

COMFORT AND INSPIRATION.

There are very, very few persons in all this wide world who do not need "comfort and inspiration" at different periods of their lives.

The WILD SHEEP of WESTERN KANSAS

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YOU come by way of Taohow, the new city—a mushroom growth of some six hundred years old—not the old, which lies further to the west.



A BURHEL RAM



SOME BORDER TIBETANS ON THE MARCH

radiate an interminable series of birch and fir clad gullies. The Tao river sharply divides this type of country from the low, bare, cultivated slopes where Taohow lies.

for their owners have time to recover from their astonishment. One of their priests was imprisoned by the prince in his yamen. Six of them set out to rescue him, and had the impudence and courage to go and cook their food in the yard of the yamen!

Mufflers for Aeroplanes

Recent experiments with a muffling box on board an aeroplane, made near Paris, proved successful.

cannot use their voices to any extent. Another point is that were the motor silent running the observers could hear sound signals coming from the ground and could also return signals by using trumpets of different pitch, or sirens, as are used on vessels.

pilot, Labouret, to speak to the persons on the ground when he was flying at 300 feet.

The muffler box does not overheat, owing to the strong air cooling which it receives. The loss of power is below two per cent, as shown by measurement.

Fitting. "That young cashier always dresses so appropriately." "Yes, I noticed today he had on a beautiful tie."



GORGE LEADING TO THE SHEEP CAMP



DANCE BY TE-PU LAMA

seen nothing since my first day out, so we moved five or six miles to the east.

The weather was very changeable, and we experienced snow, hail, thunder, rain and mist in disagreeable succession. On September 25th I reached camp just as it was getting dark, to find that the two shots I had heard in the forenoon were the heralds of success, and that George had secured a very pretty head. I had an alternation of good and bad luck, for spying a ram at 7:30, I had my stalk spoiled by three miserable medicine diggers, followed him all day, had four distinct stalks, missed him once, and finally killed him at five o'clock in the evening.

The horns measured 20 inches in length, 12 inches in circumference and 28 inches from tip to tip. This, of course, is small in length for an Indian burhel, but good in other respects. The native hunters declare that the heads in this district never attain to very much greater length.

He certainly was not at all strong smelling, which is a characteristic of the Indian variety, though George said he noticed a distinct odor from the herd. The native hunters declare that these sheep rut in January and that the lambs are dropped in May. If this is so, the best rams were probably still on higher ground, which we had not time to reach.

The measurements of my specimen are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Measurement and Inches. Includes: Height (allowing for weight when standing), Length (nose to root of tail, straight line), Length (following curve of back), Tail, Fore leg (elbow to point of hoof, straight line), Fore leg girth (below knee), Fore leg girth (forearm), Hind leg (point of thigh to point of hoof, straight line), Hind leg (from hock to point of hoof), Girth (cleaned).

NAPOLEON RELIC FOUND.

It is reported here, says a Paris correspondent of the New York Times, that at the town of Dorpat, in Russia, there has just been discovered a remarkable relic of Napoleon's Russian campaign in the form of a copy of Goethe's "Werther," which was his personal property and accompanied him wherever he went.

The volume, which is bound in leather and in an excellent state of preservation, contains, as well as Napoleon's signature, a curious inscription on the fly leaf by an unknown hand, stating that the book was stolen by a Cossack from the emperor's sledge one night on the retreat from Moscow.

Besides the date of the theft and the name of the thief, details are given of the method by which the Cossack managed to possess himself of the volume.

Instinct. "That shepherd dog of yours is watching your strange visitor very closely." "Naturally. The dog sees that the man looks sheepish."

Saves Breath. "Hibrow is a queer guy," remarked the Old Sport. "Why?" asked the Rounder. "He always says 'omit' when he means 'cut it out,'" replied the Old Sport.

His Only Chance. Poet (raising his glass)—A glorious fluid! A whole poem is contained in it. Skeptical Friend—Then in heaven's name swallow it down quick.—Mag.

IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS BY WM. A. RADFORD. Advertisement for a book or service related to home building.

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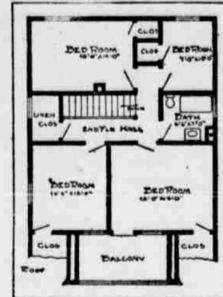
A very neat seven-room suburban home is illustrated in this plan. Of course, one of the rooms upstairs is small; but it works in just right for a sewing room, a nursery for the children or a den. It will prove to be one of the most useful rooms in the house.

Such houses are usually built far enough away from the city to have plenty of play ground for the children. This means that there are children in the family, and where there are children the sewing machine is a very important household help that should be in commission most of the time.

Where a house plan admits of having a small room on the second floor that may be utilized for this purpose the architect is not doing justice to the future owner if he fails to work it in. It is handy for a woman's personal use every day in the year and is worth a great deal when you have a periodical visit from the dressmaker. Every woman appreciates a work shop suitable to the business in

relieves the living room of an encumbrance.

The planning of a niche of this kind for the piano is something new in small houses because architects never found a good place until recently that could be utilized without encroaching on other valuable space. We have done away with the second or back parlor and we have tried for years for some satisfactory way of disposing of the furniture necessary to accommodate a lot of friends when they call in the evening and assemble



Second Floor Plan.

In one large room. The piano at such times is always in the way, still you want it within easy reach in case of necessity.

Music is the only polite method known to modern society of discouraging conversation. Every hostess is taxed to her utmost resources at times to control certain acquaintances who insist on entertaining her com-

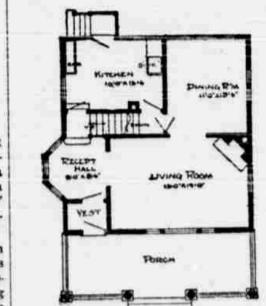


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hand. Most women will make a room of this kind save dollars during the year.

Another feature that every woman likes is the large linen closet. Where you have no attic a large store room of this kind is especially valuable, for, besides providing a place for house linen, bedding, etc., it is the proper place for the storage of trunks, suit cases, clothing that is not in every day use, and a great many other things that you want to refer to occasionally.

The roof of this house is different from ordinary houses, which fact alone is something to recommend it, because every house should have a distinct individuality as different as possible from the ordinary. You get tired of seeing a great many houses in the neighborhood all topped with the same style of roof. A roof means a good deal, both in appearance and comfort. A steep roof like this will dry immediately after a shower, while a roof built on a lower pitch will remain wet for hours, sometimes days



First Floor Plan.

At a time during a rainy season and this has a great deal to do with the lasting qualities of shingles. Another advantage of a steep roof is the room you get for closets where the ceiling would be too low for any other purpose.

The down stairs of this plan is exceptionally good. To commence with there is a vestibule that is large enough to hold overcoats, hats, rubbers, umbrellas, and such truck that is very much in the way in a room that is used for any other purpose. Then, as you leave the vestibule you enter a very light, pleasant reception hall that is just right for a music room. You place the piano in the bow window where you have light on both sides. The windows are placed high enough to let the light in over the piano and in the center and over a music rack at the left hand side and a lamp table at the right. An arrangement of this kind not only makes good use of a reception hall, but it

pany. On such occasions a good husky three-stringed piano in thorough repair under the spell of a muscular performer is a great blessing.

This house is estimated to cost complete \$2,600 when built of good grade materials.

She Was a Debutante. That Washington, D. C., has a well-advertised social life and an up-to-date colored population is illustrated by the following:

Young Mrs. H— required a nurse for her children and advertised to fill the position. From among the applicants she selected a neat and attractive young colored girl, soon arranging most of the preliminary details of hiring.

"You may have two nights a week out," Mrs. H— said kindly. "That wouldn't do for me," the colored girl answered quickly. "Ah must have every night out dis wintah."

"Out every night!" replied Mrs. H—. "In astonishment. And why this winter?" "Well, yo' see"—the colored girl hesitated a moment—"yo' see, Ah'm a debutante dis yeah, an Ah mus' be out at night!"—Judge.

MS. of Home, Sweet Home. The original manuscript of "Home, Sweet Home" is said to have been buried in the grave with Miss Harry Harden of Athens, Ga. She was John Howard Payne's sweetheart, but refused to marry him in deference to her father's wish. After she was separated from her lover she shut herself in the old family mansion, seeing none but a few members of the little church to which she belonged.—From the Independent.

What's a Friend? Apropos of gratitude, a prominent politician gave the other day a very amusing definition of a friend. "A friend," he said, "is a man who takes your part against all your enemies, sticks to you through all your adversities, lends you his last dollar without security—and then, when fortune smiles on you at last, is content to take a back seat and keep out of the way."

Looked Like a Hay Fever Victim. "Excuse me, sir, but you are troubled with hay fever, are you not?" "Noski," replied the gentleman with the maze of woven wire whiskers. "It is truskyoff that I am a victim of the malady; you have just mentioned, but as I speak the Russian language fluently, I am sitting along with the hay feverich is right in my lineski and does not troubleskoff me in the leastskoff."

Her Ready Refuge. When a woman is cornered, and doesn't know what to say she makes a noise like a laugh.

The dangers of submarine navigation, in the present stage of its development, are greater than those of the aeroplane. In an aeroplane accident the deaths are limited to one or two, but when a submarine boat goes down and falls to come up, the calamity usually carries off a dozen or more human beings at a time. There were 15 men on the British submarine B-2, which was struck by the Hamburg-American liner Amerika in a fog off Dover, and only one of them came up. This is the sixth disaster to British submarines, and in each of the previous disasters the death toll ranged from 11 to 15.

A western railroad will order that discharges may be the result of domestic troubles among the employees, arguing that such troubles cause a worry strain and often loss of necessary sleep. From now on every employe who wants to keep his job must have a happy home. Even the millennium seems possible in view of this mandatory domestic happiness. The employes, however, may delicately suggest that a perceptible increase in pay may go far toward promoting this desirable happy peace of mind.

An Italian judge has been called upon to decide whether poker is scientific or a game of chance. If he has a family to support we hope he will not play for the purpose of gaining the information he will need in deciding.

A Los Angeles woman says the secret of managing a husband is not to bombard him with questions when he comes home late. No. Stick to rolling pins, or dishes.

It is true that the theater today in its more serious manifestations is nearer to every-day life than ever, for realism has developed in it, says Judge. But too much of its effort is frothy, and thus of little ethical force, and too much is also sheer vulgarity.

A San Francisco woman was granted a divorce because her husband tore up her valuable hats. Why didn't she apply for a separation on allegations that he was insane?

Government scientists are perplexed to decide whether a decomposed egg is a rotten one. Why not get the opinion of an amateur Hamlet?

Oysters are now to be electrocuted to stop danger of typhoid. The humane part of the public will be shocked to death at the suggestion.

It ocean liners keep up the habit of crippling warships it might be well to sail them in the navies.