the new Year Book, after which the bulk of the book consists of thirty-two special articles; all but two of these have been prepared by officials of the department. The subjects dealt with include the relation of cold storage to commercial apple culture, the preparation of land for irrigation, the adulteration of drugs, promising new fruits, the relation of forests to stream flow, and the effect of preservatives in food on health and digestion. Free copies may be had on application to members of Congress.

The White Wyandotte.
The White Wyandotte is a typical all-around, useful fowl, that combines beauty and money-making qualities in a high degree. Pure white throughout, with rose comb, upright carriage and full meaty breast—all in all, the ideal fowl for farmer or fancier. The females are good winter layers of large, brown-shelled eggs, and the young fowls grow rapidly and reach marketable size at an early age. They deserve all the praise that has been bestowed upon them, and are destined to become popular with those who raise poultry for profit.



WYANDOTTE.

The New Peach Disease.
The disease called Little Peach is giving serious trouble to orchardists in New York and Michigan, and the subject is being investigated by Government experts. The cause is due, in part at least, to a fungous growth which attacks the roots, but the cause has not been positively proved. The malady somewhat resembles peach yellows in its effect. The main symptoms are the small size of the fruit without special spots or blotches; the general feebleness and final yellowing of the trees and their gradual decline and death without apparent cause. The disease often spreads in a circle from the tree first attacked. The spread is slow, generally taking from three to five years or more to spread through an orchard. The only remedy yet discovered is to pull out the diseased trees as soon as the first symptoms appear, and this course is the one urged by the agents of the department.

General Farm Notes.
Long and hard pulling makes wind broken horses. If a sow breeds well and is a good mother, keep her until she is old. Early and thorough training makes gentle, safe and tractable horses. Clean off the ground occupied by peas, early corn or potatoes and sow turnips. Always breed from a thoroughbred pair of good constitution and vigor. His vigor should be in excess of that of the sow. With poultry, as with nearly all other products from the farm, a safe rule is to market the surplus whenever a fair profit can be realized when making the sale. Among thoroughbred there is little difference so far as their economical points are concerned, but on a farm a solid, strong and coarse bred is best. Those who make the most in keeping poultry are those who have small farms and utilize every rod of them for the production of food or pasture for their stock.

MUST WEAR GOOD-LUCK CHARM.

Women Show Favoritism by Wearing a Bangle of St. Joseph.

If you haven't a good-luck charm about you, either carried in your purse or fastened on a chain, then my advice is to get one immediately and see how soon your fortune will improve. The favorite charm for women is a bangle or statue of St. Joseph, the patron saint of matrimony, though the young women who wear his image insist that they do so because St. Joseph will bring them good and true friends. This may be a clever little subterfuge, but it is true, nevertheless, that some of them earnestly believe that their increased circle of devoted friends, both men and women, is due to the quaint little statue. Bachelors of both sexes are fond of these St. Joseph charms and it is not unusual to see a man with one fastened to his fob or carried loose in a pocket. The favorite animal charm is the elephant, and one of the prettiest of these creatures was purchased at the world's fair. It was made of polished coral, or shell, that showed the most delicate pinkish white, shaded with a deeper pink. Little pigs, bears and almost every animal imaginable was there carved out of this substance and fitted with a tiny gold ring, so that it could be worn on a chain.

The handsomest jetonette chains are made of rather fine gold and platinum links, set at regular spaces with rubi chon or cut stones. Amethysts are fairly popular, while jade, chrysoberyl, amazonite and brilliants of almost every tint, including beautifully shaded aqua marines, look exceptionally well against gowns of certain coloring. To the ends of these chains it is now the fad to fasten good-sized crosses, preferably ornaments made of stones to match those in the chain. A three or four inch cross suspended on a jeweled chain is far more effective than the usual lot of chatelaine ornaments, though some of the newest mirrors for chains are really beautiful little works of art. The covering for these is an art nouveau design in which translucent enamel plays an important part, and so delicate is its tint and substance that the glint of the mirror beneath may be seen through it.—Grand Rapids Herald.

HOW TO KILL AN OCTOPUS.
Fish Story from the Philippines Which Has Just Reached Us.
To kill an octopus, seize it firmly and bite its eyes out. This simple method has been proved in practice to be effective. It forms the subject of a thrilling fish story that has drifted in from the Philippines.

On the northern coast of Luzon a giant octopus was seen swimming near some fishing snooks. A Filipino fisherman, wearing only a breech cloth and wholly unarmed, sprang overboard and attacked the monster. It is not made exactly clear why the fisherman sought battle with the squid, but eyewitnesses agree that the fight took place. The daring Filipino grappled two of the tentacles near the back of the monster and the fight was on. An American who claims to have seen it says it was beyond doubt the most extraordinary contest that ever took place in the Philippines. The weak point in the octopus is its eyes, and these were the objective of the fisherman. He fought with his teeth and hands. When the octopus felt his grip it dived below the surface, but as the water was only up to the Filipino's shoulders he succeeded in keeping a foothold. The arms of the octopus were wrapped around the man's body and a black fluid emitted by the creature discolored the water. Repeatedly the octopus attempted to drag the Filipino under the water, but he was strong enough to successfully resist. The Filipino kept biting savagely at the eyes of the octopus. The fight lasted fifteen minutes. At the end of that time the octopus had lost both eyes and gave up the fight. Its tentacles were as large as a man's wrist and measured fifteen feet across. Although severely bruised, the Filipino sustained no dangerous injury.

An Unstated Thought.
Two Irishmen serving in an English regiment were good chums until Rooney was raised to the rank of sergeant. Forthwith his chest expanded, and from that time on he looked down on McGrane.

One day McGrane approached Rooney, and said, "Mike, I mean sergeant, s'pose a private stepped up to a sergeant and called him a consoled monkey, phwat wud happen?"
"He'd be put in the yard-house."
"He wud?"
"He wud."
"Well, now s'pose the private only thought the sergeant was a consoled monkey, and didn't say a wurd about it. Wud he be put in the yard-house?"
"Av course not."
"Well, thin