

It's a waste of energy to spur a reeking horse.

Self-conceit knows nothing more eloquent than an echo.

The hand that rocks the cradle can't Mt an old hen with a brick.

It's no use praying for peace when you are tickling the business end of a mule.

A Western editor says the sweetest thing in life is kissing one's own wife. How does he know?

Many a political candidate stands in his record for the purpose of keeping others from getting at it.

"How to live 100 years" is being discussed by physicians. One way is to get on the Federal pay roll.

Many men run so hard to win the cake life offers as a prize that they shake out all their teeth long before they reach it.

The mikado has written a poem. The czar has not done much in a literary way, but he picked up a hot quarter last April.

Automobiling may cause the legs of its devotees to waste away and become useless, but it tends to cultivate strength and activity in the legs of ordinary pedestrians.

Perhaps the Czar did not put a million rubles in the bank for his infant son, but the report that he did so has provoked some one to call the deposit "The Fresh Hair Fund."

According to recent investigations it now costs Americans an average of \$17.42 a year for clothing, as against \$13.80 in 1907. This doubtless is largely due to the present style of woman's sleeves.

It was fine sense of the conscientious that led the Rhode Island murderer accused of killing a woman with an ax to plead "not guilty with the ax" and afterward to confess that he had done the deed with a club. Though he had committed murder he could not stoop to the telling of a lie.

The heavy hand of Despotism is swatting freedom once and again. The unionized school children of Chicago have been in the habit of striking upon slight or no provocation. Now the Chicago policemen have been instructed to "spank those spirited scholars 'good and hard.'" Thus does Despotism attack both forward and aft.

What was accomplished by the "pigeon post" during the siege of Paris in the Franco-Prussian war, has often been described. The birds who carried thousands of letters and dispatches in and out of the city are to be commemorated by a monument, and a commission has been given to Monsieur Fremlet, the sculptor, for the execution of the work.

Drought was so severe in Austria-Hungary, Servia, Bulgaria and Roumania last summer that the governments have issued decrees forbidding the exportation of corn, hay and other stuffs used for food for cattle, so that the small amount of these crops produced may be kept at home. This places the rest of Europe, which has drawn largely on these countries for provender for cattle and horses, at the mercy of the producers in the United States and Argentina. All grains ought to bring a good price this year.

A vast amount of "literature" these days concerns health. Both professionals and laymen are helping the cause along. The victims do not know which way to turn. To-day's advice is to eat everything in sight; to-morrow's is to starve. One expert says never touch starchy foods. Another says eat no meats. A third commands that adults shall never touch milk, sweet or sour. A fourth insists that we drop everything except the cereals. A fifth tells us to drink four gallons of filtered water a day. A sixth advises that we are killing ourselves with tea and coffee. It looks as if every writer on the subject is in the pay of health food cranks.

What on earth would our great-grandfathers have said if someone had told them the county fair would be the all-embracing "holy show" it is to-day? When horse-racing and high-diving were accounted regulation features of these gatherings it was natural that the homely things which were the corner stones of the exhibitions should be set to flight. But if even 25 years ago some bold farmer had dared suggest that the day would come when automobiles, vehicles not dependent upon the stock for their means of locomotion, would constitute the chief attraction at the county's rallying place he would have been declared a traitor to his calling. Still that is just what has come to pass in Connecticut, where an automobile parade has proved the piece of resistance at one of these fall fairs.

Many a young man has had the smart taken out of him when he entertained a wish to go into business for himself. He has been told that ninety-nine out of every 100 of the present-day business ventures ultimately fail.

lottery are about as good as his probability of success in business. One of the numerous skeptics of the day directed his skepticism to questioning the story. In a truly scientific way he went to work and took account of facts. By means of a commercial agency he learned that the records show that the ratio of failures in business between 1800 and 1903, inclusive, averaged only a little over 1 per cent each year. The ratio exceeded 1 per cent during the years of hard times from 1855 to 1878, inclusive, and again from 1893 to 1898, but of the thirty-eight years between 1899 and 1903 there were nineteen years when the ratio slightly exceeded 1 per cent and nineteen years in which it was less than 1 per cent. Granting a generous allowance for any mistakes or any shortcomings in not taking full account of the whole situation, there is enormous residue left to contradict the old saying, which originated no one knows how and has passed current for many years. It seems singular that the story has not been refuted long ago, for on the face of it it looks most improbable. The ambitious youth may now start upon the desired business career with tolerable assurance of success if he has grit, determination and a head to comprehend the situation of affairs. No 95 per cent of failures threatens him with disaster and the times are in his favor.

On Sunday afternoon the average American family has the avidity of a box constrictor that is meditating over its assimilation of an antelope. The intellectual loss which the country sustains by giving over its only day of leisure to the process of recovering from a sacred act of gluttony would make a good subject for some professor of the new science and physiological psychology. This professor would probably end up his thesis by saying that there is no reason why Sunday should invert the ordinary sequence of meals and that if on Sunday as on other days people would eat a light meal at 1 o'clock and a heavier meal at 6 the social and intellectual power of the country would be incalculably increased. However, Sunday dinner has become sanctified. It is now many generations since St. Sunday Dinner was enounced. Any audacious young heretic who suggests his removal from the communion of the saints runs the risk of bringing down upon his head an avalanche of settled prejudice. Didn't our fathers gorge themselves stupid at 1 o'clock every Sunday afternoon? Didn't our grandfathers and our great-grandfathers do it? Then who are we, to set ourselves up as their betters? What if our unaccustomed consumption of heavy victuals in the middle of the day on Sunday does send us into a state of social and intellectual disability which lasts till well on into the evening? Are not all such disagreeable consequences to be regarded as just so many devout candles before the effigy of the greatest of the saints? To attack an unreasonable thing with reasons is a tedious task. To attempt to overthrow the Sunday dinner is a hopeless one. We shall continue for years, no doubt for generations, to spend our Sunday afternoons trying to keep awake. This is a strenuous exertion, but the intellectual exertion of getting away from an established custom is more strenuous still. "It is less trouble to do what the others do," as the Hindu said when he started to make a pilgrimage of 1,000 miles on his hands and knees to the temple of Gunga in Benares. It is less trouble to take more trouble when you are used to it. Sunday dinner is more trouble, but the change to another routine would involve a mental operation, and perhaps a moral exertion. So St. Sunday Dinner must sit in his shrine full and heavy-eyed for many generations to come.

Lonesome in the City. Since I moved here to the city life's not what it used to be: There's an atmosphere of doubt—folks are not so glad and free; On the street I'll see a fellow, think I'd like to know him, too, But he passes in a hurry, never even looks at you. Back at home I'd surely know him, and I'd likely say to him: "Ho're ye, Joe?" and he would answer "Furty good, ho're ye, Jim?"

In the evenings, after supper—dinner, though they call it here—I confess to feeling lonely, life seems cold and sad and drear; Then I wander past the houses that are clustered on our street, And I see through cheery windows lots of folks I'd like to meet. How I wish those folks would see me, look at me and nod and smile; How I wish they'd holler to me: "Come in, Jim, an' set awhile!"

Seems to me, sometimes, that millions more about me every day; There's all kinds of human nature, good and bad, and grave and gay; And it strikes me as distressing, as I watch them come and go, That there are so many people in this world whom I don't know; Back at home such things were different, knew most everyone I met; Here I haven't got acquainted with my next-door neighbor yet! —Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

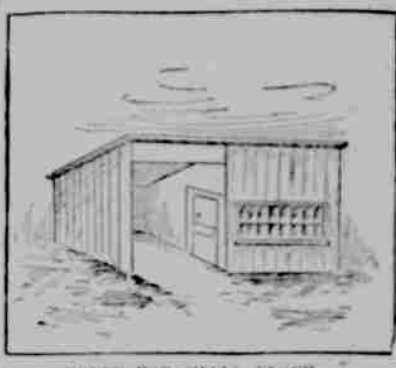
No Fear for Burglars. "I'm so glad the boys of your company gave you that handsome revolver," said the militia captain's wife. "We need have no fear now of the burglars infesting this neighborhood." "That's what," replied the gallant captain. "I've got it locked up in the office safe, where they can't get at it." —Philadelphia Ledger.

A man never learns how to make his own coffee when he lives at home and his mother has headaches, but after he reaches the home.



The Poultry House. There is more or less objection to the scratching shed on the part of poultry raisers and it is admitted that in sections where the fowls can have considerable time out of doors during the winter, this shed may not be necessary. But when the birds are raised in localities where there is considerable snow on the ground during the winter the scratching shed is certainly a comfort, for it gives the birds a place in which they may scratch without being exposed to wind and wet.

An ideal house is one that is four feet in the rear, eight feet high in front, with house ten feet wide and fifteen feet deep and a shed attached



of the same area. If built new one roof will cover both house and shed. The window may be placed in the front of the house with the door, or the door may open into the scratching shed, as preferred. In cold weather the fowls in the scratching shed are protected from wind and storm by a curtain made of heavy muslin which is let down over the opening. All feeding is done in the scratching shed, the house being reserved for roosting and laying. The cut shows the simplicity and utility of the house described.

Cleaning of Milk Cans. In most farm homes it is not convenient to use steam for cleaning milk cans, but where it can be obtained it is by far the most effective cleansing agent. In Germany an experiment was made to determine the relative value of the ordinary methods of cleaning milk cans as compared with live steam. One can was thoroughly washed and scrubbed out with hot water. Another can was rinsed and washed and then subjected to live steam for thirty minutes. After both cans were thoroughly cooled, milk was put into them and the results watched. In the first can the milk soured in twenty-three hours. In the other it soured in twenty-eight and a half hours. That was not all. An examination of the contents of the two cans showed that the first can contained twenty-six times as many bacteria as the other. The experiment referred to was made in the summer time. A similar experiment made in winter showed that the sterilized can kept milk sweet nine hours longer than the other can. It was further ascertained that if pasteurized milk was put in these cans it kept sweet twice as long in the steamed can as in the other. —Prairie Farmer.

Ratproof Corncrib. A correspondent asks how a corn crib may be constructed so as to be proof against rats. We give reply to this by the cut of a crib in this column. The crib may be built cheaply, and of any size desired. The cut fully explains the construction. It is set either on wooden posts or brick foundations, but 15 inches in the ground as shown in the cut, and 2 to 2 1/2 feet from the ground to the crib sills. Two-thirds of the distance from ground to the sill are galvanized iron hoops, projecting out and downward around the foundation posts 4 inches in width. Rats can never pass over this hood which they would have to do to reach the crib. Such a crib is absolutely proof against rats. It is constructed of inch-lumber, open for air to reach the corn, but with flaring sides for

whether or not the sheep have even, regular conditions. When early lambs are expected, special care must be taken to provide warm, dry quarters, in order to avoid losses. Keep the ewes in a good, thrifty condition. To Care for the Horse. Speed horses are always trained down before they enter races. Foot-ball players train and diet for months, in order that they may be in prime of condition; that their muscles may be hard and their endurance extended, but how many farm horses there are that are not even given a thought about conditioning before entering the heavy harvest and fall work, says Farm Review. Where horses are worked more or less continuously there should be no trouble whatever in bringing them into good condition and keeping them there, but with those that are turned to grass the problem is not so easy. Grass is good for horses, but when turned on, and this accompanied by feeding at random, with a little work now and then, will not get or keep a horse in condition. If on grass the horse, if he works more or less, should be given his grain feed regularly. In any case pains should be taken to have the horse hardened and in condition by the time hard work begins. If such is the case both man and beast will enjoy the harvest more than if the horse is poor and soft.

Turpentine for Corn. I have used kerosene on seed corn. I have also used turpentine for many years on all of my seed corn. We usually use a pan or dipper to fill our planter boxes and in each dipper we use turpentine freely, stirring the corn with the hand until all the corn is wet with turpentine. We like turpentine best, as it evaporates about as fast as the planter boxes are filled. It prevents worms or grubs from eating corn on soddy land. You can also use freely on your seed beans as soon as you see indication of weevils, either in spring, fall or winter. It will kill all of them. Don't be afraid to use plenty of turpentine—try a few kernels of good, sound seed corn by saturating and planting same—testing vitality after treatment—so as to satisfy yourself.—H. H. Keeley, Indiana, in Farmer's Voice.

Water for the Dairy. A simple method of keeping a water pipe clean, where water is piped from a spring to a house, dairy or other farm buildings is shown in the cut. Pump and Attachment. A T is placed at a, instead of an elbow, as commonly done. When necessary to clean the pipe, a suction pump is attached as shown and a plug is screwed into the elbow at b. After cleaning, the pump is removed and the plug screwed into the T at a.—Farm and Home.

We Are Eating More Mutton. More mutton is being consumed in this country than ever before in its history. This is because there are more people in the country and because the mutton is of better quality. The deduction which the situation seems to warrant is that the man who engages in sheep breeding in the right way and stays with it is practically sure of making good money. As time goes on it becomes more and more apparent that mutton and lamb are fashionable meats among the American people.

Poultry Pickings. A good scratcher means a good layer. Pullets do not fatten as readily as hens. The poultry house should not open to the north or east. Build the poultry house so that it can readily be cleaned. The perches should be not more than two feet from the ground. Success does not depend so much on breed as on care and attention. Young fowls need crushed bone in some form to develop good blood, bone and feathers.

The poultry should be given the cabbage leaves, apple parings and all other vegetable refuse from the kitchen. One way of preventing hens from eating their eggs is to make nests in small, low, dark holes, to be entered from the sides. Rusty iron kept in their drinking water is said to be an excellent remedy for looseness of feathers in fowls. A fat perch is best because of being more comfortable to the feet and best support to the breast when the fowl is sitting down. Successful poultry farms are usually the outgrowth of a small beginning, starting in or near a live city, and improved from year to year. A sure remedy for scaly legs in fowls is three parts of sweet oil to one of powdered sulphur. Oil the legs with this, repeating in ten days or two weeks.

Stuffed Pepper Mangoes. Cut the tops from green peppers and with a sharp knife remove the seeds and tough white membrane. Fill with salt and lay in cold water for forty-eight hours. Drain, lay in cold water for a day and drain again. Make a filling of two tablespoonfuls each of minced cabbage and grated horse-radish, a teaspoonful of minced onion, a half teaspoonful each of powdered mace, nutmeg and ginger, a teaspoonful each of celery seed, pepper-corns and ground mustard, a teaspoonful of sugar and a tablespoonful of salad oil. Stuff the peppers with this, tie on the tops with soft twine, pack in a crock and fill the crock with boiling vinegar. Repeat the scalding a week later. Cover and stand for several months before using.

Measures of Capacity. Four heaping tablespoonfuls make one gill. Eight heaping tablespoonfuls make one cupful. Four cupfuls of flour make one quart or pound. Two cupfuls solid butter make one pound. Two cupfuls of granulated sugar make one pound. Two and one-half cupfuls of powdered sugar make one pound.

Pumpkin Butter. Pare and scrape the slices of pumpkin, cut them into cubes and cook slowly, in but little water, for four or five hours; then mash thoroughly and add a scant cupful of sugar to each quart of pumpkin. Cook one hour longer, then add plenty of ground cinnamon. Some prefer to add one quart of sorghum to each quart of stewed pumpkin and cook one hour, then spices to taste before putting away.

Stewed Tripe. Cover the tripe, after cutting it into inch squares, with cold water and set at the side of the range, where it will simmer slowly. At the end of four hours, drain off all the water except a half cup, and to this add a half pin of seasoned and stewed tomatoes and thicken with a white roux. Season to taste, stir until the sauce is smooth and thick, and serve.

Short Suggestions. Toast should always be crisp and cut thin. Use a stale thin loaf and dry the slices over the stove before toasting. Before baking apples, remove their cores with a mutton shank bone kept for the purpose, and insert in each a clove and a little brown sugar. The best way to remove the rust is to rub the spots with sand moistened with paraffin. After this has been done, black and polish in the usual way. When making a fruit tart, always cut a little slit in the center of the crust and insert either a straw or a paper funnel, so that the steam will escape. A saucepan used for green vegetables should never be employed for stews, etc., for no food materials absorb flavors more quickly than green vegetables. To dry the air in a damp cupboard, keep in it a jar containing quicklime. This must be renewed from time to time, for it will gradually lose its drying power.



Oyster Pates. Chop three-quarters of a pound of cold, firm butter into a pound of flour. When you have a coarse powder, add a small teaspoonful of hot water and with a spoon work into a soft mass. Turn upon a floured pastry board and roll into a thick sheet. Fold this up as you would a sheet of music and roll out again, then fold up once more and once more roll out. Set on the ice for an hour or two, then roll into a sheet a half inch thick and cut into rounds like biscuits. Lay these in piles of three layers and with a smaller cutter press half way through each pile. Put into a very hot oven and bake quickly to a golden brown. Take from the oven, lift off the little central round from each pate, and with a spoon scoop out the soft inside dough, leaving a cavity. Into this put a creamed oyster mixture. Set in the oven until very hot and serve.

WOMAN'S WISDOM. Sister—If you are so dreadfully in love with her why don't you propose to her? Brother—She gives me no encouragement. Sister—Nonsense! Only yesterday I heard her advise you to let your mustache grow because shaving it so much would make it stiff.

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FLYING IN LUCK. "We always treat our cook as one of our family," explained the man who was looking for trouble in an intelligence office. "That don't go with me," replied the applicant for the job, "but I'm willing to treat your folks as I would my own family." And as that was far more than he had ever thought of asking, he proceeded to close the deal then and there.

APPLIED BY A TEACHER IN A LEADING UNIVERSITY. Demonstrates the Power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to Restore Vigor to Stuttered Nerves. Mrs. Teander Lane, wife of the minister of the Christian Church, of No. 2018 I street, South Omaha, Neb., tells how her daughter has been enabled to resume her professional work as a teacher after suffering for nearly three years from severe nervous prostration: "When she was passing from girlhood to womanhood," says Mrs. Lane, "she suffered greatly from difficulties peculiar to her sex. The physician did not help her, but a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills brought about the perfect regulation of her system. "While she had escaped from one grave trouble, she unfortunately began to overwork, first as a student and then as a teacher in a large Iowa institution for orphan boys. She enjoyed her work and was very enthusiastic, but the strain finally told on her. She became pale, weak, nervous, unable to sleep, she had no appetite and she suffered from severe headaches. Then came a complete breakdown and her work had to be given up. "In this emergency we again tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Improvement came at first slowly and we sometimes doubted whether she was gaining, but we persisted that whenever she stopped taking the pills she fell back, and whenever she resumed the use of them she revived and so we kept up the treatment until she recovered her usual health and was able to take a position in one of our universities where she is happily at work. My mother, my daughter and myself have a well-founded confidence in the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and are always ready to recommend them." This is simply one more proof that these pills seek disease at its source and effect fundamental cures. They cure various diseases because these have a common origin in impaired blood or nerves. They put the entire system in a healthy condition, because they introduce vigor that is distributed to every part. They arrest physical decay when it seems inevitable and find a road to restoration when the doctor misses it. They are sold by all druggists throughout the world.

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