

The chairman of the entertainment committee was acting as the master of ceremonies at a social function of an assembly district political club on the East Side, New York.

He was busy introducing the newly arrived members of the club to the guests, who included the mayor and several other municipal officeholders. A certain congressman was presented in a way to have his official honors with his wife as "The Honorable and Mrs. Congressman McJones." Next came a couple who were not known to the master of ceremonies, but after receiving the correct name in a whisper, he announced, "Mr. and Mrs. Inspector of Hydrants, Faucets and Shop Work Gilligan."

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An Illegal Practice Which Has Fallen Into Disuse.

Closely allied to the making of counterfeit coins and usually combined with that nefarious trade is what is known as "sweating," which requires considerable skill to accomplish successfully. A rubber mold is used, into which a gold coin is to be sweated is introduced and held with a clip. Copper wires having been adjusted, the coin is immersed in a bath of cyanide of potassium and an electric battery set going. The action of the electricity upon the coin in the acid uniformly sweats the metal—that is to say, causes so much of it to become detached. This process is gone through with a large number of coins, and the gold deposit thus obtained is extracted from the acid.

It is for the purpose of detecting the existence of such reduced coins that bankers weigh cold coins in a balance, and if one is in the scale it will immediately be shown by the indicator. The light coin is then taken out, and whatever the shortage represents that amount the customer will have to make up or be fined.

But, all things considered, sweating is but a poor business, says H. L. Adams in his interesting book, "The Story of Crime," and evidently it is thought so by the criminal fraternity, for it has dwindled to a mere nothing. A sovereign weighs 122.2747 grains, and the limit of error in the weight is .2 of a grain, from which it may readily be gathered that sweating cannot now be a very lucrative business.—London Tit-Bits.

A Remarkable Church.
At Stivalhall, near Coventry, England, there is a unique place of worship. In 1810 John Green, a stone-mason of a strongly religious turn of mind, laid the first stone of the edifice, and seven years later he completed the building. In all that time he had assistance from no one, doing all the work with his own hands until the church was ready for its interior fittings. Wooden and even brick buildings erected by one or two men are not uncommon, but this is the only structure in England and probably in the world of which every stone was laid by one man. The building accommodates quite a large congregation, and the church derives a considerable revenue from the contributions of sightseers who are drawn to the place through curiosity.

By a Narrow Margin.
"You're all out of breath," said Phoo-dies. "What have you been doing?"
"Been running a race," panted Ardap.
"On a hot day like this? What for?"
"To—decide who was going to pay for the dinner."
"Did you win?"
"Yes, by the skin of my teeth."
"Who was the other fellow?"
"He was—well, he was the proprietor of the restaurant. I managed to lose him in the crowd just as he was about to make a grab for me."—Chicago Tribune.

No End of Trees.
"Did your ancestors have a family tree, Mr. Maguire?"
"Family tree, is it, ma'am? One of me ancestors controlled the future timber privilege of the garden of Eden."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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"Mrs. Fadd has a new wrinkle."
"The poor dear! She must be aging rapidly."—Town and Country.
"Say, pa! 'What now, my son?'
"When your foot's asleep, does it really hurt, or is it only dreaming it hurts?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.
Stella—He threatened to do something rash when I refused him.
Bella—Goddess, he may propose to you again.—New York Sun.
"Do you give your wife an allowance, or does she ask you for money when she wants it?"
"Both."—Cleveland Leader.
Mrs. Gramercy—What do we need for dinner?
Bridget—Ma'am, O! tripped over the rug an' we need a new set of dishes.—Puck.
"It takes baby most two years to learn to talk," said Uncle Eben, "and den it takes de res' of its lifetime to learn to keep de talkin' too much."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Peckem—Here's an invitation to my cousin's wedding. Will you go?
Peckem—No, I hate weddings. I sometimes wish I hadn't attended 'y' own.—Spare Moments.
She—Frankly, now if you had to choose between me and a million, would you do?
He—Id take the million. Then you would be easy.—Life.
Caller—So your cook has passed away to a better place?
Hostess—Yes, but I don't know if she'll stay; poor Bridget was very hard to suit.—Boston Traveler.

Benevolent Old Gentleman—I am sorry, Johnny, to see you have a black eye.
Promising Youth—You go home and get sorry for your own little boy—he's got two!—Philadelphia Inquirer.
Boreleigh—Yes, Miss Doris, I suffah dreadfully from insomnia, y' know.
Miss Doris (suppressing a yawn)—Did you ever try talking to yourself, Mr. Boreleigh?—Boston Transcript.

"She's got a future." "Can she act?"
"No, but she can work her eyes better than any lady in the business, and as for wearing swell clothes—gee! she couldn't do better if she was twins."—Life.
Porpoise—What is the whale blowing about?
Dogfish—Oh, he got so many notices for his feat in swallowing Jonah he's been blowing ever since.—Boston Transcript.

Miss Antique—Just think of the nerve of that impudiculous fellow to propose to me.
Miss Caustique—Nerve? Why, it was absolutely reckless. — Milwaukee News.
Weary Walker—I see five hundred more men has been t'rown out of work.
Tired Traveler—Gee! Dere's gettin' to be too much competition in our business.—Puck.

Hiram Greene—What did your sister say when you told her I was going to make a speech in the town hall tonight?
Willie—She didn't say nothin'; she just laughed till she had hysterics!—Stray Stories.
Trotter (who has been abroad)—So Maud and Charlie finally married? Miss Homer—Yes, Trotter—I suppose they are happy? Miss Homer—Undoubtedly; they each married some one else.—Chicago Daily News.

"There goes a man who once offered to make me independently rich." "But he didn't appear to know you. At least he gave you no sign of recognition."
"You see, I refused to buy the stock."—Chicago Record-Herald.
"Now, Pat," said a magistrate to an old offender, "what brought you here again?"
"Two policemen, sor," was the laconic reply. "Drunk, I suppose," queried the magistrate. "Yes, sor," said Pat; "both ar' them."—Independent.

"That politician refuses to commit himself," said the able assistant. "He says he's on the fence." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "and judging from his meanness I should say it was a barbed wire fence."—Washington Star.
"Politeness costs nothing," said the man of ready-made wisdom.
"I guess," answered Mr. Cumrox, "that you never had any experiences with these cat waiters who regulate their politeness by the size of the tip."—Washington Star.

"Every bit of food on this table," said the serving lady to Lamson, as he sat down to eat at the church supper, "was cooked by your wife."
"Oh, I don't mind," rejoined Lamson faintly, "I'm not a bit hungry anyway."—New York Times.
"You say this man stole your coat?" said the magistrate. "Do I understand that you prefer charges against him?"
"Well, no, your honor," replied the plaintiff. "I prefer the coat. If it's all the same to you, sir."—Philadelphia Press.

"Of course," said the optimist, "if a man gets into the habit of hunting trouble he's sure to find it."
"Yes," replied the pessimist, "and if he's so lazy that he always tries to avoid it, it will find him. So what's the difference?"—Catholic Standard and Times.
An Apology.
An excited military-looking gentleman entered the editorial sanctum one afternoon, exclaiming: "That notice of my death is false, sir. I will horse-whip you within an inch of your life, sir, if you don't apologize in your next issue."
The editor inserted the following next day: "We extremely regret to announce that Major Blazer was dead in without foundation."—Detroit Free Press.

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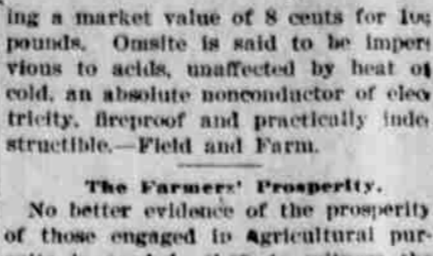
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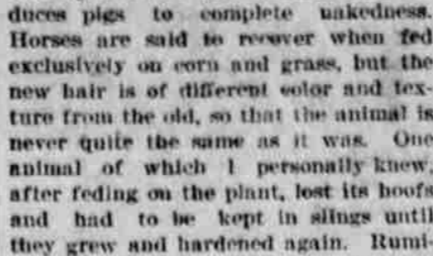
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The sheep is usually set down for a model of stupidity, but a gentleman who has just returned from a three years' trip in the West tells the following story: "I was on horseback a great part of the time and often visited large sheep ranches. One day, while riding along, a mother sheep trotted up toward my horse, bleating pitifully. At last I made out that there was something wrong off toward the left. I followed the sheep in that direction, and soon found the cause of her distress. Her lamb had fallen into a shallow pit and could not get out. I lifted the little thing up, and the gratitude of the mother sheep's eyes will always be a source of consolation to me."

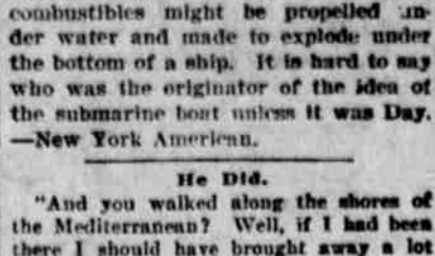
Eggs Cause a Fend.
In a town in northwestern Missouri a factional fight has been started over a dozen eggs that promises to end in a killing or two. Already there have been a dozen fights over the matter. Last winter when eggs were worth 24 cents a dozen a woman borrowed that number from a neighbor. Last week she returned the eggs, but the price had dropped to 12 cents. The neighbor demanded an extra dozen to make up the difference in price. The borrower refused and the feud was on. Meanwhile there is a lively demand for firearms at the hardware store.

Hilly Orchard Land.
A certain rough section in Pennsylvania that has hitherto been regarded as of little value, for any purpose, has been found to be well suited to the production of apples, and the farmers there have been induced to engage in orchard planting in a wholesale way, being assured that the business will pay largely. We have much rough, hilly land in several of our southern counties that ought to be used in the same way.—Indiana Farmer.

The Useful Sunflower.
Sunflower seeds are said to give an extra fine flavor to eggs and are much used by the French people for that purpose. Remember this when you plant your garden and drop in some seeds around the edges and in the odd corners. A few planted near the sink drain will help to keep away muscas and give you heads of seed that will be mammoth in size.

Practical Farm Notes.
Don't fail to cut out and burn any canes infested by insects and diseases. Cabbage club foot may be prevented by a liberal application of lime to the soil around the plant.
It is a mistake to plow under soy beans or cow peas for fertilizer. They are too expensive. Better use barnyard manure as far as possible, grow a crop of clover and then turn under the sod.
Have you ever noticed that men who are the most successful farmers stick to the crops they know most about, making a specialty of them? The man who experiments with every new thing that comes along will find it expensive business.
Measure hay in the stack this way: Measure the stack in length, width and over. Multiply the width in feet by the over and divide by four. Then multiply the result by length. To reduce to ton of hay in stack less than twenty days, divide the cubical contents by 412. For more than twenty and less than sixty days divide by 422, and for more than sixty days divide by 350.

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Value of Trap Nests.
To become convinced of the amount of good there is in trap nests, one must use them. He will then find out for a certainty which of his hens are laying well and which are not. Perhaps he will be surprised to learn that some of the best egg producers he has are apparently his poorest specimens. This is quite likely to happen, for not by any means is it always the finest-looking hens—the hens which would score highest in the show pen—that will lay the most eggs. Needless to say, the best layers only should be kept. If a flock is disgraced by egg-eaters, trap nest will pick the guilty ones out, likewise the drone, so that the flock may be culled until only profitable stock is left. As but one hen can be present at a time to lay, it also does away with crowding and quarreling, whereby the danger of breaking the eggs in the nest is lessened. It indicates, too, which hens are the winter layers, the layers of the most fertile eggs, the most symmetrical ones and the brown, the white and the speckled ones. At the same time it necessitates frequent handling by taking the hens off the nest, so that even the wildest birds become more tame, and are less likely to scare. Summed up briefly, it enables the breeder to get in touch with the individual hen, ascertain her good and bad qualities, and satisfy himself of her general condition. The only objection that can be raised against it, any way, is that it requires a lot of attention. The nests want visiting every other hour, at least, and every hour would be better, through the day. For the shiftless poultryman, therefore, they are hardly to be recommended.—Agricultural Epitomist.

Rights of the Hired Man.
A little thought and a little "put yourself in his place" would do wonders in solving the problem of "How to keep the hired man on the farm." Of course there are many worthless fellows strolling about the country looking for jobs as farm hands, and any employer is liable to get one of them. On the other hand, there are many employers who treat their men in such a manner that no self-respecting young man would remain in their service. As a rule the hand who goes at his work cheerfully and does not complain if a little extra job comes his way, is the man who can always find a place at the best wages going, while the one who grumbles at his regular work and flatly refuses to do an extra task is always moving from place to place. The employer who is considerate to his men, who does not impose upon them by word or deed, is the one who can always get good men, and he seldom has to hunt them up. The hired man is entitled to a good bed and comfortable room, with a place for his clothing. He is entitled to good, wholesome food, and, above all, he is entitled to decent treatment and kind words.

Self-Opening Sliding Door.
The door should be hung on a perfectly horizontal bar. A cord or small rope is fastened to the cord near the top and runs over a pulley at the end of the track on which the door is hung. The rope is fastened to a bucket or a paint keg is good, in which sufficient weight is placed to draw the door open when catch is raised. The cord running from the catch should run the entire length of the bar, so the door may be opened from any part of the driveway, or may extend to a post in the barnyard, so the door may be opened when in the wagon or on horseback.—American Farm World.

Fruit Wrapping Machine.
A fruit wrapping machine has been put in operation in California. It requires practically no attention and entirely automatically wraps the fruit, says Country Gentleman. The fruit rolls down a slight incline to the operator, turning slowly over as it approaches him and giving him an opportunity to remove defective specimens. The fruit is lifted and placed stem up in rubber cups, which carry it to a mechanism operating much as the human hands. It is carried to the paper being cut and printed from the roll. The twist of the paper is made over the stem end, thus cushioning the stem and preventing puncture injury. If the machine becomes clogged, it is stopped by a clutch operated by electricity. A counting attachment registers the number wrapped. The capacity of the machine is said to equal six good wrappers.

Rubber from Skim Milk.
A wonderful discovery has been made by George W. Frye, of Lexington, Ohio, by which a solid substance having the qualities of rubber can be produced from skim milk. While passing electric currents through milk to sterilize it Mr. Frye found a soft, white, elastic substance, probably the casein, which has resulted in a product that he calls omite. Sixteen pounds of omite can be produced from 100 pounds of skim milk, the latter having a market value of 8 cents for its pounds. Omite is said to be impervious to acids, unaffected by heat or cold, an absolute nonconductor of electricity, fireproof and practically indestructible.—Field and Farm.

The Farmer's Prosperity.
No better evidence of the prosperity of those engaged in agricultural pursuits is needed than to witness the showing of wealth at the various State fairs this season. Chicagoans who attended the annual shows at Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky have returned with the most cheering reports of prosperity in the farming districts as was well shown by the increased attendance at each of the State fairs as compared with recent years.
Practically all of the State shows this year had greater numbers of rural visitors than have ever attended before. Were the farmers a little pinched for money doubtless many of them would have remained away from their State fairs, viewing a few days' study and pleasure as a luxury which they could not afford. This year, however, the farmers turned out in record numbers, and spent more money than in former years.—