

It is a wise child that knows when parent will kick him before the day is over.

Col. Youngblood has lifted the lid in Tibet and found that there wasn't very much under it.

We have come to the conclusion that Aunt Carrie Nation is the only bug that can exterminate the boll weevil.

If Uncle Sam wants Smyrna rugs the Sultan can't see why he doesn't go to Philadelphia, where they come from.

Of course, that \$10-bill factory in Atlanta failed. The government seriously objects to bargain sales of money.

The cable says the czar didn't confer any honors on his navy at the christening of his son. How could he? The czar isn't a professional diver.

Auto smashing may yet become as thrilling and popular a pastime in the East as is broncho-busting in the wild West, and somewhat more expensive.

When you pronounce "wheat rust" rapidly it sounds very much like "wheat trust," and then you begin to get a clue to some of the operations on the market.

Fifty per cent of the women graduates of the University of Wisconsin are unmarried. The publication of this fact undoubtedly will prove to be the hardest blow yet struck at coeducation.

Women are now trying to become mail carriers. Turn about is fair play. Perhaps they think the males have carried the females so long that it is time for the females to carry the mails.

The higher education is all right, of course, but it sure is true that a lot of time and money is lost trying to make lawyers and doctors out of material nature intended for shoemakers and carpenters.

"Whose findeth a wife," says Solomon, "findeth a good thing." And Solomon was one of the most experienced husbands that ever lived. The records of modern divorce courts would indicate that either wives or husbands must have changed more or less since his day.

The department of agriculture at Washington, in addition to widespread and carefully considered experiments in the line of reforestation, is about to inaugurate a system of wireless telegraphy to aid in the preservation of timber now standing. In the great west forest fires destroy every year far more valuable timber than is cut for the uses of mankind. By the establishment of the wireless telegraph station at the danger points of the northwest it is believed that early advice of fire can be given in time to adopt successful means of prevention.

Magic circles did not go out with the days of superstition. The holders of a railway concession in China have drawn a circle about Canton across which no foreign railway may pass without their consent. It is simply a belt line of railway on the outskirts of the city, with branches running to the suburbs. The French and English holders of railway concessions must make terms with the Americans before they can lay their tracks across the belt line. In the United States the courts usually make short work of such obstructions, but the magic is likely to work in China for several years yet. Meantime the French and English railway men are admiring the alertness of their competitors from this country.

May it not be asked without offense, when we hear of one owner of jewels mislaying only a small part of her stock and store of the value of \$250,000, if she could not find greater satisfaction, more pleasure, less worry in investing so much money in other ways? There are still-orphans in the world, we understand, the hospital, too, are told, are overcrowded, and old folk, it is stated, continue to knock in vain for admittance at the doors of homes and asylums; the churches are still crying for money and the world presents many golden opportunities to the rich to make investments in noble charity which are likely to pay better in the end than the vulgar, tawdry display of jewels which, though they make the clowns stare, cause the judicious to grieve.

"Believe me," said a Philadelphia physician who makes a specialty of treating nervous disorders, "it isn't overwork that superinduces nervous prostration. The men who succumb to nervous strain are not the men who work continually under high pressure. The man who has no relaxation has no time to brood over his health, and brooding is fatal to a man whose nerves are highly strung. If a man is constantly busy in mind from morning until night he isn't in any danger of nervous trouble. It is only when he relaxes and gives himself a certain amount of leisure that he is in danger. A man in a good bit like a piece of machinery. It is the relaxation that does the work. Take Russell Sage, for instance. He contracted his eighty-eighth birthday on May 10, and he is in the harness of the State. Should he give up ever

a part of his daily routine the probabilities are that he would be a dead man in six months. The man whose nerves trouble him is the man of comparative leisure."

The growing tendency of business men to challenge the usefulness of the higher education in business gives more than usual interest to the report of the national commissioner of education for 1903, which exhibits in a striking way the growth of the college and university system in this country. Notwithstanding the claims of those who have devoted themselves to showing how a college education unfits a young man for the practical money-making activities of life, the enrollment at the higher institutions of learning has nearly doubled in the last ten years. In this connection the showing in the classical and "general culture" courses is significant and worthy of especial attention. The youth of America are not rushing pell-mell into the technical or specialized branches, as many would have us believe. A very large majority of the students may still be found in those departments that are designed to give a broad and liberal culture instead of special training for special pursuits. According to the report of the commissioner there were 638 institutions classified as universities, colleges and theological schools. The total number of students resident at these institutions in 1902 was reported at 107,391. Of these 66,325 men and 22,507 women were in universities and colleges for men and for both sexes, 5,549 were in colleges for women, 11,808 men and 1,202 women were in schools of technology. Comparing 1902 with 1890, the total number of male students at the higher institutions increased from 44,620 to 78,133, and the number of women had increased from 10,761 to 29,258. Of the entire number 40,982 were in classical courses and 14,287 in other "general culture" courses, while 7,393 were in scientific courses and 3,472 in agriculture.

The ukase of the czar, issued on the christening of his son and heir, goes to substantiate the story recently referred to that the conversion of Prince Meschsky to comparative liberalism foreshadowed an announcement of the like conversion of the czar. In the ukase Nicholas, of course reaffirms the doctrine of divine right and speaks of himself as the source of all rights as well as all privileges, some of which he graciously bestows upon the children of his "great family" for their greater enjoyment in their daily lives. The ukase grants general amnesty to all political offenders except those charged with murder. It abolishes corporal punishment among rural classes and for first offenses by privates in the sea and land forces. It provides for a general mitigation of penalties for common offenses against law. These are for the most part acts of clemency, but the sweeping amnesty granted to political offenders and the mitigation of penalties for the future in the case of ordinary criminals imply a permanent change of government policy in the direction of greater liberality. Other "gifts" bestowed signify a free change of policy in dealing with Finland, Jews and others, and a disposition to attach subjugated peoples to their imperial master by toleration and kindness and a general relaxation of the rigor and severity with which they have been treated under the regime of the reactionary advisers of the czar. There is, however, no intimation of a purpose to make a departure in the direction of parliamentary government. In this respect the autocrat of Japan is far in advance of the "autocrat of all the Russias." Theoretically the mikado is as much a representative of the Almighty on earth and a much the source of all rights and all good things, as much the repository of supreme and absolute authority as power, as is the czar, but the mikado is far in advance of the czar in according parliamentary power to the whole people and local self-government to the communities. This ukase, nevertheless, furnishes evidence that the czar is getting in line with modern political enlightenment and that it is time if the nihilists and other radical will keep hands off he will overtake the mikado and show that the head of the church of Russia is as enlightened and progressive and humane as the head of paganism in Japan.

Backwheat Cakes. When the air grows shrewd and nipping when the days are drawing in Evelina goes a-tripping. To the little backwheat bin. Mixes up a batch of batter. Swiftly. She makes no mistakes. And I tell you what's the matter, You should take her backwheat cakes. Light as thistle tuft that over Hill and dale, wind-driven flies, Fragrant as a field of clover, Brown as Evelina's eyes! At the true poetic rapture I, perhaps, am no great shakes, But it isn't hard to capture Me with Evelina's cakes.

Place the maple's extract sappy Near me, and the butter pass. Now I am supremely happy, And dull care may go to grass. When my appetite is keen a Large sized pile for me she bakes. Truly I love Evelina. When she bakes me backwheat cake —Leslie's Monthly Magazine.

It Pleased Her. Miss Oldgirl blushed and giggled, No warm his love words were. 'Twas only the old, old story, But it was new to her. —Philadelphia Ledger.

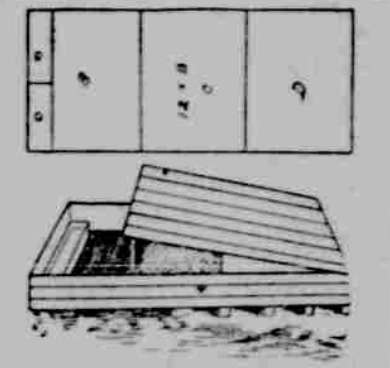
How a girl enjoys her braid when it is long enough to hang around her neck in front!



FARMS AND FARMERS

Cheap Double Hog Pen. The pen here described is not an expensive one to construct, yet it answers the purpose of a pen costing several times as much built on other plans. This pen may be of logs with poles for the floor or to be built of sawed lumber, as one desires. While the pen may be of any dimensions desired, a length of sixteen or eighteen feet will be the most economical. The plan here described provides for a pen twenty-four feet long and eight feet wide, thus giving one, when divided, two pens, each eight by twelve feet. Or, it may be arranged, as shown in the cut, into three compartments for each pen. One a room with board floors for a feeding room. One with earth floor for a general living room and one with board floor to be used as a sleeping room. At the end of the feeding room the troughs are made which may be partitioned off or not as one thinks best. The plan of arrangement with the general living room in the middle, between the feeding room and the sleeping room.

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GOOD WINTER HOG PEN.

enables the hogs to have considerable exercise, and with such a room with an earth floor they will not be likely to soil the beds of the sleeping room. In the illustration 'A' indicate the troughs, B the feeding floor, C the earth floor and D the sleeping room. The complete pen is shown at the bottom of the cut.—Indianapolis News.

To Cure Sucking Cows. There are many plans for breaking self-sucking cows of the habit, but some of them are complex, while with others the animal soon learns how to get the better of any device which is attached to her. There is one appliance, however, which seems to work to perfection, and it is made and applied in the following manner: The usual halter is placed on the head of the cow and a ring is fastened in it just under her neck. Then a strap or a strong rope is placed about her body just behind her forelegs. From this strap or rope another strap is run, having at the end a cupper such as is used on horses. This is placed in the proper position under her tail. Then a pole is secured sufficiently long to reach nearly to the middle of her body to a joint just beneath the ring fastened in the halter. A hole is bored in either end of the pole and it is tied



CURE FOR SUCKING COW.

at one end to the ring in the halter, and at the other end to the strap or rope about her body. The strap from the back to the tail prevents any slipping of the middle strap and the appliance is absolutely secure, making it impossible for the cow to reach her udder with her mouth. The illustration clearly shows the idea.

Wheat After Corn. One of the most serious objections to following corn with wheat is that the corn shock rows are difficult to seed, and if not seeded they grow up to weeds the following summer. The best way of avoiding this is to go through the field and cut the two rows of corn where the shock rows are to be. Go across the field, cutting one row at a time, laying the bunches over in the standing corn, opposite where the shock should stand. Cut the other row, and lay opposite the bundles left in cutting the first row. After cutting out these rows and one or two at the ends to keep from being broken down, follow with the harrow and drill. Then pass through the field and set up the corn by using a horse, or by setting the two bundles together and trying, spreading the butts of the stalks to make shock more stable. If properly done there will be no trouble with shocks falling down. The cutting can then be finished and the rest of the field seeded, and that with little or no loss of time.

To Kill Cabbage Worms. Mr. Brammer, of South Dakota, says: "When you see signs of worms put on your wash boiler with a pall of soft water in it. Shave a half bar

A New Farm School.

The Farragut School is a model rural school built by the people of the tenth district of Knox County, Tennessee, with the help of the General Education Board, which has contributed \$5,000 toward the establishment of the school. The purpose is to make it an educational center for the community, not only for the children, but for the grown people as well. The board of trustees has just completed a building which has cost about \$15,000. This school has 12 1/2 acres of land. On this will be built a home for the principal of the school, with garden, lawn, etc. This will be as nearly as possible an ideal country home, a model home for the community. Two or three acres will be planted in shrubbery, or laid out in walks, drives, etc. The remainder will be divided into plots for fruits, berries, and the crops best suited to this community. This is not for the purpose of experiment, but for the purpose of demonstrating what can and can be done with the various crops. In addition to this there will be shop work and such other things as boys and girls in the country should know.

Flavor and Color of Eggs.

The effect of different feeding stuffs on the color of the egg yolks and on the flavor of the eggs was also studied, not less than eight different kinds of grains being fed, as well as scrap beef. In many cases flavoring matters such as celery oil, sassafras oil, etc., were also mixed with the food. Green food was given in the form of mangolds and sugar beet which the fowls readily ate. Quite contrary to expectations, the flavor of the eggs was not noticeably affected by any of the ration or flavoring materials employed. The different rations, however, very clearly affected the color of the yolks. When the ration consisted of wheat, oats, or white corn, either fed alone or in combination with each other, the yolks were so light colored that the eggs would be quite marketable for any high class or fancy trade. On the other hand, the feeding of yellow corn gave the yolks that rich yellow color so much desired for the best markets.

Ducks Are Profitable.

A California lady says: "I believe there is greater profit and quicker returns from ducks than any other fowl. The others are all good, but ducks take the lead. I set twelve eggs and got ten ducks, and they grew very rapidly. I gave them bread and milk ground wheat and bean made rather wet. I always put in a pan of water as I notice they cannot swallow wet without water. I filled a little pond with several buckets of water and the ducks swam there every day and caught flies. They grow very fast. I feed them night and morning with barley and wheat placed in a dish of water. It is best not to let the small ducks have any more water than enough to put their bills in. I hear people say it is impossible to raise geese and ducks without a pond of water, but I have done so several different years.

Dairying of the Future.

It is possible, even to-day, although the process is confidently hoped and believed will be speedily further perfected, to pass milk drawn from the cow by the aid of a milking machine direct into the separator, which is attached to a butter maker, i. e., a machine which first skims the cream and then churns it into butter—in a word to make butter practically direct from the cow. Practical men, however, are quite aware of the advisability of waiting for a further development when the work will be more economical and the results more satisfactory.

Poultry Pickings.

Mix the corn well with skim milk. Old plaster furnishes good lime material. When a chick frequently picks itself it is lousy. Late hatched pullets will rarely lay until spring. Hardiness is the first of all qualities to seek in a brood. In raising broilers for market earliness is quite an item. Boil and mash potatoes and mix with milk before feeding. Food should be varied sufficiently to keep the chicks with a good appetite. Poultry will bring in the quickest returns of anything usually raised on a farm. The larger the number of fowl kept the smaller the expense proportionately. Geese require less grain and less expensive buildings than any other variety of poultry. The incubator will hatch as many fertile eggs as the hen at a much less cost of labor and trouble. A variety of food will not cost more than one article all the time, but it pays a good deal better. If too many hens are allowed to run with one cock there is always a risk of some of the eggs proving unfertile.

DEXTERITY OF THE HINDOOS.

They Are Expert at Tumbling, Rope Dancing and Legerdemain. "The dexterity of the Hindoos in tumbling, rope-dancing and legerdemain is so much superior to that of Europeans and Japanese that the statements of travelers on the subject were much doubted until they were brought to exhibit their singular feats in this country," says a writer in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Nothing is more common in India than to see young girls walking on their hands and feet with the body bent backward, plunge her head into a hole about eighteen inches deep, full of water and dirt, and bring up between her lips a ring that was buried in the mud. The women may frequently be seen dancing together on a rope stretched over trestles, the one playing on the vina, or Hindoo guitar, the other holding two vessels brimful of water and capering about without spilling a drop. A plank is sometimes fixed to the top of a pole twenty-five feet high, which is set upright; a boy then climbs up it, springs backward and seats himself upon the plank. "Another mountebank balances himself by the middle of the body on a bamboo pole, fifteen or eighteen feet high. He first sets it upright, and then climbs up it, with his legs arms, as if it was a firmly rooted tree. On reaching the top, he clings to it with his feet and hands, after fixing the center of the pole in the middle of his chest, and dances, moving about in all directions to the sound of music without the pole ever losing its equilibrium. He then descends, takes a boy on his shoulders, climbs up the pole again, and stands on the top on one leg. Sometimes a boy lies across the extremity of the bamboo and holds himself quite stiff for a considerable time. A man lifts up the pole and the boy in that state, and moves them about in all directions without losing the balance.

"A still more extraordinary feat is performed by the Hindoo women, one of them will sometimes balance herself in a horizontal position, with her arms extended like a person swimming, on the top of a bamboo pole ninety feet high, fixed to the ground. In a short time she seems to have lost her balance and falls, to the no small terror of the spectators; but this is only one of her customary movements—she catches by one foot in a rope, fastened to a bar which crosses the middle of the pole and remains suspended, with her head downward.

"The Hindoos are not only extremely dexterous themselves, but they have found means to communicate their dexterity to the very brutes. They train bullocks or buffaloes, for instance, to the performance of a very difficult task. A Hindoo lies down upon the ground on his back and places on the lower part of the stomach a piece of wood cut in the shape of a series of spoons. A buffalo, at the command of his master, sets first one foot and then the other on this piece of wood and then his two hinder feet in succession and balances himself upon it. But this is not all; the master of the buffalo places a second pedestal by the side of the first; the animal steps upon it in like manner, and when he has placed all four feet on this movable column he balances himself upon it with wonderful dexterity. Goats are also taught to perform the trick, in which we know not whether most to admire the patience or the docility of the animal."

INSECT MECHANICS.

The deliberate use of a tool by a little sandwasp might well be supposed to indicate reasoning power. A well-known naturalist, Dr. Peckham watched a wasp dig a hole in the earth and deposit therein an egg, together with a spider, which she had stung into paralysis, to feed the grub which should be hatched in due course. Then she filled up the hole with sand of earth, and jammed it down with her head.

"When at last the filling was level with the ground, she brought a quantity of fine grains of dirt to the spot picked up a small pebble in her mandibles, and used it as a hammer in pounding them down with rapid strokes, thus making this spot as hard and firm as the surrounding surface. Before we could recover from our astonishment at this performance, she had dropped her stone and was bringing more earth. In a moment we saw her pick up the pebble, and again pound the earth into place with it. Once more the whole process was repeated, and then the little creature flew away."

"The whole of this performance," writes Sir Herbert Maxwell in "Memoirs of the Months," "is so unexpected that even Dr. Peckham's high reputation as a scrupulous observer might fall to convince skeptics that he had not been deceived; but similar behavior on the part of a wasp of the same species has been recorded independently by Dr. Williston, of Kansas University."

Family Pride.

"Is it true that your cook has left you, Mrs. Jones?" "No; she'll be back in September. She insists that some member of the household must go to the seashore for the summer."

There really never was such a thing as a proposal of marriage: They just drift and drift till they bump up against something and the man finds it a preacher.

There are more than 1,000 machine-tending operatives in Lowell, Mass., caring for 838,000 spindles and earning over \$500,000 a month in 1903.

The lay of the American hen in 1903 is about \$30,000,000 a year. All the cattle and hogs slaughtered in the country are worth less, and so is the country's total yield of gold and silver.

Florida's orange and pineapple crop is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Could Get No Rest.

Freeborn, Minn., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Mr. R. E. Goward, a well-known man here, is rejoicing in the relief from suffering he has obtained through using Dodd's Kidney Pills. His experience is well worth repeating, as it should point the road to health to many another in a similar condition. "I had an aggravating case of Kidney Trouble," says Mr. Goward, "that gave me no rest day or night, but using a few boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills put new life in me and I feel like a new man."

"I am happy to state I have received great and wonderful benefit from Dodd's Kidney Pills. I would heartily recommend all sufferers from Kidney Trouble to give Dodd's Kidney Pills a fair trial, as I have every reason to believe it would never be regretted."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make you feel like a new man or woman because they cure the kidneys. Cured kidneys mean pure blood and pure blood means bounding health and energy in every part of the body.

Twelve million pounds' worth of leather is required every year to provide boots and shoes for the inhabitants of Great Britain.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an impaired condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a humming sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

We will give one Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

I think that speaking of that early manifestation of it as "puppy" love is a gratuitous insult to the pup.

I can recommend Pilo's Cure for Consumption for Asthma. It has given me great relief.—W. L. Wood, Farmersburg, Ind., Sept. 8, 1901.

Some women are so orderly about the house that their husbands can't be comfortable except in the coal shed.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures colic. Price 25c bottle.

A grave digger in Holland claims to have buried 80,000 people.

It afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water sore eyes, etc.

A truthful lover is an abomination, and besides there aren't any.

The wise look of the owl is caused by a physiological oddity, his eyes being fixed immovably in their sockets.

The German Empire is divided into 145 Chamber of Commerce districts. Each Chamber of Commerce has control of its own finances, and is compelled by law to appoint an able and experienced man as secretary.

An inscription on a stone tablet found in the ruins of an old synagogue in Kaifengfu shows that the Jews first entered China during the Han dynasty from B. C. 200 to A. D. 226.

SAFEST FOOD

In Any Kind of Trouble Is Grape-Nuts. Food to rebuild the strength and that is predigested must be selected when one is convalescent. At this time there is nothing so valuable as Grape-Nuts for the reason that this food is all nourishment and is also a digestible nourishment. A woman who used it says:

"Some time ago I was very ill with typhoid fever, so ill every one thought I would die, even myself. It left me so weak I could not properly digest food of any kind and I also had much bowel trouble, which left me a weak, helpless wreck."

"I needed nourishment as badly as any one could, but none of the tonics helped me until I finally tried Grape-Nuts food morning and evening. This not only supplied food that I thought delicious as could be, but it also made me perfectly well and strong again, so I can do all my household work, sleep well, can eat anything without any trace of bowel trouble and for that reason alone Grape-Nuts food is worth its weight in gold." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Typhoid fever like some other diseases attacks the bowels and frequent sets up bleeding and makes them for months incapable of digesting the starches and therefore predigested Grape-Nuts is invaluable for the well known reason that in Grape-Nuts all the starches have been transformed into grape sugar. This means that the first stage of digestion has been mechanically accomplished in Grape-Nuts food at the factories, and therefore any one, no matter how weak the stomach, can handle it and grow strong for all the nourishment it still there.

There's a sound reason and ten days' total recovery.