

A PROBLEM.

Now, if you should visit a Japanese Where there isn't a sofa or chair, And your hostess should say: "Take a seat, sir, I pray."

Now where would you sit? Tell me where.
And should they persuade you to stay

Where knives, forks and spoons are un-

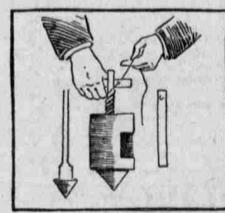
known, Do you think that you could eat with And how might you pick up a bone? And, then, should they take you a Jap-

anese drive, In a neat little "rick-shaw" of blue, And you found in Japan that your horse was a man,

Now what do you think you would do? TO MAKE GOOD HUMMING TOP

Becure Any Suitable Tin Box, Piece of Pine, Some Glue and String -Costs Little.

If you want a good humming top that will cost nothing but the trouble of making, get an empty baking powder box, or any box suitable, and cut a slit in the side of it, either round or square, about half an inch long and half an inch wide. Next make a hole in the lid and bottom of the box for the spindle, which you whittle out of a piece of pine to the shape

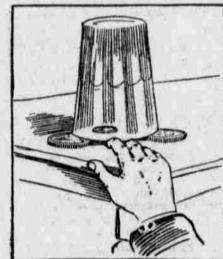


Home-Made Top.

shown in the illustration. The hole at bottom is square and that at top round, and care should be taken to make the spindle fit. Glue the lid and spindle in place. Now for a handle with which to spin it. 'A plain bit of wood with a hole at the end will do. When the glue is quite hard, wind the string around the spindle, passing it through the hole in the handle, and spin.

Small Silver Coin Made to Walk From Being Touched.

Place two half-dollars on the table cloth, between them place a dime. Then invert a tumbler so that its edge falls on the two half-dollars and is supported on them, leaving the re-



A Nice Little Glass Trick.

mainder of the rim clear of the table. Then ask if any one can get the dime without disturbing in any way the glass or two half-dollars. It seems impossible, but is comparatively easy. Gently scratch the table cloth in front of the glass, and by slow degrees the dime will travel along the cloth into the open.

Partnership. A doctor in Canada gives an interesting instance of a partnership between two animals-a coyote, or prairie wolf, and a common badger. It is common, he says, for these two creatures to go out hunting together, and he has often seen them in his district hunting for the small ground squirrels that live in burrows below the soil. Their snug little homes have always two entrances, and while the coyote watches one of these, the badger digs down from the other, so that, whichever way the poor squirrel tries to escape, he is certain to make a meal for one of his foes.

Freshmen.

Freshmen at school or college are green enough and fresh enough for the | Said Mr. Bear: "I don't care name, but another explanation is given If I don't have much clothes to wear. of how the word has come to be appited to young students. In English schools it was the custom to make the newcomer supply entertainment for the upper class men. The youngster that made the most fun received a cup of punch, the next best got punch with to make fudge. They did not know salt in it, and the rest got only sait how to make it, but they were willing water, which they were compelled to to try, and when the fudge was done the boy was no longer a "freshman."

CHILD PUPILS IN GARDENING

Chicago City Forester Arouses Desire in School Children to Grow Things.

Lectures delivered by J. H. Prost, the Chicago city forester, before school children, are rousing a widespread interest among the children in the subject of growing things, Dozens of little gardens have been started in empty back yards under the watchful care of the boys and girls that have taken Mr. Prost's lessons to

The city forester has already addressed gatherings in more than 20 public schools and adds to the number every week. The result of his recent lecture at the Burley public school, Barry avenue and North Paulina street, is shown in compositions written by his auditors. The first presented in part is by a girl in one of the upper grades.

"We can clean up our yards or plant flowers in boxes on our front or back porches or decorate the house by placing boxes of flowers in our windows and by planting trees on our front lawn," she wrote. "The gardens should have a large open space in the center with the trees, flowers and plants growing around the sides.

"When the trees are planted the planter should dig a hole large enough for the roots of the tree to fit in without bending them in any way. Then he must have plenty of good black soll and enough water to give it a good watering, so that it grows up to be a good tree.

"When the tree grows up care must be taken that it is trimmed properly, because if it isn't the tree will grow

"Boxes are placed around the trees to keep them from being harmed by the horses, who gnaw pieces out, and by the boys, who like to cut holes in them with their knives."

The above is the composition that has most greatly pleased Mr. Prost because of its fidelity to his talk, but others, if less faithful, are at least amusing. Excerpts from other papers are as follows:

"Mr. Prost said that Chicago is not as beautiful and as healthy as many other cities because there is not as much farming and planting done.

"All the children that live in the city are not as healthy as the country children because they do not keep their yards clean. In some places where the yards are dirty and a foul smell in the air the children that lives there is almost all the time a sort of a weak child."

"Insects are creatures which ruin the tree very badly. They have six legs, and some of them have two stages of life. To get these insects OUEER LITTLE GLASS TRICK off the trees is a very disagreeable operation."

"Washington (the city) is paying 10 cents for each bug that a boy will pick off the tree."

"Trees can be planted in almost any place where you would think it could not be possible."

"The Japanese garden is the most interesting garden. They are very numerous in Japan. In America they are 15x20 feet."

"After the tree is planted it should be surrounded by a sort of a fence, so that horses and children cannot harm it by cutting and chewing the bark."

"Sometimes boys cut in the young trees and they die immediately.

Leap Year.

When the men will not propose marriage to the women, the women must wait until leap year, and then they may do the proposing. This is a custom more talked about than practised, but it was legalized in Scotland in the year 1228, if we may believe what we hear. An act of the Scottish parliament, translated into modern English, is as follows:

Ordered that during the reign of her most blessed majesty. Margaret, every maiden, of both high and low estate, shall have liberty to bespeak the man she likes. If he refuses to take her to be his wife, he shall be mulcted in the sum of one hundred pounds or less, as his estate may be, except and always if he can make it appear that he is betrothed to another woman; then he shall be free.

HARD TO BEAR.



This hot weather is hard to bear.'

Success by Failure. The way some people succeed by failure is enough to remind any one of the two college boys that started drink. After he had been thus salted, they found that it was perfectly good

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Hospitality in a Nutshell

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"It's in for an all night's storm,"

"You will have to stay all night,"

"Yes; ten miles in this rain and the

unknown roads would be too venture-

some even for me," replied Irene, go-

Presently the telephone rang again.

"That wasn't your folks," chuckled

"Wasn't it your beau?" asked Han-

"Y-es-no-almost my beau," laughed

Irene. "He asked me to wait here to-

morrow, until he rode over and we

"Then we can have a game!" said

"Yes; he shall stay for several

In the morning the sun was shining

brightly, and after breakfast, while

Phineas fed the cattle, Hannah

churned so that "Irene's beau" might

"I should think," said Irene, musing-

Hannah made no reply. Irene, look-

ing up quickly, saw her wipe away a

surreptitious tear. The girl's sympa-

thetic questioning finally elicited the

"Phinny don't know yet," she said,

'and I'm goin' to keep it from him as

long as I can, but you see there's been

a mortgage for quite a spell on "The

and thought we could always renew

it, but the man wrote us yesterday that

we must pay right off. Miss Simons

brought me the letter from town, and,

luckily, Phinny wasn't here, I can't

"Oh, is that all?" exclaimed Irene.

"It's a lot to us. You see we've only

"No, indeed," agreed Irene, recall-

"Philip," she said, before he had

wreck their home-for just \$400?"

"I? Why, what can you mean,

"They say you hold a mortgage for

that amount on the place and that you

have written them that you would

"My dear Irene, I didn't even know

that I owned this tiny place. I have so

much property! My agent, Carter, at-

tends to all the business. He probably

"You will let them renew it, please,

"For-forever, if you wish, Irene."

"Come into the house," she said,

joyfully. "Tie your horse first. You

have to play several games of casino."

as to what was expected of him.

He followed her, somewhat dubious

"Mrs. Hewston, I want to introduce

"No," smiled Irene, "he's come for

While Hannah was serving the but-

"You're the gentleman who bolds

"So it seems. I didn't know it un-

"We may get a way to pay it," evid

"What's the use?" said Philip,

quickly. "You can renew it as often

as you please. I'll explain it to my

agent today. I would rather have a

glass of this buttermilk every time !

ride by here than the amount of the

The flash of joy in Hannah' worn

face was so reflected in Irene's eyes

as she turned impulsively to him, that

he gleaned hope for the answer to the

question he meant to ask on the way

Franklin Aphorism.

he would double his trouble-Frank-

If a man could have half his wishes

Man's Tenancy of Earth.

God has lent us the earth for our

life. It is a great entail .- Ruskin.

termilk, Phineas came in and was in-

wrote them and signed my name."

"Why, of course, Irene."

"Oh, he's come for-"

til now. Irene told me."

"For how long?"

Mr. Maxfield."

the mortgage?"

Hannah, anxiously.

troduced.

mortgage."

"It is pretty," he admitted.

I should think you might borrow that

think yet but a way will come."

"Four hundred dollars."

ly, "that you would be perfectly happy

have fresh buttermilk to drink.

in this dear, little place."

cause of her sadness.

"How much is it?"

to scrimp in our feed."

hide her confusion.

she thought, sadly.

I'll go to meet him."

foreclose at once."

a cavalryman.

place!

dear-"

Philip?"

ing her two sumptuous meals.

omewhere."

Phineas, as she hung up the receiver.

"Your tone was so different."

The message was for Irene.

"How did you guess?"

could ride home together."

Hannah, hopefully.

nah, timidly.

games

Huddled down among some tall, an- | earnest, and in a few moments there gular poplars in a valley between the was a terrific roar of thunder and high hills was a little white house the rain came down in torreuts. with a lean-to at the rear and a big porch in front. Here had lived, for predicted Phineas. 48 years, a childless old couple. They thought that their little home which said Hannah, gleefully. they had named "The Nutshell," the most beautiful place in the world, and their only lament was that so few persons "dropped in," or even passed ing to the telephone and informing by. Neighbors were remote, and her mother of her safekeeping. their road was deserving of the appellation. It was not even a crossroad-hardly a lane-and the grass grew high between two faintly defined wagon ruts. Where it ended and turned into a crossroad, there was such a labyrinth of underbrush, brush and foliage from low-hanging. interlaced tree tops that the opening was completely hidden from view.

One afternoon as they sat on the porch-stoop, Phineas called It -his wife, Hannah, stopped rocking suddenly and listened.

"Some one's coming," she ex-

claimed, excitedly. As she spoke a beautiful young woman on a shining black horse came into view.

"Like a picture," said Phineas, taking the pipe from his mouth. The young lady looked admiringly

at the little place and bestowed a friendly glance upon the old couple. "I can't let ber go by," gasped Hannah, as she started down the path. The rider reined in her horse.

"Wouldn't you like to stop a bit and have a drink of cold milk?" Hannah spoke enticingly and appealingly. The answering smile was

"Indeed, I would," she replied, dis-Nutshell." We've kept up the interest, mounting, "and may I have one of those rosy-cheeked apples I saw in the orchard?"

"You may have a bushel," emphatically asserted Phineas, as he stood up



A Beautiful Young Woman Shining Black Horse.

and held out his hand. "Set right down, while I tie your hoss."

She proved to be what Hannah called "folksy." She cheerfully told her name, where she lived and every thing that Hannah yearned to know. "Was you gotn' far?" she finally asked.

"I wasn't going anywhere in particular. I don't know how I came to spy this road; it was so shut in. I don't see how people find it."

"They don't," said Hannah, wistfully. "No one comes by but the grocery man once a week, the essence man every four weeks and once in awhile the tin man. We like company, Phinny and I, and we like to have a game, too. We taught the tin man and the essence man to play casino and pedro, so they always stop; but the grocery man don't get the time. Once I stopped a stranger and called him in. We played with a dummy."

"I call that a hold up," laughed the girl. "So it was," allowed Phineas, com-

ing up the steps. "Miss-" "Irene," she answered. "That was my mother's name," be

said, musingly. "Can't you stay to supper?" . aded Hannah. "We have it real ...rly because we have dinner early

"Thank you," replied the g should love to stay." "You can telephone your fclip." sug-

gested Phineas. "We have a telephone."

"It won't be necessary ! sitten go for long rides." So Phineas led the hae to the barn to feed, while Iren, helped to

set the table with blue-sprigged china and frail, small bowled apoons. Hannah made air-light biscuits. There was a square of golden honey with cream to match its bue. A silver cake basket was heaped with thick slices of gold and silver cake and strawberry preserves, pickles and fragrant tea completed the menu.

"I never ate such a delicious meai!" cried Irene, ecstatically.

"Pshaw, jest a bite!"

Phineas. But while they were making merry throughout the supper hour, clouds had been gathering, and a quick patter of raindrops took them all to the window. A storm was coming on in ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE EWES

Animals Need Plenty of Exercise, Good Food and Clean, Comfortable Quarters-Ration Is of Greatest Importance.

BRIDGE APPROACH General Purpose Barn.

ing the loss of the youngsters will be small.

young lamb is very tender the first few days of its life.

If they come into the world weak cold, wet weather to kill them.

much larger in bulk and some farmers seem to be afraid to feed bran. This is a great mistake because it is

If bran is not available a little oil meal makes an excellent substitute. got a 20 here, and Phinny's too old

to work it-more'n a garden patch for what we eat, and we ain't no hands "Though It seems a lot to us, I sup-Mr. Philip Maxfield. But he's going cause such an arrangement is sure to up somewhat in the hand. If the cow

Irene's face turned pale and then She turned to the window to of the shed an extension roof of about six feet not sloping enough to prevent "I couldn't have believed it of him!" the sun from shining in but sufficient to carry off the rain. This will en-As she stood there, she saw a horseman coming down the road. He was air and it will be found that they will tall, straight, and sat on his horse like spend most of their time at the front of the shed. Sheep do not like damp, of milk than if the quality is lacking.

"Here comes-my-friend," she said. It is highly important that pregnant ewes should have plenty of exercise. Confined in close quarters three weeks dismounted, "these are the sweetest old people and this is the dearest prior to lambing renders them weak and listiess and is often, we believe,

> Clean, pure water should be provided always. An excellent arrangement is to have a trough running through the shed its entire length into which water can be discharged outside the shed. Sheep will actually starve before they will drink dirty water or eat unclean food.

Ice water will produce abortion in their feet into it.

If ewes have been well fed and are , ewes if they are forced to drink it all strong and vigorous at time of lamb- the time and some arrangemen should be made by which the water can be somewhat tempered.

The Illustration shows a general

purpose barn near Columbus. It is

40 by 56 and has five single horse

stalls and one box stall. It has nine

It also has a large open stable which

A large oat bin and a corn crib are:

on the basement floor, both of which

are filled from the floor above. The

Quality in Cattle.

most quality. It is shown in a fine,

silky coat of hair, in a mellow, elastic

skin and in fine bones and neat joints.

There is lots of difference in the coat

of hair. One cow may have hair that

animals, and they are the most com-

mon, have coarse, long hair. Their

High-class animals always have the

main floor is entirely unobstructed.

Ill-fed ewes produce sickly lambs. A

and puny it requires but a breath of single cow stalls and one box stall, can be used for either sheep or cattle. The ration for ewes just prior to lambing is of the greatest importance. An excellent grain ration is oats,

bran and corn in equal proportions by weight. This of course makes bran one of the best rations to use at this time. Alfalfa makes excellent rough-

The ration mentioned will make plenis fine and soft and thick. There is ty of milk without laying on too much a very fine and close undercoat and fat and when the lambs are dropped then longer, coarser hair. Such hair the ewes will be in good condition to is a great protection in winter. Other take care of them. Good shelter for the ewes is also

very important. They require plenty be drafty.

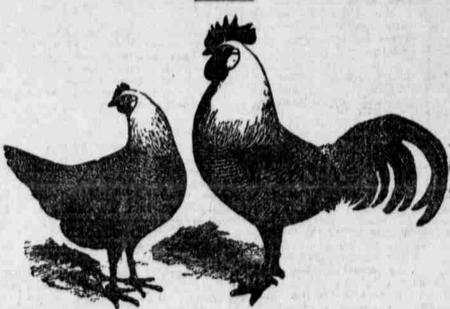
dark quarters.

the cause of dead lambs at birth. "Would you take it away from them

bones are also likely to be big and of ventilation, but their quarters must coarse. When an animal has plenty be perfectly dry and free from drafts. of quality you can easily take the It is a mistake to confine sheep in a skin in the hand between thumb and barn with large openings around the fingers and pull it out from the side of pose it's only a drop in the bucket to bottom and windows at the top be the body. It will be mellow and roll lacks quality her skin will be thick It is a good plan to build in front tight, and not easily taken in the hand. Fine quality, as seen in the hair, skin and bone, means with the beef animal that when killed there will be much less waste of the carcass able the ewes to have more light and than if the conditions show lack of quality. So also the dairy cow with plenty of quality is a better producer

> Grit for Chicks. One of the first things to be fed to chicks is coarse sand or suitable grit of some kind, which may be bought at supply houses or gathered at home, al ways selecting sharp, small substances. Dry bread crumbs, millet; seer, hard-boiled eggs, and after a few days, cracked wheat, oat meal and finely ground bone may be fed. Within reach of the chicks at all times should be grit, small bits of charcoal a fresh, clean supply of water, so provided that the chicks can not get

BREED OF SILVER CAMPINES



This breed is popular in Belgium, body, though small, is long, with a where conditions of soil and climate are not unlike portions of the desert areas of California. In type and habit they strongly suggest the Mediterranean and Dutch classes, especially the Leghorn or Hamburghs. They are rated as great foragers, the birds almost hustling their entire living; the hens are good layers of medium-sized hen fruit. They are non-sitters. The breed is represented by two varieties, viz., the Silver and the Golden. The breed takes its name from the Campine dis- stalls should be provided with mate tricts of Belgium-the dry sandy of lumber so placed that they may plains between Antwerp and Hasselt, be frequently removed for cleansing. where activity is essential if life is to All parts of the stalls which are made be maintained. They are bred sparing of wood should be removable so that y in this country. Cocks weigh 41/4 to they may be readily replaced when pounds; hens 31/2 to 4 pounds. The worn out.

rather full breast, as in the Hamburgh; which type it much resembles, excepting in comb, which is single in both sexes.

Sanitary Dairy Barn Floors.

Concrete stable floors are now recognized as the most economical and sanitary for the dairy stable. They should be laid upon good foundations and finished with grooves to prevent and animal slipping upon them. The