

Their Choice.

The children were going to have a stepfather, Mother had just made the announcement and was waiting to hear their opinions of her choice. Nineyear-old Ruth's came first. "But, mother, he hasn't any hair," she pro-

Mother smiled. She had been afraid they might offer worse ones than this. "But your own daddy didn't have much," she smiled,

For a minute Ruth was slienced, but she was thinking. "I know, mother," she admitted, "but you were young when you chose him. Now you know more and it does seem like you ought to be a better chooser."

IN YE OLDEN TIME Hoop



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ONNIE looked down to the busy street, through a blur of snowflakes. At least, Connie told herself determinedly that snowflakes were accountable for the blur; then, she wiped her

"It's Merry Christmas time," Connie said to her old yellow cat. "Who ever heard of Christmas without the Merry? So cheer up. Prowler, and let's join in the game."

At the little "Shoppe" just around the corner she stood longest of all. And all at once into Connie's bright eyes came a speculative light. The window was full of small framed pictures, most of them with the Christmas spirit. There were the usual night-clad children looking up broad chimneys, there were landscapes of snowy fields with distant windows alight-Connie studied them all; she was seeing in vision the winding bill road of the place where she had spent her last summer vacation; the church with its swaying bell in the steeple, the queer little bridge over the deep and beautiful stream-a bridge with sents along its sides where countless lovers had sat and courted. The old lady who had been Connie's volunteer hostess told her, with the pink coming and going in her withered cheeks, about the lovers. For it was there that her own husband had asked, and had been answered-his question. The way that Connie had chanced to visit this beautiful country place and to meet there the dear old lady was quite remarkable chance too. She had started out on the trolley car for one restful day in the country and had chosen this station at random. And when she had stopped to admire the wonderful roses in the old lady's gar-

"My dear! Why don't you come on and visit me for a week or two? I'm lonely for a young sweet face."

den-and they had spent some agree-

able time together-the old lady, Mrs.

Martha Snow by name, had said:

And Connie had gone, that was all. Half her later water colors had been glorified memories of that delightful visit. Now Connie had a new inspiration. She would paint the queer little bridge over an lcy stream, and its seats should be covered with snow, She could fancy just how the trees would look waving naked branches. And she'd paint the church in the hollow with lights in the windows gleaming over the snow and the bell in the tower a-swaying for Christmas.

Oh, Connie was very happy as she hurried home to hef attic, but there, in the temperamental way artists have, she began to draw instead, working in a fever of enthusiasmthe sitting room of the old house where she had been a guest, with Martha Snow herself seated in the firelight, just half of her peaceful profile showing beneath its halo of white hair.

There was holly above the old fireplace and a boy's stocking hanging there. Connie never stopped until she had completed the picture, then ran with it breathlessly to the "Shoppe" around the corner.

"Yes, we will display it," a smiling old man agreed.

The picture sold. Of course you were prepared for that; but the strange part was that before it was sold Connie had added her other views to the "Shoppe" window, and her discerning purchaser had bought them every one. While the other Christmas studies pleased him not at all: Connie could not count the number of times that she passed that window, first closing her eyes childishly in the hope that her picture would not be there when she opened them. And it was the day but one before Christmas that the "Shoppe" manager seeing her peeking about, beckoned her inside.

"You have pleased one of our best customers," said the manager, "and when we mentioned your peculiar condition of sale he suggested talking the matter over with you that you might both come to a satisfactory bargain. Our customer thinks that you possess wonderful artistic ability. We have given him your address."

"Is he," asked Connie falteringly, "a philanthropist?" Some way she did not want her purchaser to be just a philanthropist and

spoil all future ambitious hope. "Mr. Armstrong is a man who usually drives a pretty shrewd bargain,"

the "Shoppe" manager said. So, though it was early afternoon Connie hurried home to turn on a gas blaze and don her most presentable dress so that she might make a favorable impression as a successful young wielder of the brush. The purchaser might arrive any minute. But it was the next afternoon when he came and

The purchaser was young and tall and good looking, and the golden cat greeted him with a purring rub, which was to Connie a recommendation as to his honesty.

Connie was wearing a bungalow

Mr. Hubert Armstrong came directy to business. "Your sketches have for me s double interest, Miss Carroll," he said.

"You have drawn remarkably some of the happlest scenes of my boyhood. Scenes which I am ashamed to say I had half-forgotten. The world of business absorbs much of human kindness I am afraid, and sometimes a struggle for success causes us to leave much that is tender behind. I am grateful to you for awakening in me that tenderness which I had almost burled."

The man's voice broke huskily. He drew forth an old sitting-room picture.

"Peace on Earth" was the name she had given it.

"That," said Hubert Armstrong, "is the living room of my home in Hillcrest-the place where I was born. This white-haired woman's profile is the peaceful profile of my long-lost mother. That little bulging stocking might have been my own stocking, just as it used to hang there years ago- Tell me-" his tone was enger, 'how did you come by your dream?"

"I visited last summer," Connie told him, "In that same old house in Hillcrest with Mrs. Martha Snow, who invited me."

The man nodded hastily,

"I see," he said, "it is quite simple after all. Martha Snow is my mother's widowed sister." A dull red crept to his cheek.

"I had almost forgotten that Aunt Martha asked me years ago to allow her to continue on in the old homestead. It was left mine by will. So she's there yet, and the church bell still chimes out for Christmas!

"You have sounded the memory bells for me, Miss Carroll."

It seemed that the purchaser had almost forgotten her in his musings. Now that she looked at him closely his face was threaded by lines of care, his fine eyes sorrowful beneath their sternpess. Connie put forth a friendly hand.

"Why," she said, "so you are Martha Snow's nephew. Then there can be no question of bargain between us, the pictures are freely yours."

The man spoke abruptly. "You paint to sell do you not?" he

asked. "Isn't that what your studio is for?" Connie shook her head ruefully,

"Mostly," she replied, "my studio is just to live in."

"And you live alone?" "I am quite alone in the world," she

told him gravely.

Then her irrepressible smile broke forth.

"Unless," she added, "you would count Prowler?" She caught the cat

in her arms. "I-live-alone-too," Hubert Armstrong said slowly.

"I know what it means. There's not much difference between the gilded walls of an apartment and these walls of yours here."

Connie agreed. "We were going to look much more cheerful," she went



Connie Studied Them All.

on, "when you interrupted us with your knock. I was climbing the ladder to hang a holly wreath."

"Let me do it for you," the man said. Before she could could refuse his assistance he was on the ladder,

the wreath in his hands. "That's better," Connie told him as side by side they stood looking up at

the crimson berries. "It's the first time in years," Hubert Armstrong said with a boyish laugh, "that I've done that sort of thing. Gives me a thrill of old Christmas. Makes me wish for a fireplace with a filled stocking before it. The fireplace of your picture makes me long to go skating on a creek-your creek, back at Hillcrest. Makes me want to taste turkey again over the old dining-room table."

"Yes!" breathed Connie, "and hear the church bell ring out across the

Eager-eyed the man gazed into those other eager eyes beneath his

"Let's do it," he said impulsively. "Let us have a rent, joyful old-fashtoned sort of Christmas, you and I, back at Aunt Martha's, I will call her on the phone. It would delight her

"It would be just 'peace on earth' to me." Connie said happily,

And that Christmas eve as she gazed wideawake through her attic window the moon shone down through the holly wreath.

"Merry Christmas," whispered Connie while the old moon smiled benightly with a promise of happy

Christmases to come. (6. 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

POULTRY CACKLES

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A heavy clay or adobe soil is not well adapted to poultry raising, as



Colony House Arranged for Summer Conditions.

such land does not drain readily, and It is much more difficult to keep the stock healthy, poultry specialists on he government poultry farm have ound. Long stationary houses, or the ntensive system, saves steps, but it is easier to keep the birds healthy and to reproduce the stock under the colony system, where the birds are allowed free range. Breeding stock, and especially growing chickens, should have an abundance of range. while hens used solely for the production of market eggs may be kept on a very small area with good results.

The colony house system necessitates placing the houses, holding about 100 hens, from 200 to 250 feet apart. so that the stock will not kill the grass. The colony system may be adapted to severe winter conditions by drawing the colony houses together in a convenient place at the beginning of winter, thus reducing the la bor during these months.

DUST BOX QUITE IMPORTANT

Chickens Cleanse Themselves of Vermin by Wallowing in Dust-Place in Sunlight.

Chickens never wash as many birds do, but cleanse themselves of insects by wallowing in dust. Where board or cement floors are used in the chicken house, some means of dusting during the winter months should be provided. A dust box 3 feet by 5 feet, or 4 feet by 4 feet will be found large enough in most instances, the United States Department of Agriculture suggets, for a flock of 50 or 60 fowls. It should be placed where it can be reached by sunlight during as much of the day as possible.

Fine, light dry dust is best for the box, but sandy loam is good. Road dust is recommended by many, but it is often hard to secure. Coal ashes may be mixed with the soil if desired to make them lighter.

HANG ONTO YEARLING FOWLS

Practice of Selling Off Young Hens in Fall Is Wasteful Habit of Some Farmers.

One of the most wasteful habits that poultrymen and farmers have been guilty of in the past has been the practice of selling off the young hens every fall, keeping only those needed for the breeding pen the following season.

They then pin their hope and faith on the uncertain qualities of the pullets which they have raised, because it has been thought that it is not profitable to keep hens after their pullet years. Happily, this has not proved itself true in the numerous investigations which have been made into the matter by the experiment stations and by practical poultrymen who are attempting to evolve the utmost in egg production in their flocks,

FOWLS IN WINTER QUARTERS

Pullets Should Be Moved Before They Begin to Lay-Carefully Prevent All Drafts.

Move pullets into winter quarters before they begin to lay, the United States Department of Agriculture advises. All should be in winter quarters before cold weather. See that the benhouse is disinfected and that it is tight on three sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike. the hens while on their roosts.

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ANSWERS CALL OF FRIEND Deer's Remarkable Attachment to Man Who Had Cared for It In Its

Helplessness.

A two-pronged buck deer answers the calls of Jerry Shine, employed by the municipal water district at Alpine

dam, near San Raphael, Cal. Long ago Shine one day came upon a dead doe in the trail of the forest, and standing beside the mother was a fawn. It was miles to Shine's cabin. but he carried the fawn home with him, fed it and gave it the name of Billy. After a time Shine left the disand asked his fellow workers the whereabouts of his deer. They laughed at him; the deer had gone back to nature, they said,

Shine mounted the parapet of the dam and called for Billy. The deer, now the proud possessor of twopronged horns, bounded out of the forest. A photograph was taken of the man and the animal, as the latter rested his forefeet on the shoulder of Shine.

Reason for Gratitude.

Little Edna was visiting the museum with her aunt. In the Egyptian room the child saw the desiccated remains of an ancient queen and asked what

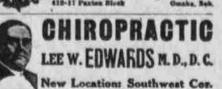
"That is someone's mummy, dear." replied auntie.

"Goodness!" said Edna, "I'm glad my mummy doesn't look like that."-Boston Transcript.

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ALASKA APPEALS TO YOUTH

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> dividuality." Reduce this philosophy to Alaskan terms, and we find that the territory just now needs youth to finish the structure upon the foundation laid by those wonderful pioneers whom we reverence and admire. The raw materials are here, materially and ethically all that is needed is for the next generation succeeding the ploneers to step into the tralls blazed for them and finish the work.

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