

SAVING AN ANCIENT INDUSTRY.

Justice Scudder's decision that it is not slender to call a horse dealer "skin" establishes another bulwark for free speech.

In view of the shocking cruelties alleged against animal experimentation, scientists who uphold the practice and deny the cruelty should in the interest of science and of the public alike agree to renounce any contention for the secret and unrestrained pursuit of this practice.

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The scientific world is beginning to recognize in the United States a degree of progress in certain branches of medicine which puts this country even ahead of Germany.

A very proper general order has been issued by the chief of police of Cincinnati—prohibiting the scattering broadcast in that city of the ashes of the cremated dead.

A youth who married a show girl lost a suit for \$50,000 when his mother proved him incompetent to manage his own affairs.

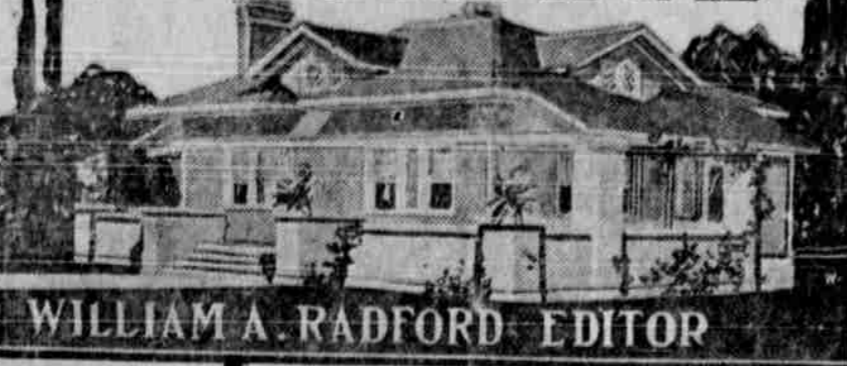
A war aeroplane has been dropping bombs upon Mexican soldiers, says a report. It is a comment upon human invention that before one of this kind becomes safe even for its operators, it is being put to destructive uses.

It is a wonder that somebody doesn't solve that old, old riddle: Does a woman dress for men or for other women? A woman might easily achieve immortality by confessing.

Even grand dukes are now dancing the tango, which may be construed either as an uplift for the tango or a deterioration for grand dukes, as regard for those potentates varies.

A wireless service may be instituted between the United States and Norway. What is distance to a time like ours?

THE AMERICAN HOME



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

An attractive design for a six-roomed house of one and a half stories, comprising many desirable features, is shown in the accompanying perspective and plans.

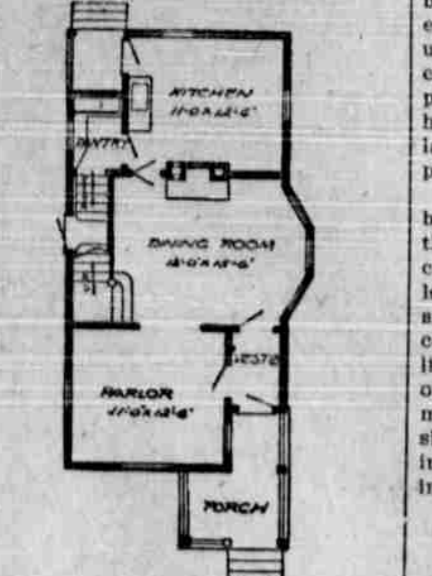
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idea from a different style of house built on a wider lot, and it was so thoroughly fixed in his mind that he was prepared to sacrifice much more desirable features to carry out his idea.



First Floor Plan.

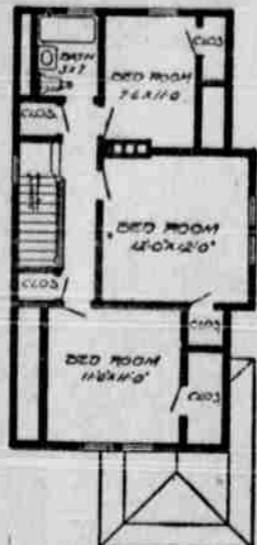
build any kind of freak house or hitch on any sort of attachment, and take plenty of time afterwards to regret doing so.

One of the first principles in home building is to exercise common-sense in buying a lot in a location reasonably accessible to one's place of business and in a satisfactory neighborhood.

But a little house like this, for instance, is within the means of every ambitious man; and, if properly furnished and kept in good repair, it may be made more attractive than some of the larger houses on the wide street.

finished and kept in good repair, it may be made more attractive than some of the larger houses on the wide street. I do not mean that a person should go into a part of the town where property is neglected; but there are many side streets leading off from main residence avenues that are more desirable for homes than the main streets themselves.

The stairway in this little house combines a good deal in a little space.



Second Floor Plan.

Besides leading both upstairs and down, it gives a grade entrance to the cellar, a side entrance to the kitchen, and it takes up very little room.

Downstairs the main feature is the dining room, which is large enough to make a comfortable sitting room; and it is especially attractive on account of the three windows and the grate.

Where a chimney can be so placed as to accommodate the furnace in the cellar, the range in the kitchen and the grate in the dining room, you get a large amount of comfort and satisfaction with comparatively little expense.

Tales of Gotham and other CITIES

Policemen Assist Mother in Spanking a Bad Boy



NEW YORK—There's a grateful sting in the palm of Mrs. Margaret O'Hanlon's good right hand to remind her that she has at last achieved her ambition. She has spanked her four-year-old son John—of shameful neighborhood note as "Mrs. O'Hanlon's bad boy"—and, though two brawny policemen assisted in the operation, she it was who struck every indignant blow.

John, who is sometimes called "The Bell," because he has the ability of the greenest redskin of yore to slip through avenging fingers, has made himself awfully worthy of his reputation. Some time ago, Mrs. O'Hanlon says, she just had to stand awestruck and wonder how such a carload of badness could ever have been compressed into her bad boy's four feet of height and seventy pounds of bones.

Basket of Lively Crabs Cause Great Commotion

PHILADELPHIA—A basket of crabs which were tied to the seat of a motorcycle caused a commotion the neighborhood of the Episcopal hospital the other day that will long be remembered. Incidentally, it wrecked the motorcycle and landed the rider in the hospital with a fractured skull.



Harold Wilson, twenty-three years old, of 177 Westmoreland street, left for Wildwood, N. J., the other morning to go "crabbing." After he had deposited himself in the surf and later on captured a good supply of large ones, he decided to return home. He tied the basket on the back seat of the motorcycle. All went well until he reached Kensington and Lehigh avenues. There, one of the largest of the collection became restless and crawled up his back. When it reached his neck it bit hard and held on. The pain on the back of his neck was so sudden and unexpected that Wilson lost all control of the machine and was thrown head foremost to the curb.

All the Average Plain Little Woman Has to Do



SEATTLE, Wash.—She was just a plain, middle-aged little woman, unpretentious in dress and bearing—the kind that is met with by the hundred every day in the stores, on the sidewalks and in the street cars, usually carrying bundles.

Man With Pink Neck-Tickers Was Very Touchy

CHICAGO—A luxuriant set of bushy pink whiskers loomed in the doorway of Municipal Judge Robinson's courtroom the other day. Behind them was concealed a man who later developments indicated must have been a Republican.



Man End Letter Writing. A French inventor is said to have perfected a device that threatens to do away with necessity for writing letters. One talks into a machine, which makes a cloth record that can be transmitted to the person with whom it is desired to communicate.

Active Service. A rather remarkable instance of a woman's long, unbroken record comes from France, where Mme. Laforet, the oldest woman postal official, has just retired after 49 years of service without once having been absent from her post, except during the recognized holidays.

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The SUITORS OF Mrs. MERRIWID



MELISSA WOULD NOT JOIN THE ARMY.

"He seems to be a very nice sort of a man," remarked Mrs. Merrivid's maternal maiden aunt Jane, "and as the wife of an army officer you would have a certain social position, you know. I'm not sure that I dislike the idea, Melissa."

"I don't think I quite understand that last allusion, my dear," said Aunt Jane. "That's because you had that attack of neuralgia and couldn't go to the Post with me," explained Mrs. Merrivid. "You see, dearie, we of the army are one big family and we know one another and our little fallings only too well. When one of us army women meets another army woman, the two of us discuss the carryings-on of the rest of us with family freedom. That's one of the disadvantages of army life. Of course the army men know each other well, too, but being men, they are naturally charitable and even generous to each other. If one is promoted, the others are all tickled to pieces about it and admit that he richly deserved it. If you speak of any officer who is supposed to have distinguished himself in any way, the chorus of admiration that arises from his brother officers would warm the cockles of your heart—especially if the distinguished one happens to be a volunteer who never saw the inside of West Point. Yes."

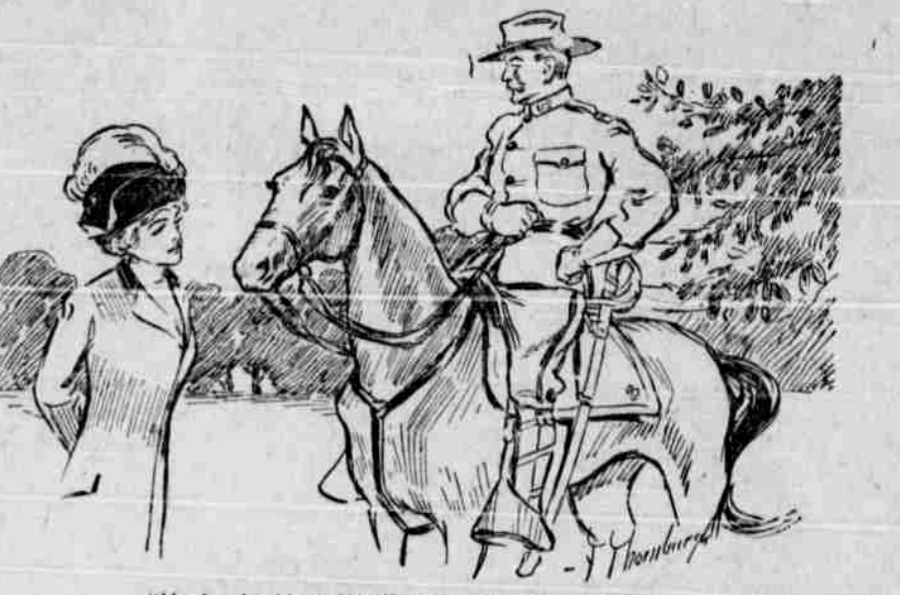
land possessions," continued Mrs. Merrivid, thoughtfully. "There's always a chance that her hero may be sent to the Philippines and come back with a deranged liver. I don't care how bronzed and bearded and interesting he may look or how many honorable scars and medals of honor he's got. If his liver doesn't work the way it ought, a cloud of bilious gloom will descend upon the home and be lifted nevermore. Still that's only a risk. The real obstacles to my union with the gallant captain are unavoidable."

"What are they?" inquired Aunt Jane. "In the first place, I'd have to accustom myself to riding in an ambulance," replied Mrs. Merrivid. "But that wouldn't be so bad as having to put up with a femme de chambre with a red mustache who chewed tobacco and drank whisky and was originally engaged for plain, manly butchery. That would certainly jar me," concluded Mrs. Merrivid.

RED KITTEN WHOLE SHOW

Its Peculiar Shading Attracted Attention at a Recent Exhibition at London, England.

"Have you seen the red kitten?" was the question every other person was asking at the show of the National Cat club at the Crystal Palace. The red kitten, which belongs to Mrs. H. Cook, and was judged the best cat in the show, may be described as the ideal cat at which the fanciers have been aiming for years. Louis Wain, who was judging, has never seen its equal. Its redness is not marred by one speck or suspicion of white. Its eyes are alternate circles of light red and dark red, just as its coat is alternate streaks of the two shades.



"He Looks Very Well in His Uniform, Too." The cult of the cat is growing. Never have exhibitors gone to such extremes in tricks of exhibition. One sent along with the cat a tadpole in a bottle, because the curious object excited the cat's attention and inspired that spry air which is supposed to attract the judge's attention—London Mail.

New Leadless Storage Battery. A Swedish inventor has put on the English market a new type of alkaline storage cell. The plates consist of inactive retainers which are loaded with active material, oxyhydrate of nickel mixed with graphite in the positives and finely divided alloy of iron and cadmium and certain other substances in the negatives. This new cell much resembles the Edison cell not only in the electrochemical reaction employed, but in the fact that extreme ingenuity is employed in the mechanical construction to obtain high space and weight efficiency and durability.

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About Umbrellas. Eyeglass wearers have long since complained that people are careless with umbrellas. Many pairs of glasses have been knocked off and broken by persons who selfishly refuse to move an umbrella so as to allow other people to easily pass. A few even persist in dangerously spinning an umbrella along a crowded street, endangering the glasses and sometimes eyes of passing walkers.