

**Big Undertakings.**  
 Baltimore American: "Talk about big jobs," said the Cheerful idiot, while trying to look serious.  
 "Well," said the Victim, wearily.  
 "Whaling West Virginia may be some and Lansing Michigan may be rather a big surgical undertaking, but Flushing Long Island isn't such a tiny little sanitary stunt."

**Prohibitive Rates.**  
 Puck: "So, when you have done wrong, you no longer admit it to your wife?"  
 "No; she kept raising the price of admission, like a ticket speculator."

**We Send Them Missionaries.**  
 Kimball Graphic: A correspondent of a Kansas City newspaper has been out among the Kickapoo Indians and learned that they have a peculiar marriage custom. They simply select their wives, and if the selector is mutual they reside together as man and wife, and nothing is said. There are no scandals among these people. Husbands and wives are true to each other, and the quiet understanding is considered as sacred as our marriage vows. There are few facts that can be termed criminal among this small band of Indians. Murder is seldom heard of, and death is the penalty for the crime. Robbery from each other is unknown. All their possessions could be piled together in the street, and no one would think of taking the property. Their religion is the same as Columbus found among the Indians when he first landed in America, and yet we send missionaries to that kind of people.

**Appetite and Food.**  
 When appetite and food are given, the two together make a heaven; But leave out one, an strange to tell, The other by itself is hell.  
 Ernest Thompson Seton, in "In Lighter Vein," in January Century.

**A Dentist's Advice.**  
 Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 25th.—Mr. Harry L. Lewis, Dentist, 607 Summit street, this city, says: "I certainly advise anyone, no matter how severe they may have kidney trouble, to take Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"I was troubled with kidney disease for several years and Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me. I had used many so-called remedies without any benefit. Four months ago, I was flat on my back with this painful trouble and must say that I almost gave up hopes of ever getting any better. Through a friend's advice I purchased six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.  
 "At first I could see but little benefit, but after two weeks, I could see an improvement. I had been getting up several times at night and pains in my back were very severe. When I had taken six boxes I felt better than I had for years. The pain had all gone and I didn't have to get up during the night at all. I continued the treatment until I had used several more boxes, and now I am glad to say that I am completely cured."

**SOME MODERN UTOPIAS.**

**Fortunate Countries Where People Ought to Be Very Good.**  
 Golden Penny: Denmark claims that there is not a single person in her domain who cannot read and write. On the northeast coast of New Guinea, the island of Kutaba, surrounded by a wall of coral 800 feet high on one side and from 60 to 100 feet high on the other, maintains thirteen villages of natives, to whom war, crime and poverty have been unknown since the beginning of their traditions. The most peaceful and comfortable community in Europe is the commune of the Canton Vaud, in Switzerland. Nearly everyone is well off, and there are no paupers. Finland is a realm whose inhabitants are remarkable for their inviolable integrity. There are no banks and no safe deposits, for no such security is essential. You may leave your luggage anywhere for any length of time and be quite sure of finding it untouched on your return, and your purse full of money would be just as secure under similar circumstances. The Finns place their money and valuables in holes in the ground and cover them with a big leaf. Such treasure is scarcely respected by all who pass it, but, in the rare event of a man wishing to borrow of his neighbor during his absence, he will take only the smallest sum he requires, and place a message in the hole telling of his urgent need and promising to repay the amount on a specified date. And he will invariably keep his word, for the Finn is inviolable in his independence.

**DR. FED HIMSELF.**  
 Found the Food that Saved His Life.  
 A good old family physician with a lifetime experience in saving people finally found himself sick unto death. Medicines failed and—but let him tell his own story: "For the first time in my life of 61 years I am impelled to publicly testify to the value of a largely advertised article and I certainly would not pen these lines except that, what seems to me a direct act of Providence, saved my life and I am impressed that it is a bounden duty to make it known.  
 "For 3 years I kept falling with stomach and liver disorders until I was reduced 70 lbs. from my normal weight. When I got too low to treat myself, 3 of my associate physicians advised me to 'put my house in order,' for I would be quickly going the way of all mankind. Just about that time I was put on a diet of Grape-Nuts predigested food. Curiously enough it quickly began to build me up, appetite returned, and in 13 days I gained 6 lbs. That started my return to health and really saved my life.  
 "A physician is naturally prejudiced against writing such a letter, but in this case I am willing to declare it from the housetops that the multiplied thousands who are now suffering as I did can find relief and health as easily and promptly by Grape-Nuts. If they only knew what to do. Sincerely and fraternally yours." Name of this prominent physician furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



**Protect the Cellar From Frost.**  
 There are several ways of protecting the windows opening into the cellar so that the minimum amount of frost will get through them, but one of the best and least expensive methods is shown in the cut. One advantage of this plan is that the light is not wholly excluded from the cellar, which is the fault with most protective plans. A strip of scantling, two



inch square is about right, is nailed to the lower edge of the window and to this is fastened a board that is wide enough so that its lower edge will fit closely to the ground. If desired this board may be hinged to the scantling so that it may be raised and the window opened. The illustration shows how this plan works and shows the comparatively small openings that are left at the sides when the board is in position. This board should be about two feet longer than the window so that it will extend beyond the window a foot on either side when it is placed in position. To make this protection even better line the inside of the board with tar paper or even with old newspapers doubled.

**Giving Green Food to Poultry.**  
 All who have raised poultry successfully for winter egg production admit that it is necessary to give them green food, but all do not know how to use it to the best advantage. If fed on the floor much of it is soiled and wasted, although it ought to be given that way occasionally by way of variety. The best way of feeding it, however, is to mix in the proportion of about one-third to two-thirds of the bran and the green food, composing the mash. If small vegetables like carrots, potatoes and turnips are fed cut up fine and mix raw with the mash one time and the next time cook them before mixing. Cabbage should always be fed raw and may be mixed with the mash after chopping fine or hung up so that the fowls may pick at it when inclined. While most feeders claim the best results come from feeding the green food, in small quantities, daily, others prefer to feed it only two or three times a week; the frequency of feeding depends upon the results obtained from the particular flock, the main thing being to feed it often enough and in some form all the time the fowls are in confinement.

**Dyspepsia in Horses.**  
 At this season of the year it is advisable to again refer to the trouble many horses have with their stomachs, due to too heavy feeding or to improper food. Like humans, the animals are uncleanly and irritable when they have dyspepsia, or even slight indigestion, so the quicker they are relieved the better for both animal and owner. If not relieved the trouble is apt to become chronic and difficult to cure. Vets in the feed with more or less green food in the form of ensilage, if they will eat it, or carrots and other root crops, will do much toward keeping the stomach in proper condition. The water should not be too cold during the winter and it should always be clean and pure. In feeding roots, mix them with the grain or feed just before the grain is given as a sort of appetizer, cutting them in sizes so that there will be no danger of choking the animal. As a remedy for dyspepsia the following is one of the best: Mix two ounces of subnitrate of bismuth, four ounces of powdered willow charcoal, three ounces of Jamaica ginger and two ounces of caraway seeds. The dose is a tablespoonful in each grain feed for a week or ten days. If not much improved at the end of that time repeat doses for a week longer. During the time the medicine is being given let the green food be of chopped carrots, giving three or four of medium size just before each feed of grain.

**Small Orchards Not Profitable.**  
 There are locations where it is more profitable to grow general farm crops than to engage in fruit growing and under such circumstances the size of the orchard may well be limited to the supply of fruit needed for family use. If, however, fruit is grown for commercial purposes it is a mistake to have a small orchard, and modern methods of care the expense attending a small orchard is much greater in proportion to the number of trees than for a large orchard. Of course the intelligent man will investigate market conditions before setting large orchards and will know pretty well what may be expected from his soil, but when these things are well understood and seem favorable then the profitable orchard will be the large one. Once set then the care must be all required or the large orchard will be a greater loss than the small one would have been.

**Shading the Pastures.**  
 Every one who has live stock realizes fully the value of shade when the animals are at pasture and those who have been sensible and left a portion of the wood lot for shade can readily see the advantages to the cows. It would be unfair to attempt any statement as to the gain in milk when cows have shade in the pasture, but it is undoubtedly considerable. It is a good time now to look into this question. If one is located near a woods of considerable size enough seedlings may be found to form a small grove and the cost will be the labor of digging them and transplanting them. There are a number of nurseries in the country who supply seedlings of various native trees at a price so low that a few dollars will set a large area; these seedlings must be cared for properly for a time, but in a few years they will make good trees and furnish an abundance of shade. On the other hand, suppose one is able to invest \$20 in shade trees of good size; this amount would buy forty or more trees which, in three or four years, would furnish an abundance of shade for a herd of cows and increase in value as they grow, thus making a profit for the planter in two years. Think this over and do some planting in the spring.

**Feeding Poultry Meat and Grain.**  
 Foods containing protein are given cows to increase the milk production and hens to increase the quantity of eggs and improve their quality. The dairyman understands full well that in feeding grains which furnish protein, to cows, a sufficient quantity of succulent food must be given

to form the proper balance. Yet this same man protests when it is suggested that the same rule should apply to laying hens. The proper feeding of poultry is not so difficult as one would think, nor is the feeding of any animal, for that matter. If one possesses a knowledge of the needs of the animal he is feeding, he will readily find out what foods will supply such needs. Feed the variety of grains by all means as well as an occasional supply of animal feed, but do not overlook the need for green food. This same rule works the other way, so do not attempt to obtain results from green food and grains at the expense of the animal food. In some way get at the properly balanced ration and then profitable results will follow.

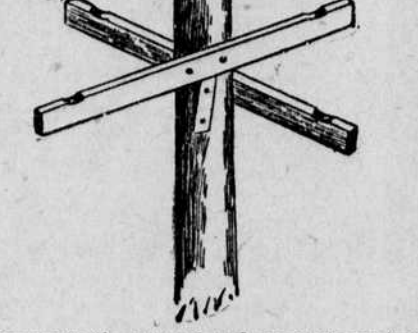
**Winter Fruit Tree Pruning.**  
 While the early spring pruning and the summer pinching back of the small shoots covers the main pruning of the fruit trees, much good work may be done during the open days of winter which will, at least, save time in the spring. Broken limbs may be removed and many of the limbs which are overtopping the fruiting twigs can be cut off during the winter as well as in the spring. The work of pruning should always be done with a saw on limbs too large to cut with a sharp knife. In pruning saw from the underside of the limb first, sawing up a quarter or half through, finishing from the top. This will result in a clean cut and there will be no splintering as would be the case if a heavy limb was cut through from the top. In the winter pruning of orchards keep your eyes open and note the condition of the trees so that at the proper time any remedy for any trouble found may be applied.

**Raising Eggs for High Prices.**  
 The poultryman who has handled his fowls just right is reaping the benefit of the high prices at which eggs are now selling. If the hens are not laying and they are of an age when they should be, the thing to do is to see that the houses they occupy are warm and free from draughts; then look into the food question closely and see that the rations furnish the egg producing and egg making qualities and that they are properly given; that is, not too much or too little. Supply fresh, warm water, plenty of grit and a dust box and keep the houses and the hens free from lice. These things done regularly for several weeks will bring the egg production up to the normal level and to the carcass market as soon as possible so that the expense of feeding them may be cut off. This may be an heroic remedy, but the fact remains that if a hen cared for on the lines indicated does not lay, provided she has the hens should go to a laying age, she has no part in the operation of the farm for profit and should be turned into money as soon as possible.

**Watering Cows in Winter.**  
 It is not a pleasant sight to see a lot of cows in a barn yard with their noses thrust through a hole broken in the ice covering a tub of water, nor is it any wonder that such cows are poor milkers. Years ago the writer worked on the old-time plan of watering cows once a day, at noon; after a time he tried the plan of watering them during the day; then the plan was tried of furnishing water three times daily during the winter and a comparison of results showed that it paid well. The water given at morning and night is nearly warm and the cows seem to enjoy it greatly during cold days. That given at noon is colder, but the chill is removed and the animals drink it freely. Of course it is considerable work to water cows in this manner, but if one has a number of animals some contrivance can be put in operation which will make the work comparatively easy. Try it for the next two or three months, watch results in the milk pail and you will agree that it pays.

**Keeping Up Humus Supplies.**  
 Except on soils nearly or quite virgin there are few farms where humus can be put in the soil to great advantage. In many sections where commercial fertilizers have been used for years, to the exclusion of stable manures, it has been found necessary to grow green crops for plowing under. While the green crops are used as a part of the rotation, so to speak, the exclusive use of commercial fertilizers can probably be safely continued. The writer has found the best results to come from the combined use of stable manures and commercial manures, using the former for plowing under in the spring and the latter for top dressing or working in just under the surface as the crop grows. In this manner the humus required by the soil is supplied and the fertilizing value of the manure as well. Don't overlook the humus question if you would keep the farm up to the highest standard.

**Helps for Butchering Time.**  
 There is more or less work in the killing of small animals during the winter on many farms and always the annual butchering, though it is getting to be quite the fashion in the more thickly settled portions of the country to sell the hogs in the fall and buy the meat back from the town butcher at double price during the winter. Where there is more or less butchering to be done one should have for ready use a large boiler of some kind so that a quantity of water may be heated at one time; tools such as knives, saws and other things used should be kept in proper shape and everything be in readiness so that the hard and disagreeable work may be over with as soon as possible. The illustration shows a rack for hanging the carcass of an animal which should be on every farm where butchering is done. It needs but little description. A post eight or ten inches through and five or six feet high is set



firmly in the ground and cross-pieces two inches or more thick and eight feet long spiked to the pole, in the positions shown, so that they will project three feet on either side. They are notched near the ends as shown and braced underneath. These racks will save one much strength, for when the hogs are hung on them they are easily cut.

**The Beneficial Yawn.**  
 Chicago Chronicle: Yawning is not at all times an indication of a feeling of lassitude. More frequently it is an evidence that certain muscles have been overstrained and require rest. Medical men aver that a yawn is nature's demand for rest. Some people think they only yawn because they are sleepy. But this is not so. You yawn because you are tired. You may be sleepy also, but that is not the real cause of your yawning. You are sleepy because you are tired. Whenever you feel like yawning just yawn. Don't try to suppress it because you think it is impolite to yawn. Put your hand over your mouth if you want to, but let the yawn come. And if you are where you can stretch at the same time that you yawn, just stretch and yawn. This is nature's way of stretching and relaxing the muscles.



**LASTING RELIEF.**  
 J. W. Walls, Superintendent of Streets of Lebanon, Ky., says: "My nightly rest was broken, owing to irregularities of the kidneys, suffering intensely from severe pains in the small of my back and through the kidneys and I was annoyed by painful passages of abnormal secretions. No amount of doctoring relieved this condition. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and I experienced quick and lasting relief. Doan's Kidney Pills will prove a blessing to all sufferers from kidney disorders who will give them a fair trial."  
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**His Idea.**  
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**All the Policeman's Fault.**  
 New Yorker: Magistrate (sternly)—Didn't I tell you the last time you were here I never wanted you to come before me again?  
 Prisoner—Yes, sir, but I couldn't make the policeman believe it.

**Admiration.**  
 Washington Star: "There's one thing I must say for Charley," said young Mrs. Terkins, "and that is that he has a wonderful talent for economy. I suggested yesterday that we could save a considerable amount of money if he would quit smoking."  
 "What did he say to that?"  
 "He said it was a splendid idea. But he remembered that the war between the tobacco firms is likely to make cigars cheaper than usual. So he's going to wait a year or two and quit when the saving will be greater."

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**Read What Mrs. Weisslitz Says.**  
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 "I doctored with several good doctors, but they did not help me any. I took, in all, twelve bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, five boxes of Liver Pills, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and feel like a new woman, can eat and sleep well, do all my own work, and can walk two miles without feeling over tired. The doctors tell me that my kidneys are all right now. I am so happy to be well, and I feel that I owe it all to your medicine."—MRS. OPAL STRONG, Dalton, Mass.

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