CHAPTER V.

The Training of Fridtjof the Page. Who that has youth and a healthy body is not made a new being by a night of dreamless slumber? Wakened by the sun's caress, to the morning song of blowing trees, Randalin woman of warriors.

where sleepers might have rested. But from outside, a clatter of hurrying feet and excited voices broke suddenly upon her. Did it mean a battle? She sat up, straining eye and ear. that just missed being intelligible.

While she was trying to unravel it brok into view.

of him. Though he showed against her hair. To become his property jow! as he had loomed up the right of relief, she turned her thoughts before, she found herself moved only back to the battle. to dislike. What had been the matter of the clairvoyant power of sharpened her eye met his.

Rothgar surveyed the sprig of defitory interest.

your legs. Have you had anything to each will defend the other best."

As she shook her head, Randalin's shouting her name-Fridtjof's name. heart rather softened toward him. Giving her scarf a hasty twist about But it hardened again when the her arm, she knotted it with her teeth;

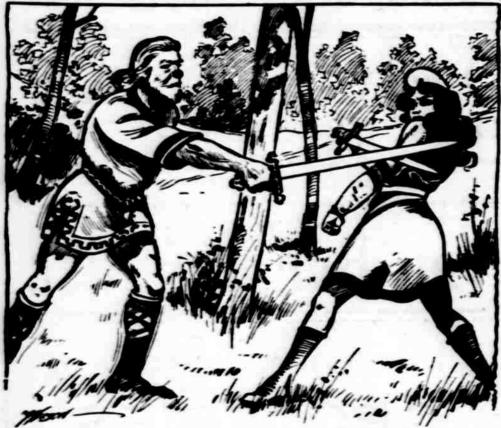
share in the battle. I swear it by the hilt of the Hanger!" For a moment the girl forgot her wound and hung limp in the great

Roaring afresh, the Jotun gave her another jubilant toss. "You blusterfaced her future as became the kins- ing field-mouse! Showing your teeth already? Why knows? If you meet The tent was empty, though scat- a blind Englishman without a westered furs along the benches showed pon, you may even kill him. Here," he tumbled her roughly to the ground. "tie up your pin scratch and then come after me. I must go up yonder to Canute, under the oak tree." Putting out one great hand, he patted her soft The jubilant voices shouted greetings curls as though she were some shaggy

all, one pair of the hurrying feet accepted it gratefully. But it was only halted before the entrance. After a a respite; she never for a moment muttered word with the sentinel they lost sight of that. The battle must came on and brought the son of Lod- be faced, and faced boldly. One word of reluctance would be the surest be-The girl started up with a gasp of trayal of her secret. A betrayal meant alarm, then made the strange dis. Rothgar! She shivered as she fancied covery that she was no longer afraid she still felt his greasy touch upon plant Once important Object to in the linen wall as brawny and big of that he might even kiss! With a gasp

None too soon: above the outside last night? Understanding nothing din a horn clarioned, loud and clear. Through the nush that followed could nerves, she set it down to cowardice. be heard the voice of Canute, assignand put on an extra swagger now as ing their positions to the different bands.

"I and my kinsman, Ulf Jarl, shall ance with no more than a perfune be foremost. To the right of my standard Edric Jarl shall stand, and the "It seems that you are the son of men with whom he joined us. He Frode the Dane," he said in his heavy shall have another standard. To the voice. "Frode was a mighty raven- left of my bodyguard shall stand the feeder; for his sake I am going to men of Eric of Norway. Friends and support you until you can go well on kinsmen shall stand together. There



kept turning, twisting, dodging, till her breath began to come in

thralls had brought the food, and he ! and seizing the sword in her little sat down and begun to share it. His brown hand clotted with her own thick line, his heavy breathing-bah, blood, she ran out into the tumult. he was revolting! Before she had finished the meal she had come to the conclusion that she hated him.

of food. Rothgar said abruptly, "Ca- hum of Danish voices sank in a nute has put your training into my hands. It is his will that I find out how much skill you have with weapons. Can you handle a sword?"

Randalin hesitated, uncertain how far her idle play at fencing with her face. His long locks flowed behind brother would bear her out. "I think you will find my skill slight. I have- low flame; and like northern lights in I have grown so fast that I lack a blue northern sky, the leader's fire strength in my arms. And I have not flashed in his eyes. As he came, he

have done." "It is in my mind that you have been a lazy cub," the warrior pronounced deliberate sentence, as he set down his goblet. "It is easily seen that Frode has been over-gentle with you. Stand forth and show what your skin is worth. This sword will not be too heavy." Selecting the smallest of the jeweled blades upon the floor, he thrust it into her hands.

It is good to have in one's veins the liquid fire of the North, blood to which the presence of peril is like the touch of the Ice King to water. At the first clash of the blades, strange tingling fires began to flash through Randalin -and then a hardness that burnt while it froze. The first pass, her hands had parried seemingly by their own instinct; now she flung back her tumbling curls and proceeded to give those hands the aid of her eyes. Three times her blade met Rothgar's squarely, and deftly turned it aside. The big warrior gave a grunt of approval and tried a more complicated pass. Her backward leap, the sudden doubling of her body, and the excited clawing of her free hand, were not graceful swordsmanship, certainly; but her steel was in the right place. The next instant, she even drew a little clink from one of the Jotun's sil- How the stones rattled on the armor! ver buttons.

As she was recovering herself, she felt something like a pin prick her wrist; and she wondered vaguely what brooch had become unfastened. But she gave it scant attention, for my King! Craft! Why spill so much from a new direction. She leaped to ermeet it, and for the next minute was kept turning, twisting, dodging, till her breath began to come in gasps and her exhausted hand to relax its us. Use your blade, or I will sheathe hold. Her weapon was almost falling it in you." from it by the time the son of Lodbrok lowered his point. Imitating lips heard the Tall One's answer; for roundabout, confused way of stating him, she stood leaning on her sword, at that moment his horse reared and making futile gasps after her lost sheered away before a spear-prick.

A grin slowly wrinkled his face as rushed with shouts of triumph.

"It appears that one who is no bigger around than a willow twig may be the two whose gold-hilted swords procasable of a berserk rage." he said. | claimed their nobility of birth sharing "Do you not feel that you are wound- the lot of their lesser comrades, ac-

Following his eyes down to her but it needed not the daring of the at- 1 as inept as he is said to be, but achand, she found blood trickling from tack to mark them as the very flower cording to Lord Curzon he is personal her sleeve. Oh, and pain! Now that of English chivalry. The young no ly not at all a bad fellow. He has an sword, she caught at her wrist.

pin had pricked me!" her under the arms and tossed her in At the sight of him Rothgar uttered jecting belt. He is small of stature

- Fresh bisself! A beard on your But the Ironside caught it on his less little man," writes a traveler. chin and you also will be a faeder shield and delivered a sword-thrust in "Unnecessary, perhaps, to civilisa-

hands. "The battle?" she gasped. "I -I fight?"

dog, then hurried out to his chief. It was a respite to be alone, and she

Then Rothgar's harsh voice sounded

babe's forehead at christenings.-New York Times.

> Russia has over 100 universal holidays in the year, and, in addition, every village has the holdiay of its own saint, so that on the average in a month.

Each village also has certain holidays of its own. Thus the village of Mikhailovo celebrates as a festival the anniversaries of:

down in 1897."

"The day the Czar Alexander Nikolaivitch, the emancipator, visited Count Zhilinsky's house at Bobr."

the consumption of "gorki" (another pet name for vodka). The drink is not paid for by private individuals. but out of the communal revenue, the amount to be expended being fixed at a special meeting of the "mir." or vil-

Harry Lehr and John Jacob Astor risited Philadelphia recently in a motor car. They stayed overnight in Philadelphia, and during the evening a number of young men called on them. Mr. Lehr was in good spirits. His conversation was amusing. The talk happened to turn on sea voyaging, and

mendous row arose among the sailors. They fought down in the forecastle like a lot of beasts. Luncheon was going on at the time, and the first offcer left the table to see if he could quell the disturbance.

down. Everything was quiet when he returned. The captain called across the saloon to him in an approving

" 'Yes,' returned the first officer. 'We

A Change for the Worse. Jacob H. Schiff, the New York bankr, was talking about plain and direct

"To be plain and direct is always

ed by a clergyman. He was address-

he wanted to be sure they would understand him. "The Bible tells us.' said this clergyman, that it is as difficult for a Willie B. Oston-Madam, why do camel to pass through a needle's eye | you interrogate what is a self-evident as for a rich man to enter the king truth? I am the victim of my moth-

dom of heaven. That though is a er's good intentions. the case. I should state it like this: "'It is as difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven as for a shad to go up a smooth-bark apple

Harmless Korean Empero The emperor of Korea was paying tribute to China as his suzerain this cording to the old Saxon war-custom: time ten years ago. He may be quite would have been lordly in a serf's tu- royal brow rests a double tiered violet distinguished him even more than his | ured silk paneled with gold embroidery and he wears a gold studded pro-



Did She Throw Him Over? That Charlie Pinchback is a m

"You know, he's engaged to Tilda Rickrack. Well, he found a ring somewhere :t a bargain and gave it plied quickly: to her. It was too small for her What do you suppose he "What? "Advised her to diet until she could

get it on."-Stray Stories. Must Look the Same

Little Sister was complaining tearfully about something her mother had told her to do. "Very well," said grandma, "we will

trade off this mamma for another "All right," said little sister, "but we'll have her look just like my man



running for help!

When Subjects Rebel. For three weeks he had borne all a murmur. Then his patience gave to 3,000 pieces.

used to tell me I was your queen." over the mountain trails in spring his eye: "but when a man finds his burst with trifling effect in the backchanting seasonal songs to their gods. queen has used his tobacco jar for ing of coal. A shell charged with pale oak varnish and his best meer. Shimose powder tore an aperture cavern the chiefs were decorated with schaum pipe for a tack hammer be three feet in diameter. The composithe pyramid cacti, and a dance was he begins to grasp the advantages of tion is handled with the greatest safea republic."-Stray Stories.

The master plumber had become stayed through the day and night of health. On the voyage a school of things more than nuncturing the prewhales was sighted and the

"Why is he so happy?" asked a curi- cal condition within earshot of the "He can't help it," whispered the terious part of the plant a liquid was captain. 'He imagines each spout is think my wind a bit bad, but doctor extracted to serve for medicine, and a burst of water pipe, to be repaired says my arteries are as soft as a

> Her Ruling Passion. "The next house I build I'll leave out all the woodwork."

"Because at home now every time get a poor dinner my wife says: There was no time to bother with the work at all after you've thrown it at there are only about 18 working days cooking, Henry. We had to wash all the feet of every good-looking woman the woodwork to-day."

How It Looked to Him. She had been hammering the piana

for half an hour. "And you call that playing?"

Why not?" "It looks to me like work."

remarked.

inquiringly. Why, in Bryant's day the women did their housecleaning in the fall," said Smithers.

"I wish you would not give me such short weight for my money," said the customer to a grocer, who had an out standing bill against him. such long wait for mine, replied the

Willing to Oblige.

"I may as well tell you, young man." said Miss Spooner's father, turn out the lights by 10 o'clock."

An Unwilling Victim.



Miss Q. Ery-Who made your trous ers. little boy?

He Didn't say Much. Councilman 'lawkaway-Do think your paper will print all I said? Reporter-Oh, yes. Councilman Tawkaway - Thet's

Reporter-Oh, I don't say we'll print your whole speech; we'll merely print what you said. He Had Good Reason.

nice. I'll be glad to see my speech in

The Bride-Tell me now, dear, when you proposed weren't you a little norvous for fear I should say "No"? The Bridegroom (who has married for money)-I should think I was Why, I owed nearly \$5,000, and my creditors were getting awfully crusty.

dore or Loss Ricro-Pulkius regards bimoelf as Diggs-Is that all? I thought be garded himself as the other 999.

A good stary is being told to Ans at the expense of the mer of the State Bar association. The arrival of so many guests about Carvel hall aroused the curiosity of the inka bitenta

"What's going on here?" asked native of a colored waiter. With a knowing air, the secro

There's gwine to be a meetin' of the barkeepers of Maryland." "Are you sure of that?" he v

"Certainly i am. Ain't I a fixin' the tables for all them now? They ought to be a good crowd for money; you know, they make it easy, and they ought to let it so loose. They are the slickest lookin' crowd I have seen down here. They beat the members of the legislature all to pieces," he continued.

While the waiter man was thus delivering himself one of the judges of the court of appeals was standing a short distance away conversing with rural schools. Doubtless great good several lawyers. The colored man caught sight of them, and, turning to is questioner, said: "That big man there, I bet, is a barkeeper in one of the big hotels. He is the slickest and attest man of them all."-Baltimore

JAPS USE A GOOD POWDER.

t Never Fails to Go Off When De sired and Does Effective Work. The explosive powder used by the Japanese in their projectiles is the best ever employed in warfare. It is the invention of Prof. Shimose, a Japanese. He claims that with regard to explosive force the powder stands next to blasting gelatin and on a much higher level than dynamite or gun cotton. A handful exploded on Rescuer—How lucky it is I'm a good an iron plate one and one-half inches funner! Now I can save a life by thick forces a hole through the plate. A shell charged with the compounds ordinarily used in Europe is broken into a comparatively small number of fragments, whereas one charged with he horrors of spring cleaning without Shimose powder bursts into from 2,000

At a special test made two years "And you," sobbed his wife-"you ago a six-inch shell loaded with gun cotton made a hole a little larger than "Yes." he said, with a wild glare in its own diameter in the target and ty and it costs only about one-half of gun cotton.

> Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish relishes few known Manhattan bean, who pleads guilty to 60, was discussing his physi-

"Feeling pretty well myself. Did babe's and my heart works like a well-built pump. Pretty good for an old 'un of 60, hey?"

"Quite surprising, indeed." interposed Mrs. Fish in her cynical way. "How so, how surprising?" he asked suspicionsly.

"Surprising that your heart should in New York."-New York Mail and

Front on the Julea When the liquid is all ambered. Toned with spices and frapped And the straw is in the glas

And the straw is in the glass!

What fond, enduring memories Come trooping back from years.
Unmoved by stinging conscience whips.
Unburnt by galling tears—
Oh, how we drift and drowse and dream
And watch the humdrum pass.
When the frost is on the julep. And the straw is in the glass

Yet, hold! The while we drift and dr The world moves on apace:
The sands are filtering through the glas
And we—we lose the race!

An old, old woman sat on the curb once had been a hat. She trembled with weakness. Beside her was a basstock in trade. Passing her were feet, shoeless, but wrapped in strips stones of the street, and she was adjusting the covering.

"Terrible!" said a lady to her escort. "Yes," he replied. "Where'll we go

A Gamin's Caustic Criticism gamin, "I'm glad I kept me dog."

Black Skin Protection Against Sun.

Hogress for the Transvani. Barbados business men have of fered to supply 30,000 negroes for labor in the Transvaul and to agree to deliver them at Lourenco-Marque within twelve months, at \$100 per head, provided the wages should be not less than \$12.50 per month with heard and lodging.



(Mr. Wrang invites contributions of any new ideas that readers of this di-partment may wish to present, as would be pleased to answer correspond onto desiring information on subject

HORTICULTURE IN RURAL SCHOOLS.

There has been a great deal of talk

ately in regard to the teaching of

agriculture and horticulture in the could be accomplished in this way if there were teachers qualified for the work. But the so-called normal schools turn out too many drilled automata and do little in the real teaching of nature. If the country school teachers could all be given a short course in agriculture and horticulture at the state colleges of agriculture we might after a while have men and women prepared to take up the work in an elementary way in the rural chools. But as the short courses at these colleges mostly come in the winor months, when the teachers are employed, there arises a need for sumrould soon come some application of what they have learned in the plantng and beautifying of the school ctual work in planting trees and flowers and caring for them to make chiliren fond of nature and her products. and there is nothing better calculated to drive the young people from the farm than the comfortless and ugly schoolhouses and their ill-kept surroundings. Getting the young people interested in plant life will then be ant to draw them to the farmers' in stitutes, and the institutes will never accomplish what they should in the the education of the farmer till they catch him young enough.

H. B. Gurler of DeKalb. Illinois, recently reported at a farmers' institute that as soon as his cows were taken off of ensilage and put on spring pasgood) their milk dropped off twenty per cent. Silos which thus increase the output of a cow twenty to twenty-five per cent are too valuable to ignore. If a farmer has twenty cows the silo will give as much milk as any five of them and costs nothing to feed. for ensilage is cheaper than any other winter feed. The lesson from this is that ensilage may be fed throughout the spring if not all the year round. supplementing other feed.

STRAWBERRY ENEMIES.

In common with all other domestic fruits the strawberry has its insect and fungus enemies, says a strawberry grower. Among the more destructive of the former are the white grubs, a name given to the larval stages of the different species of the June beetles. As these work no apparent injury until the patch is two years old, it is advisable where injury is liable to occur to plow under the patch as soon as the first crop is harvested. Other insect pests are the Strawberry Sawfly, or slug, and the Strawberry Leaf Roller. These may gence. Hogs require a dense shade be controlled to a certain extent by and an abundance of water with acspraying. Rust, or Strawberry Leaf | cess to the breezes. Blight, as it is commonly called, is perhaps the most destructive enemy of strawberry culture. This disease if not checked, soon spreads all over the leaves and attacks the fruit stems. often completely girdling them, causing them to shrivel up, and the berries are consequently useless. Fifty per cent of the crop is often lost from this cause. The most satisfactory remedy for this evil is spraying with the Bordeaux mixture, which should be applied in July or August of the previous year and before and after blossoming

of the fruiting season. BREVITIES

Plausible lies are "facts made

Klondikers are having their golden The sile is a cow buoy-a dairy lighthouse. Money breeds the moral backbone out of men.

A conceited Christian may be guilty A dishorning saw may raise a crop of cow peace.

No. sir-men with a dual nurnos seldom do all they should. Make 'em eat dirt! Who? The crops. Pulverize the soil so they can will be all the better for the good farmers are just as numerous as suc-

It is a good maxim that "A man is best dressed when his dress is suited to his business." But that is no rea-

son for patronizing an overall manu-

a pag factory.

POCKET GOPHERS. the strong sunshine. A slight inflam- covered. In a day one can lay out a of gravel are of limestone and of ex- If well baked it will keep a long time. mation sets in on the unprotected good deal of poison and a great many actly the same composition as oyster skin, but not under the black paint, sphers, which are very destructive

Do not think that because the freight rates; but the man who con- went to college and a very great weather is hot the cattle do not want skin. Exposing the arm again, the sait. If they have it where they can first-class fat stock will not be "bestaffarmation sets in only in the white Bek a little of it every day they will ed" by the freight he has to pay. line. The brown pigment caused by not get so hungry for it, and your milk the sun (sunburned) at the first ex- test will be the more uniform for this

those newly-invented air ships."

Perhaps He Has None. Biggs-Did you ever notice what a sealthy looking man Dr. Pellet is? Diggs-Yes he looks so different from his sats ats. I wonder who his physician ::

ON CORN CULTIVATION.

How to cultivate corn to the best of cultivation is to produce the most light, air, a good form, and prevent its favorable conditions for the growth growth so it will split apart some day. vary according to surrounding circum- cry of most pruners, and a good one. stances, conditions and methods of

The condition to be attained is to hold in the soil the fullest amount of of forkfuls of straw manure around moisture that does not retard the every newly planted tree on the place. growth of the crop, and to keep the Do it first chance. Don't ask whyweeds from growing. Every farmer go do it. knows that by plowing up the weeds he destroys them and that by maintaining a surface mulch he keeps the moisture in the ground.

Knowing the object sought, every one growing corn should carefully tough sod will not do for an orchard. study the conditions prevailing in his own fields, and use such methods that, in his best judgment will turn these conditions to good account. The methner schools for this purpose. These ods that would be best adapted to one night be made a strong force in the kind of soil might be the very worst progress of nature teaching. With for some other soil. Consequently it eachers enthused for the work, there is not wise to adopt any method without careful consideration of its effect under the specific conditions prevailing. To read and know of different grounds. There is nothing like the methods is advisable, if it instructs along general lines, and it is a wise farmer who does it. But it is a still wiser one who gains general knowledge and seeks to apply it to specific

Study the effects of different modes of cultivation and apply the one that seems best adapted to the particular needs in the case.

"Down in the woodland pasture
The thistles and briers grow.
And the buttercups are yellow as gold,
And the daisies white as snow.
And Brindle, and Bessie, and Gray,
When the afternoons grow late.
Take the trodden, homeward path
That leads to the barn-yard gate." POULTRY POINTERS.

Save the meat scraps for your fowls drinking vessels once a week.

Ground bone can be fed alone or in

soft food. Tobacco stems covered with straw in the nests will prevent insect breed-Proper food and a variety of it make strong, healthy chickens.

they are not good market fowls.

If you want to keep eggs for any length of time turn them over every Clean earth is one of the best ab-

One disadvantage of guineas is that

sorbents that can be used in the poul-Whitewashing the nests, inside and out, is a good means of keeping them

Mark your chicks each year so you can know their age, and kill or sell them after the third year. The aog by reason of its peculiar makeup needs more shade than any

free from vermin.

other domestic animal. The person who neglects shade for fat hogs is liable to meet with a loss for his negli-

SUMMER BEDDING. Too many farmers have an idea that little bedding is needed by either horses or cows during the summer. They take the stand that the bedding would be too warm for the animals. labor. Any material may be used for the winter, but the bedding should be ing and any that is to be put back should be thoroughly aired. Sawdust injurious to the soil provided it is hours after they are milked to eat mixed on the compost heap with some. manure and a certain amount of hay or straw bedding, so that when it is applied to the soil it will not be too and go to town for city life, because weeds for summer bedding and there which serves the purpose of arguis no objection to this as they are not used when in seed so that when thrown on the manure pile the seeds will be kept in full germinating power to make trouble later when placed on the farm. Bed the animals as care is not anywhere near so hard as it is fully and as cleanly during the sum- claimed to be, and compares favorably mer as during the winter and they

ORCHARD NOTES

Just how to prune a fruit tree is not advantage is a question very much easy to tell. Each tree must be alive. It seems that no rule can be pruned to suit circumstances. The laid down which is best. The object principal thought must be to give it of the corn, and while the ideal condi- For instance, train the young tree so tion is largely the same always, the it will not spread its main branches methods of reaching it are many, and at one point. "Open the top" is the

> Once every year, sometimes twice, we have to tell you to wait for a good soaking rain and then throw a couple

> Old Peter Tumbledown lets his orchard grow into a tough sod, and is surprised that his neighbor, who does not, has larger and finer fruit than he. He does not seem to know that

> When a twig of your tree appears as as if covered with ashes, look sharp for San Jose scale; also, if when the bark of infected twigs is scraped an oily yellowish liquid appears on the

> If any fruit should be thinned it is the plum. Nature herself, recognizing that this fruit is prone to overbear. sheds some fruit in early summer. This is not enough, however, and the grower should continue the process after the June drop.

> Muzzle the horse in the young orchard and tie up the single trees with

> fertilizer bags. Frequent harrowing will destroy weeds by killing them while still very

young and tender. Let no grain ripen near a vonne

Don't forget to go to a picnic occasionally this summer; it is not time lost. Give the women and children the recreation and change which is essential to their well-being. The farmer who is so "practical" that he does not believe in recreation is practically idiotic in his blindness. He gets a for himself in his weekly or semiweekly trips to town where he gossips at the stores. Let him be wise enough to give his family the same amount of change from the humdrum and drudgery of the farm. He will "get more work out of them" in the course of a year and a lifetime than he ever will by holding them continu-

ally at toil. Fruit is a profitable product of the farm even if none of it is sold. The eating of it promotes health, saves doctors' bills, and saves money that would be otherwise spent for things to take its place. If there is no fruit arrange for it; if some fruit is now

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LAST CHANCE FOR A CROP OF RAPE.

grown, arrange for more.

There is time vet, but it will soon pass away, for a crop of rape. I wonder if one in ten of our readers grow rape. "What is that plant?" pointing to a rape field and saying that he had never seen or heard of it before. Rape is practically a rutabaga which grows rapidly and converts all of its nutriment into ruch succulent leaves instead of storing it in the plant as does the rutabaga.

Any land that is reasonably fertile will grow rape. Oat, wheat or rye stubble can be plowed and made fine and three or four pounds of seed sowed to the acre and covered lightly This is nonsense for the horse, espe- and if dry weather, rolled. The rape cially, needs clean bedding during the plant don't mind what kind of weather months when it perspires freely from | we have. Dwarf Essex rape seed looks like rutabaga seed, not turnip summer bedding that is used during seed, as does the mustard rape. Many farmers have been badly injured by removed from the stalls each morn- getting the worse than worthless seed. Stock can be turned into it after the plants are eight or ten inches high. is good for bedding and will not be Even milch cows can have about two

Many young men leave the country hard to distribute. Many farmers use | town life is easy, or they think it is, ment. The result is that ninety per cent of them earn enough money for grub, clothes, a street car ride and an occasional seat at a cheap theater. Farm life is not over-luxurious, but it with average city life. Successful

cessful business men. GRAVEL AND SHELLS. POULTRY NOTES.

Gravel is valueless unless # is In nearly all cases the best and sharp. As soon as the fowl rounds of strongest chicks come from two-yearfacturer who takes his patterns from a sharp substance in the gizzard, it is old hens united with a good strong voided; hence, hens prefer sharp cockerel. shells to round gravel. The reason While there is but little sale in marthey eat more shells-or more sharp ket for guineas, they are the nearest grit of any kind-when they are lay- approach to the wild fowls of any I have been over my fields this ing is because more food is then re- meat known. spring with a supply of poisoned par- quired, and consequently there is bet- It pays to bake food for young newsboy and asked: "How did you salps, to kill those pests, the pocket ter digestion. If an egg has specks chicks. Take equal parts of coarse like the show?" "Huh!" growled the grophers. I used strychnine in small or flakes of lime on the shell it does corn meal, wheat bran and a handful places of parsnip, just about enough to not imply that it is due to feeding oys- of meat or meal or ground scraps to make a good mouthful for the gopher. | ter shells, as the same thing occurs | a quart of the mixture and bake like a With a spade an opening is made in when no oyster shells are given. It shortcake, using baking soda to light-On the bare arm paint a broad line their run-ways, into which a bit of the may also be due to the food. As a en it and enough wholesome fat to in Indian ink and expose the arm to poison is placed and the hole is then rule such hens are fat. Some kinds shorten so it can be easily crumbled.

> There is plenty of reason for west- ly necessary. A very great many of ern farmers complaining of excessive our eminent and successful men never verts his grain into butter, wool or many have.

Soft soap is a good remedy for

Did He Think They Were Cats? "You offce holders," sneered the "don't die very often, do you?"

scaly legs in fowls.

Very Shecking. Rodrick-This paper says that some things at St. Louis are so they really appal the visitor." Van Albert-"H'm! they must me the hotel bills."

Do not get mixed up in factions Keep out of all little bug-house squabbles-do not take sides-we are here to work; don't you know that? Johnny Was On. "Johnny," said his employer, "my

strolled "remember I have your shawl here on my arm." "You might put it around me,"

aunt died yesterday and I shall be

absent from the office to-day. I want

It is a nice thing to have a first-

class education, but it is not absolute-

he watched her.

she had wakened to it-pain! prick- ble, who hovered around his chief unpleasant habit of chewing the betel ing stinging stabbing. Dropping her much as Rothgar circled about Canute while one is talking to him. Upon the How did it happen? I thought a nic; and the leader's royal hearing headpiece; his robe is of scarlet fig-Roaring with laughter, he caught mighty frame.

of welves! For that you shall have a return that dropped the Dane's arm tion's march, but still harmless."

a great cry of "Edmund!" and moved but pleasant of features, gentle and "A pin!" he shouted. "A pin! That forward, swinging his uplifted are. with winning ways. "Quite a harm-

Shrill and clear from the opposite hills came the notes of the English horns, as down the green slope moved As he swallowed his last mouthful the ranks of English bowmen. The breathless hush. Down the line came the young King upon his white warhorse, clad for the battle as for a feast. The sun at noonday is not more fiercely bright than was his him on the wind like tongues of yel-

exercised myself as much as I should was calling out terrible reminders: words that were to the ears of his champing host what the smell of blood is to the nostrils of wolves. His answer was the bursting roar of the Danish battle-cry. Like an avalanche loosed from its moorings, they swept down the hillside upon the English bowmen. From that moment, Randalin rode in a dream. The son of Lodbrok was beside her, singing as he went, and tossing his great battleaxe in the air, to catch it again by

the handle. In front of them rode

Canute the King: in his hand his

gleaming blade, whose thin edge he tried now and again on a lock of his floating hair, while he laughed with boyish delight. On, till the bowmen's faces were plain before them; then suddenly it began to hail-"the hall of the string." Arrows! One hissed by the girl's ear. and one bit her cloak, to hang there quivering with impotent fury. The man on her right made a terrible gurgling sound and put up his hand to tear a shaft from his throat. Would they be slain before-Canute rose in his stirrups with a great shout. The horns echoed it; the trot became a gallop, and the gallop a run. On. on.

And hissed! There! a man was death-doomed: he was falling. To the side of the young leader Thorkel the Tall was spurring, bending urgently from his saddle. "Craft. good blood? Listen to Edric the Gain-

Canute's furious curse cut him short.

"To the Troll with your craft! Swords

into the very heart of the hail-cloud.

shall make us, or swords shall mar Only the wind that took it from his and into the rift a handful of English

There were no more than half-a- tree tail foremost." dozen of them, and all were on foot,

like a northern light. The noble and one of the soldiers had forced their way to the side from which Thorke! had been riven, and a third threatened him from the rear. Three blades stabbing at him as with one motion.

by this side. As it fell, Bothese's left

hand plucked forth his blode, but the English king had pressed him toward

It was a strange thing that saved him-Randalin could explain it least of all. But in a lightning flash it was burnt into her mind that while her king's sword was a match for the two in front of him, the one behind was going to deal him his death. And even as she thought it, she found that she had thrown herself across her horse's neck and thrust out her sword arm-out with the force and frenzy and down into the shoulder of the Englishman. In a kind of dazed wonder, she saw his blade fall from his

grasp and his eyes roll up at her, as he staggered backward. Canute laughed out, "Well done, Berserker!" and redoubled his play against those before him. A turn of his wrist disarmed

soldier, and his point touched the young noble's breast; but before he could lunge, the mighty figure of Edmund rose close at hand, his blade heaved high above his head.

SACRED CACTUS OF INDIANS.

(To be continued.)

dian Aborigines. The chief Sabbath attraction in an optown church recently was a pyramid cactus. It held the most conspicuous place on the altar, and scores of strangers visited the church to see it.

"It was given to our home missionary." said one of the members, "by an Indian convert in New Mexico. The cactus grows only in caverns, and is found in the Gaudalupe mountains. The beautiful vase-shaped marcon blooms develop to over two inches in diameter, and there are as many as 20 on a mature plant. In early times the faithful Indians used the caverns as churches, and beautiful places of worship they must have made, with way. majestic walls of variegated limestone wreathed in flowering juniper and mountain laurel. They marched When they reached the mouth of the

performed. "Then chanting, dancing, and the sacrifice of animals took place in the ave. Often the redskins, worn out with their exertions, fell asleep and ich, and was going abroad for his To sleep near the sacred cactus plants was seen to rub his hands in ecstawas the same to the aborigines as a cies. visit to Mecca is to the Mohammedan. The touching of its leaves was a puri- ous passenger. fication in itself. From some mysthe flower petals were placed upon a by him at his old rates."

Russia's Many Holidays.

"The day the village was burnt "The day Piotr Morosoff tumbled into the ravine and broke his neck." "The day Piotr was buried."

"The day the Virgin Mary was seen bringing food to the famine-stricken All these festivals are celebrated by

lage parliament.—Stray Stories. Trouble at Sez.

"Once, crossing the Atlantic, a tre-

"He had only been gone a little while when the hubbub began to die

have ironed the sailors, sir."

best," he said, "but to be too plain and direct is to be uncouth—to be ludi-"A good example of that was afford-

"Yes." she returned indignantly. What pretty dreams come laughi "I wonder what inspired Bryant to write the line, The melancholy days

Each vigorating quaff.

Each vigorating quaff.

And as we keep on quaffing, how we linger, love and laugh.
Until the raveled vestiges have come," remarked Mrs Smithers . Evening Up.

"And I wish you wouldn't give me Oh, how the dead years haunt us And watch the humdrum pass. When the frost is on the julep. And the straw is in the glass!

"that I always close up the house and of Park Row. Her clothing was rags. Her bleared eyes were deep in a set-"Don't bother to-night, sir," replied ting of wrinkles. Upon her scant Jack Nervy. "I'll attend to that for gray hair there was something that ket filled with trumpery, evidently a scores of well-clad men and women. Few noticed the wretched wreck. Her of carpeting had been bruised on the

> for lunch?"-New York World. Lawrence D'Orsay, the English actor, finds the American gamin a source of endless delight. While standing in the doorway of a theater in Philadelphia he saw a newsboy leading a disreputable yellow dog by a string. "If you will give me that dog," said D'Orsay, "I'll get you into the show." The boy replied: "How do I know you'd take care o' de pup?" The actor laughed and got the little chap a front seat in the gallery. Next day he saw the

which excludes the light rays (but, of in the orchards, meadows and all culcourse, not the heat rays). Some days | thrated fields. after the skin is darker (sunburned). except where the Indian ink was nainted, where is a white line in the posure protects the skin against the fact. chemical rays. Therefore are segroes black, and travelers of white skin may protect themselves in the tropics from the sun by black or red paint.—

A Hard Trip. "I understand that your husband nok a fiver in the stock market." "Yes. answered young Mrs. Torkins, "that's what Charley called it.

man who was vainly trying to be one, "No," replied the man who was But I guess he must have used one of one, as he smiled benignly, "only once."-Stray Stories.

you to look after things." "All right, sir," replied Johnny. "I hope you'll see a good game." New Then, What Did He Do? "If you feel chilly," said he, as they

said demurely.