

Life naturally must be more interesting to the person of vivid imagination than to one who lives only for the tangible things about him...

James H. Collins, writing of "the orderly German mind," notes that a generation ago the chief exports of Germany were philosophy, poetry, music and emigrants...

It is rather comfortable to hear that the opinion of experts in the Lake Superior region is decidedly adverse to the view that the supplies of iron ore at the present rate of increased use will last only a short time.

Look into the eyes of the oriental and you look into orbs that are opaque to Occidental discernment. A mystic and alien light hints an appalling gulch of sentiment.

A zoo expert says that snakes must be protected. For obvious reasons, those who disagree with him will be afraid to do anything but give an apparent acquiescence, if they do not wish to subject themselves to serious suspicion.

The oldest woman in New York died the other day at the age of one hundred and seventeen. She did not advise the world to follow her mode of living. Blessings on her soul!

"Women always are and constitutionally ought to be tougher than men," says Prof. Tyler of Amherst college. Still, no man ought to leave it to his wife to bring up the kitchen coal.

"Woman is stronger than man," opines Professor Tyler. At any rate, a good many of us are led to believe that she is stronger in the vicinity of the jawbone.

Finally a good word has been said for the English sparrow. Somebody claims to have found that it eats the cotton maple scale. Go it, birds!

A Belgian aviator made a flight of 84 miles, accompanied by his three sisters, which is a record for four persons, also for family confidence.

We feel safe in making the prediction that the 1911 housefly will show as much pernicious activity as the 1910 model.

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TALES OF GOTHAM AND OTHER CITIES

Horse Stealing Reduced to Science



NEW YORK.—Not the wild and woolly west, but New York city with its great police powers and its highly organized civilization is the most fruitful field for horse thieves in the country.

partment store is as likely to disappear as the horse and wagon of the small grocer or butcher. Detectives say that the theft is easily covered up.

The same with the wagon. A gayly painted wagon is soon transformed into a dilapidated peddler's wagon.

The stealing of horses has become a serious problem for many business men. The police, however, have been successful in running to earth some of the thieves.

Teaching Parents What Toys to Buy

CHICAGO.—"Parents of Chicago boys and girls do not know how to buy toys for their children."



Chicago parents are as deplorably ignorant in the matter of buying proper toys for their children as parents the country over, she told a reporter.

little fellow who cannot take a step in the nursery without having to dodge an electric train or take a chance of having a toy flying machine hit him on the ear has not the opportunity to learn how to play.

"What we are trying to do through our exhibit is to teach parents that their children have a normal play impulse which can be more easily gratified with a few simple toys that tend to inspire the child's imagination and inventive nature than by all the complicated and mechanical toys in the world.

Solve Mystery of an Ancient Ghost



BOSTON, Mass.—The supernatural noises, intonations and weird sounds which for years have been the cause of many young lovers reeling from their trysting place in green hedges, in fear that some white garbed ghost was chasing them, was explained when a giant elm was chopped down in a lot on Adams street near the Cedar Grove cemetery in Dorchester.

strange thing came about when the giant elm in question, probably more than 100 years old, was felled at the instigation of the public grounds department.

When the big elm fell it was discovered that about thirty feet of its top was hollow, and inside was found an owl of the bald-headed variety sleeping as quietly as though nothing had happened.

People of the district who have resided there for twenty-five years are glad that the mystery has been solved. They have been trying to discover for years the cause of all the nightly groans and noises which have on more than one occasion frightened the women of the district who have been obliged to return to their homes after dark.

Kansas Pupils to Have Paper Towels

TOPEKA, Kan.—Paper towels for the use of every child in the Kansas public schools probably will be installed before the next school year begins.



The state board of health abolished the common drinking cup two years ago and there has not been a single epidemic of diphtheria in the state since, and very few isolated cases.

all hotels. The next move will be to abolish the roller towels in railroad trains, depots, hotels and the school houses of the state.

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The American Home WILLIAM A. RADFORD Editor

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF CHARGE on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper.

India was the original home of the bungalow, the native name for this type of house being banga, which signifies a country house of one floor only.

In India it is the Europeans who live in the bungalows, which are built in all sizes and styles, according to the taste and wealth of the owner.

Besides private bungalows, there are military bungalows on a large scale

ronized almost exclusively by Europeans. It is the artistic possibilities and low cost combined with available conveniences of arrangement and lightening of the work—the housewife having practically no stair climbing to tire her out—which have commended the bungalow type of house so strongly to American home builders.

In the accompanying perspective view and floor plan we show a very neat and attractive five room cottage of the bungalow type, which can be built anywhere for about \$1,700.

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etc.), and on the other side, the well-lighted pantry opening directly off the kitchen. At the very end of the hall, a door opens into the dining room, which is directly connected with the brightly lighted kitchen.

Four Paintings Sold for \$75,000.

Of interest to the world of art is the recent sale of four paintings by English, French and American painters to American collectors for an aggregate sum of more than \$75,000.

A notable three-quarter length portrait of Mrs. John Blackburne, by George Romney, the eminent English portrait painter, has just been purchased by E. J. Berwind through the Blakeslee galleries for the sum of \$42,000, which is considered a good price for portraits of the English school.

He Brought Up the Rear.

Lawyer—Now, sir; you say the burglar, after creeping in through the front window, began to walk slowly up the stairs, and yet you did not see him, although you were standing at the head of the stairs at the time. May I venture to inquire why you did not see him? Principal Witness—Certainly, sir. The fact is, my wife was in the way.—Puck.

Where Nature Provides.

In Jamaica 75 per cent. of the 155,051 landed properties are valued at less than \$200 each, says a consular report. Nearly all of these small holdings are owned by negroes who live chiefly on salt fish and on fruits and vegetables, especially yams grown by themselves.

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Back in 1762 Pennsylvania, then a province, acquired the land for the purpose of erecting there a building in which to hold courts. Not till 1785, after Pennsylvania had become a state, was money appropriated for the erection of a building, but the actual work was not begun till a later date.

While the building was in course of erection the question of changing the seat of national government came up. New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia were bidders and the latter city strongly laid before congress the advantages of the new building.

After the removal of congress the building for many years was used as a court building, for the district court of Pennsylvania and the court of common pleas. The last court was removed from the building in 1895 and for a few years thereafter it was occupied by part of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania.

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Green for French Soldiers. Paris—It is announced that the minister for war has decided to make an experiment with a new uniform at the September maneuvers. A special committee has chosen a uniform of a greyish-green color as being less conspicuous against a French landscape than the red trousers and blue coat now in service.

Angry Hog Injures Man. Duquoin, Ill.—George Gavins narrowly escaped being fatally injured by a hog which attacked him near his home. The infuriated animal rushed at him without warning and with his tusks inflicted serious injuries.

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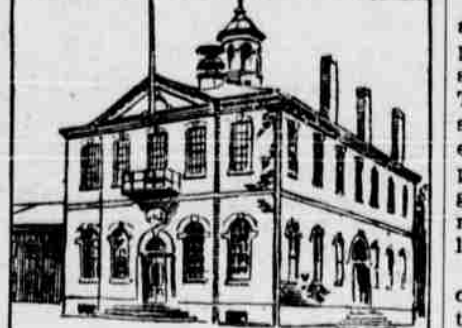
CRADLE OF CONGRESS Building Where Sat the First Senate and House.

Philadelphia, Pa.—After 16 years of neglect or of futile attempts to start work, the Philadelphia city government has finally appropriated \$60,000 for the restoration of Congress hall, located at Sixth and Chestnut streets, and for the erection of memorial lamps in Independence square.

The first of the more recent attempts to restore the historic structure was made in 1893 by the Colonial Dames, who spent a great deal of time and considerable money to place the old senate chamber in the hall in approximately the same condition it was in a century before.

About eight or nine years ago another piece of restoration was undertaken. The entrance on Sixth street was bricked up to make the exterior of the building coincide with its earlier design.

Since that time there has been a continual hue and cry to have the old building restored to its pristine condition as far as possible and a committee



Congress Hall, Philadelphia.



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HOME TOWN LILIES

QUAINT GARDEN IN CHICAGO

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One of the quaintest gardens in Chicago is out near the university. It has fully justified the location, developing in a few years from a plain back yard into a hardy, old-fashioned garden, reminiscent of Italy.

The cottage is built with an English basement and the entrance to the garden is by a vineclad balcony which opens off the dining room on the second floor. The view from this point is most attractive. Near the foot of the steps is a sundial, which has for a background a trellis covered with vine of the blue clematis and pink ramblers.

The right side of the garden is blooming with flaming red Shirley poppies, corn flowers and Shasta daisies. In the spring this border was filled with lilies of the valley, Darwin tulips and sweet williams. A little later will be the oratum lilies, salvia, stinnias and marigold, with a background of white clematis.

At the extreme end of the garden is a pergola, in front of which is a dense plantation of lilacs, wild currants, spiraea, rhododendrons and hollyhocks. There is also a small privet hedge sheltering the agarum lilies, sweet elysium and feverfew. This favorite part of the garden is now a background for the lily pool, which though recently put in, has a classic, antique look.

The cement pool caused a great deal of discussion. When the mistress of the garden told her friends she was going to have one they pleaded with her to restrain her artistic tendencies, as the garden was too small and would only look "cluttered up."

At each corner of the pool small box trees have been planted in cement pots. The pool is filled with day and night blooming lilies, Japanese goldfish, paradise fish, innumerable tadpoles and one frog call home. At one side of the pool is a cement seat with the following inscription: I will let no music enter Saving what the zephyr sings. Which the lilies in the basin May seem pure enough to hear.

PARKS MEAN MUCH TO CITY

Authority Gives Excellent Reasons Why "Breathing Spots" Should Be Maintained.

Calling attention to the rapid multiplication of parks throughout the world, Mr. Burnham of Chicago, in a lecture, urged the town planners to conserve and further this movement in every way possible. "Do this," he said, "because of the effect of nature upon citizenship. Other things being equal, a person accustomed to living in nature has a distinct advantage all his life over the purely town-bred man.

Most Prepare Bridal Dinner. A quaint, old superstition in Iceland is that every bride must invite all her friends to a dinner in her own home, and every article of food must be prepared by the bride herself. If she is successful in pleasing her guests she not only receives praise for her own skill, but helps along her younger sisters, who are then assumed to be equally good at cooking, and consequently have a much better chance of getting married.

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