

WHERE THEY LEARN ECONOMY

Matron Knew What She Was About
When She Went to Engage
Maid.

The manager of the employment agency was used to hearing women in search of maids ask applicants all sorts of queer questions, says the New York Tribune, but this matron made him mildly curious. Of 14 girls it turned she had inquired: "Have you worked in a minister's family?" None of them had. "Too bad," said the matron to the manager. "None of these girls will do."

"May I ask," said the manager, "why you are anxious to know if these girls have worked in ministers' families?"

"Why, the fact is, we're very hard up just now," said the matron, candidly; "I want a girl who knows how to economize, and those who have worked in clergymen's families, I've discovered, have learned that lesson."

A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE.

Backache, Pains in the Kidneys, Bloating, Etc., Overcome.

A nurse is expected to know what to do for common ailments, and women who suffer backache, constant languor, and other common symptoms of kidney complaint, should be grateful to Mrs. Minnie Turner, of E. B. St., Anadarko, Okla., for pointing out the way to find quick relief. Mrs. Turner used Doan's Kidney Pills for a run-down condition, backache, pains in the sides and kidneys, bloated limbs, etc. "The way they have built me up is simply marvelous," says Mrs. Turner, who is a nurse. "My health improved rapidly. Five boxes did so much for me I am telling everybody about it."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Guess Where She Is From.

The head of the house had been ill for many months, and had lost his appetite entirely.

"I can't seem to fix anything that he'll enjoy and he hardly eats anything," the mistress was saying to the maid, who was a new arrival from the old country.

"That's always the way," returned the girl. "They're all the same, them invalids. All they want is nothing at all, and then when you bring it to them they don't eat it."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will soon destroy the sense of smell and completely deprive the system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such ointments should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do to the system far exceeds the benefit derived from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the body. It is the surest and easiest way in buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 10c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The 800-foot bridge over the Yellow River at Lanchowfu, in the province of Kansu, is nearing completion. All materials had to be conveyed nearly 1,000 miles in Chinese carts.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirt-waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a starch that does not stick to the iron.

Strange how a girl's ideal can develop into merely her husband.

HER PHYSICIAN ADVISED

Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Columbus, Ohio.—"I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life. My doctor told me it was good, and since taking it I feel so much better that I can do all my work again. I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the remedy for all woman's troubles, and I never forgot to tell my friends what it has done for me."—Mrs. E. HANSON, 304 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Another Woman Helped.

Graniteville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women I am willing you should publish my letter."—Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R.F.D., Graniteville, Vt.

Women who are passing through this critical period or who are suffering from any of those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of the fact that for thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills. In almost every community you will find women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

CORNER FOR THE JUNIORS

DAN MAKES A GIANT TANDEM

Helps His Little Sister Out of Perplexing Dilemma by Completing a Big Bicycle.

"There! She's all done except for the assembling," muttered Dan, with greatest satisfaction as he stood what looked like a giant cycle against the wall of his workshop.

Further reflection was interrupted by the sudden entrance of his sister Nan. Trouble was written upon every feature of the little girl's face.

"Can't I do something?" inquired Dan, with that anxiety which made him the nicest of brothers.

Nan now leaned wearily upon the workbox. "Oh, I suppose it's something nobody can help," said she, hopelessly.

"You see," the lass explained, "sister Eva and I have been invited to a little picnic at Brown's Woods to-morrow, and now papa says the horse is too lame to drive, and we can't go. The place is too far away to reach by walking and it's nowhere near a railroad station. Oh, dear! It's just my luck!"

"Things aren't as bad as they seem," cheerfully replied the brother. "Both you and Ethel ride bicycles very well," he added.

"Yes," sighed Nan, "but that won't help us any, because we haven't our wheels any more."

Dan smiled as he said, triumphantly: "It really does help, inasmuch as I've just about completed the finest tandem bicycle you ever saw. It's a new invention of mine. Two persons ride on opposite sides of this great wheel and work pedals that move a gear chain connected with the smaller front wheel. Anyone who knows how to ride can use my twin bicycle without the slightest difficulty.

"I'm sure, now, that you and Ethel will attend your picnic in spite of the fact that the outlook has been so gloomy," he concluded.

"You're just the dearest, dearest brother any girl could have!" cried Nan, rapturously hugging Dan.

Then she ran to impart the good



They Rode to the Picnic.

news to Ethel, while Dan proceeded to fit together the parts of his remarkable machine.

Of course, the twin bicycle worked splendidly, and the two girls had as much fun operating it as they had at the picnic.

PETER WAS REALLY MOVING

Thirty-Two-Year Old Horse Creates Much Alarm in Breast of Woman from City.

Peter, 32 years old, was the white horse of all work which had belonged to the Bentons ever since, 30 years ago, they had moved into the country to farm and "rest." Peter had done most of the resting, however, and his perfect health seemed to promise that he was destined to keep on resting almost indefinitely. In spite of his quiet nature, Mrs. Benton, who had grown up in town and was not accustomed to horses, regarded Peter as a fearless animal.

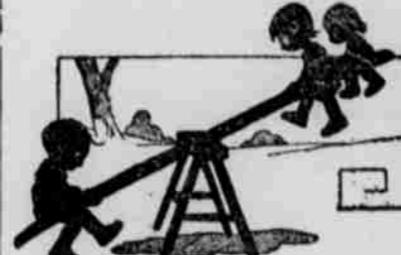
When not otherwise employed, Peter moved deliberately about the yard at the end of a rope, "mowing the lawn" with his hungry mouth, says Youth's Companion. It would have been safe, so far as Peter was concerned, to let him roam free, but Mrs. Benton insisted that such a course would be disastrous, and sternly forbade it.

Bob, the six-year-old son, of whom Peter appeared to be very fond, was allowed special privilege. Whenever the grass in the middle of the lawn was too short for even Peter to crop, Bob would lead him to the borders of the garden, and still holding him by the rope, the 32-year-old horse would eat the longer and greener food.

One day, when this process was going on, Bob became interested in a butterfly, dropped the rope, and went pell-mell after it. Peter naturally kept on eating. As long as the rope was tied to his halter, he considered himself tied, just as an elephant is said to believe himself bound.

But Mrs. Benton, ever watchful, saw from the dining room window what had taken place. To her to have Peter loose spelled danger. It took but a second to throw up the window and cry, "Bobby! Bobby! Peter's got away from you, and he's moving!"

SEE-SAW.



See-saw, see-saw; away up in the air!
See-saw, see-saw; going everywhere.
See-saw, see-saw; visiting the moon:
See-saw, see-saw; coming back so soon!

See-saw, see-saw; Mary, Tom and Joe;
See-saw, see-saw; to the clouds do go.
See-saw, see-saw; hear their gladsonsong.
As they see-saw, see-saw all day long.

IMITATE VOICES OF ANIMALS

Moving Pictures Provided with Device for Realistic Imitation of Barnyard Animals.

The cry of the public that moving pictures are not as real as they might be, because of the absence of the sounds that would attend the movements or display in real life, is causing moving-picture concerns to devote considerable energy toward filling the demand, says Popular Mechanics.



For Imitating Voices.

chances. Now, many moving-picture sets are provided with excellent mechanical devices to imitate the sound required, no better example of which can be given than this set of barnyard-animal imitators. The first is a device which gives a realistic imitation of hens cackling, the second gives a combined horse whinney, cow moo, and pig grunt, and the third a rooster's crow.

SUMMER BACK YARD PARTIES

Young Women Who Cannot Afford Trip to Seashore Inaugurate Novel Means of Amusement.

Any kind of outdoor entertainment is preferable in summer to staying in the house, so, for that reason, several young women who cannot go to the seashore or mountains for the "heated term" have inaugurated what they call "back-yard parties" in the spaces in the rear of their homes. These have been made attractive enough to warrant asking their friends to spend the evening there.

At one house in town in particular, the yard has been turned into a really lovely garden. Ivy and other climbing plants have been planted along the fences and now completely cover them. The center is a grass plot, and around it is a border of gay blooming geraniums and other hardy flowers. Benches, garden chairs and tables are placed here and there. A low cot bed, with rug and cushions, forms a divan. At night, with Japanese lanterns strung across and little lamps hung among the ivy, the effect is surprisingly pretty.

The daughter of the house finds her friends more than ready to accept her invitation, and the open air entertainment is thoroughly enjoyed. Sometimes they play games, or they have music of banjo or mandolin, and sing college songs. The men, of course, have permission to smoke, and the cold lemonade, ices and cakes are especially delicious served under these unusual and informal conditions. Try it; it is well worth the trouble.

AMERICAN MEN ARE STUPID

Fail to Keep Up Reading; Have National Obtundity as to Art and Literature.

If the truth were told, most young American men are not especially interesting. They do not keep up their reading, says Atlantic Monthly. They have a national obtundity when it comes to music, to art, to literature; nor do many of them take any of these things at all seriously. The young among them are not good conversationalists. Our cleverest men are monologists pure and simple. They lecture admirably. They are born orators along modified lines. They are inevitable story tellers. None of this is conversation; and women like conversation, like the music of banjo or mandolin, and sing college songs. The men, of course, have permission to smoke, and the cold lemonade, ices and cakes are especially delicious served under these unusual and informal conditions. Try it; it is well worth the trouble.

METHOD IN MEMORY'S LAPSE

Mr. Wallace Was Willing to Oblige Neighbors, But They Piled It on Too Thick.

"Hey!" shouted Mr. Wallace's neighbor as Mr. Wallace hastened past his house on the way to catch the suburban train. "I'm not going in town today, Wallace; will you bring me half a dozen big screw hooks big enough to swing a hammock with?"

"Sure, Mike," said Mr. Wallace, pleasantly. "Anything else?"

"Not a thing," said his neighbor; "unless you'll stop by Miller's and see if he's got my trousers cleaned. If he has, bring 'em with you."

Mr. Wallace wended his way toward the station. As he passed Mrs. Pittman's home that worthy lady caught sight of him and ran toward him gladly.

"Oh, Mr. Wallace—Mr. Wallace!" she cried. "Won't you bring me out a nice watermelon? I've tried to get one here, but there are none to be had. Get a nice big one for about 20 cents."

Mr. Wallace continued his walk toward the station, revolving things in his mind. He did not like to carry watermelons.

The way he was stopped half a dozen times by as many people. One wanted a half dozen cigars; another wanted some washers for his garden hose. Still another desired greatly and above all things a half gallon can of green paint.

Then Mr. Wallace quit. When he came home that night it was with set jaws that he marched to his home. To all who reproached him for his neglect he replied firmly:

"I'm sorry, you know; but 14 people

THE AMERICAN HOME

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face for the finishing coat of cement mortar.

The design shown here is of a low cost house 30 feet, six inches wide and 31 feet, six inches long. A charming feature as one approaches the house is the pergola in front, the pillars of which are also plastered. At the right is a porch and on the left is a living room.

Back of the living room, seen through a wide gridded entrance, is the dining room. The pantry and kitchen are to the right. Entrance is had from the living room through a small hallway, off which also access is had to the bath room. A good many summer homes are provided with running water by means of a wind motor and tank. This little house is planned for such equipment.

HUMORISTS ON HONOR'S FIELD

Witty Irishmen Meet to Fight, But Duel Has Altogether Happy Ending.

A duel with a happy ending seems an anomaly, yet one is commemo-

HIS REAL WOE



"Why so glum, old man? Won't she return your love?"

"No. But the worst of it is she won't return the presents I gave her!"

CHILD ATE CUTICURA OINTMENT.

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The Thirst for Gore.

Unscrupulous Onlooker—I think this is a first rate place. See what a fine view we have of this car coming.

Seasoned Spectator—Fine view fid-dlesticks! Nothing ever happens on these straight stretches—not even a broken leg. Come on down to the turn and wait for the fun.—Puck.

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