

THE BOY AND THE GUN.

Each season brings its own sport of pastimes, game or fad for the boys. The autumn and winter are the seasons when many boys hunt or shoot a great deal, says the Omaha Bee. This should be the time, then, for the reiteration of that old warning about the "I-didn't-know-it-was-loaded" accident. Boys should be careful with their shooting irons, and never fail to know whether they are loaded or not. Two boys were out shooting a few days ago and one, thinking his gun was empty, aimed it at the other and pulled the trigger. The other dropped dead. "I didn't know it was loaded," wailed the one who killed him, echoing the wall of scores of others who had, at sometime been as criminally negligent as himself. No boy or man has a right to aim a firearm at another person, and when he does it, whether harm comes of it or not, he should be made to feel that he has done something he should not. Parents can well afford to deny guns and pistols to their boys until they have reached such ages as will make them capable of realizing their dangers. If they must have guns, they should be cautioned against careless use of them. It sometimes seems trite to speak of warning boys against such things, but if they were warned often enough such distressing accidents would be fewer.

Pittsburg is growing at a fairly rapid rate, but wants to increase still more swiftly. That smoky town has an ambition to reach the 1,000,000 mark in population, and is bending every effort in that direction. For one thing, Pittsburg is pushing the project for a ship canal from that city to Lake Erie, by which it is hoped to increase still further the already great industrial activity of that district. Other schemes include a big rapid-transit system, with subway attachments, bringing various points into easier reach; educational and other expansion, and numerous improvements designed to increase the attractiveness and convenience of the city and its environs. And Pittsburg seems to have sufficient public spirit to carry out the great work suggested.

The census figures continue to give interesting results. Mention has been made of the fact that there are now in the United States 50 cities with a population of 100,000 or more, a notable gain in ten years, as there were but 35 such cities in 1900. Now the census bureau, having compiled the returns, announces that there are in this country 19 cities with a population reaching or exceeding 250,000. In 1900 there were 15 towns included in that class. From this it appears that, while there has been marked gain in many cities, large and small, the proportion has been greatest among municipalities of moderate size.

Also they do some things better in Germany. A reckless chauffeur who killed an American woman when he ran into a crowd of theatergoers has been sent to the penitentiary for 15 months.

It is said that one of the prominent female colleges is going to insist on proficiency in spelling and writing in the students. This looks as if the higher education were meditating a return to the simple life.

Some New York undertakers are said to be in league with preachers and sextons. It might be worse, as there is no evidence offered that undertakers are in league with doctors.

It is reported that there has been a revival of poetry in England. If the poets can manage to get through this winter there may be a chance for some of them, after all.

A New York boy is to have a legacy of \$10,000 provided he does not enter the ministry. Isn't that an awful prospect for the average small boy to contemplate?

The Massachusetts man who saw wood daily at the age of 100 finds that he doesn't need any gymnasium exercise.

That Chicago philosopher who advocates the eating of four meals a day provides a long-awaited antidote to Brother Fletcher.

A man in Maryland wants a divorce because he is afraid of his wife. Apparently he considers his condition unique.

A Frenchman, having taken the world's altitude record away from America, that nation is entitled to the honor of being the fighter.

Poverty does nearly everything to a man except to take away his appetite.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Blind Man Leads in Tidying Streets



They help enforce the law. Erring householders are warned by the volunteer aids, and if that warning is not obeyed there is prompt recourse to the law. The members of the 72 leagues, in 72 school buildings of the city, make regular reports to the street cleaning department.

NEW YORK.—Reuben S. Simons, supervisor of 150,000 children in the juvenile league, is blind, but he is the most valuable man in the street cleaning department, and he is not unhappy over the loss of his sight because he is too fond of work and too busy to be unhappy over anything.

"I never think of my blindness," he says, "except when I hear someone speak of the poor blind man. That cuts like a knife. I do my work as well as though I had my eyes, maybe better. There are no distractions in this world within which I live. I only think of my work. What the eye does not see the heart does not grieve for." Thirteen years ago Reuben Simons' eyes began to pain him. For the past seven years he has been totally blind. And yet within that time he has organized a movement among the school children of New York in which 150,000 are now enlisted. They pledge themselves to aid the street cleaning department in keeping the thoroughfares free of rubbish. Their duty is not merely the passive one of refraining from throwing trash upon the street.

And this blind man was the pioneer in the work. He thought of it first, impelled by his longing for children and a certain instinct for sociability that has always been his. "I always liked to organize clubs when I was a boy," he said. "We organized for all sorts of purposes. I like excitement, brisk movement, happiness. I like to see things."

The incongruity in that expression does not bother him. "I have cultivated the inner eye," he said. "I have a power of imagination. I can see you and the people passing by just as I can see the children sitting before me when I go into a schoolroom to organize a junior league. It never occurs to me to think that I am blind."

Chicago Chinese to Amputate Queues



I ever felt the loss of it. It is no good, anyway, and it makes lots of work for the wearer. It has got to be braided every day and washed once or twice a week and that's no small job."

CHICAGO.—Frank Moy, the mayor of Chicago's Chinatown, has passed along a recently issued imperial decree that all celestials are to part with their queues. After wearing a braid for about 250 years John Chinaman has come to the conclusion that it is a nuisance and—it would hardly do to say "a relic of a barbarous age." China has awakened to the fact that its advancement has been retarded by the way it wears its hair, and the whole empire is going to have a haircut. The matter has been agitated for some time by leading Chinese, among them Wu Ting-fang, former minister to the United States.

"Do you know that the Chinese did not always wear a queue? This fashion of wearing the hair was introduced by the Manchoo dynasty about 250 years ago. The Manchourians, or Mongolians, as they are called, had more hair than they knew what to do with. In some way they seized the reins of government and the first thing they did was to issue an imperial order that every Chinaman must wear a queue. Before that the Chinese wore their hair like the Japanese and Koreans. If a Chinaman refused to wear a queue his head was chopped off. He was compelled to adopt the Manchourian style of wearing the hair."

Defies Icy Walks With a Sand Brake



There is a continuous flow of the sand and icy sidewalks are rendered as pleasant as the woodlawn of Vallambrosa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A rubber water bottle filled with sand and strapped around his body, with an attached gas hose leading down through devious channels that terminate under the instep of his shoes, is the strange contrivance used by Thomas Brady, North side fire alarm operator, to sand his route home on icy mornings.

In the two previous winters Brady slipped on the ice on his way home. One time he was laid up seven weeks with a broken kneecap. The other time he hurt his ankle and was laid up at home for over a month. At the beginning of this winter he began to think of what possible thing he could do to protect himself this winter. For a time he tried "creepers," but these were not satisfactory. Then came the brilliant thought.

"Toot! Toot!" whistles Brady as he starts for work each morning. Then he pulls a little cord that opens a plug and the sand starts to flow. At first there was a ticklish feeling when the sand ran down the tube, but Brady has got over that. The contrivance, notwithstanding its bulk, is a grand success.

He took possession of the family water bottle and hunted up some old gas hose. One difficulty was in getting the sand to fall at the right spot and also to adjust the flow. Finally he got a little plug. This he could open with a string leading up to one pocket that allowed the sand to flow at regulated speed. But the sand would fall by the wayside and not go under his shoes. Brady is a mechanic and made a little metallic thing he called a "spreader." This caused the sand to slip under the soles of his shoes. Brady thinks he ought to get a patent on the sand "spreader."

Indian President of a School Board



Comanche leader, is a strong advocate of "mixed" school, where his children may attend the same institution where their white neighbors are educated.

LAWTON, OKLA.—Firmly convinced that the full-blood Indian can never be induced to attend school with white children long enough to get an education, Congressman Scott Ferris of the Oklahoma delegation is drawing a bill that will perpetuate the exclusive Indian schools.

Last fall Chief Parker was instrumental in having a public school district formed which includes his handsome residence in the foothills of the Wichita mountains. He donated a large tract of land and subscribed to a fund for maintenance of the district. He was chosen president of the board. While the government maintains a Comanche Indian school one mile from Lawton, Chief Parker has never taken very kindly to sending his sons and daughters to the tribal school. For one year his son attended the white school at Cache, 12 miles west of Lawton and near his home, but the other families strenuously objected. Then the chief reluctantly kept his boy out of school. This was his incentive in establishing the new district in western Comanche county.

The KITCHEN CABINET



TENDER-HANDED stroke a nettle. And it stings you for your pains; Grasp it like a man of metal And it soft as silk remains.

this day of out-door sleeping rooms, to speak of the importance of airing the bedding and room each day; but there are many, many homes where fresh air only enters because carpentry cannot make woodwork air-tight.

The Breakfast Table. As the appetite is more apt to be fickle in the morning, great care should be taken that the table is attractive. A well-laid table and a few dainty dishes will often call forth an appetite.

We may excuse the extreme poor, who are saving fuel and heat; but what of those who have plenty and yet deny themselves the blessing of pure air? One of the best ways of training housekeepers is in the school, the children who are taught the way to air a bed and make it are learning valuable lessons in housekeeping. These lessons may be taught with a doll's bed in the rural schools, where this knowledge is as much needed as in the cities.

The no-breakfast fad has died a natural death, although it certainly had much to recommend it. Think of the time, temper and bother saved each morning. The ideal English breakfast would not suit the average American. Pigeon Pie and Collared Tongue seem a little hearty for the "simple breakfast."

No equipment seems to be the great drawback in so many schools. First, a teacher with some training in the line of household economics and an interest deep enough to overcome obstacles, and this teaching becomes a great educational factor to both boys and girls.

The French idea of a roll and a cup of coffee is simple, easy to prepare, but would be very monotonous day in and day out.

Roosevelt says: "Teach the boys to be home-makers and the girls to be home-keepers." The importance of this training cannot be estimated as a large majority of the boys and girls receive none of this teaching in their homes, and all they acquire will be from school training.

For those who are able to have several sets of china, that used for breakfast should be different from the dinner set. Blue is generally considered a good color for the breakfast china. A well-laid table is decidedly military in its appearance, precision is the watch word. Knives, forks and spoons are laid in careful order, a half an inch from the edge of the table. The blade of the knife turned toward the plate, the right, the fork tines up at the left. The spoons in regular order next to the knife. The first article of silver to be used is the one farthest from the plate. The water glass is placed at the point of the fork and bread and butter plate when used, just above the napkin. One may decorate a table with a few flowers laid carelessly on the table. But it is best not to trifle too much with the military effect of the table.

The great obstacle to household economics in the rural schools, beside lack of equipment and trained teachers, is the already crowded curriculum; but even this may be met by giving the training in connection with language, reading, arithmetic and for the opening exercises.

Southern Rolls. Take six cupfuls of flour, two eggs, one cake of yeast, one cup of milk, two tablespoofuls of lard and a tablespooful of salt. Mix and set to rise, knead, shape into rolls and let rise again. Bake in a hot oven.

NO WOMAN can be handsome by force of features alone, any more than she can be witty only by help of speech.—Hughes.

A LITTLE fire is quickly trodden out; Which, being suffered, rivers/cannot quench.

Omelets. The making of a successful omelet means skill with the best of materials. Almost any left-over may be used advantageously in an omelet. Vegetables may be used in the sauce to serve with an omelet or they may be spread on half the mixture before folding.

Helpful Hints. Uses of the Lemon.—Take daily the juice of a large lemon, either in cold water or clear. This is a remedy for biliousness.

Sweet omelets are delicious. Add a teaspoonful of powdered sugar to the eggs and spread the jam, jelly or preserves thinly over the omelet before folding.

For a felon, cut off the end of a lemon and insert the finger, blind it on. In the morning the fester will be near the surface and may easily be removed.

With juicy fruits the juice is poured over the omelet just as it is served. Lemon Omelet.—Put the yolks of four eggs into a bowl with a tablespooful of sugar, beat until light and add the grated rind of a lemon. Whip the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and mix lightly with the yolks. Then stir in a fourth of a teaspoonful of baking powder. Pour in the omelet pan, in which a tablespooful of butter has been melted, and cook carefully until done. Cut in half and put together with the following sauce:

A trained nurse of experience has emphasized the necessity of keeping mirrors out of the sickroom. The patient should never be allowed to look into one, if the ravages wrought by disease are very evident, as the shock which it gives a nervous patient is hard to soothe away.

Take half a cup of sugar, a tablespooful of butter, the juice and rind of a lemon, two well-beaten eggs; beat together and stir over the fire until thick.

To Wash White Cashmere. First remove all the hooks and eyes and any colored trimming. Then shave up about four ounces of white soap, put it into a saucepan, cover with water and allow it to melt over a gentle heat. When quite dissolved, take out a cupful, beat the remainder to a lather in a gallon of water. When the suds is a little cooled, immerse the cashmere, squeeze it and knead it in water. Do not rub soap on the material. When all the dirt has been removed, squeeze without wringing, and place the goods in a bath of tepid water to which the cupful of dissolved soap has been added.

Squeeze as much of the water out again as you can and hang to dry in the open air. When nearly dry, press with an iron not too hot.

Very pretty porch pillows are made by drawing pretty colored strips of worsted through burlap. Different designs may be used and contrasting or well-blended colors make the pillows very artistic.

Honey is one of the best remedies for a cough.

Nellie Maxwell.

Specialized Farming. Miss Jessie Nicholson inherited a farm of 225 acres in New Jersey, which her father had farmed in the old way. When she took it she realized that the new way to do things is to specialize, so she began to do this on the farm. She raises Canada field peas, her own hay and makes a silo, sells chickens and milk, and that is all. There are 100 cows and she puts away \$3,000 each year.

Boards in the World. The people who live in houses, and sleep on beds, and walk on pavements, and buy their food from butchers and bakers and grocers, are not the most blessed inhabitants of this wide and various earth. The circumstances of their existence are too mathematical and secure for perfect contentment. They live at second or third hand. They are boarders in the world. Everything is done for them by somebody else—Henry Van Dyke.

IRST, then, a woman will, or she won't, depend on't. If she won't, since safe and sound your trust is. Fear is affront, and jealousy injustices.

Care of the Bedroom. It would hardly seem necessary in



Wife—I smell something like leath'er burning! Is it that cigar? Hubby—No; but I wouldn't wonder if it's the crust of that pie you just put into the oven.

Had an Eye to the Future. "I would probably take many generations of adversity to train Americans into the farseeing thriftiness of my people," once observed an American of Scotch birth. "I remember a case of a Scotch woman who had been promised a new bonnet by a lady. Before she undertook the purchase the lady called and asked the good woman:

"Would you rather have a felt or a straw bonnet, Mrs. Carmichael?" "Weel," responded Mrs. Carmichael thoughtfully, "I think I'll tak' a strae ane, it'll maybe a mouthfu' to the coo when I'm done wi' it!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

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