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—St. Louis Republic.

If a man speaks without thinking he's apt to say what he thinks.

Why isn't a stuffed goat imitation better?

**The Lord's Itinerary.**

A good story is told by the Jewish Messenger of a number of boys who were playing on a Saturday in front of an Episcopal church. The rector suddenly came out of his parsonage and told the boys to be quiet in front of the Lord's house.

"That is all right, mister," said the boys. "The Lord is not here to-day. He is down the street at the Jewish synagogue."

A homely man becomes good looking after you have become accustomed to him, but a homely woman never does.

## PIMPLES

"My wife had pimples on her face, but she has been taking CASCARETS and they have all disappeared. I had been troubled with constipation for some time, but after taking the first Cascaret I have had no trouble with this ailment. We cannot speak too highly of CASCARETS." FRED WATMAN, 978 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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**SAVED BY DARKNESS.**

**Dr. Talmage's First Attempt to Preach Without Notes, and What Happened.**

Several gentlemen were talking over the recent lecture of Dr. Talmage on "Russia and the Czar," in the Biggs House last night, when Boniface De Witt told an interesting story of the famous preacher's first experience in trying to deliver a sermon without notes.

"It was years ago, of course," said Mr. De Witt, "and occurred in my old home, Belleville, N. J. Dr. Talmage was preaching there, and one week he made up his mind to go into the pulpit the next Sunday without notes or memoranda of what he was going to say. He memorized his sermon, and believed he had it completely at his tongue's end, so Sunday he went to the church pretty well fortified with confidence.

"In those days in that section of Jersey churches and hotels and many private residences were equipped with private gas machines, and the church where Talmage was to hold forth had one, too. When he got into the pulpit after conducting the preliminary service all right he gave out his text. Then he was horrified to find that he couldn't think of a thing to say. He repeated the text a second time, and yet his ideas failed to come. He was in agony, and began slowly and impressively to announce his text a third time. As he reached the last word and the perspiration of dread and shame was beginning to start, the gas went out, and plunged the place in utter darkness. There was no other means of lighting the edifice, and when it was announced that the gas machine had broken down hopelessly Dr. Talmage pronounced the benediction, and I have heard him say that he never did so before or since with greater fervor or thankfulness of spirit."—Washington Post.

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**Why do lovers marry when courtship is so sweet?**

**Our Corn Surplus.**

Explanation of the enormous increase in European corn requirements, evidenced in American exports, 206,500,000 past year, is largely found in the extended use in Continental Europe of corn instead of barley and other grains for cattle. Fritz Arnold, a leading German importer, says that with the cattle of Germany feeding on American corn there will be market for 150,000,000 in German agricultural districts alone, that a large share of the \$100,000 worth of corn that Germany weekly to Europe is for that German farmer, and that the rest of Europe is learning the same lesson.

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**AN OLD KEY.**


An old and curious key and lock is attached to the door of Temple Church, in Fleet street London. The key weighs seven pounds, is eighteen inches long and, unlike other keys, was not made for the lock. On the contrary, the lock was made for it. Both key and lock have been in use since the Crusades, the church itself having been built by the knights Templar in 1185.

**A DOMESTIC INCIDENT**

From the Liberator, Fushing, Mich.

"Early in November, 1894," says Frank Long, who lives near Lennon, Mich., "I got up at night from the dinner table, I was taken with a pain in my back. The pain increased and I was obliged to take to my bed. The physician who was summoned pronounced my case muscular rheumatism accompanied by lumbago. He gave me remedies and injected morphine into my arm to ease the pain. "My disease gradually became worse, until I thought that death would be welcome release from my sufferings. Besides my regular physician I also consulted another, but he gave me no encouragement.

## FARM AND GARDEN



**The Old Plow.**

By the fence in the orchard the old plow stands,  
Slowly rusting and rotting away,  
While the days go by with their dropping sands,  
And the world grows dull and gray.

It did its work in the long ago  
As it tumbled the stony soil,  
And the harvest waved with a golden glow,  
With a crown for the brow of gold.

It seemed to shout like a warrior bold  
As it entered the stubborn field,  
And the wind-swept clouds above it rolled  
And the sun smote its shining shield.

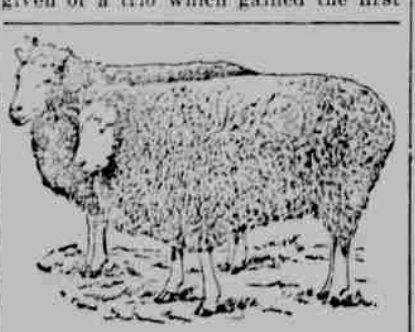
But now it stands by the fence alone,  
With its share all brown with rust,  
And its oaken frame with weeds o'er-grown  
And smoldering away to dust.

And as at the dear old plow I gaze  
I think of the loved ones dead,  
And the fragrant flowers of the vanished days  
And the joys that so swift '—' sped!

And soon I know with the flowing tide  
That furrows the silvered brow,  
I, too, will be tenderly laid aside  
To molder like an outworn plow.

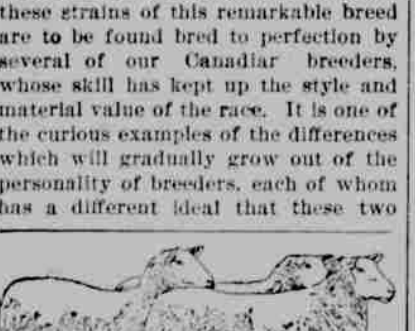
**The Leicester Sheep.**

The first illustration is a portrait of a pair of yearling ewes, recently exhibited in England. They are not so elegantly formed as the Border Leicester strain, of what may be called the same breed, and of which a picture is given of a trio which gained the first



**ENGLISH LEICESTER EWES.**

at a recent Highland show; but they are unexcelled as a mutton sheep, and a producer of a heavy and valuable fleece. The pictures speak for themselves. It only need be said that both these strains of this remarkable breed are to be found bred to perfection by several of our Canadian breeders, whose skill has kept up the style and material value of the race. It is one of the curious examples of the differences which will gradually grow out of the personality of breeders, each of whom has a different ideal that these two



**BORDER LEICESTER EWES.**

strains should have acquired from the starting point, a distinct type, which was certainly as distinct from each of these as each is from the other; and which may still remain in the memory of an expert who may not have only in mind what he saw a good many years ago. It is thus that races change, or under the influence of skillful culture, or may deteriorate under continued neglect.—Montreal Herald.

**Getting Rid of Ants.**

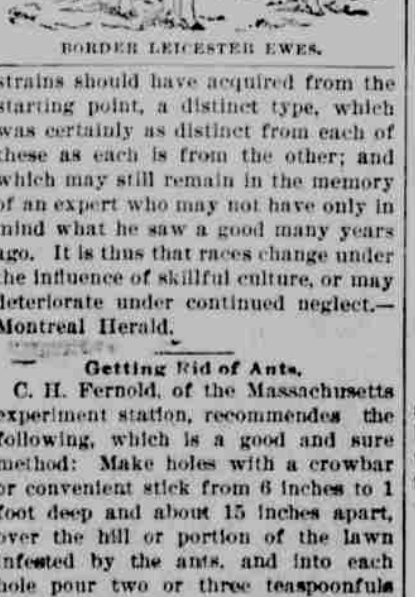
C. H. Fernold, of the Massachusetts experiment station, recommends the following, which is a good and sure method: Make holes with a crowbar or convenient stick from 6 inches to 1 foot deep and about 15 inches apart, over the hill or portion of the lawn infested by the ants, and into each hole pour two or three teaspoonfuls of bisulphide of carbon, stamping the dirt into the hole as soon as the liquid is poured into it. The bisulphide of carbon at once vaporizes, and permeating the ground, destroys the ants, but does not injure the grass. One should remember while using this substance that it is highly inflammable and should not bring near it a flame or even a lighted cigar.

**Scarcity of Cattle.**

Cattle are becoming scarce in the West, and the Eastern markets will be affected by the conditions existing in the cattle regions. Farmers who raise more calves, and of good quality, will get good prices for them by the time they are matured. There is no better way to dispose of the surplus foods than to have sufficient stock to consume it, and the manure will also be an important item on the farm.

**Judging a Cow.**

It may truly be said that to know a cow well she must be examined internally, so as to judge and score her heart, lungs, liver and stomach, which is not possible, but dairymen are content to form a favorable opinion of a cow in that respect if she has a deep



**On Getting Up from the Table.**

"I was finally induced through reading some accounts in the newspapers regarding the wonderful cures wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, to try them. I took the pills according to directions and soon began to notice an improvement in my condition. Before the first box was used I could get about the house, and after using five boxes was entirely cured.

"Since that time I have felt no return of the rheumatic pains. I am confident that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life and I try to induce my friends who are sick to try the same remedy. I will gladly answer inquiries concerning my sickness and wonderful cure, provided stamp is enclosed for reply.

"FRANK LONG."

body, indicating the possession of large digestive organs. Long experience has taught progressive dairymen that a cow having a wedge-shaped form, the rear being wide, the udder large and extending well both front and back, with the teats set regularly and well apart, is usually one that will not disappoint her owner, but as the individuality of the animal is also a factor in the breed, the disposition, freedom from disease and quality of the product must be considered, especially as no two cows are alike, and the quantity and quality of the milk and butter may vary with the same individual daily. The calf should also conform to the shape of the cow, and even the embryo udder will give some indication of its future. An experienced breeder gives this rule for judging of a cow or calf by its appearance: With the eye measure the distance from the tail about half-way down the rump, as it drops straight down, to the rear line of the thigh, and the greater the distance between those points, and the more curving the thigh, the better the cow. The hips must curve away from the tail as the indication of a good milker.

**Raising a Spring's Level.**

It is often the case that a spring is so situated that the water just falls to run from it into the house or stable. If the source of the spring is evidently considerably higher than the spring itself, get a section of iron water pipe, such as are laid in cities, and put it over the mouth of the spring's inlet, as shown in the illustration, filling in all the spring about it with stone and cement, giving the water an outlet only by raising in the pipe. It can then be carried into the building as desired. The hydraulic ram also furnishes another method of raising water from a spring on a lower level. These rams are now made to work extremely well, and are, moreover, very reasonable in price. Considering that nature can thus be harnessed and made to work for us without compensation, it is strange that a greater number of farmers do not take advantage of the hydraulic ram. As it can work night as well as day, one has only to supply a tank of sufficient size to utilize a spring from which little water flows per minute.—New York Tribune.

**Advantage of Small Farms.**

Too much land is expensive if it is not kept in good condition, as the taxes thereon will be an expense which must always be met. But few farms are well supplied with manure, and the result is that the land is not adequately furnished with plant food. Nothing is gained by spreading the manure necessary for five acres over ten times that area, for the smaller the yield the greater the expense of growing a crop in proportion to receipts. The largest yields are on small farms, and the profits are greater because less labor is required in hauling and harvesting the crops. The distance of hauling the manure to a field regulates the number of loads, but the expense for labor is the same for a few loads as for many where the handling of the manure is an important matter. It is in the concentration of effort that the expense is lessened. If a farmer can secure eighty bushels of corn from one acre he will make a larger profit than from forty bushels per acre, as he will have only one acre to plow and cultivate, and his land will become better every year because of being well manured.

**Hints for the Henner.**

Active hens are the best layers. Clean houses and runs are the best medicine. A nest egg will usually stop her scratching the nest; if not, use shavings. A spoonful of oil or turpentine is a good remedy for tapeworm in poultry. If fowls leave part of their breakfast in the dish, remove it. If their appetites fail, a change of food is needed. Anything that will make milk will make eggs, but don't feed much cottonseed meal or rye.

**Drop Door for the Barn.**

The accompanying illustration shows a very handy drop door for basement barns. It is hinged to the barn sill at the top. Another pair of hinges are fitted about the middle. By turning

**MRS. PINKHAM TALKS ABOUT OVARITIS.**

Letter from Mrs. Carrie F. Tremper that all Suffering Women Should Read.

Ovaritis or inflammation of the ovaries may result from sudden stopping of the monthly flow, from inflammation of the womb, and many other causes. The slightest indication of trouble with the ovaries should claim your instant attention. It will not cure itself, and a hospital operation with all its terrors may easily result from neglect. The fullest counsel on this subject can be secured without cost by writing to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and asking for her advice. Your letter will be confidential and seen by women only.

Mrs. Carrie F. Tremper, Lake, Ind., whose letter we print, is only one of many that have been cured of ovarian troubles by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I was suffering from congestion of the ovaries, misplacement of the womb, irregular, scanty, and painful menstruation, also kidney trouble. I had let it go on until I could not sit up, and could not straighten my left leg. My physician gave me relief, but failed to cure me. Reading the testimonials of different women, telling what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for them, I decided to give it a trial. I had almost given up hopes, as I had suffered untold agony. The first dose helped me. And now, after using eight bottles of Vegetable Compound, one bottle of Blood Purifier, one box of Liver Pills, I am proud to say I am as well as I ever was. I might have saved a large doctor's bill and much suffering, had I tried your precious medicine in the beginning of my sickness. All in the village knew I was not expected to live, when I had the first and second attacks. In fact, I had no hope until I began taking your Vegetable Compound. It has saved my life."

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**Spanish Omelet.**

Spain uses smokeless powder and hitless shells.—Baltimore American.

It would be hard to convict a Spanish gunner of assault and battery with intent to kill.—Indianapolis Journal.

The meaning of Morro castle is a "tall high bluff," and Spain isn't doing a thing but putting up the best one of her history.—Detroit Journal.

Up to this time there has been no occasion to unearth stories concerning the boyhood of any of the Spanish aspirants.—Cleveland Leader.

**The Hog of the Future.**

C. M. Irwin gives the following description before the Swine Breeders' association of Kansas of his idea of the coming hog: "As regards the coming hog, I will just briefly give my idea of what we should try to make it. It should have a very short head, broad between the eyes, small, thin and well-tipped ear, deep through the heart girth, because that denotes vitality, well-sprung rib, nicely arched back, extra large hams, and a hog of short legs and standing erect on his feet."

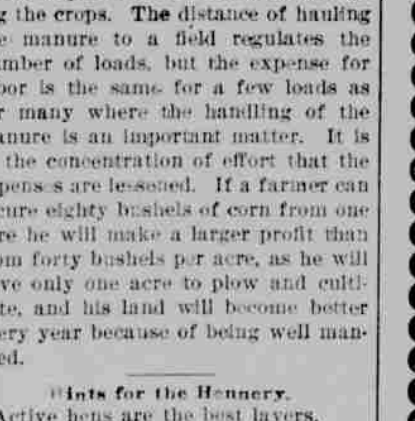


**THE DROP DOOR.**

the button a parallel to the board of the door, the lower half of the door can be raised by means of the cord b, which runs over the pulley c. If it is desirable to open all the door, turn the button a into the position shown in the cut. Then by pulling on the cord b, the whole door is raised.—Orange Judd Farmer.

**Fire Insurance.**

Every owner of a home owes it to himself, and his family as well, that he have the property insured, unless he be one of those fortunate individuals whose means are so ample that he can carry the risk himself cheaper than he can get an insurance company to do it for him.



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