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GRACIE'S DREAM.

All through the day our Gracie Had talked of Christmas J vs: What Santa Claus might bring her Of books and dolls and toys;

But in the night I heard her sob in her little bed, And soon I held her in my arms And stroked her curly head.

"What is it? Tell me, darling. What makes my girlie weep?" •O mamma, dear, I must have dreamed,

If I have been asleep;

But oh, it seemed so real— I dreamed 'twas Christmas night, The ro. ms were trimmed with evergreens And looked so warm and bright. "Our pretty tree was loaded With gifts for every one. And just as we were imughing

At some of papa's fun, "I looked out of the window And in the street below I saw a little, ragged girl, Her foet deep in the snow.

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I thought that she was looking up With eager, wondering eyes,
As if the lovely Christmas tree Were such a great surprise.

" She looked so sad and wistful, And I knew she must be col ! She had no mittens on her hands. And her shawi was thin and old

" But when I ran to call her To share my gifts with me. I found the street all dark and still,

And no one could I see. "And that's why I was crying-To think she'd never know How giadly I'd have brought her in Out of the cold and snow.

"And now. my darling mamma. When Christmas comes, for true If you know some poor little girl I'll tell you what let's do.

"Whate'er you want to give me I wish you'd give her half. And see how happy she will be, How gayly she will laugh."

Be sure I gladly promised. And then she whispered, low: "You re just the dearest mamma That ever lived, I know."

I smiled on Gracie's eager face, But in my beart I sighed To think how many little ones Would know no Christings tide

O happy ones, whose blessings Are numberless and great, Remember those less f wored Who round your pathway wait.

"The poor are always with you," The blessed Savior said; Oh, let our hearts be opened, The hungry ones be fed.

-M. K. Buck

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

On a bright, frosty morning early in dren so pleased and happy. The kind December, there was an unusual excite- heart would have been even more gladin Mrs. Sinclair s nursery, where dened could she have

THE JOURNAL. tion was especially careful to suit her cessities, of each family. the parcel I will, however, tell yo

sent to Widow Lee, a po oman who d two chilearned a living for herse ing. Her dren by washing and se a crowded home was but one room tenement; she was a quiet, honest woman, working early and late, to pay the rent and provide for her family. Now, as the children were quietly sleeping,

she was carefully patching, the knees of her son's pantaloons and the sleeves of her daughter's dress, sighing as she realized that they would soon be too far gone for even her skill to repair. The thought that hristmas was near cheered her. She remembered the very acceptable parcel of clothing that a lady had sent last year; she thought of the festival at the Sunday-school, the children had been we'l pleased with the pretty book and the nice box of candy which had been given them on that occasion. Then her mind wandered back to the days of her childhood; she remembered her

mother, a poor widow like herself, glad to work for her children and always striving to make them both good and happy. Soon the garments are mended, and

now she proceeds to arrange the little things she has prepared for Christmas. On her way from work she had bought for each an orange and a few sticks of candy. These she secured to a little

branch of evergreen, which was planted in a flower-pot; she then tied on a few little wax candles, which she intended to light early on Christmas morning. Moving the little table, with its clean white cover, in front of the bed, she was about placing the small tree in the cen-

ter. when she was startled by a tap at the door and a large parcel was handed in, for Mrs. Lee. With eager, trembling hands, she un-

tied the strings. You can imagine her

doll and a scrap-book. On the other side a good suit of clothes (which Harry Sinclair had out-grown), and a pictureboo';.

> Poor, hard-working mother! she could have borne with composure these tokens of kindness to her children, but when she drew forth a warm shawl for herself, the surprise was too great, tears started from her eyes and she really sobbed for joy.

richer.

There was a brilliant scene on that bright Christmas morning in Mr. Sin-clair's pretty home. The children roused Aunt Helen at an early hour, she acknowledged that the tree was truly railroad station, bound for Wooster, the beautiful, only a lady of great skill and cigarette-young-man was watchless and taste could have arranged the beautiful penniless. In Wooster, a sophomore bank of mosses, on which the tree was planted; she rejoiced to see those chil-

seat was called up to decide. 1ta . A Sharper Skinned. counterfeit," said he, just taking one

A very simple method by which glance. "But," said Mr. Pratt, "won't "skin" gambler was victimized out of you please cut into it with this knife?" \$800 was related yesterday forenoon in The gentleman took the knife and ap-"skin" gambler was victimized out of the saloon of John Fury, No. 214 Federal plied its edge to the coin. It went Street, Camden, where the woe-begone through as though the coin was made victim landed almost penniless at twelve of old cheese. The cois was lead! "Fury," said the gambler, after relating o'clock in search of consolation and a a drink. To gentlemen who sit in front this dismal experience, "give me a drink-I'll pay you in the morning."of the green-topped tables nightly and take in greenhorns he is tolerably well Philadelphia Press. known. Rural dupes who have chanced

Symmes' Theory.

The two most important features of John Cleves Symmes' theory are that all obicular bodies in the universe partaking

iarly "Poker Tad." of a planetary nature are composed in a Philadelphia having proven rather a poor pasture for the last two or three greater or less degree of spheres concentric, one within the other, and to months wherein victims came to gaze. Mr. Pratt fell into rather an impecunious some extent open at their poles: and that condition. He managed to ret in his gravity is due to the pressure of an impalpable element composed of minute diamond breastpin, however, and a suit of very elegant clothes of pronounced patconcentric spheres, existent throughout tern, but his purse was very all space, elastic, and changing its moleflat. He declared repeatedly that | cules by any change of matter whatever Philadelphia was the "meanest throughout space. To this substance town in the country for work." Captain Symmes attributes gravity. making it a pushing instead of a pulling and when his funds reached the low ebb of seventeen dollars Mr. Pratt determined force, as it is now ge ierally held to be. to emigrate for some western clime,

But this latter theory of gravitation he where victims grew on roadside bushes. holds not to be essential to his theory of Mr. Pratt took a portion of his seventeen concentric circles, which circles would dollars, or, as he would more elegantly be formed upon the old theory of gravphrase it, "seventeen cases," and belook itation.

him to the pool-room of McColgan & Captain Symmes' published notes or Hughes, on Sansom street, above Eighth. explanations of his theory, which he called memoirs. Memoir No. II. savs: He made an investment on a horse race. He bought "Maid of Athol," and walked With dividers describe a circle on a into Eighth Street almost \$200 dollars plane of matter of loose texture, and in the center add a very small circle; then

draw a line through the center. It is Mr. Pratt felt jubilant over his luck. and, after taking sundry drinks, he went evident (as matter gravitates matter in to the Broad Street station and pur- proportion to quantity and distance) that chased a ticket for Pittsburgh. On the either half the inner circle, being almost trip westward his "luck" ran high. He equally surrounded by matter, must be got into the contidence of a clerical-look- very little gravitated centerwise; so being ing young man at Altoona, and relieved suspended, only a rotary motion is needed the young man of \$90 at a friendly game | to throw it compactly toward the outer

of poker. In Pittsburgh an ancient circle. This being admitted, it follows delight as she placed on one side of the farmer. who thought he knew more that half-way from the outer to the inner table a pretty warm dress for Mary, a about cards than Mr. Pratt, left his pock- side of this circle of matter so thrown etbook with the latter, after learning out, a like rarity, suspension, or balance that four kings were slightly inferior to of gravity should prevail, and hence a

over \$300. To avoid any unpleasant fore it follows that successive similar complications, Mr. Pratt purchased a subdivisions should exist, gradually lessticket for Massillon, on the Pittsburgh, ening in force or quantity. By applying Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. In this principle to the earth, I found the that thriving little town Mr. Pratt was necessity of hollow, concentric spheres. fortunate. He formed the acquaintance A decision of school-men on these lines

"JOHN CLEVES SYMMES, Of Ohio, late Captain of Infantry. This is the basis of Symmes' theory. belonging to the University, who knew This theory he maintained with great more about Euclid than he did about the earnestness, courage and disinterestedgeometrical possibilities of "three card ness during a large portion of his life, and monte," fell an easy victim to the tune | were he living now he would in all like-3:0-the last remittance from a lov- lihood be doughtily contending for it ing father. These few windfalls gave still, accommodating his theory to the ed around Aunt Helen, who had come its few candles. lit the happy faces of Mr. Pratt an excellent start, and for a Nares expedition- which went where he week afterwards he made three or four declared irrefutable optical proof could similar strokes, eventually swelling his be had of the polar openings-and all capital to about \$850. Fort Wayne other discoveries whatsoever. Among other arguments that he proving a poor field for successful operations, Mr. Pratt thought he would start | brought to his support were the migraeast again. He bought a ticket for To- tions of animals to and from the arctic ledo, on the Toledo, Wabash & Western regions, atmospheric refraction, and the Railroad, In order to avoid meeting any variation of the compass observed in high of the gentlemen who had swelled his northern latitudes. He supposed that Som thing to Read. pocketbook, and who might possibly say there must exist "mid-plane spaces" in something rude. After leaving Toledo | each of the spheres, and believed the for Pittsburgh without any particular interior of the inclosed spheres to be incident, Mr. Pratt thought it about time | lighted by the direct and refracted rays to look about for a fresh victim. He of the sun. Each of these spheres he found one at Altoona, or at least he supposed to be widely open at the poles. thought he did. A tall, verdant looking The planes of these polar openings were chap, with "greeny" written on every said to be inclined to the plane of the feature, entered the car and seated himecliptic at an angle of about twelve deself beside Mr. Pratt. "Greenv' grees, so that the real axis of the earth. being perpendicular to the plane of the equator, would form an angle of twelve to get rid of them. degrees with a line passing through the Philadelphia. Mr. Pratt told him, and sphere at right angles with the polar remarked that the crops were looking openings, and consequently the verge beautiful. Mr. Verdant said they were, | (or edge) of the polar openings must plumbing arrangements are declared to and added that railroad riding was approach several degrees nearer to the when the "respect" and "politeness" "pesky bothersome." Mr. Pratt agreed earth's equator on one side than on the turn into downright courting, and she Symmes believed that there were be-Mr. Greeny was willing, and a deck neath our feet miles and miles of won- ing like a peony, to mention that "if she being produced by the gambler, the two drous unclaimed domain; reindeer has no objections, Jane hasn't," she is began at a game of "Old Sledge." On roamed its colder borders, fish swam in in despair. To lose her girl by matrithe second hand Mr. Greeny remarked its seas, animals and trees and flowers of mony is a fearful blow. Why, the girl Indeed, it would seem that even a that if he was playing poker he would curious and unknown shape made its is her own! The little baby that slept on short sojourn in a hotel of this descrip-tion would suffice to sow the seeds of at his own hand and said that he believed of untold wonders, misty dreams of its crumpled rose leaf hand was all hers. are also desirable. disease; an 1 a correspondent of the that it was worth that, too, and backing splendors unnamable floated through his The child that toddled after her, copying Lan of avers that he was made serious- it up by producing the cash. The victim nightly and daily thoughts, and greater her in miniature as she went about her desire to become the discoverer of this toy broom, and a tea kettle that held a unknown land. And the only thing taolespoonful of water, and the scraps of Mr. Pratt at once threw down a silver needful was for the Government to tra- dough to make a tiny loaf of bread with. verse the "icy circle," pierce the polar opening, and sail in and take possession dollar to take up the challenge. The ring of the metal was a great deal clearer -perchance to find man, to meet a and more her own little Janey. than that shown by Mr. Verdant. It mighty race of people, to come face to He face with some stupendous revelation of picked up the coin and examined them. nature, to explore some splendid barbar-"Let us bet on our hands." said he, impatiently. "That coin of yours is no ism, or disclose a civilization as yet un-"Yes. it is," said Greenv. "I'm willin' Magazine. Industrial Education in the Public Schools. There is a growing feeling among the students of industrial problems that our whole conception of education is general, and of industrial training in particular, needs revision and enlargement. replied

Superstitions About Love.

From the earliest times no event in human life has been associated with a more extensive folk lore than marriage. the ink. Beginning with love divinations, these are of every conceivable kind, the anxious maiden apparently having left no stone unturned in her anxiety to ascertain her lot in the marriage state. Some cut the common brake or fern just above the root to ascertain the initials of the future husband's name. Again, nuts and apples are very favorite love tests. The mode of procedure is for a girl to

peating this incantation: If he loves me, pop and fly; If he hates me, lie and die.

Great is the dismay if the anxious face of the inquirer gradually perceives the nut, instead of making the hoped-for pop. die and make no sign. One means of divination is to throw a lady-bird into the air, and repeating meanwhile the subjoined couplet:

Fly away east, and fly away west, Show me where lives the one I like best Should this little insect chance to fly in the direction of the house where the loved-one resides, it is regarded as a most favorable omen.

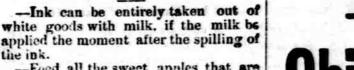
Another species of love divination once observed consisted in obtaining five bay leaves, four of which the anxious maiden pinned at the four corners of her pillow, and the tifth in the middle. If she was fortunate enough to dream of her lover, it was a sure sign that he would be married to her in the course of the year.

In selecting the time for the marriage ceremony precautions of every kind have generally been taken to avoid an unlucky month and day for the knot to be tied. Indeed, the old Roman notion that the May marriages are unlucky survives to this day in England. June is a highly popular month, Friday, on account of its being regarded as an inauspicious and evil day for the commencement of any kind of enterprise, is generally avoided.

In days gone by Sunday appears to have been a popular day for marriages. It is, above all things, necessary that the sun should shine on the bride, and it is deemed absolutely necessary by very many that she should weep on her wedding day, if it be only a few tears; the omission of such an act being considered ominous of her future happiness. In Sussex, a bride on her return home

from church is often robbed of all her pins about her dress by the single women present, from the belief that whoever possesses one of them will be married in the course of a year, and evil fortune will sooner or later inevitably overtake the bride who keeps even one pin used in the marriage toilet.

"Flinging the stocking" was an old resembles a large scail, has the power marriage custom in England. The of elongation, and when extended to full young men took the bride's stockings, length is three or four inches long. is supposed to have been brought from Europe in a bundle of shrubbery. The Irish say it is very common in the "old country " It is a filthy-looking creature and very destructive to almost every kind of vegetable.



-- Feed all the sweet apples that are not marketable to the pigs and horses. They are healthful and especially relished by those animals.-N. Y. Herald -Cream bake: Three and a half cups

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

of flour, three cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of milk, tive eggs, one teaspoonful of sods and one of cream tarter. This will make a large threelaver cake. - Cincinnati Times. place on the bars of a grate a nut, re-

--Bureau covers are now made in crash, a design of leaves and flowers being generally worked in linen floss. They can be washed, and on this account have much to recommend them. The work is usually solid, and they are finished off by an insertion of drawn work and fringe. - N. F. Times.

-C. H. Johnson tells the Fruit Grower that by going carefully over his grounds several times each season and removing and burning all plants showing raspberry rust he has succeeded to such an extent that no more than half a dozen cases of the disease appeared last year in the whole of his three acres devoted to this fruit, while another grower at some distance "lost almost his entire stock without knowing the cause."

-Calves may generally be gradually stopped off their milk after four months of age, then fed on grass or hav. If to this was alded a pint of provender night and morning, made up of ninetenths oats and one-tenth flaxseed ground together, it would accelerate their growth and keep them in fine condition. if this cannot be had some advise scalding the grain and seed; let the two soak awhile together and then feed. -Rural World.

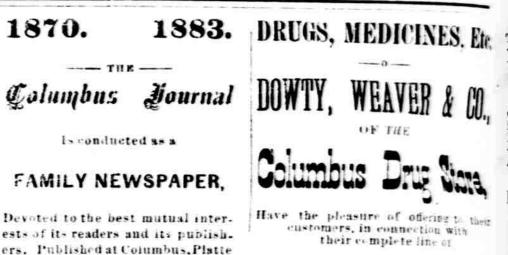
-As a general .thing, says a sensible writer, all of our farm tools are too heavy. Generally speaking, the farm wagon that will bear up under a ton weight with ease is plenty heavy enough for all practical purposes to which a

farm wagon should be put. If you want to haul two tons it is far better and cheaper in the end to make two loads of it. The saving in horse flesh and feed will, in a few years, amount to enough to buy a new one and have something left for profit. If you are about ordering a new wagon have it made light and of the best material and you will never

regret it.-N. Y. Herald. -A new bug has turned up in Maine. The farmers already dread it worse than the potato-bug. It has so far been found only in the town of Cherryfield and vicinity, in Washington County. It crawls at a snail's pace, but is diffusing itself too rapidly. A local paper says it



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to meet him in New York or Philadel-

phia know him to their sorrow. His

name is Thaddeus Pratt, or more famil-

four aces. The purse contained a trifle disposition to concentric circles; there-

of a cigarette-young-man, who, up to shall be followed by additional positions. the time he met the genial Pratt, was further explaining my new principles of possessed of a very handsome gold watch hollow spheres, open at the poles, declared in a circular letter of the 10th of and chain and \$200 in cash. When Mr. Pratt said "ta-ta" and started for the April, 1818.

four bright, happy children were crowd- poor room where the little branch, with from her distant home to visit her neph- M s ee and her children, while a loneow and nieces.

mas and see our presents and our Christmas tree."

"I know you will be pleased; mamma part of others. Though we ought to knows how to trim (hristmas trees; she remember the poor at all times, it is a always thinks of something to surprise pleasing custom to remember them esus. We gathered a large basket of mosses in the mountains, and I am al- celebrate the birth of the Savior who most sure they are to be used about the came to oring us the best of gifts; who tree!"

Then little Mary told of the beautiful asmuch as ye have done it to the least doll she had found sitting under the tree: of these, ye have done it unto Me."and even baby Emma, who probably Chicago Standard. had no remembrance of anything that had happened so long ago as Christmas. added her little prattle about toys and dolls

Aunt Helen waited until there was a Inil, which came when the four children were quite out of breath. They she told them that she fully expected to spend the holid ys with them, and inquired if they had begun to prepare for Christmas.

They were quite certain mamma had begun to prepare, for the large closet was kept locked, and when Jane had been seen carrying in some parcels, they had been told to run away quickly, for Christmas was coming.

Helen whispe ed that she had made a case for para's clothes' brush, a bookmark for mamma, and was now knitting reins for Harry.

Aunt Helen was pleased that her Christmas work was so far advanced, c mmunicating directly with the sewer but added: "While we try to make our without any intervening trap. He kept own dear ones happy and give them the windows wide open, and filled the pleasant surprises, we will not forget basin with water on retiring, but the the poor, but we will each try to bring whole of the water was sucked out joy to some sad or neglected one."

stormy, just the day for pulling out all the old toys and with mamma shelp de- says the writer, "for any adult to reciding which should be given away. There were dolls, animals, furniture and tary arrangements, and the air of the many other things, which, when they were piled in one corner of the nursery, presented such a dilapidated appearance that it seemed that children who could ta e pleasure in such toys must be indeed miserably poor.

But when Aunt Helen had brought untrue or exaggerated, for we believe the glue and secured the broken pieces there is a good deal too much truth in to their places, when the dolls had been them. But our landlords should be supplied with new heads or arms, ac- sensitive enough to such criticism to recording to their need, when all the little form the evils thus pointed out. It is garments had been nicely washed and no answer or excuse to say that we ironed which was Jane's donation to know of sores of hotels in Great Britthe poor children's box), you would ain which are no better or very much scarcely have believed they were the worse; or to ; oint to the numerous hosame things. Indeed, I fear Harry tels on the continent of Europe whose would have restored some of them to san tary condition is shameful. The his own shelf in the toy closet, if Aunt que tion now under discussion concerns Helen had not rem nded him of the great our own hotels and there ought not to pleasure they might afford to some child be a single one in the United States of who might be sorrowful even on Christ- which the statements of our dist'nmas day.

Several days had been occupied in be true. these repairs. The children were happy to help in every way, holding the glue, or the string, running up and down- this ery city which are anything but stairs to bring such things as were re- health resorts- hotels, indeed, which quired.

"And now," said Aunt Helen, "we must begin a new branch of busi-

Again mamma was called upon to say which of the old books might be spared

ly woman from the next room, who

"Oh, Auntie," said Helen. (the eldest had carried in her crippled child to adof the flock, who was now twe ve years mire the tree, gratefully accepted the old), "you must stay until atter Christ- widow's invitation to remain to dinner. And now, dear children, there are hundreds of families that might be made "Yes." said Harry (the next in age). happy by a little thoughtfulness on the peciall, at the holida time when we has said of every act of kindness: "In-

A Reproach to American Hotels.

immediately opened a channel The Lancet of London, one of the for acquaintanceship by asking Mr. foremost medical journals in the world, Pratt what time the train would reach warns all tra elers of the danger which it says attend a lengthened stay in an American or a Canadian hotel. The be detective in many cases, and conwith him, and proposed a friendly game other. spicnously had in others. Frequently there are no traps at all under the baof "keards" to while away the time. sins, or, where the e are traps, the pattern is said to be such as to afford no safeguard against the introduction of sewer gas into the apartment.

ly ill by sleep ng only one night in a covered it promptly, and then, throwing than all burned within him the ceaseless room where there was a fixed basin down a trade dollar, said, "Just for luck I'll bet that I win your money.'

The next day proved to be dark and, and the presence of sewer gas was plain attracted Mr. Pratt's attention. in the morning. "It is dangerous," side in a hotel with such imperfect sanigood."

room would not improbably cause death to bet \$500 it's good, an' don't you forto a delicate child." get it." Now, this is a matter about which

Mr. Pratt picked up the dollar and American hotel keepers -hould be very examined it carefully. It was of a dull sensitive. We do not mean that they leaden color, and when thrown down should re-ent these statements as being had no "ring" whatever. Mr. Pratt saw a chance for a stake. "I'll bet \$300 it's a counterfeit coin, said he, bringing out three \$100 bills. "All right," Greeny, prolucing the same amount. "I bet that the coin is good silver, and will leave it to the conductor." "Agreed." said Mr. Pratt, and the

card stakes were added, making the wager \$500 each. The coin was held by the gambler

until the conductor came through the car. He was asked to decide the bet. One contemptuous glance was given the coin, without any close examination. "It's the worst I ever saw," said he; "a guished medical contemporary could blind man couldn't get stuck on that."

"Wait a minute," said Greeny, quiet- is often exceedingly shabby. As matter of fact, we have reason to ly. as Mr. Pratt was about to gather up believe that there are many hotels in won't you? Here's a knife -cut into it.' people had better keep out of, if they The conductor smiled, but did as rewant to keep their health. -N. Y. Sun.

Sad Result of a Deer-Hnnt. had been pounded on so neatly as to to do work of On Monday last two brothers-in-law.

This feeling is based upon such easily observed facts as the following:

1. Paupers are on the increase. 2. Our schools too often educate their

onment, thus justifying the charge that education (falsely so called) unfits its possessors for useful industry. 3. The simpler and less important positions in the world's workshop are as a rule greatly overcrowded, while in the upper stories there is a vast amount of unoccupied space

4. The work done in the lower stories 5. Many who aspire to the upper storthe stakes. "Just take another look, ies fail to enter-or, if they apparently

6. The chosen few who truly enter cleverly pasted on with mucilage. It children to carry on their good work, or

and the girls those of the bridegroom. each of whom, sitting at the foot of the bed, threw the stockings over their heads, endeavoring to make it fall upon that of the bride or her spouse. If the bridegroom's stockings, thrown by the girls, fell upon the bridegroom's head, it was a sign that they themselves would soon be married, and similar luck was derived from the falling of the bride's stockings thrown by the young men .-

> ----The American Mother

The American mother-the mother of the men who usually become our Presidents-knows nothing of match-making, of laying baits to catch eligible young men of marrying her girls off. She may not watch them as European mothers do, and may trust too implicity in their good sense, but, at least, she never tries

She is no more averse than the mother in the Cotter's Saturday Night to see "her bairn respectit like the lave;" to have "gentlemen polite to her:" but sees the danger signals ahead, and somebody comes one day, hat in hand, blush-

household duties, and who must have a and a doll to be treated in all respects as mother treated the new baby, was more

The bigger, Janey, who grew so fast and helped so with the little children, and was her mother's right hand always, washer very own, morning noon and so capable and bright, so "stylish" in own, and carry her off to live elsewhere, and have other interests?

The mother can not bear the thought. and when that happens which does happen to most pretty girls, though she cannot wish her daughter to "be an old maid." her heart almost breaks and she feels sorely injured. People congratulate her, but she can only sigh.

Mothers like these, often nice, plain, country mothers, are not given to much reading of fashionable foreign news; but if they should, by chance, take to it in despair after all their girls are married, I think they would be astonished by the glimpses of the mothers forever plotting and planning to get their daugh-

Winter in the Poultry Yard.

Poultry houses that have not been thoroughly repaired and made dry and warm for the cold windy days and long frosty nights ought to be made snig at once, so fowls will have not only comfortable quarters to roost in at night, but a warm place of refuge from storms occurring during the day. While all shelters for poultry should securely protect from rain and cold, it is also necessary that they be ventilated properly, for fresh air, like fresh water, is a necessity. There should be within easy access of all the fowls dust-bins where the birds can have a dust-bath in weathers of all sorts. and gravel-boxes as well.

As green frod is very desirable, many farmers nowadays regularly lay by a stock of vegetables and green stuff for their fowls. Cabbages, turnips, potatoes and carrots are all wholesome food and the refuse from these crops can be turned to good account when mixed with meal, bran and other food. Where the number of fowls kept is small the refuse from the table furnishes the vegetable portion of the ration in potato and apple parings, cabbage leaves, bits of turnips and the like. Scraps of fat and meat

The poultry to be fattened is best and most economically managed when penned off from the rest of the flock. Contined to short runs the fowls lay on more fat and in less time than when allowed a wide range. Then, too, the feeding can be systematically done and food selected that tends to fat rather than the production of eggs. Fowls designed

for market from the first produce the best and juiciest flesh when generously fed from the stall to the time of disposal. As heavy weight is desirable for market dreamed. -E. F. Madden, in Harper's night. And now, the pretty young lady, purposes, a system of fattening is usually resorted to, and if the fowls have preher "best things," who has stopped viously received fair treatment, ten days taking lessons, and plays on the pretty, or a fortnight at the most gives sufficient upright piano in the parlor, who can cut time for this purpose. During this period and make everything for the younger exercise is required. Fed three times ones, who helps her, and of whom she is per day, confined in clean, airy coops proud, is she not also her very own, to with all they will eat of corn meal mixed ove and boast a little about? Jane, her with milk and provender for a change, daughter, her one grown-up daughter- the birds will lay on a surprising amount shall young Smith, or young Jones, or of flesh. As soon as fowls have attained middle-aged Tomlinson, take her for his the required degree of fatness. dispose CHICAGO HERALD, of them at once, since they will lose in weight from this time.

Fowls devoted exclusively to laying eggs also require a regular supply of nutritive food, but care must be observed not to overfeed, else the hens will fatten but lay few eggs. The proper amount of food varies with circumstances. When the fowls are confined to short runs they Three months, \$1.50. One month on need more food than when at liberty. In cold weather an increased supply is demanded, and then some breeds require more food than others. During the cold "WEEKLY weather a soft, warm food is exceedingly beneficial, to be given every morning. Boiled potatoes mashed and mixed with corn meal while warm constitutes an ex-

ters off their hands, marrying them to cellent food. Barley meal, provender anybody who has money, and always in and wheat middlings are good and a hurry to get the eldest off that the should be given one time and another for youngest may follow in her steps. That a change. Whole grain is best feed at

is a phase of domestic life of which the night, as this is more slowly digested the news, and general reading interestthan ground or soft feed, and furnishes ing to the farmer and his family.

a more constant supply during the long,

cold night. While corn in one form or

another is always a staple food, wheat,

oats and buckwheat are all valuable for

the production of eggs. Laying hens ought also to be fed meat in some form

at all seasons when they cunnot obtain

worms and insects. Green food is also

beneficial to laying hens. Lime and

gravel are necessities, and a little bone

fust now and then is a valuable assist-

ant. Milk furnishes, sweet or sour, both

drink and food. Where milk is not sup-

plied, water, plenty of it and always

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the ap, earance of the few that were to in sight of Mr. Roberts, and the be given away, by securing loose intervening undergrowth hiding Mr. leaves or covers and covering with Capps, who was in direct range bepaper those that were soiled or de tween Roberts and the deer, the lat-

The next day was employed in mak- mit of a slight elevati n and fell. Robhome several old directories, and htte act of cuting the deer's throat when Emma, who was proud in the posses-sion of her first pair of scissors, was in-Roberts said to him: "Well, Will, I've structed to cut out every other leaf, got him." "Yes," replied Capps, that is, to cut one leaf and leave the "and you've got me, too." Roberts next. This gave her employment for sprang up and looking at Capps saw several days. The picture papers and blood trickl ng fr m a wound just unpretty advertising cards were gathered. der his left eye. Ro' erts cried: "My and when the picture ; were carefully God, Will, have I shot you? Are you trimmed and pasted into the books they hit anywhere else?" Capps replied: certainly were very p etty scrap-books. "Yes, here in the left side." The child en decided that getting ready this utterance he turned upon his heel for t hristmas was very delight ul work. | and fe | head fir t down the hil a dead Nor was the mother idle du ing this man. - Mobile Register. time of preparation. She had brought forth all the garments that could be spared from the family wardrobe an 1 fume has its special moral and physi al had, with ane's help, been very busy, qualities, which-so far as her observa-

darning, patching, replacing buttons tions have gone-she states as follows: and putting all in complete order. When all was in readiness they were amiabil ty; rose, to audacity, avarice tied into neat purcels and delivered to and pride; geranium, to tenderness; the families for whom they were in- violet, to mysticism and piety: benzoin, tended, on Christmas Eve.

col. No doubt each carried with it com- beautiful arts; camphor. to stupidity fort and joy, for Mrs. Sinclair was well and brutality; Russia leather, to indoacquainted with the needs of those poor lence; white ylang-ylang is the most ple, and in her Christmas distribe- dangerous of all

would have been James Roberts and William (apps, bring out the tigures on each side in dull wilting to have them part with quite a residents of Chunchula, started out relief, giving the appearance of being a large number, but the children were from home on a short deer-hunt. Not counterfeit. The foil gave it the dead loath to give them up. One had such far from the house they put the dogs in sound and the appearance of lead. a lovely story, another such beautiful a branch swamp and each took opposite pictures, for one reason or another there sides of the stream that they might have but gave up the money. "As long as or tastes of consumers. Mr. Pratt opened his mouth very wide, were many great favorites. Aunt a better opportunity for a sho, should Helen was glad that they prized the r the dogs jump deer. A deer was startyou've beaten me so neatly," he said, bo ks: sho did not reprove them, but ed, and Mr. Capps got the first shot and it done?" "you might give me an insight. How is proceeded to show them how to improve missed his mark. The deer then ran

"to get even." ter fire i. The deer reache | the sum-

give you a chance to go for him. I in- all kinds of human organizations. tended to 'catch on' myself, but you seem to be a pretty good sort of fellow and didn't 'squeal.' so you can make all educated, we believe to be a perfectthere is in it. Just play the same racket as I did."

Mr. Pratt felt thankful for the chance, and kept his eye on the car door. Sure enough, a burly countryman entered a and as Greeny had left his seat the coun-

-----A Paris actress avers that each per-Musk predisposes to sensibility and good. "Wall," said the rural gentleto dreams, poetry and inconstancy; man, "I've got \$300 that says its a rank I have not space to follow each par- mint and verbena, to a taste for the counterfeit

faithful American mother er department of useful industry. ing.-N. Y. Ledger. 7. A whole community of prosperous workmen may be well-nigh reduced to beggary by the incoming of some new

invention, or by change in the fortunes 8. When old industries are swept away

and new ones established on the wrecks. there is usually little power on the part Greeny obligingly showed the trict. of workmen to adapt themselves to the and then very kindly offered to give the new conditions.

crestfallen gambler a coin already pre- 4. The relentless law of the survival pared, so that he might have a chance of the shrewdest and most unscrupulous,

instead of the Christian law of mutual "A rich old countryman will get on as consideration and co-operation, too gen-Harrisburg." said Greeny, "and I'll erally prevails among individuals and

That all education should be industrial. and that everybody should be industrially ly tenable proposition. - Prof. H. H. am." - Texas Siftings. Straight, in Popular Science Monthly.

-Complaint is made in California about the extortionate charges of court few moments before the train started, stenographers. The Judges of the Superior Courts get salaries of only \$1,000, tryman had dropped into it. In less than | but their stenographers frequently make twenty minutes he was holding five cards \$10,000 a year. When the Judges forin his sun-browned fist. Mr. Pratt re- get or do not attend to the testimony in marked that his hand was worth just cases tried before them without a jury, about \$1. The big agriculturist, by way which is often the case, they require the of reply, laid down a dollar-note. Mr. stenographers to write out copies of their Pratt produced his prepared coin. The notes at the expense of the litigants. In farmer laughed, and said he wasn't bet- a recent case a judge at Alameda reting against that kind of money. Mr. quired this to be done, and for transcrib-Pratt became indignant, and offered to ing testimony taken during a five hours' bet \$100 that the dollar was perfectly trial the stenographer charged \$110.

> -A Cincinnati man in trying to break a forty-dollar colt smashed up ninety

Mr. Pratt had his money up in a dollars' worth of property, but as he had minute. "We'll leave it to this gentleman | the applause of some two hundred men back of us, if you say so," said he, and and boys he didn't mind the loss much the farmer systenting a man in the rear -Commer-Journal.

A Reasonable Request. An Austin young man has been boring a young lady with his attentions for some time past, although on various and sundry occasions she had given him to understand that he was distasteful to her. A few evenings ago he assured her that he was anxious to fulfill her every wish.

"Is it really a fact that you will do whatever I ask of you?" "Your slightest wish is law. mand me, and I shall obey.'

"Well, then, I wish you would see you can induce my mother to marry vou. She is a widow, and is not as particular about whom she marries as I

-Samuel Kennedy was sent to the Massachusetts State Prison for life on a conviction of incendiarism. He served fifteen years with such good behavior that the Governor released him, but made a full pardon conditional upon his leading a law-abiding life. But he did not keep his pledge, and, on being caught in a burglary, has been returned to prison, with no prospect of ever again being released. - N. Y. Sun.

-An engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia company that is reclaiming 11,000,000 acres of Florida lands says that the ground so reclaimed will be found most valuable for the cultivation rise from four o'clock. A handkerchief of sugar cane, rice and trophical fruits. -Philadelphia Press.

rest a cinnamon bear last spring and is was eighteen inches from the ground, in bed yet.

-A Colorado Sheriff undertook to ar. risen six inches. At 8 p. m. the kerchief und at 3 a. m. nine feet."

In the Village of Pedur, in India, grows a marvelous palm. Some children plucked its fruit at five o'clock one afternoon, and flocked early the next Buckeye Mower, combined, Self morning to gather more, but they found the branches now far above their heads. They ran to their parents with the story that a date tree which they saw on the previous day lying upon the ground was now standing. Observation disclosed that the tree changed its position every

morning and evening. The tree is eleven feet high, not including the leaves COOne door west of Heintz's Drug and stems. One who has seen it writes: store, 11th Street, Columbus, Neb. "At 5:30 the tree was almost lying toward the west. The foot of the tree was OMA week made at home by the at an angle of five to seven degrees with the ground, and we were given to under-O & now before the public. Capital stand that it had already commenced to which had been tied by the District Munsiff to one of the leaves, so that its other end might just touch the ground, had

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