

There is still a place for the horse in this auto-driving age.

Progressive farmers are now plowing by gasoline, thus having more hay to sell.

Will the international school of peace organize a football team and go out after the championship?

A Winsted (Conn.) farmer has trained a rooster to ride a bicycle. This is something to crow about.

A Swiss doctor says that drunkards live longer than total abstainers. Still, even this is no excuse for being one.

It is planned to utilize the hoboes. Excellent. And then stop them from working other people after union hours.

Montenegro is a kingdom new instead of a mere principality. Over in Montenegro there are people probably who think we are.

The man who introduced moving pictures into this country is dead, but whether he died repentant of unrepentant the dispatches do not say.

That New York professor who declares college women have not "made good" cannot successfully maintain that they have not made good fudge.

A hobbler skirt in which a disguised burglar tried to escape assisted greatly in his capture. Thus we see that even the hobbler skirt hath its uses.

Meat prices have come down, according to market reports, but some of the local dealers evidently don't read the papers. Somebody ought to tell 'em.

While it is true that one makes acquaintances with queer people on one's vacation, it is not always necessary to go on a vacation to achieve that end.

The latest thing at Newport is a ragtime bear dinner. A bull and bear dance would look pretty lively, only it would be unpleasantly suggestive of "slap."

A motorist "got" against the rear of a car on the other day, and after two or three were afterward.

Professors paid Yankee blood respect that the hean't been lately.

bet six months in a and lost. Now, his can't break into jail to pay the. A worse hard luck tale could scarcely be told.

A benighted (that had) was washed and ironed by a fastidious woman was pronounced a counterfeit. The public, evidently, is familiar only with fifty lucre.

That Long Island judge who ruled that \$8,000 a year is enough for the education of a sixteen-year-old girl doubtless had in his crude masculine mind only the useful things. Other kinds cost more.

A Chicago woman, in suing for divorce, decried that her husband's stenographer "silly" him "longingly, lovingly, sweetly and invitingly." That stenographer certainly must have been a good looker.

ppel man who put a stick in his pocket and then fell will recover from his in-favored by pure this ought to be in as a mascot.

from New York that aggregate of \$50,000,000 abroad indicates credit is excellent, and money is likely to be "I do the most good in American enterprises. In proof that the money means as "hard" as

one of the western shows rapid growth. The just announced give population of 2,377,549, an increase since 1900. This increase made by any the final census been received, and glorious climate of other allures are settlers quite as numerous as the gold fever of '49 and

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St. Paul, Minn.—A fight between a cat and a black bear cub took place in full view of several hundred employees of the Great Northern general office, and but for the timely arrival of the keeper the bear would have got the worst of the "scrap." The fight started when an employee of one of the express companies playfully took the bear cub out of its crate, in which it was being shipped from Duluth to Chicago, and started out to find something to eat for the animal.

The expressman, who had constituted himself keeper of the animal, took the cub on the end of a leash, to a conference room on Rosabel street, door 1171, and just as soon as Bruin, Jr., sat down the place the leash slipped and the bear became the possessor of the little store.

WIRE BROKEN BONES

Silver Strand Hastens Knitting of Fractured Parts.

Wonderful Progress Made in Surgical Science Illustrated by Two Operations—One on Island of Tristan Was Difficult.

London.—The wonderful progress made in surgical science is well illustrated by the accounts of two operations—one from the London hospital and the other from the lonely island of Tristan da Cunha, in the South Atlantic, 2,000 miles west of Cape Town.

The operation at the London hospital was carried out with great success by means of a novel apparatus for wiring together the ends of a broken bone. The instrument, which was invented by Professor Lambott of Paris, consists of a strong, pliable wire of softened German silver, on which a screw thread has been cut. A nut runs loosely on this thread. One surface of the wire for its last eight inches is flattened out so that below the nut the wire has one flat surface and one rounded.

"In wiring a broken bone," one of the officials at the hospital explained, "the surgeon, after having separated the soft parts covering the fracture, bends the flattened end of the wire into the shape of a button hook, the flat surface being inside and the round threaded surface on the outside.

"Slipping this hook under the fragments, he pulls the free end up toward him with a pair of forceps, and then, opposing the two flattened surfaces of the wire, he screws the nut down until the loop thus made grasps the bone sufficiently tightly. The rest of the wire above the nut is then cut off, and another similar wire support is placed round another section of the break.

"With this instrument an oblique fracture of the thigh bone in a middle-aged man was wired in about half the time it usually takes. An X-ray picture shows that the bones are held in perfect position. Instead of being in bed five or six weeks, as used to be customary before the days of wiring, this patient will probably be up in less than three weeks. The wire and the nut, which, of course, are allowed to remain about the bone after healing, give no inconvenience in after life.

The operation at Tristan da Cunha was carried out by A. Repello, who conducts the church services and performs other functions for the ninety-nine inhabitants. He writes: "A child was injured by a stone coming down the hillside and falling upon her legs, breaking both of them and making four very bad wounds, which got full of sand. I attended the child for nearly three months and I suppose it will be two more months before the wounds are healed.

SUPPERETTES THREATS



MISS DIANA CHURCHILL GUARDED BY A DETECTIVE

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loaded down with prejudices about what they should eat and how warm an atmosphere they should be allowed to breathe, gradually the little lady of the house discourages these views until the kittens come to enjoy plain food and blasts of fresh air. Just at present she is working hard with a small Angora and her two kittens. They were very feeble on arrival, their eyes closed with hard colds and their bodies limp with weakness. Beauty, the mother cat, has had about \$50 spent upon her for doctor bills, and all three cats have to be fed goats' milk from a medicine dropper. The milk costs thirty cents per pint. Although the three kittens have been at the house only a month, they have grown immensely and have such high spirits that the other Persians are beginning to wonder if they have

HOUSE FOR FELINES

Latest Luxury Is Boarding Place for Stylish Cats.

Buffalo Woman Makes Specialty of Caring for Handsome Persian and Short-haired Angoras—A Beautiful Animal.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Greenhouses for cats are the latest thing in winter quarters supplied by the mistress of the cats' boarding house on Hoyt street, who believes in furnishing her boarders with a sun parlor as well as with sleeping and eating apartments. Heavy builder's paper and tar paper line the rear wall and part of the roof of this new winter runway, but the remainder is glass, secured from a florist, who has retired from business. Those interested in improving the coats of their prize Angoras should see these fourteen good-tempered cats frisking around in the almost wintry sunshine, their fur growing thicker and finer and glossier every day.

Colic Halts Baby Lecture

Grandmother Uses Old-Fashioned Remedies, but They Fail—Doctor Scores "Soothers."

Chicago.—"Dressing and Feeding a Baby," a lecture by Dr. Lena K. Sadler, was interrupted at the public library the other night when an infant, used to demonstrate the talk, was seized with an attack of the colic. Its grandmother then refused advice from the physician. Old-fashioned cure-alls were used by the grandparent, despite the remonstrances of the doctor. After these failed a little hot water was fed the suffering baby and it went to sleep.

German Has a Talking Dog

Animal Asks for Cakes When Hungry and Alarms Servant When it Enters Kitchen.

Berlin.—The German public has lately been regaled with tales of the increased accomplishments of Don, a talking dog. The gamekeeper at once started to develop the dog's talent. In reply to "What is your name?" he learnt to say "Don," and to "What's the matter?" he answers "Hunger. He came to say 'Kuchen' (cakes) with particular distinctness. When cakes are in view he repeats, 'Kuchen, haben, haben!' any number of times and if his plea is unanswered he adds 'Hunger!' with a long drawn emphasis on the last syllable.

House Cat Bests Bear Cub

Exciting Encounter in Candy Store at St. Paul Witnessed by Many Stenographers.

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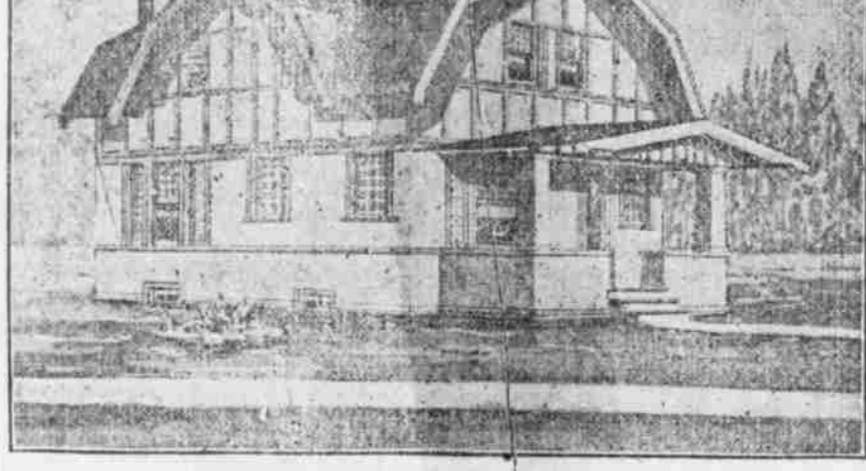
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Home building is pretty much a matter of sentiment, especially for young people planning their first house. They always have the advice of a good many loving friends, not to mention the effects of the real estate dealers, to the effect that to acquire a house by easy monthly payments is far greater business wisdom than to pay rent. Yet, no matter how strong and logical such arguments may be, the fact remains that it is sentiment that has the greatest influence in making them decide to build.

The joy and satisfaction of actually owning a plot of land and a snug little dwelling; the magic influence of the word "home," these are the things that seem important.

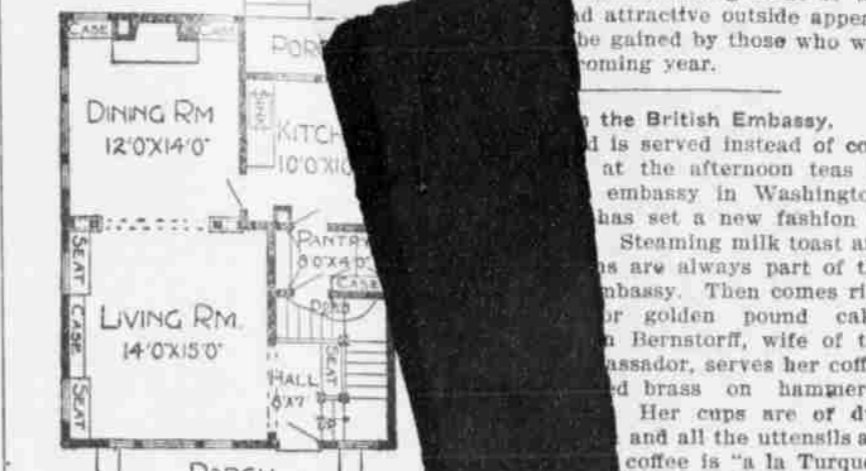
Still, castles in the air have to be brought down to earth before they can be built. It is a great pleasure to dream of having a fine home and to make plans for all the luxuries of home building that sentiment might inspire; but young people can't afford to really build in that way. It is right to start as soon as possible to build a home, but don't think that it has to be a mansion. Love in a cottage is best, especially in the early years, for there the responsibilities are less, the work of housekeeping is possible, and the cost, both for the house itself and for its upkeep and management, is within reach.

There are so many urgent uses for money in these days that every one should be interested in planning and building a house as economically as possible. There are some places where it is good to economize, other places where economy is very shortsighted, and it is a strange thing that the inexperienced builders usually pick out those features to economize on where the saving of a few dollars in the first cost will result in hundreds of dollars of added expense throughout the life of the building.



Second Floor Plan.

As an instance of this is the heating plant. One of the first parts of a dwelling to be thought of, if any economizing is to be done, is usually the heating plant. Competition is so keen between the heating contractors themselves that they have got into the habit of figuring the furnace size just as small as possible so as to keep



First Floor Plan.

the amount of their bid down. Yet, even after that, the owner in his shortsightedness often induces the heating man to put in a still smaller size furnace, so as to save \$10 or \$15 on the job. Really the safe way is always to insist on having a size larger than the furnace contractor recommends. A furnace of good size will heat a house easily without crowding the fire, and besides heating the house satisfactorily burns less coal than the small size furnace crowded hard to heat the building during cold weather.

The furnace is just one instance of the false economy that is often practiced. The plastering is often slighted in much the same way, and when it comes to the painting of the house, both interior and exterior, too frequently poor materials are used.

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DUEL TURNED INTO JOKE

Ridiculous Affair That Made Dueling Much Less Honorable Than It Once Was.

In the swashbuckling days of the early part of the nineteenth century the dueling hero in France was Marquis Merle de Sainte-Marie, whose affairs of honor were almost incessant. One of these is said to have been so ridiculous that it helped to put in motion the current of feeling that has since made dueling so much less honorable than it once was.

It appears that one day there called upon the marquis one Pierrot d'Isaac, himself a famous duelist. Now, in French, pierrot means sparrow and merle means blackbird.

"Isaac struck himself on the chest with emphatic dignity. 'Marquis,' said he, 'I am a Bonapartist and you are a royalist. Moreover, I am the Sparrow and you are the Blackbird. It seems to me that there is one bird of us too many.'

"I quite agree with you, monsieur," politely replied the marquis, "and my choice is pistols, and as it is appropriate for birds of our species, let us fight in the trees!"

Pierrot d'Isaac was accessible to this suggestion, and as it were not a sufficiently dignified thing that one man should challenge another because his name was Sparrow and the other Blackbird, the duel was actually fought from trees. The seconds stood on the ground below.

At a given signal the pistols were fired and there was a rattling among the leaves of one of the chestnut trees. Pierrot d'Isaac came tumbling to the ground "like a ripe chestnut," as one of Sainte-Marie, in a facetious mood, began to chirp triumphantly, in imitation of the song of the blackbird. D'Isaac waited till he had recovered from his wound and then challenged Sainte-Marie for the chirp.

This time there was nothing amusing about the encounter. It was fought with swords, and Sainte-Marie was badly wounded. The sparrow had avenged himself on the blackbird.

A Self-Burning Letter.

One unique suggestion coming to the patent office recently is for a self-burning letter. Though the commissioners tried to keep the process secret the story soon leaked out and the suggestion was offered as a defense to the ardent swain who pours forth his soul in endearing and eloquent correspondence in a breach of promise suit or in the divorce court helps to swell the alimony and excite popular derision.

Love letters have always played a conspicuous part in the affairs of nations, and still more momentous role in the history of hearts, but they generally possess peculiar features that make them "impossible" in cold type. Of course, much depends upon the eyes that read them, but no matter how romantic the reader, if the eloquence is not intended particularly for him or her, the sentiments appear "stilted," "silly" or "disgustingly sentimental." Hence the advantage of the self-burning letter; so far as has been learned, however, the "novel contrivance" is but a sheet to which a certain brand of very flat match is attached for a suggestion.

Premature Obituaries. The privilege of reading the laudatory obituary notices which the premature report of their deaths called forth has fallen to many distinguished men. Emir Pasha's death provided excellent copy for the evening papers long before the sad event took place, and more than once during his journey across the Dark Continent Stanley was placed among the immortals. No statesman of modern times has dared to imitate the trick of Lord Brougham, who circulated the story of his own death simply in order to see in what estimation he was held by the public.

Among modern authors Mr. S. Barling-Gould was able to read his own obituary notices when his cousin died at sea. But an equally remarkable case was that of Mr. Justin McCarthy. During the time he was associated with the London Daily News a report of his death was issued one night from Leeds. It reached the office while Mr. McCarthy was writing a leader.

Grasshopper and the Ant. When the cold weather began the grasshopper called at the home of the ant. "Go right away from here," said the ant. "You needn't come around begging us for food. All summer while we were laying up our supplies you were dancing as if you hadn't a care in the world."

"My dear Mrs. Ant," said the grasshopper, making a profound bow, "you mistake the purpose of my call. Knowing that your family has amassed a comfortable fortune, I realized that it is time you should take your rightful place in society. As a master of the terpsichorean art, I am prepared to give you instructions in that graceful accomplishment in exchange for board and lodging. How can you expect to single with our best people if you and your daughters are unfamiliar with the newest steps?"

And he sent for his trunk that afternoon.

An Electric Eraser. Every draughtsman knows that changes and corrections of errors upon tracings are not easily made without danger of injury to the cloth. The work of erasing must be done with a light quick stroke, and most men have not the time nor patience to do this. A device especially designed for this work consists of a circular eraser connected through a flexible shaft with an electric motor, and is rapidly revolved thereby. The operator can apply the eraser with any pressure that may be required. A small rubber roll bears upon the eraser as it revolves, removing the surplus ink. The pressure of this roll is adjustable. The eraser is attached by means of a winged nut so that it may be removed. Usually one outfit is sufficient for a large draughting room, as it can be set up permanently in one place and the work carried to it.—Scientific American.