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A base hit in time may save the line.

The iron will of the average man is nothing but pig iron.

Clvic reform is awaiting the invention of wireless politics.

A woman invariably has more listening than speaking acquaintances.

From the epizure's point of view fine feathers do not make fine birds.

Any man who is determined to enjoy life, whether he does or not, is a true optimist.

A bachelor imagines he's a born diplomat because he is able to settle his affairs out of court.

Happiness consists in finding some one to love and in working for that some one.

Even the man who lives a useless life may serve a purpose by posing as an example to others.

The lady who plays bridge whilst cannot be expected to countenance the man who plays poker. That's different.

If old Geronimo has repented of all his sins he is to be congratulated on his speedy work. The feat beats riding ninety miles in nine days.

"William Shakespeare," says the Cincinnati Enquirer, "probably did not write the Shakespeare works." This throws the whole question open again.

A writer in the Paris Figaro says the Sultan of Turkey is doing more for civilization than any other monarch in Europe. Still, that isn't saying so much for the sultan.

Altogether, the Humberts seem to have made a profitable business transaction. Having collected their \$10,000,000 in advance, they can afford to stay in prison five years at \$2,000,000 a year.

Japan now proposes to trade Corea to Russia for Manchuria. As Japan does not own Corea and Russia has no title to Manchuria, both nations would profit by the bargain, like men trading stolen umbrellas.

Profiting by the disastrous experience which has practically stripped the older settled States of their original magnificent forests, the interior department has set aside 6,000 square miles of land in Alaska as a timber reserve. Lumber is an article of such scarcity in Alaska that there has been improvident cutting of trees in the timber belts for mining and building purposes. By establishing a system to enable the lumbermen to use matured trees without destroying immature growths the forests may be so conserved as to yield a continuing supply.

Despite a vigorous and rational propaganda cremation as a mode of disposal of the bodies of the dead grows little in general favor. According to German statistics the total number of incinerations after death in Europe and the United States during 1902 was only 9,920, of which France, despite her declining birth rate, furnished nearly half, and the United States, despite their vast population, less than a third. When grief caused by death is not personal the hygienic argument for incineration seems convincing, but when the personal test arrives subjection of the dead to the furnace turns human feeling away from the crematory. Nothing which science or art can devise robs the coffin of its living agony. Securely incased, the gentle earth continues to appear the most kindly receptacle of pulseless human hearts.

The biggest thing in England isn't the king. It is precedent. The Englishman is content to do things as his father and his father's father did them and doesn't seem to be able to learn the meaning of the word, "Progress." Just now the shoe statistics make good reading. John Bull is a famous shoemaker. Once he could point with pride to his shoe product. English shoes were clumsy, but they were well and were what the English were used to, so John Bull was content and pleased with his trade and his methods. An American business man doesn't ask for any better opportunity than is afforded by a competitor who is satisfied. "Let well enough alone," isn't worth a red cent as a business motto. In 1892 the United States sent to Great Britain 1,567 pairs of shoes. They were better than the English shoes. They were well, were artistic in shape and finish and cheap enough to find ready sale. In 1893 we exported 498,027 pairs of shoes. In 1902 the United States exported 3,966,793 pairs of shoes, and more than 1,000,000 pairs went to England. They were valued at \$2,013,800. In addition, 1,465,587 pairs went to various English colonies. The business is growing in spite of the efforts of English manufacturers, and it all goes to show that the American workman and the manufacturer make a team that is invincible.

The deserted farm and the woman who must support herself have one thing at least in common—they are not local problems. Careless writers have almost made it appear that all the

deserted farms are in New England and all the women who have to earn their own living are restricted by circumstances to the cities. Two essays recently read before agricultural societies in the Central West suggest a wider and truer view of the situation. One essayist told of a woman who bought a farm, when overworked forced her to retire temporarily from her profession. She hires a man for outside work and a woman to do the rougher housework. She enjoys pure air, fresh vegetables and plenty of milk and butter and eggs, and receives enough money for the hay produced on the farm to meet all her expenses. The heroine of the other essayist was a successful stenographer, who, wanting a house of her own, pitched upon a three-acre place which was far from cities, but within reachable distance of several summer hotels. By study, perseverance, tact and common sense, she presently found herself marketing every year five thousand pounds of honey, fifteen hundred ducks and quantities of fine fruit. Probably there is not a county in any State which does not offer similar opportunities for tired women to rest by change of occupation, and meantime earn a living; or for ambitious women to take up fruit-growing, market-gardening, poultry-keeping, or some other specialty, and carry it on to a profit. We glory in the women who have sought out such openings. Their number should increase.

The man with the cheery smile. You all know him, and you are all glad you do. He is a blessing to his friends and strangers take to him. Everyone feels good when the cheerful man moves in sight. His coming drives out the shadows which have been lurking in gloomy corners. His advent is like a stray streak of sunshine, stealing in between gray clouds. No matter what the cheerful man's avocation is, everyone feels the better of having come in contact with him. He may be the grocery man, or the ice man, or the gas man, or the doctor man, but no matter what kind of a man he is, he is always welcome. If he is the grocery man, his smile gets him more orders than if he were gloomy. The most exacting housewife never notices short weight when the sunny ice man hands in the daily supply of frozen water. The gas man's bills are not half so hard to pay when they are presented by a collector with an illuminated countenance. And the cheerful doctor. He is a man who is a veritable blessing. His patients look for his visit longingly and his ring at the door bell is worth all his physic. Perhaps he has not anything like the ability of the physician who does not smile quite so expansively, but you just know that he has twice as much practice. The cheerful man is not in the same class as the affable man. He beats him by a head every time. The latter type is not always to be trusted; sometimes, just sometimes, his smooth, polished ways are only on the surface. But the cheerful man is nearly always good hearted. He loves his fellow men, and he would just as soon they knew it. He may not have anything to give but his cheering words and kindly looks, but they are given so generously that they are worth their weight in gold. The cheerful man is often abused for the very quality which really endears him to his friends, but if anything should happen to take him away from the haunts of men he is missed more than anyone can possibly imagine and mostly by the very ones who have often called him an intolerable nuisance. The cheerful man is all right, and everybody, always down deep, thinks so too.

Language Used by Tabby. A French professor has become the Columbus of Catland. He has learned the language of cats. The vocabulary is so small that it is a matter of wonder that the world waited so long for someone to put it among the things anyone may know. Here are some of the cat words he has learned: "Aello" is a request for food. "Aliloo" is a request for water. "Lae" is a request for milk. "Bl" expresses a desire for red meat. "Bleome-h" means kitty wants cooked meat. "Plee-hl" is mouse meat and is applied to any food which kitty fondles before devouring. "Meoww," uttered simply, is a greeting; uttered fiercely and with accent on the "Me" is an expression of hatred and defiance. "Mienow, vow, wow, yelwogow flow, yess-yow" in the yell of defiance in battle and is variously accented to tell of the progress of hostilities, "yess-yow" being the cry of battle madness. "Yew" signifies that the cat is in distress and needs human aid. It is uttered very softly. "Parriere" is a request to open a door. "Parrien" is the I-love-you of catland, and when uttered with rolling "r" and a rise on the last syllable is a call from a mother to its kitten.—St. Louis Post-Democrat.

A Matter of Doubt. "I suppose, my boy," said the stranger in town, "I can jump on any one of these cars and go to the park." "I dunno," replied the newboy, "Anuder guy dat looked as clumsy as you tried to jump on one de umber day an' he went ter de morgue."—Philadelphia Press.

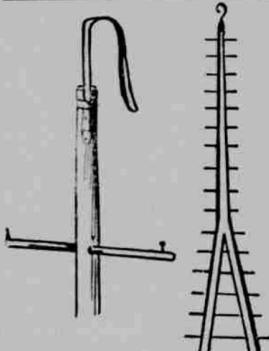
At the Play. "This is what they call realism, I suppose?" "I guess so. Everything seems to be real except the sentiment."—Detroit Free Press.



Home-Made Fruit Ladder.

The average fruit ladder, as found in most orchards, is not particularly designed for this particular work. The broad top of the common ladder makes it almost impossible to get it among the branches in a firm position. Where one has considerable fruit to gather, a special ladder constructed after the plan of the one in the illustration will be found not only useful, but will save considerable time in the fruit-gathering season.

A pole, preferably a green one from the woods, should be secured, having it of the desired length. The largest end should be split up about three feet and a brace inserted to keep the sides apart. The ends which stand on the ground should be sharpened or covered with sharpened pieces of iron, which any blacksmith can fashion and attach. Bore holes one and one-half inches in diameter in both sides as far apart as the rungs are to be placed. The rungs should be formed of some tough wood so that they may not be made too bungling. At the top of the pole a strip of strap iron is fastened with a long hook so that it may be passed over the branches of the tree. The illustration on the left of the cut shows how the hook is fastened on. This ladder will cost but a small sum, and if well made will last for years.



HOME-MADE FRUIT LADDER.

It would be a good plan to have several of them of different lengths.

Lime and Sulphur Wash. Fruit growers are quite interested in the formula composing the new insecticide, lime and sulphur, but have found the labor of making it considerable because of the necessity for boiling the mixture. Recent experiments have shown that if potash or caustic soda is used there will be no necessity for boiling. The formula for making in this way is this: Take twenty pounds of sulphur, forty pounds of lime, five pounds of caustic soda and sixty gallons of water. Make a thin paste of the sulphur and dissolve the caustic soda in water.

In shaking the lime, use only enough water to make it boil rapidly. During the process of slaking, pour into the lime the sulphur paste, and then the caustic soda solution, adding water if necessary, and stirring rapidly until all bubbling stops, when dilute with water to the consistency and strength needed for the spraying. The use of this material in spraying is not only a decided check on scale, but very effective against various insects. Applications may be made in the late fall, in midwinter and in the early spring.

Crops for Orchards. If the soil in the orchard is in good shape and fairly rich, the best cover crop is undoubtedly crimson clover, and this may be sown at any time now. If the soil is poor crimson clover is not likely to succeed, so that something that will add humus to the soil should be used rather than to attempt to get the benefit of the legumes. For sowing in an orchard of this kind rye will probably be most satisfactory. It should be sown about the 1st of September, and plowed under in the early spring, and then the summer cultivation of the surface soil taken up again. It is quite probable that following this method will put the soil in shape so that another fall it will be fit to grow crimson clover.

Good for Hogs. Take six bushels of cob charcoal or three bushels of common charcoal, eight pounds of salt and one pound of Epsom salts, two quarts of air-sick lime, one bushel of wood ashes. Break the charcoal into small pieces and thoroughly mix the other ingredients with it. Then take one pound of copperas and dissolve in hot water, and with an ordinary watering pot sprinkle over the whole mass and again mix thoroughly. This mixture should be kept dry. Feeding a portion of it twice a week furnishes something that the hogs demand and assists in taking off the gases of the stomach, expelling worms and regulating their conditions.—Winchester (Ind.) Herald.

Large Farm Families. One of the English agricultural societies has started a new form of competition along the line of the anti-race lullaby idea. The first prize went to the farm laborer who had brought up and established in a career the greatest number of children. The winning family had a record of 19 children born,

17 brought up and 12 of these at work. The second prize winner had 15 children, 12 brought up, all usefully occupied. There were 10 entries, and those next in order had 14, 13, and 12 children, respectively.

The Value of Fertilizer. The Purdue Experiment Station has been conducting a number of experiments with corn, using different kinds of fertilizer. The tests show that kainit is valuable as compared with straw or lime. The corn was planted the second week in June. The corn on the plots to which kainit or straw was applied made a continuous growth, and after the middle of July these plots could readily be distinguished from those to which no fertilizer had been applied.



TREATED AND UNTREATED EARS.

that shown on the plots on which no fertilizer was used. The treated plots did not ripen as early as the others, and the fodder was slightly damaged by frost on September 27, although no injury was done to the ears. The corn was cut from the different plots October 3 and husked October 19. The yield and treatment are shown in the accompanying table:

Table with 3 columns: Plot No., Treatment, and Yield Per Acre—Sound corn, Fodder, Total. Rows 1-11 showing various treatments like Straw, None, Kainit, Lime, etc.

The conclusion is that returns are bound to be profitable in land treated as were the plants in the experiments cited—especially as to kainit or straw. Another thing shown is that the influence of the treatment is bound to be effective for years to come, as the land will more readily respond to labor put upon it.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

To keep well sweet potatoes should be dug when the soil is quite dry and afterward spread thin to cure for ten days at least in an outbuilding secure from rain and frost. Road dust one-third of which is composed of fine sand is best for packing in. Place a layer of dust in the bottom of box or barrel or whatever is used to pack in, then a layer of potatoes, being careful to cover every potato completely with dust before adding the next layer. The last layer is dust. We keep sweet potatoes in this manner all winter, and they seem as fresh as when first packed. We keep them in an outhouse until severely cold weather, merely covering the boxes with carpeting, etc. When severe cold sets in they are removed to a room where a fire is kept part of the day only. Failure to keep well is often due to too much heat or packing away in too warm materials.—Cor. Ohio Farmer.

Prolific New Wheats.

New varieties of Russian wheat have been tested with good results at a branch experiment station in Kansas. Several kinds, Kharkov, Crimean, Theiss, etc., yielded over forty bushels per acre, and others ranged from thirty-five to forty bushels. The seed is being sold to Kansas wheat growers.

Farm Notes.

The crab apple is one of the hardiest of trees, and as there is nearly always a demand for crab apples in market, they are found profitable by some. The blossoms are beautiful in spring, and the trees are more ornamental than some which are used for shade and ornament. The large and growing demand for pure jellies and preserves should create a larger market in the future for crab apples.

Roller process bran is, on the average, better than old process bran. Bran is rich in ash, or mineral matter, which renders it a suitable food for growing animals. It serves well with all foods which are lacking in line of bone forming material, and is valuable in the manure heap. It may not be equal to flused meal or some other foods, for certain purposes, but it is a food that should always be used.

A city boy is greener in the country than the country boy is in the city. A dairyman recently hired a young city chap and sometime during the first week gave him the order to "salt the calves." He found out later that this young American had rubbed about a quart of salt into the hair on the back of each calf. Later horses running in the pasture discovered these salty calves and proceeded to help themselves, resulting in many instances in the hair being licked completely off.

Hothouse farming is not only profitable, but it seems to possess quite a fascination in the very nature of the work. Most florists and hothouse gardeners appear interested and even enthusiastic, while their sons often take special interest in the work under glass, and are not so likely to leave the farm as are other young men in the country. Gardening in moist, perpetual summer has both pleasures and drawbacks, but seems as near as anything to an ideal pursuit for men or women adapted to the requirements.

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SCISSORS

There is no error without intelligence.—The Schoolmaster.

A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world.—Mahomet.

The mission of the skeptic is to retard progress.—The Crusader.

Wise is the fool who knows enough to keep it to himself.—Exchange.

Same men go to bed to late ever to wake up famous.—Chicago News.

The chief end of man is the one with the head on.—Chicago News.

Men make success by making use of their failures.—Common Sense.

If you don't understand the other fellow just laugh.—The Schoolmaster.

Nothing can be hostile to religion which is agreeable to justice.—Alabama Elk.

Bacon can be cured by smoking, but the tobacco habit can't.—Stanford Advocate.

It should not be forgotten that some of the best opportunities are home-made.—Puck.

Optimists get more fun in hoping than pessimists do in having.—Saturday Evening Post.

Good fortune is simply the result of good habits, good methods and good principles.—Common Sense.

The man who conceals his failures will in the end triumph over the man who trumpets his successes.—New York Press.

"To work for others is in reality, the only way in which a man can work for himself. Selfishness is ignorance."

Last year America only imported 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

Twenty-four persons living in County Tipperary, Ireland, are centenarians.

An adder twenty-six inches long has been killed by a gamekeeper at Tobermory, Mull.

Japanese is the latest language to be added to the list at the University of Chicago.

Games of love often end in a tie.

Self-possession is nine points with the lawyer.

He who takes his own time generally takes other people's, too.

Smoking cars for ladies are in use on some of the Russian railroads.

Cynical Views of Life.

Be honest, and your friends will call you rude.

Be plain, and people will call you a hypocrite.

Be independent and people will say you put on airs.

Be philosophical, and people will call you a regular fool.

Be tactful, and people will wonder what you are driving at.

Astronomers announce that the Star of Bethlehem, which directed the wise men to the birth place of the Saviour, will appear once more in 1910 or 1911. Josephus the Hebrew historian, speaks of this star, which is now known as Halley's comet, and since this time it has appeared on twenty-three occasions.

The ivory chair and footstool presented to Queen Victoria by the Maharajah of Travancore will be among the royal jubilee presents exhibited at the world's fair.

Even when a woman has come to hate her husband she will get ripping mad with him for not loving her.

A new lighthouse costing over \$2,500,000 is in course of erection at Folkestone.

Congressional garden seeds are distributed for the purpose of raising votes.

A good stomach is sometimes as useful as brains in helping a man along in the world.

It takes a bachelor with money to exterminate the weeds from a widow's bonnet.

The small boy always wonders if his mother will ever get over being surprised at the things he does.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others manage to grow smaller each day.

If our neighbors had a few faults as ourselves what a pleasant old world this would be to live in.

Still Another Case.

Frankville, Wis., Oct. 12.—Many remarkable cures are being reported from all over the country, but there is one right here in Frankville which is certainly worth publishing and which has not as yet been given to the public. Mrs. Louis Markinson of this place had been a sick woman for quite a long time and could not find anything to give her any help. She suffered all the painful symptoms of what is generally known as female weakness. Every woman who reads her story will understand these distressing conditions which combine to make the lives of many women one long burden of weakness and suffering.

Mrs. Markinson chanced one day to hear of a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, that was said to be a splendid medicine for women's weakness. She determined to try some and soon found herself getting better. She kept on with the pills and was cured. Speaking of her case Mrs. Markinson says: "I can do and praise Dodd's Kidney Pills as a remedy for female weakness. They are the best medicine I have ever known, and have done me a great deal of good."

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