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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

CONVICT SHIP "SUCCESS" CLARKSON WINS DEBATE

Scene of Horrible Inhumanities In Seventeenth Century Now Docked in Richmond.

BY R. W. MERCHANT

At the foot of 18th street in Richmond is now docked and being viewed by thousands of old and young, the British convict ship, "Success," which was the scene of horrible and shocking inhumanities in the eighteenth century.

This is the only survivor of the "ocean hells," as the ships of England's fleet of felon transports were called in the first half of the last century. Built in 1790 at Moulmein, by the old Pagoda, "looking eastwards to the sea," the "Success" is now 123 years old. No ship of anything like her age to-day is seaworthy, yet this old hulk under her own sail succeeded in crossing the Atlantic though it took her ninety-six days to make the voyage.

With the shipping world discountenancing the project of taking the century and a half old hulk on such a long and hazardous voyage and with the Lloyd's refusing insurance and the British government refusing her clearance and sea captain after sea captain refusing her command, her owner, Capt. D. H. Smith, and a gallant crew of adventurous tars hoisted her sails and started on the perilous journey across the ocean upon the same day that the ill-fated "Titanic" sailed from the port of Southampton.

For over three months she battled heavily against the crashing gales and mountainous seas, and at length arrived in port at Boston with a crew well nigh exhausted and starved, but triumphant to the applause of press and public who likened the wonderful achievement to the epoch-making voyage of Columbus.

Broken only by an occasional conflict with a pirate craft the "Success," with her beautiful brass guns bristling from her sides and fitted handsomely for the reception of princes, nabobs and the wealthy traders of the Orient, whose various commodities including precious jewels she transported, over the seven seas to all quarters of the globe.

had led an honored life on the ocean until, 1802, when she was first chartered by the British government to transport to Australia the overflow of her jails, the unfortunate prisoners who at that time were sentenced to from seven years to the term of natural life for offenses that would now be considered trivial and warranting only a small fine and short jail sentence.

As the writer stood gazing into the horrible dungeons where the unfortunate wretches were immured throughout the long days and nights of suffering, and upon the instruments of human torture which were everywhere in evidence, he was forcibly reminded of the great contrast between the ancient and modern penalty for crime and its execution. As Capt. Smith led

to another and unfolded the history of each, the story was gruesome and appalling. Summed up briefly from the "Success" commander, who spares no pains to fully acquaint visitors with the facts connected with his ancient and horrible craft, this wonderful vessel has made history through three centuries. She marked the beginning and the end of England's inhuman penal system. She has held lurid horror and dreadful iniquities besides which even

Junior League of Occoquan School Gives Interesting Entertainment.

There was a most interesting and instructive entertainment given at Occoquan school Thursday evening, Dec. 18, by the members of the junior league.

The program was full of life from start to finish and the best kind of school spirit prevailed. The feature of the evening was the debate between the Clarkson and Nokomis Literary Societies, which was so closely contested that the judges found it very difficult to come to a decision. All of the papers were excellent in regard to strength and number of points, composition and delivery, and the contestants deserve a great deal of credit for the unlimited amount of work that they put into them.

Refreshments were sold and a neat little sum realized which is to go to the school athletic fund.

- THE PROGRAM.**
1. Prayer—Mr. Tyson Janney
 2. Nokomis Song—Nokomis Society
 3. Three Little Indians—Nokomis Society
 4. Composition—"Our Literary Societies"—Clifford Beach
 5. Clarkson Song—Clarkson Society
 6. Clarkson Poem—Eight Clarkson
 7. Recitation—Mr. Hayden
 8. Violin Solo—Edna Adams
 9. Debate—"Resolved, That Arithmetic is More Important Than Grammar"—Affirmative—Irene Ledman and Margaret Hammill, Nokomis Society; Negative—Lola Beach and Rebecca Janney, Clarkson Society
 10. School Song and Yell—School
 11. Judges Report.

MRS. LIMING.

After months of illness and suffering Mrs. Marion L. Liming, wife of B. F. Liming and daughter of the late Wesley Abel, died at her home in Joplin on Monday on Dec. 15, in the 51st year of her age. Mrs. Liming was a kind neighbor and a loving mother devoted to her home and family. She leaves her husband, four daughters and three sons, and many other relatives and friends. Her family have the sympathy of our community in their sorrow.

A man is not necessarily boastful when he says he is self-made. He may be making excuses.

the terrible stories of the black hole of Calcutta and the Spanish inquisition pale into insignificance. She is the oldest convict ship in the world and the only one now afloat. She is still unaltered now be considered trivial and warranting only a small fine and short jail sentence.

From keel to topmast this ship carries aloft the greatest lesson the world has ever known in the history of human progress, and the school children of Richmond are being taken to view this wonderful and soul-stirring object lesson in the world's history, far more enlightening and impressive than any lesson of like character to be learned in the schoolroom.

We only wish the pupils of the Manassas schools were afforded a like opportunity.

BEING A MAN

RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforbearing minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

FARMERS MEET FRIDAY MR. BRYAN GORDON WEDS

Discuss Matters of Legislation And Endorse Several Resolutions—Luncheon Served.

The December meeting of the Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute was called to order as usual at 10:45 a. m. last Friday at the court house, Vice President Westwood Hutchison presiding.

Discussion concerning legislative matters was entered into with vigor and zest, the institute endorsing the resolutions concerning the good roads problem and also the resolution calling for the enactment of a rigid dog law. Mr. Round's proposition calling for an appropriation of \$5,000 a year for the maintenance of the agricultural high schools of the state and a special appropriation of \$25,000 to be used for the construction of buildings and equipment, was brought up by the committee on legislation in the form of a resolution, and received the hearty endorsement of the institute.

The chairman appointed a committee to ascertain the amount of taxes used for road improvements and to render a statement to the institute concerning the expenditure of said funds.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p. m. and farmers and visitors repaired to Manassas High School where the girls of Miss Metz's domestic science class served a delicious luncheon. The auditorium was decorated in true holiday style and each festive table was adorned with a miniature Christmas tree. The class of '16 rendered an interesting program which was followed by brief addresses by Hon. C. J. Meetze, Hon. Thos. H. Lion, Supt. Geo. G. Tyler, Mr. W. B. Doak and Hon. Geo. C. Round.

The climax of the festivities came with the arrival of Santa Claus—in the person of Mr. Roswell Round—who departed from his usual custom of pleasing the children and presented his gifts to young and old amid the laughter provoked by the ingenious selections.

Altogether, the day was a pleasure and a success. The January meeting will be held at the court house the fourth Friday of the month.

Do you desire good neighbors? Then be a good neighbor.

Miss Elise Stevens, Recently a Member of the Faculty of Eastern College.

Miss Elise Littleton Stevens, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William L. Stevens, of Centerville, Fairfax county, and Mr. Bryan Gordon, of Manassas, were quietly married last Saturday at the home of the bride's sister in Washington, Rev. Esau Wilkey performing the ceremony.

The bride wore a black chiffon broadcloth traveling suit trimmed with fur, and hat to match, and carried bride roses. Her sister, Miss Julia Stevens, as maid of honor, wore gold crepe meteor trimmed with shadow lace, and hat of white plush trimmed with white velvet foliage. She carried pink carnations.

On the late train Saturday evening the young couple returned to Manassas and are at home with their friends at "Sans Souci," the summer home of Judge and Mrs. Charles Edgar Nicol which is located some distance out on South Main street.

Mr. Gordon has a wide range of acquaintance in this section and the couple is the recipient of many good wishes for a long and happy life. The bride is a young woman of exceptional accomplishments, having spent the session of 1912-13 at head of the department of fine arts at Eastern College here. Since that time she has on several occasions been a guest of the Misses Herrall on their estate.

Mr. Gordon has been a resident of Manassas for several years and has gained a universal popularity in business and social circles. Following his profession as an attorney, Mr. Gordon's career is full of promise.

Found Dead Mr. Railway Train

John McFaddon, an aged resident of Quantico, in Prince William county, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, where he had been a wood inspector, was found dead on the railroad track Friday near Quantico, his body badly mangled. It is supposed that he was struck by a train.—Washington Post.

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ABOUT TAX ASSESSMENTS

Writer Says Most Damnable Iniquity in South Today is Unequal Tax Assessment.

About the most damnable political iniquity in the South today is our unjust and unequal system of tax assessment.

Not many miles from our office, for example, is a tract of land which the town is building around but which the owners are holding unimproved for higher prices. And yet, while these owners are holding back the progress of the town, are cheating its inhabitants out of the right to convenient homes, how does the city deal with them? Does it penalize them for thus holding up the public, for their lack of public spirit? Does it say, as England says in such cases, "It is the people who are making our land more and more valuable all the time and the people have a right to part of the gains. So we will levy a tax of one-fifth, or 20 per cent upon your unearned increment"—the increase in value due not to your efforts or improvements but simply to the growth of population.

Not a bit of it. On the contrary, our Southern city does what nearly every other Southern city and Southern county does. It taxes this property held for speculation, for greed and covetousness, at from one-half to one-tenth the rate at which it taxes the poor man who has bought a little lot or a little farm, who has built a little home on it as a bulwark of the State, and is struggling to pay for it. "That idle property is worth \$1,800 an acre," said a real estate man as we passed this tract a few days ago, "and it is assessed at about \$120 per acre."

The same week a friend gave us a similar illustration from the country. A man near his town had 380 acres of superb timber and farm land which had been assessed for years at \$1,000. At last a lumberman came along and offered the owner \$16,000 just for the timber on this \$1,000 (?) tract. Then the assessors started to put the assessment up to \$12,500 and the owner prayed, plead and protested, so that the country commissioners reduced the assessment to \$10,000. A little later he died and the property sold for over \$60,000.

How long will it take our people to get it into their heads that lands held for speculation, the unused and partially used lands, should be taxed not half as high but twice as high as the lands of the small home owner? And how long will it take our small farmers to get it into their heads that they must pay enough extra tax on their little homes to make up for all that the government gets by not taxing the speculator's tracts at their sale value? And how much longer will it be before we make our politicians reform this ancient iniquity?—The Progressive Farmer.

ANOTHER FISH STORY.

Mother—Johnny, you said you had a fish for Sunday school.
Johnny (with far-away look)—Yes, mamma.
Mother—How does it happen that your hands smell of fish?
Johnny—I carried home the Sunday School magazine, and the outside page is all about Jonah and the whale.—Tit-Bits.
There is something better than stopping to count ten when you are angry: count a hundred.
Do not hunt for temptation, just for the sake of wrestling with it.

SCHOOL PATRONS MEET

First Regular Meeting of Patrons' Association Held at Manassas High School.

The first regular meeting of the Patrons' Association, as organized this year, was held at the high school building last Friday afternoon following the morning session of the farmers' institute.

At the opening of the meeting a brief but forceful statement was made by Mrs. Larkin, principal of the graded school, of the situation resulting in the grades this year from the lowering of the school tax by the supervisor. The consequent cutting down of the school session from nine to seven months would be a most serious blow to the whole standing of the school, preventing the articulation of the grades themselves and of the grades with the high school. The large size of the school was then referred to—its enrollment being nearly three hundred—and also the unusually high percentage of attendance, as contrasted with the country schools, thus showing the attractiveness of the graded school. The speaker also brought out the fact that the grades meant to the great majority of the children the only schooling they ever received, as a comparatively small proportion ever reached the high school, and that it was of the utmost importance, therefore, that this already limited time should not be curtailed.

Mrs. J. F. Breazeale, the newly elected president of the association, followed Mrs. Larkin's statement with an address in which she ably presented the more pressing needs of the whole school situation, and emphasized the importance of all the people supporting in the present issue such an organization as the patrons' association. Mrs. Breazeale said that, like many others, she had heard that it had the best schools outside of Washington, and that in view of the value of this reputation to the town, it seemed an incredible thing that such action should have been taken in regard to the tax. She then urged that something be done by the patrons to keep the school running its full term. The speaker also referred to the faithful and excellent work of the Manassas teachers, and of the injustice of expecting them to remain under such conditions, especially in view of the fact of the low salaries already being paid as compared with those given elsewhere. Prince William having about the lowest average of teachers' salaries of any county in the state. She next spoke of the imperative need of a new high school building, in view of the menace to the health of the pupils and the injury to their work due to the overcrowding and lack of proper lighting and ventilation of the present one. The value of the kindergarten work that had been done in Manassas was also mentioned by the speaker in terms of warmest praise and the hope expressed that the work might be continued in the spring.

Mrs. Breazeale was followed by Mr. Tyler who had prepared, at her request, a statement of the present school finances, and of the amount that would be needed to complete the usual school term. This amount, he said, would be \$710 for the two months. The school board could do nothing to remedy the situation unless it kept the terms of

GRACEFUL IN SERGE

SMART COSTUME THAT HAS CHARM ALL ITS OWN.

For Durability, Style and Smartness It is Doubtful if Any Material Can Be Made to Rival This Popular Material.

Not all the graceful frocks this fall are built of silks and satin, though it must be admitted they are generally first choice. More than occasionally, however, one comes across distinctly smart costumes in prosaic serge, and who can deny its charm?

Blue serge, which is always in style, is a craze this year. The woman who has not been made happy in the possession of one gown of it is an exception. We all know of its durability, style and smartness. Still, with all its popularity, it does not appear in the least common nor in any sense a uniform, as would certainly be the case were the color any other than navy.

A sensible and not over elaborate dress design for fall street wear or traveling is sketched for today, and is developed in blue serge. There is



With an interesting Tunic.

A wide armholed blouse, with long sleeves cut in one, and with front edges that cross over each other, but tending with a line of small magenta buttons and loops.

The back of the blouse is very slightly gathered to the shallow yoke, starting at the shoulder seams and covering the entire shoulder breadth. The y-neck has a fold of embroidered crepe done in blue and magenta set along the edges to give the effect of a tiny vest. Then there is a rolling collar and a small tucker of white crepe. The knotted silk tie and a pushed girdle can either be of black or magenta.

The skirt has an interesting tunic made to open on the left side in a one with the waist opening. It buttons along the edge near the end of the overplanning comes with small buttons and loops. The lower one of this tunic slopes away from the center front.

FASHION HINTS

A stunning veat can be made of striped satin or bengaline, with the cords clearly defined.

The black-and-white skirts are trimmed with net, bordered with narrow bands of fur.

The newest draped skirts are raised short in front and widen in folds toward the hips.

One of the pretty new modes is the blouse of ecru tulle, with collars and cuffs of black tulle.

Among new fabrics are many broche ones, garnished with sequins and gold or silver lace.

Every kind of sport the brilliant silk knitted or wool coat is charming and becoming style.

Evening girdles are to be wide and draped and will be worn both below and above the waistline.

This year's wedding gown should be composed of plain or brocaded satin, with chains or charms.

Fabric hats will be made of the millinery work, such as velvet, tulle, crepe or rayon.

Redleaf Hats. Redleaf hats are the acknowledged smart headdress for autumn. As their name implies they repeat the tones of the fading foliage as well as those of the woods and the fields during the coming of the year. Of medium size, they come in brown, green, bronze, copper and mustard, and purple velvets, and to trim them there are embroidered scarfs, braided bands and brilliantly colored feather fascias.

To Prevent Shoe Squeaking. Have the shoemaker "spring" each shoe and insert a spoonful of French chalk between the soles.

General Carried by T...

One of the Most Frequent Causes of Bad Teeth is Not Generally Understood.

How many, or rather how few women know that the tongue carries disease germs to the teeth. Foreign particles frequently adhere to the rough or upper side of the tongue and beside it is often coated with what is called "dental fur." This fur is a yellowish white substance and is found on the teeth and tongue of every one who does not clean his or her teeth and mouth at least twice a day. This deposit usually forms so quickly that even the most fastidious have some times to be careful lest it settle on the teeth.

If the teeth cannot be brushed frequently during the day, then it is advisable to brush them the first thing in the morning and the last thing before retiring at night. These two acts alone, if the teeth and mouth and tongue are properly cleansed will do much toward preserving the teeth.

So many women brush the teeth in a haphazard fashion. They brush vigorously enough, but they are not particular enough to see that the brushing is carried on properly. The brush is wet and then sprinkled with powder, the teeth get a quick brushing on the outer surface, very little attention given to the inside, and usually the brushing consists of the crosswise stroke. Of course this is a little better than nothing, as it removes surface accumulations, and not always that.

FOR HEALTH AND BEAUTY

One would Acquire and Preserve Good Looks.

All of the fresh fruits add their quota of usefulness to the diet, and eaten plentifully will help to keep you well and pretty. There is a legend that one famous French beauty lived exclusively on oranges, but common sense tells us that she occasionally slipped in a meal of things more substantial. The thin girl will do well to eat largely of raisins, for they contain a rich proportion of sugars that are so fattening. Train yourself to eat a variety of foods. Many a girl with a bad complexion owes it to the fact that she grew up with the foolish habit of eating only a few favorite dishes. The different fruits and vegetables contain a variety of salts, all valuable to the body, and the natural appetite demands a change, even from the best and most nutritious fare. Eat generously of the fruits and vegetables the season affords, but just one word of caution—see to it that they are fresh. A single helping of tomatoes that have begun to spoil, a bit of desert made of overripe or stale berries, a glass of milk that has been exposed to the summer dust, any of these things may give rise to one of those little specks known as "summer complaint."—Chicago Record-Herald.

WHEN HUBBY TAKES OUTING

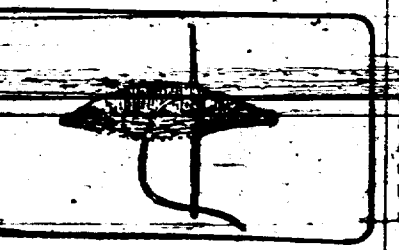
He Will Surely Appreciate It If His Comfort is Looked After Before He Starts.

If the autumn outing of the husband, father or brother is to be made thoroughly delightful, he must be provided with all the new conveniences. If he is a confirmed golfer, see to it that he has a long, fat trunk to hold his golf sticks and a caddy bag of duck reinforced with leather.

Is he a fisherman? Then his fishing basket must be of wicker harness with leather and provided with a wide sling strap that goes across the chest. But don't forget that he needs a tackle box in leather with compartments in both base and lid for fishing accessories, as well as a morocco case containing a complete repairing kit—rotary screwdriver, hook file, nippers, pliers, tweezers, punch, wrapping linen, cement, wax, smory cloth, polishing paper and drop oil can.

The hunter needs an unbreakable lunch outfit in a leather case; a luminous compass dial with a floating bar needle, in an oxidized case, and a leather bracelet fitted with a water-tight lid, silver-mounted watch.

DIVIDED SATIN-STITCH



If a leaf or scroll is too wide to be worked in satin-stitch, it may be divided on the center line and worked in two sections. If a leaf is worked in two sections, the padding in two sections.

Softs of the Hour.

One of the most popular varieties of the school girl is her belt, and this autumn she has two new models from which to choose. If she cannot afford both, one of them is the extremely broad band of glaze kid in bright green, blue or red, fastened with a buckle set with stones of a matching color. The other new belt is very narrow, sometimes scarcely an inch across. It comes in both glaze and suede kid, satin-lined and self-buckled.

Cleaning Silk.

Egg stains on silk can usually be removed by rubbing with ordinary table salt.

MAKE SA... OF ALL KINDS

Many Tasty and Savory Dishes Are Easily Prepared at a Very Small Expense.

I may have told of the clever little housewife who used to make a veal pot pie with "plenty of gravy and sinkers and not much meat." Take a leaf out of her book and feed your family on stews with vegetables and light, delicate dumplings and well seasoned GREY, and see if this will not suit them as well as meat in coarse abundance. Try Italian combinations of macaroni and cheese or noodles and cheese enriched with a meat gravy. Make savory rice dishes in which the meat is a negligible quantity and is yet sufficient to render the compound appetizing. Introduce salads of all kinds, with French dressing or mayonnaise, or one of the good bottled dressings. Turn to the generous choice of vegetables that come to us in the summer: Fill tomatoes or peppers or cucumbers or egg plant or potatoes with a well seasoned stuffing which contains no meat or only enough to give zest to the food. Compose scallops along the same line and vegetable stews of a like kind.

Do you think I am contradicting myself when I tell you in one breath to simplify life and in the next urge you to study variety? The two pieces of counsel do not interfere with one another. The time and strength you save by reducing the work of keeping your house clean and in order is not all spent in cookery, even if you have novelties on your table. They need not require much care or labor and the change of menu, like the change you achieve by altering your room and its furnishings, will give you something different that will be an equivalent to fresh surroundings. Try it and see if I am not in the right.

HINTS FOR THE HOME SEWER

Some Useful Suggestions for Those Who Try to Do Their Own Needlework.

The soft wash silk shirt waist is made more or less plain, according to the figure that its wearer possesses. For those who are plump the plainest models are chosen. But shoulders are long and so are sleeves.

The neck of these waists is finished with a turnover collar and tie. The collar is soft and rather high at the back. Cuffs are turned back, and the buttons are worn with some of them. By the way of a little frivolity, jabots of net or lace provide a finishing touch which seems superfluous with the four-in-hand tie, but is nevertheless in evidence.

When made up for a slender figure these waists are set to a yoke in the back and pulled into the shoulder seam in front. The collars are widened. Soft waists of crepe cloth are made plain with long sleeves and wide sailor collars, as well as in the regulation designs just described. Turn-back cuffs are often finished with crystal buttons. These waists are opened at the throat.

Flavored Vinegars. Flavored vinegars are welcome additions to the spring salad. One which is useful for potato or meat salads, which are improved by the addition of a little onion flavor, is made by grating two large Spanish onions and letting them stand with two teaspoonsful of sugar for an hour or so and then adding a quart of vinegar. Bottle this and shake the bottles every day for a couple of weeks, then strain the vinegar through cheesecloth and bottle it in small bottles, corks and keep in a cool dry place until it is wanted. It is better to bottle it permanently in small bottles, so that when only a little of it is wanted only a little need be uncorked.

Eggs Stuffed With Cheese.

Stuffed eggs are always welcome, but never more so than when the stuffing contains cheese. Boil the eggs hard, then remove the yolks; mash them well and add an equal quantity of grated cheese—the yellow and the snapper the better. Add paprika and salt, also a very little mustard if desired. Moisten with melted butter, cream or olive oil, according to one's preferences. A few drops of onion juice may also be added. Spinach makes an agreeable garnish for this dish.

To Remove a Broken Screw.

To remove a screw with one side of the head broken off, place the screw driver against one side of the head, and with a small block press firmly against the screw driver, at the same time turning the screw driver and the block. The screw will come out almost as easily as if the head was intact.

Turkish Delight.

Stir together and bring to a boil one quart granulated sugar and one cup water. Add one box gelatin, strained and dissolved in water, and boil ten minutes. Add juice of a lemon and orange and cook ten minutes more. Cut in squares and roll in pulverized sugar. A substitute for candy.

To Stop a Leak.

To stop a leak, mix whitening and yellow soap into a thick paste with a little water. Apply this to the place where the leakage is and it will be instantly stopped. A visit from the plumber will still be necessary, but there is no special hurry for more radical repairs.

Cooking Vegetables.

To preserve the color of green vegetables, put them on to cook in boiling water into which a pinch of salt has been dropped.

MME. MERRI'S ADVICE

EXCELLENT IDEA FOR ENJOYABLE HARVEST HOME PARTY.

Combination of Good Deed With an Evening of Real Fun—Autumn Tea Makes Most Charming Informal Party.

A committee of ladies who were much interested in a charitable institution devised this method of giving what was in reality only an old-time "pound" party. Only this affair was at a private home in the evening, and it was almost Hallow 'E'en, so the decorations were black cats (because once upon a time witches were supposed to go about in the guise of black cats). Pumpkin "Jacks" furnished weird lights, with quantities of candles in vegetable holders and a great bunch of mountain ash berries tied to the door knocker because they are supposed to be a guard against evil spirits who may prowls about on Hallow 'E'en. Cornstalks, autumn leaves and sheaves of wheat were used as wall and corner decoration. Each guest was asked to come representing a country and to bring any offering characteristic of that locality.

For instance, two Italian peasants arrived, and with them came olives (six bottles) and a dozen packages of spaghetti and macaroni. Those who came from France had baskets of grapes. The gay bery of maidens from Japan had tea, and their escorts from China had rice and chop suey. The Irish colleen and her boy "pau" confided to the hostess that there was a bushel of potatoes out in the "car." Scotland had oatmeal (Quaker Oats), etc. It was a very merry party, ending up, as everything does nowadays, with a dance to the music of the victrola. The next day automobiles took the "results" to the "Home" and the ladder was most beautifully replenished. One of the guests said afterward that it was very satisfying to combine doing good with fun, and she didn't feel after this party like she had wasted her time, as she did after many affairs. This is the season when charitable work begins and I hope the suggestions in this column will help many of you to decide what to do and how to do it. In the meantime, if any of you are especially successful in your undertakings, or in your private parties write to me about them for the benefit of us all.

An Autumn Tea.

Now in other gardens Up and down the vale, From the autumn bonfires See the smoke trail Sing a song of seasons, Something nice in all; Flowers in the summer, Fires in the fall. —Robert Louis Stevenson.

This is surely the season so beautifully described by that household poet whose name is signed to the above verse, and what is costlier than the first fire in the living room with a few congenial friends and their work. I wish we all might have more of these charmingly informal parties. I want to one last week and the invitations were all given over the telephone. "To come and bring your work for a neighborhood tea," and we went, some twenty of us, and how good it seemed to meet and know we all could be our natural selves. At four, tea, sandwiches, olives and nuts were served, and then the hostess asked one of the ladies, who was president of a suffrage club, to give us a little talk about the cause and the work being done by her particular organization. It was all so enjoyable I wanted to tell the readers of the department about it and see if you all could not arrange to be more neighborly this winter.

MADAME-MERRI.

Gift for Boarding School Girl.

Some of the trifles which the boarding school girl will appreciate when she leaves home for the first time are writing desk fittings. Give her a package of large-sized blotting pads, a leather-covered ink bottle with a snap lid, a box with compartments for pens, case pencil leads, postage stamps, baggage tags and a ball of string or an inkstand composed of bottles for two colors of writing fluid and a third bottle for maulage. You may be very sure that she'll welcome a brass memorandum pad with a sharp-edged pencil, a small leather-covered pin cushion fitted with pins of various sizes, and a gunmetal pocket knife, with which to point her lead pencils. But whatever you do don't forget to supply her with the newest thing in portable motherpot, chest, which comes in heavy pasteboard, is light in weight, and can easily be transported in the boarding school trunk.

Bungalow Curtains.

For a bungalow or shooting lodge or any cottage in the country where the simplest effect with the least washing is desired in the way of curtains, a most useful article is the Japanese towel. One of these blue and white towels hung at each side of the window another tacked crosswise at the top as a canopy makes a very attractive window decoration.

Monograms.

French knots make a very handsome monogram, especially in old English. No padding is required, and the paper-mache letters cannot be used. Stamp the monogram upon the article, and then simply fill it in closely and solidly with small French knots. The result will be highly satisfactory.

Our Christmas Preparations Are Complete

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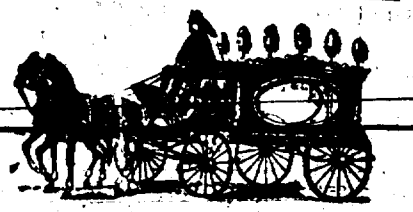
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A SUBJECT FOR A MONUMENT.

No one who travels through the Valley of Virginia can fail to notice the monuments that rise on every hand, each one commemorating some deed of heroism performed during the Civil War. Various commands, both in the Northern and Southern armies, have erected memorials of some sort to mark the place that they occupied in some battle, but there is one that is conspicuous by its absence. On the battlefield at New Market there is no monument to perpetuate the "Babies," and the gallant fight of the cadets from the Virginia Military Institute lives only in tradition.

The march of these boys is one of the things of which Virginia is most proud, and it is a shame that it has no memorial on the field that ended it. Perhaps nothing showed the dead earnestness of the Southern people and the patriotic feeling that inspired them than did the marching forth to battle of this body of cadets, hardly any of whom were more than eighteen years of age, and their boyish courage richly deserves a handsome monument. The legislature meets this winter, and the V. M. I. Alumni Association should take steps to have a New Market memorial association organized and incorporated in time to lay the matter before the legislature. Many who are not graduates of the institute will be glad to aid in such a cause, and it could be started at once.—Stanton News.

MR. McREYNOLDS' GREAT WORK.

Attorney-General McReynolds deserves the thanks of business men, small and great, for his action in bringing about compliance with the law on the part of great corporations without dragging them to court. The unmerging of the Southern and Union Pacific systems is now followed by a reorganization of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in such a way as to bring that corporation within the law. Both of these tasks were intricate and difficult, but they have been accomplished with singular skill and with complete success.

In this way Mr. McReynolds reveals himself as no mere ferret of the law, no impatient and intolerant wielder of crushing authority. He enforces the law, it is true; but he stands out as the friend of honest men, instead of their pursuer. He employs the resources of his office to lend a helping hand to men who are honestly trying to obey the law, but who are lost in its mazes. Instead of taking advantage of technical violations of law, committed in ignorance, Mr. McReynolds acts the part of a statesman, as well as of a lawyer, and seeks to build and not to destroy.

The government has been for a long time finding out that it has duty to perform for the business men of the United States. The people want an end to monopoly and restraint of trade, and they want business to go on. They want reorganization and regeneration, not demoralization and destruction. There has been a feeling among business men all along that if the government would meet them half way, in counsel and advice, means could be found to comply with the Sherman act and all other laws, while at the same time avoiding the punishment of big business because it is big. The instant and universal favor with which the news of the latest reorganization was received is sufficient evidence that the business world is anxious to conform to the law and that sympathy and helpfulness on the part of the government will not be wasted.

An ounce of prevention in the trust problem is worth a pound of cure. Mr. McReynolds has performed a constructive work that reflects the highest credit upon himself and the administration.—Washington Post.

REVENGE!

One advantage would be that when under government ownership one found the "line is busy" he could retaliate by voting against his congressman at next election.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DOES IT PAY TO BE AN-ALTRUIST?

The old question—Is the world really growing better?—may find a good many votes in the negative at every season of the year except Christmas, but during the weeks preceding this celebration the doubters and dissenters become very few indeed. The growth of the altruistic spirit and of altruistic effort is so noticeable at this season that it is impossible to overlook it. It confronts us at every turn, it challenges us at every step. The newspapers, quick as they are to note every public indication of this kind, can only record the things that are evident and obtrusive in these lines. The innumerable instances of individual unselfishness and self-sacrifice which the ennobling influence of the festival develops are beyond the power of human observation and human chronicles; and though they contribute to the high tide of loftier feeling which swells in the heart of humanity at Christmas, we cannot take them into account in forming an estimate of general moral improvement based on the test of loving thought for others.

But without these unrecorded evidences of moral betterment, the public showing grows each year so much larger that even the most casual newspaper reader must be deeply impressed by the multiplicity and the earnestness of the forms which brotherly kindness assumes as soon as the world again begins to see that star in the East. It is a light that seems at once to make the whole world kin. We may agree or disagree as to religious dogmas, as to forms of ritual and as to points of faith, but we can none of us get away from the great central Christmas thought of good will among men and peace on a planet which has been distracted and desolated by the doctrine of hate. This is the reason why there is constantly increasing competition in good works at this time; why nearly all of us are dissatisfied with ourselves unless we can feel that we have made the day happier for some less unfortunate brother; why the world draws closer together as one family than at any other season; why we forget, for a few hours, at least, the prejudices and narrowness of the other eleven months. There must be something divine in a season which works even this brief miracle in the human heart, which blots out geographical and national lines for a short space and transforms us from warring peoples and tribes into one race of men, with one thought and feeling. And whatever is best in our aspirations and our acts during the rest of the year comes from the elevating spirit of love toward all mankind which Christmas symbolizes and inspires. For he not only prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small," but he worketh best for his own happiness and for the happiness of others.

Does it pay to be an altruist and hold out a helping hand to the other fellow? The world answers "Yes" emphatically at Christmas, and it does not entirely forget the answer during the rest of the year.—Baltimore Sun.

WINTER.

The Virginia hills in these early winter days are alluring. They stand green and brown and oak gold. Later the snow will come to cover the leaves which the trees have spread to keep their roots warm, but snow is not altogether a certainty of the Washington winter. There never is very much of it, and it is only a sojourner at best. Washington, as far as the maps show, is not very far south, but its climate is very much south.

The holly, with its green leaves and its red berries, is one of the type trees of the Potomac country. There is no finer picture than the winter holly with a flaming Kentucky cardinal on one of the upper branches, with its red berries and the deep greens of the holly leaves.—Chicago Evening Post.

WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT US.

We learn from the Almanach Hachette for 1914, just received from Paris, that the vice-president of the United States is "W. Bryan"; that the United States is composed of 46 states and 4 territories; that the Senate has 92 members and the House 391; that the Constitution was adopted September 17, 1787, and revised March 20, 1870. It is such painstaking devotion to historical accuracy which enables Europe to be so well and wonderfully informed about American affairs.—New York World.

SOME people knock so loud they never hear the invitation to "come in."

SOME people seem to think that truth is like rubber; that they can make it go farther by stretching it.—The Youth's Companion.

...HOLIDAY GREETINGS...

WE are largely what we are because of the loyal support of our many friends, and we trust that in the future we may expect, as we hope always to deserve, a continuance of this spirit of friendship, loyalty and earnest co-operation.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Happy New Year!

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. T. D. D. Clark is on the sick list.

Mr. G. W. Hixson has been confined to his room the past week.

Mrs. Ashby Lewis is at Columbia Hospital, Washington, for treatment.

The carol service of the Episcopal Sunday School will be held at Trinity Church this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Prescott avenue little folks had a merry time last night as guests of Santa Claus and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hall.

It is rumored that Messrs. W. C. Cather and Harry Flaherty expect to open a candy factory some time in January.

Rev. J. F. Burks will hold services at Trinity Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30.

Rev. Joseph F. Gulick, of Colgate University, will preach in the Manassas Baptist church next Sunday morning at the usual hour.

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library will be open during the holidays on Friday Dec. 26, and on Thursday Jan. 1. Hours from 2 to 5 p. m.

The special supply car of Messrs. Applegate & Son, contractors for installing the municipal water system, has arrived in Manassas.

Mr. Andrew Cather leaves tonight for Orange where he will run a killing and dressing plant for the Farmers' and Merchants' Produce Company there.

Miss Katherine C. Lynch, of Washington, and Mr. William Patrick Hedrick, of Nokesville, were among the many couples married last week in Rockville, Md.

The basketball team of Manassas High School met defeat at the hands of the Marshall quint in Eastern Gymnasium last Friday night. The score was 19 to 12.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Williams and daughter, Mrs. Karl J. Austin, were called to Washington this morning on account of the illness of Mrs. Williams's elder daughter Mrs. Otto Gathman, who is in a hospital there.

Mr. Adam S. Young, of Washington, and Miss Elsie V. Sorg, of Baltimore, were married Wednesday in Baltimore. Mr. Young was formerly a resident of Manassas and was at one time engaged in business here.

The Manassas Journal Publishing Company, Inc., has declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. and wishes to express the hope that each stockholder will be delighted with his Christmas gift.

At 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, there will be a full rehearsal for the Christmas exercises at the Manassas Baptist church next Tuesday evening at 7:30. All members of the Sunday School are earnestly requested to be present.

The annual Christmas dinner will be given tonight in the opera house. The Manassas German Club always entertains a large number of holiday guests and the Christmas affair is one of the biggest draws of the year.

Next Sunday morning Dec. 29, the new Baptist Church building at Clifton, Va., will be dedicated. R. D. Garland, field secretary of State Missions will preach the sermon and Rev. T. D. D. Clark will offer the prayer of dedication. Manassas friends are cordially invited.

Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold a called meeting in the chapter room tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock instead of on Wednesday as announced last week. At this time the Christmas box to the Soldiers' Home at Richmond will be packed and the program for Jan. 19, Lee's birthday will be decided upon.

Cards of invitation have been received here for a reception tonight at the Elks' Club, Cape Girardeau, Mo. The affair is given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buret Oliver in honor of their son, Mr. Allen Laws Oliver, and his bride, who was Miss Olivia Richards Leachman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pendleton Leachman, of Bristow.

Sumner A. Cunningham, the well-known editor of the Confederate Veteran, was found unconscious in his office one morning last week and carried to a Nashville hospital where he died Saturday night. He was born in 1843, served in the Confederate army and after the war entered newspaper work at one time owning the Chattanooga Times.

A negro, giving his name as John Moore, was arrested here last Sunday by Sergeant Weir on the charge of breaking into the station at Clifton and at Springfield the night before. The agent at Clifton found the negro in the station asleep and at the time of his arrest in Manassas he was carrying a revolver. Moore was turned over to the authorities at Clifton.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Ewell, of Ruckersville, Greene county, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Ewell, to Mr. Walter M. Hundley. The wedding took place Wednesday, December 24th. The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. John S. Ewell, of Hickory Grove, this county, and has many friends and relatives in this section who wish her much happiness.

Postmaster Sinclair had the parcel post division of the heavy Christmas mail delivered this week at his own expense, and bonded carriers have made the rounds of the town with a wagon piled high with parcels. The patrons are grateful to Mr. Sinclair for the holiday convenience and incidentally for the little taste of city luxury. The "postman" has been a very popular individual.

A mad dog wrought great havoc in the Bristow neighborhood last Sunday, biting Miss Gertrude Lipscomb and Ernest Lipscomb, daughter and son of Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, and four members of the Spindle family. The head of the animal was sent to the government for inspection, and the Richmond authorities stated that there was evidence of rabies. The dog belonged to Aunt Jane Thomas.

Gus Allen, a respected colored citizen, met with a serious accident Tuesday evening, alighting in the dark from a street car on No. 17 which is due here at 6:12 p. m. The exact circumstances are unknown but Allen is in a serious condition in a Washington hospital suffering from a broken leg, cuts about the head and probably internal injuries. He has been employed for some time at a water works in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lipscomb, the aged mother of Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, died Tuesday morning at her home near Bristow. The funeral will be held this afternoon at Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. E. A. Roads officiating. Interment will be made in the cemetery here. Mrs. Lipscomb had reached the age of 84 years, 3 months and 3 days. She was the widow of the late P. D. Lipscomb, a clerk of Prince William county before the war.

Mr. J. C. Gregory and family expect to leave Manassas about the first of January, moving to Fredericksburg where Mr. Gregory will become associate head of an implement company there. Mr. Gregory has been connected with the International Harvester Company for eighteen years and the company will feel the loss of a trusted employee who in two years time would have been placed on the pension list according to custom for twenty years' service. Manassas will be sorry to lose the family.

ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW

Miss Mamie Reid, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents here.

Miss Louise Walker is spending the holidays at her home at Barboursville.

Miss Susie Shaner, of Washington is a guest of Miss Bet Elliot on Main street.

Mr. Gordon H. Lightner, of Haymarket, visited friends in Manassas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Crigler, of Baltimore, spent Christmas at the Waters home here.

Dr. L. F. Hough spent Wednesday and Thursday with his family in Washington.

Mr. W. H. Lipscomb, of New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb.

Miss Alice Metz leaves today to be the guest of Miss Hilda Mae Benson at Brookville, Md.

Misses Ada and Ora Mason Kinchelog, of Upperville, are guests of Mrs. L. Frank Pattie.

Miss Ida M. Lickle is spending the holiday in Richmond with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Merchant.

Mr. Alfred Zeraga spent Christmas with his father, Mr. A. Zeraga, at Aldie, Loudoun county.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Weir Waters and little Weir, Jr., of Culpeper, were guests of relatives here this week.

Miss Mamie Lynn was a guest this week of Mrs. Wm. M. Wheeler in her home on Peachbody street.

Mr. Irving H. Moran, of Connellville, Pa., visited his mother, Mrs. W. H. W. Moran, during the week.

Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant and Miss Margaret Temple Hopkins were among the Washington visitors Saturday.

Mrs. James Reid Larkin and Mr. Charles R. Larkin, of Washington, are Christmas guests of Mrs. C. M. Larkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Adamson, of Petersburg, are holiday guests of Mr. Adamson's mother, Mrs. R. J. Adamson.

Miss Maude Metz, who is teaching at Markham, is spending Christmas at Hill Crest with her mother, Mrs. Susie Metz.

Mr. George Purcell, of Baltimore, was a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hynson in their home on East street.

Miss Eugenia H. Osbourn is a guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Osbourn, at Brightwood, D. C.

Misses Edith and Annette Bell, of Washington, were guests this week of their grandmother, Mrs. F. S. Brand, on Grant avenue.

Misses Susie and Murray Adams, of Washington, are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Larkin, at Larkinton, near town.

Prof. Hodge left Tuesday morning to spend the week with his only sister, near Lynchburg. He will probably return Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Harwood P. Myers, of Courtland, are guests of Mr. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Myers, on Prescott avenue.

Miss Julia Nicol leaves this week for a visit to her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Iden, in Minneapolis. - Alexandria Gazette.

Miss Lula Wright and Mr. William H. Hottel, of Washington, were guests yesterday of Mr. Hottel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hottel, on Centreville Road.

Miss Mary Neville Dogan, a student at the Harrisonburg Normal, is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Dogan, at Paradise.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who is teaching in the Fredericksburg High School, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, at Clover Hill.

Mr. Hubert H. Moon, who is a student at Cornell University and who is spending the holidays with his parents at Burke, visited friends in Manassas during the week.

Miss Lucy Saffer returned Sunday from Keyser, W. Va., where she was a guest of Mrs. J. C. Adams, and Washington where she visited her sister, Mrs. W. W. Cullen.

Mr. Robert Newman, who has been in Connecticut with his uncle, Mr. Christopher Newman, is again with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Newman, for a short visit.

Mr. William Vogt, of Washington, was a guest last week of his mother-in-law, Mrs. C. E. Brawner, near town. Mr. Vogt and Miss Grace Brawner were married in September.

Miss Lillian Amos, of Washington, and Mr. Chester A. Amos, a student at the University of Virginia, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Amos, on Grand avenue.

Miss Amelia Fontaine Brown, who is a student of music and art at Interment College, Bristol, returned to Manassas last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. Hill Brown.

Mr. Joseph Gulick, of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.; Miss Mayme Gulick, of Quantico; Miss Effie Gulick and Mr. Thomas Gulick, of Washington, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Gulick.

Messrs. Douglas and Harvey Janney, who make their home with Miss Osbourn while attending Manassas High School, are spending the holidays with their parents, Hon. and Mrs. Tyson Janney, at Occoquan. Mr. Harvey Janney also visited relatives in Washington.

Notice To School Patrons. Do not be in a hurry about getting glasses fitted to your children's eyes. The school board is negotiating with a first class manufacturing optician and with one of the best oculists in Washington who will do the work at half the ordinary prices if parents will cooperate.

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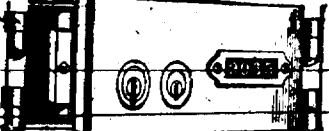
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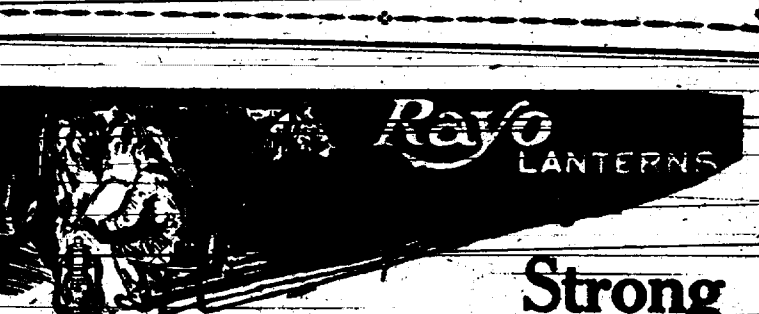
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By A. B. K.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Friday morning the veil of mystery was lifted, which, for several days, has hung over the auditorium of M. H. S. and the capacious and sunny kitchen of the domestic science department.

The passer-by looked on in wonder at the batches of sophomore girls hurrying about with plump bundles to disappear into these inaccessible regions.

Miss Lulu Metz, familiar goddess of the place, was the center of excited groups and seemed to be at the head of a deeply laid conspiracy.

When the 19th of December dawned bright and clear, we knew the wherefore of all this pleasant perturbation. For the first time, the sophomores were to give Christmas dinner to the farmers.

For days, the girls had been breaking into their little banks and emptying the contents to see if they had enough to buy a really, truly Christmas tree and lots of candles and ornaments.

Anybody fortunate enough to be a participant in the joyous gathering of Friday, can testify that the sophomores and Miss Lulu omitted not one tittle of the duly regulated Christmas accessories.

There was the familiar arch with its tapers glistening over festoons of evergreens beneath which stretched the greeting: "A Merry Christmas to All."

Garlands of running cedar varied with clumps of holly were placed about the walls in generous profusion but the tables themselves in the softened glow of wax tapers, were the center of attraction.

Each had for its centerpiece a beautiful tree shining with many colored balls and a trailing of gold and silver lustre.

Wax tapers in handsome bronze and silver candlesticks, with rare old candelabra, lit up the dark places and created an atmosphere of festivity, in which each guest seemed to luxuriate.

Before dinner was served, the sophomores, who were in all the departments of white dresses and Priscilla caps decked with holly. Gathering about Mrs. Hodge at the piano they rendered the following program with holiday spirit:

Chorus—"Oh, Holy, Happy Morning,"
Reading—"Christmas on the Farm"

Chorus—"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."
Reading—"Our Christmas Dinner"
Miss Virginia Walker
Chorus—"The Cooking Class,"
Composed by Miss Mary Larkin

Generous applause followed each number and then came the Hebes and their attendants, Douglas Janney, George Adamson, Carroll Rice and Francis Lewis, bearing food and drink for the assembled throng. The boys wore cute little white caps with holly trimmings to match the headgear of the girls.

The menu consisted of stewed oysters, chicken, jelly, potato

minced pie, fruit and coffee. While the dinner was still in progress, Mr. Hutchison, presiding, called for the following addresses:

Mr. Doak—"Our Birds."
Mr. Round—"The Education of Farmers."

Hon. C. J. Meetze—"The Dog Law."
Mr. T. H. Lion—"Team Work."

Each gentleman responded in happy style, firing off a small artillery of jokes which "set the table in a roar."

Mr. Hutchison, with mischief dancing in his eyes, called on Miss Lulu Metz for a speech on "Feeding the Farmers." This little lady met the situation cleverly by pointing to the dinner, as a demonstration of her skill and the fidelity of her sophomore class, promising a speech from her substitute who would soon appear.

Now came the cleverest number on the program, when Jolly St. Nick appeared on the threshold, clothed in crimson cloth with white fur trimmings, bearing on his back a bag weighted down with gifts.

In a speech which was a perfect marvel of perspicuity, expansiveness and bland condescension, the jolly old gentleman called on the following dignitaries to receive their gifts:

Mr. Hutchison, a candy shepherd's crook with which to lead his sheep over the green pastures of Prince William county; Mr. Conner, a tin horn whose blasts should arouse the hillsides; Mr. Doak, a China shepherd dog to ward off curs, law or no law; Mr. Yarborough, a bank for the treasurer's funds, and Hon. Chris Meetze and Supt. Geo. Tyler, boxes of candy for solace on their journeys from Manassas.

Last but not least, came a toy kitchen stove with all the utensils, as a gift from the sophomore class to Miss Lulu Metz.

As the meeting dispersed, Santa Claus stood at the door dispensing gifts to the departing guests. These little souvenirs included everything from a miniature stocking filled with candy to an infant doll in flowing robes. Everybody had a gay time, especially the little band of cooks who had made the occasion such a delight. Miss Metz says that their support was unflinching and that the success of the dinner is largely their achievement.

Mrs. Hodge, as usual, rounded out the program with her charming musical selections and recitations amongst her sophomore students.

Mr. Roswell Round as Santa Claus, bore off the honors, proving himself gifted with the family wit and eloquence.

The young ladies of the cooking class and Miss Metz wish to express thanks to all who aided them in the affair and note with particular favor, the handsome branch of holly contributed by Mr. Doak.

The following is the list of the members of the sophomore domestic science class: Misses Louise Walker, Mildred Lawler, Nancy Green, Lily Sutton, Virginia Walker, Lucy Haydon, Gladys Sanders, Frances Spear, Anna Richardson, Elizabeth Lee, Norma Young, Senie Cockrell, Myrtle Merrill and Louise Maloney.

SCHOOL PATRONS MEET

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the rural schools of Manassas District to six months or else used some of the district fund which the law provided should be used for buildings and equipment. The first plan would be manifestly unjust, but, in view of such an emergency, it might be arranged to use a part of this district fund provided the patrons would meet the situation halfway.

In conclusion Mr. Tyler also dwelt on the importance of a patrons' league and said he knew of no other place where the people received so much from their schools and paid so little for them. The high standing and good work of the Manassas schools was due, in a large measure, to the state aid given, and this aid had been secured through Mr. Round's devoted service to the schools, and now the people should surely make every effort to carry on the good work he had begun.

Mr. C. J. Meetze was next called upon, and was equally emphatic in dwelling upon the value of an active patrons' league. He told the ladies that if they would really get to work they could do all the association planned and more, for they could carry out anything they undertook. He also enlarged upon the value of the country school, knowing it, he said, from personal experience, and hoped with Mr. Tyler that a way might be found not only to relieve the situation in Manassas, but also to keep the usual seven months' term of the district schools.

At the conclusion of Mr. Meetze's address, a resolution was adopted to endorse the action of the farmers' institute in preparing a bill to be brought before the General Assembly, which would give the school trustees the power of controlling the school tax levy. Mr. Meetze, who will introduce the bill in the Legislature, promised his warmest advocacy for the school interests.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. R. S. Hynson, Mrs. G. C. Round, Mrs. A. E. Spies and Mrs. F. E. Ransdell, was appointed to devise measures towards raising the amount needed to complete the school term, and also to circulate an endorsement of the action of the farmers' institute in calling for a revision of the school tax law.

The subject of medical inspection in the schools was next taken up but as the work of inspection now being so generously carried on by Drs. Merchant and Lewis, is not yet completed, a full report was promised later.

The next meeting of the association will be held on the second Friday in January at the Bennett building, beginning at 2:30 p. m. All interested in the work of the schools are cordially invited.

OCOCOQUAN TEACHERS MEET

Lively Round Table Discussions Mark Gathering Saturday at Ococoquan.

The Ococoquan district teachers' meeting which was held in the Ococoquan schoolhouse, Saturday, Dec. 6, was in every respect a success. The papers and talks given by the different teachers were both interesting and instructive and the round-table discussions were very lively.

Notwithstanding the small attendance from other districts the meeting was well attended by patrons and school children who seemed to take a deep interest in all the discussions.

A committee of three, consisting of Mr. Merrill, Miss Pullen and Mrs. Davis were appointed to arrange the next meeting which is to be some time in the spring.

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NOTES FROM MINNIEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke were Manassas visitors on Saturday last.

Messrs. W. Y. Elliott and D. C. Alexander were Orlando visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. James Alexander was a Woodbridge visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mayme Reid and Miss Estella Alexander made a flying trip to Ococoquan Friday last.

Mr. C. E. Clarke spent Sunday with friends near Neabasco.

Messrs. Bennie Reid and D. C. Alexander were visitors at Mr. D. H. Carter's Sunday evening.

Mr. W. A. Dane spent several days last week in Alexandria on business.

Messrs. John T. Clarke and J. L. Hinton were visitors at Mr. Joseph Shepherd's Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Alexander expects to spend the Christmas holidays in Washington visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Stella Alexander and Mrs. Early Colvin visited our school Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. C. E. Clarke, Elmer Clarke, W. A. Dane, W. H. Alexander, S. D. Vaughn, Bennie Reid, J. L. Hinton and W. Y. Elliott were callers at Mrs. E. J. Alexander's Sunday.

The "Box Social," given by the Junior Improvement League of the Minnieville school on the 13th instant, was a perfect success. The neat sum of \$38.50 was cleared. Come to the "Forest" if you want to get the worth of your money.

Our school will close for the holidays Wednesday. A program has been prepared, consisting of Christmas carols and recitations. A Christmas tree will be given for the children. Red Wing.

VIRGINIA HIGHWAYS.

Apprehensions of Washington motorists desiring to make short or even long excursions into this state that the absence of a license tag rendered them liable to arrest, have been relieved by the announcement of Commonwealth Attorney Crandall Mackey, of Alexandria county, who declares that the statute with reference to the subject to all practical purposes throws the highways of Virginia open the year round to District motorists. Section 10 of the acts of the Virginia legislature, under date of March 17, 1910, states that District owners or operators, with proper license and registration and with identification numbers displayed, may use the public highways of Virginia not exceeding two periods of seven consecutive days in each calendar year without the payment of a license fee.

Mr. Mackey further said that the incoming governor, Hon. Henry Carter Stuart, who takes office Jan. 1, will be urged and will probably agree to enter into an arrangement of reciprocity with every other state so that all automobilists may use the roads of Virginia the year round which, under the law, he has the power

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Want For Sale and miscellaneous advertisements will be published under this heading at the rate of five cents a line for the first insertion, three cents a line for subsequent insertions. Advertisements for this column received until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Lost.—In Manassas Monday, December 22nd, open face gold watch, Waltham works, monogram N. C. P. on back. Finder please return to Journal Office and get reward. It

Dr. A. Vineberg, the oculist, will be at the Prince William Pharmacy Monday, December 22nd. Any one with eye trouble can be sure of relief by consulting him. 12-19-13

The Washington Suburban Electric Company, of Washington, D. C., has opened a branch office in the old Journal building here and is prepared to handle at once contracts for the installation of electric wiring and fixtures before the final rush. 12-19-13

The lot at Nokesville, which has been advertised to be sold, does not belong to me. G. W. Beahm. 12-19-13

Typewriter ribbons and carbon paper at Austin's. 12-19-13

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The Mary Washington hospital, Fredericksburg, Va., desires pupil nurse. For application blanks write to Miss Laura B. Illick, Superintendent. 12-5-13

For Rent or Sale.—Eight-room house on Fairview avenue. Porches, outbuildings and garden. Apply to Robt. A. Hutchison. 11-23-13

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Hens—300 single-comb White Leghorn hens, 1 and 2-year-olds, for immediate disposal. Price, 50 cents each. Andrew Pringle, Manassas, Va. 11-14-13

For Sale.—A second-hand work harness, also a few second-hand collars. Austin's. 11-14-13

For Rent—New eight-room house on Fair View avenue, \$12 per month. C. J. Meetze & Co. 10-31

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quarter of an hour had passed when the door briskly opened and the first young man entered. He looked up at the door and saw the girl who had just entered. When he was sure no one was inside he produced a key and entered the den. He was inside not over two minutes, and when he reappeared he was stuffing greenbacks into his pockets. He locked the door behind him and then passed out of the office without having glimpsed the watcher.

A CASE OF SUSPICION

By ELLIOT WALKER. When the report of suspicion struck its poisonous fangs deep in the ingenious heart of William Darley, he lost no time. Few men were better known or more thoroughly respected in Hardhaven, than William Darley. He was pleasant, appreciable, simple of speech and manner, despite his large means.

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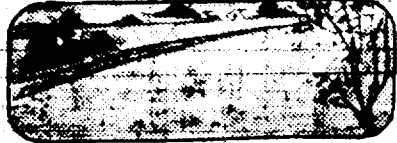
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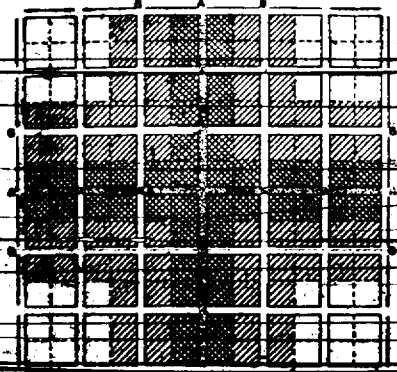


PLAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Township Map Shows Public Highways Can Be Connected With Every Little Hamlet

A continuation of the presentation of the suggestions of the good roads committee of the Illinois Bankers' association brings us to the practical plan presented for the improvement of 50 per cent of the highways of the state, says the Breeder's Gazette. We quote:

"It has been estimated by the United States Office of Public Roads that 15 to 20 per cent of the roads mileage carries over 85 per cent of the traffic. Nineteen thousand miles of improved highways would give us improved roads crossing the state from east to west every six miles, also roads crossing the state from north to south every six miles; that is, we would have an improved road running east and



Township Map.

west and one north and south through each township, as shown by the accompanying map.

"This township map shows that if improved highways are constructed across the state every six miles in both directions, 198 out of 144 quarter-sections in each township will either be directly on an improved road or within one mile of an improved road.

"In very few townships are roads laid out along all section lines. The 1,000 townships in the state do not average quite thirty miles of country road in the township, hence, twelve miles of improved road will cover more than 50 per cent of the country road mileage in each township.

"A-A represents the twelve miles of main improved roads.

"B-B represents the roads only one mile from the improved road.

"Dark shading represents the forty-four quarter-sections lying directly on this main road.

"Light shading represents sixty-four quarter-sections lying on a road only one mile distant from the improved road.

"Thirty per cent of all quarter-sections would front directly on the improved roads, while an additional 45 per cent would be on a road only one mile distant from the improved road.

"Nineteen thousand miles of highway built as suggested, would reach about 70,000 quarter-sections or over \$6,000 farms of 125 acres each, which is the average size of the farms in Illinois. In other words, \$4,400 of the 251,873 farmers in this state, over 30 per cent, would have an improved highway running past the door, while an additional 45 per cent of the farmers would live on a road only one mile distant from this improved highway. These highways crossing each township in both directions, would of necessity reach practically every village and hamlet in the state and connect with all of the through highways of adjoining states.

"The building of the connecting roads can be taken up by the townships and counties as fast as the main roads are improved."

Important Factor.
Good roads are really a very important factor in the advancement of a community. Beyond a doubt they exert a profound influence in bettering farm conditions, not only cheapening farm productions, but in making farm life more congenial by bringing the farms closer together, and thereby improving social conditions, which are at present partially responsible for the young people's dislike of farm country life.

Prevent Much Trouble.
Careful use of a drag on a dirt road that is already in reasonably good condition, will almost entirely prevent trouble from ruts, mud holes or dust, and give good service at low cost.

Road Weather.
Warm weather should remind you of road weather as well as baseball weather or seeding time.

Efficient Road Drag.
For general efficiency at low cost it is hard to find a machine that beats the road drag.

Clean Milk Utensils.
To thoroughly clean milk utensils they should first be rinsed with cold water to remove all particles of milk

DAIRY FACTS

RIPENING CREAM ON A FARM

Many Fail to Grasp Principles Underlying Qualities of Good Flavor and Desirable Aroma.

(By G. E. FREVERT, Idaho Experiment Station.)
There is perhaps no other factor in farm butter making that causes more trouble than the lack of proper ripening or souring of the cream. On many farms the ripening is done with no other purposes in view than that of causing the cream to churn more easily.

The object in ripening cream should be to cause the cream to churn more readily, and to produce desirable flavor and aroma. That cream will churn more readily when sour is a fact well known to any one who has had experience in making butter. However, when it comes to the production of good flavor and aroma in the butter, many fail to grasp the principle underlying the production of these good qualities. The main reason why butter fat commands a higher price on the market than other fats is that it has a peculiarly desirable flavor and aroma which cannot be exactly reproduced in other fats. For this reason it is desirable and profitable to develop these qualities in butter to the highest possible degree.

In order to produce desirable flavor it is very essential that the milk and cream be handled under sanitary conditions.

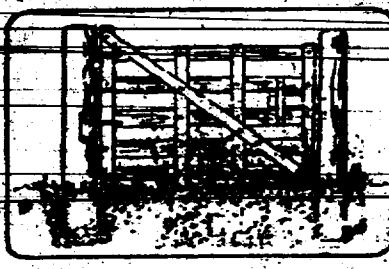
To introduce filth into the cream is to introduce not only the bad flavors which that filth contains, but also germs which will tend to develop some kind of a bad cover to the cream.

The germs or ferments which produce a clean sour taste in the cream are the ones that will produce a good flavor in the butter. The addition of a small amount of cream tasting sour skin milk or butter milk to the cream about six or eight hours before churning will introduce desirable germs which will sour the cream and at the same time produce desirable flavors in the butter.

GATE IS VERY SATISFACTORY

Iowa Man Has One That Has Never Sagged and Is Good as New After Several Years' Service.

Mr. C. A. Wilson of Lucas county, Iowa, sends Iowa Homestead an illustration of a gate that he has had in use on his farm for a number of years and which has never sagged and is as good as new. He says this gate will last twenty years if made right. Stock cannot jump over it nor get their heads through it. It is made of best one-inch hard pine dressed and painted with the boards mortised in 3x4 white oak pieces and bolted. It is so heavy that it requires two men to jump it, but when hung it is so light that a child can open and close it with ease. According to Mr. Wilson's



Gate Never Sags.

description it requires forty bolts and three large, sixteen-inch hinges. No nails are used in its construction. It should be hung on a large post set at least four and one-half feet in the ground with stone around it and dirt well tamped to hold it solid.

SUPERIOR VALUE OF ALFALFA

Evidence That Plant Furnishes as Much Perfect Nutrition as Anything Known to Agriculture.

Evidence accumulates daily of the superior value of alfalfa in the production of both milk and beef. A California Guernsey is reported as producing 124 pounds of butter fat in a year on a ration of alfalfa pasture and hay exclusively, the major portion of the alfalfa fed being hay. It is certain that this Guernsey was a good producer and capable of using her feed economically.

However, regardless of the ability of the cow to convert feed into milk, it is apparent that alfalfa hay and alfalfa as pasture comes as near constituting perfect ration for the dairy cow as anything known to agriculture. In the composition of dairy rations it has long been regarded as necessary that a variety of feeds be used.

This is in order to increase the palatability and to prevent the animal from tiring of the feed. The fact that an exclusive ration of alfalfa will produce such results as reported in the case of this Guernsey is evidence that alfalfa alone is highly nutritious and that it can be used successfully as an exclusive feed.

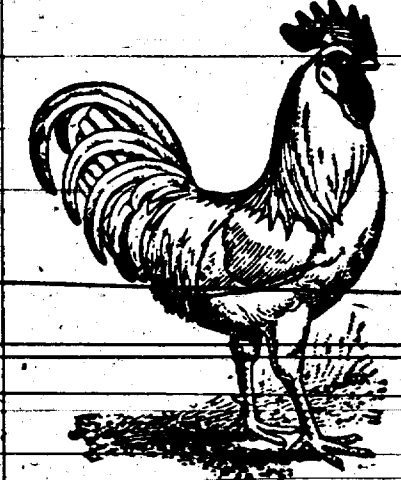
Give Cows a Rest.
It is well, when possible, to give a cow from six to eight weeks' rest between her periods of lactation, but if it is impossible to dry her off it is better to continue milking than to attempt to force her dry.

FARM POULTRY

START IN POULTRY BUSINESS

Initial Step Should Be to Determine on Breed of Fowls Adapted to One's Locality.

The first thing to do in taking up poultry as a business is to find some breed adapted to the locality, then stock up with that breed and study it, says the Poultry Journal. Personal entry into the success of the poultry industry to a large extent. A man must be good-natured, for one thing, and willing to give his time and patience to detail work. For these reasons a man who takes up this business for pleasure often succeeds much better than the man who goes into it for purely the money it brings him. Success in this business comes slowly.



Excellent Specimen.

It must be built up. It requires patience, but when success does come everything after that is easy and the profits are good.

To the man who wishes to enter the poultry business at a small expense, I would advise stocking with a dozen hens of some good breed. It is not well to try to do too much until the beginner has learned how to make a small flock pay. I have had very good success in getting eggs from my hens all the year round. I hatch the chicks as early as possible in the spring. The best time to market chicks is when they weigh about two pounds and tows just before moulting. I find it profitable to market eggs where they must be guaranteed fresh, working up a good trade for the produce at a fair price.

CAUSES OF MANY FAILURES

Endeavor to Save in Expenses by Cheapest Cost of Houses and Space is Enumerated.

The Illinois station gives among the causes of failure in the poultry business the following:

Endeavoring to keep too many fowls where room for one only can be obtained, that is saving in expenses by cheapening cost of houses and space.

Buying fowls from other farms and thus bringing disease and lice into the flocks.

Overfeeding, the fowls being supplied with greater abundance under the supposition, the more feed the more eggs.

Cold draughts over the fowls at night, with a view to supplying fresh air, when the temperature is low.

Wasting time with sick fowls instead of destroying all birds that cannot be cured quickly.

POULTRY NOTES

Pekins lay from 120 to 170 eggs a year.

Forcing for eggs out of season is unprofitable.

Keep the hen's nests clean and provide one for every four hens.

If fowls are compelled to roost in foul and damp houses it causes illness.

The earlier the maturity, all other things being equal, the greater the profits.

Sell off your old fowls and get a better one than you ever had at some neighbor.

The chick that is alive ten days after hatching has most of its danger behind it.

If a hen becomes sick, separate it from the others and doctor it, as the disease may be contagious.

Laying hens drink a very large amount of water if it is clean and kept constantly before them.

Get rid of lice by improving the hen's nest by beginning with the good parents applies also to poultry raising.

For hatching purposes take the eggs from the hens that lay best. Build up, never let the standard down.

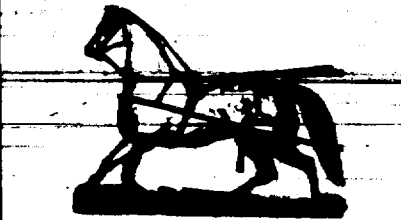
A shelf a couple of feet below the roosts is handy to catch the droppings and handy to clean. And don't forget to clean it.

Breeding stock should be carefully selected by the poultryman and then given the best care, plenty of fresh air, sunshine and exercise.

A few nails thrown into the drinking pan will give poultry all the iron they need, but they should not be allowed to remain there. Clean the vessels every day.

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In the Circuit Court of Prince William County, the 6th day of December, 1913.

In the matter of the estate of Robt. A. Arnold, deceased.

It appearing to the Court that on the 11th day of September, 1913, and on the 25th day of September, 1913, Commissioner Robt. A. Hutchison made a report and a supplemental report respectively of the assets and liabilities of the last will and testament of Robt. A. Arnold, deceased, and it further appearing that both of said reports have been filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than thirty days from this date and that no exceptions to said reports had been filed and that more than a year has elapsed since the 31st day of August, 1912, the date upon which said Thornton qualified as executor as aforesaid, now on the motion of J. W. Arnold and Marshall Arnold, two of the legatees of said Robt. A. Arnold, deceased, it is ordered that the creditors, distributees and legatees of the said Robt. A. Arnold, deceased, do show cause, if any they can, on the first day of the February term, 1914, of this Court, (that being the second day of the month) before this Court at its court room in the said County of Prince William, against the payment and delivery of the said estate of the said Robt. A. Arnold, deceased, to the said J. W. Arnold, Marshall Arnold and the other distributees and legatees as set out in said supplemental report, without any refunding bond from them or any of them.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the MANASSAS JOURNAL, a newspaper published and circulating in Prince William County.

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LIVE STOCK

BEFORE THE FLAMES

By JUNE GALIAN.

PROFITABLE WEIGHT OF PIGS

Experiments Prove Conclusively That Animal Should Never Be Fed After Nine Months Old.

Experiments made for the purpose of determining the economic weight of a pig show conclusively that he never should be fed beyond eight or nine months old, and the largest profit is found, as a rule, in a pig not exceeding 200 pounds. What is known as the food of support, says a writer in the Farm and Home, plays a very important part in the profit and loss of large weights.

Suppose, as many farmers say, that a pig is not to be killed until he reaches 300 pounds. He must take from his food an increasing amount each day to support or maintain the weight already gained, or else he drops back. The experiments indicate that two per cent. of the live weight in food must be taken each day to support that live weight. If the animal weighs 300 pounds this amounts to six pounds of food daily, or over 40 pounds per week, and as the only profit is the food that is applied to make new weight, it results that over 40 pounds of food are consumed each week from which no profit whatever is reaped. It follows that the more money can be made from young hogs killed at a medium weight.

OVERFEED HORSES WITH HAY

If Stomach is Kept Full of Bulky Food Extra Work is Imposed on Respiratory System.

Too much hay fed to the farm horse is an injury and often lessens his working efficiency, according to the Oregon experiment station. Every time a horse inhales his lungs the stomach is displaced, and if this organ is kept full of bulky food extra work is imposed on the respiratory system. Heaves, colic and other forms of indigestion are often due to this cause. There is also a waste that should be conserved.

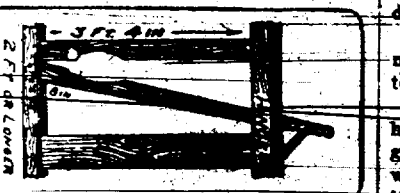
A horse weighing 1,000 pounds will do more work and keep in better health on 15 pounds of hay daily than on 20 pounds. Feed him ten pounds at night and five pounds in the morning and he will perform more labor with greater ease than he would if hay were kept before him all the time.

A horse weighing 1,500 to 1,800 pounds does not need more than 20 pounds of hay a day, and the rest of his nutriment should be grain.

USEFUL FOR RINGING SWINE

Device Constructed on Plan of Dehorning Chute Will Hold Hogs of Different Sizes.

My hog holder is made on the plan of a dehorning chute and is the best I have yet seen. It will hold a 10-pound pig or a 100-pound hog equally well, at ringing time, writes W. W. Bumington of Good Springs, Kan., in the Farmers Mail and Breeder. The frame is made of 2 by 4's bolted together at top and bottom. The lever may be shifted at the bottom to fit



For Holding Hogs.

large or small hogs' heads. The opening in the lever and frame, which is closed over the hog's neck, is eight inches from the base. The handle is notched at its upper end into which a short piece of 2 by 4 catches to hold the lever in place when an animal is caught. This piece is hinged to the frame.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

Pigs should be changed to fresh pasture frequently.

Now is the time to get cheap gains on the spring pigs.

Be sure there is plenty of fresh water in every pasture.

Look out for the ewes. Good ewes are good property, always.

Live stock on the farm will turn an unprofitable investment into a profitable one.

Every care should be taken to get the lambs to start eating grain.

If you want to have peace of mind, fix up the fence around the sheep pasture.

There is nothing like a decent hog wallow to keep the hogs contented and comfortable in hot weather.

If young pigs become fatigued by the hot sun, graze their backs and put them in a shady pasture.

Inbreeding is dangerous with all types of farm stock. It always pays to get new and vigorous blood.

If you are buying a horse, get him on a slow trot. Then, if ever, he will show any lameness he may have.

Helena Storrs stared resentfully after the Eastern Express as it dwindled to a black spot in the distance. When it had quite disappeared from sight and the black smoke had drifted away into the sagebrush, she turned and surveyed her surroundings.

The station agent was watching her cautiously from the open doorway. She was worth looking at, too, this beautiful daughter of John Henry Storrs, the financier; she was very lovely in her plain blue cloth traveling gown and chic little hat, with the late afternoon sun turning her hair to red and gold and warming the rose and ivory tints of her complexion.

The station agent jumped when Helena suddenly fixed her lovely gray eyes on him.

"Is there a garage near by?" she asked, pleasantly.

The station agent scratched his head. "No, miss, there ain't a motor car short of Cheyenne, I guess."

Miss Storrs looked displeased. "What a desolate spot!" she exclaimed. "Can you tell me when the next train is due?"

"There ain't another one till morning, miss. This one wouldn't have stopped only there was something wrong with her engine. They ought not to have let you off the train at all."

"I threatened to report them if they did not," said Helen, haughtily. "What am I to do?" she asked.

The answer to her question came in an unexpected way. There was the sound of wagon wheels and the clatter of hoofs and around the bend of the trail there whirled a light buckboard

driven by a man in a broad-brimmed hat. He handled the fiery black horse skillfully and brought the wagon wheels to a standstill without an inch to spare beside the station platform.

"Hi, there, Jonesey," he sang lustily, "got an express package for me?"

"Wait a minute, Jerry—it's inside." The agent hustled indoors. Presently he came out with a package, which he placed in the back of the wagon.

Then he conversed in low tones with the driver, Helena surmised that they might be talking about her and she felt uncomfortably at a disadvantage.

She stepped from the platform, went around the side of the station and, without a glance at the men, turned into the dusty trail that led to Duggold—ten miles away.

She had walked perhaps half a mile when there came the clatter of hoofs behind her. She did not turn around. As the sound grew nearer she stepped aside into the sagebrush and kept on at a quicker pace.

Mingled with the hoofs were wagon wheels; they passed her and then stopped, sending up a choking cloud of dust.

"I beg your pardon," said a pleasant voice, "but would you not like to ride to Duggold?"

"Thank you, no," she said, stiffly; "I prefer to walk."

"It is a tough walk," said the stranger a little insistently, Helen thought; especially if you are not acquainted with the region. You may meet all sorts of people—the grass is also at Fox creek and it is coming this way."

Helena looked around and saw coming from the east a cloud of gray smoke. Birds were flying before the wind and little charred shreds of grass drifted past.

"Fire?" asked Helena. "Do you mean that they are permitting the fire to get beyond control?"

The man laughed shortly. "The fire had been beyond control from the beginning. There is little hope that it will stop at the trail. I did not know it had gained such headway or that I will try backfire! Step back, please, over there—on the other side of the trail," he said.

Helena obeyed, meekly following as he drove the horses several hundred yards into the sagebrush on the safe side of the trail.

"Stay close to the wagon—it's your only way to escape." He bent to touch a match to the grass on the eastern edge of the trail.

A long line of red flames trickled up and down, fighting against the wind. The man ran to and fro, heating it back where it threatened to ignite the grass on the further side of the trail. At last the flames gathered headway and another cloud of smoke came from

to meet the thick cloud coming from the east.

Helena felt the intense heat and under the man's direction she drove the frightened horses still farther to safety. If Helena had not been a fearless horsewoman the terrified animals might have broken from her restraining hands.

"You've done nobly," smiled her companion, "but now you must get on your feet. Now, if you will, you will see the backfire meet the fire from the east and there will be a struggle for supremacy—and they will eat each other up."

So absorbed did Helena and her companion become in watching the battle of the two walls of flames that they were regardless of their own danger until suddenly a choking cloud of smoke enveloped them and there was the dull heat of approaching flames.

"Done!" cried the man, angrily, snatching up the reins. "We'll have a run for it, after all. It was idiotic on my part not to watch for a sneaking jump across the trail farther down—well, we've got to run for it," he panted, leaning forward to lash the animals into a run.

It was a never-to-be-forgotten ride, across the fire-swept sagebrush. The wagon leaped from side to side and Helena was obliged to cling desperately to the strong arm of her companion to keep from falling out. At last one of the horses lurched forward and fell with a shrill scream of anguish. The other horse was dragged down with him and kicked frantically against the tangled traces.

"Copher hole!" muttered the man, jumping out and lifting Helena down. He went forward, bent over the fallen animals, and called back a word of warning to Helena.

An instant later a shot rang out, there was a brief struggle, and the injured horse lay quiet. The stranger released the other animal from the traces, helped it to its feet, and then called to Helena.

"It's our only chance—can you stay on a horse?"

"Try me!" cried Helena. In an instant he had tossed a blanket across the trembling animal, strapping it firmly in place. Then, with scant ceremony, he lifted Helena to a seat, bidding her place one foot in the fold of the blanket.

"In five minutes the fire will reach the wagon," he said. "It's a ride for life—ready? Go!"

Away went the black horse, with the man running swiftly alongside, one hand on the animal's shoulder.

Faster, faster, they went, with the flames gaining on them every instant.

To Helena Storrs the ride was a revelation. Never before had she come so near to the very marrow of life.

Here, feeling before the blasting wind, she might have been the primeval woman with primeval man at her side.

At last the ground sloped sharply over flinty stones. The horse stumbled bravely down the declivity, snorted with pleasure and waded into a wide creek where it stood, breathing heavily.

The man leaned against the animal and closed his eyes. The water coming to his knees roused him and he lifted his head and smiled at Helena. "I reckon we're safe enough now," he said. "You're all tired out, eh?"

"It was glorious," said Helena, quietly.

For a moment they looked into each other's eyes, then Helena spoke nervously. "The fire cannot come beyond the creek," she said.

"No, it will be pretty hot for a while, and we can keep cool in the water. After that—why, I'll take you over to Duggold; my sister will make you welcome at my ranch. I suppose you left your money on the train?"

Helena nodded.

"Well, Nancy can help you out," he said practically. "Now prepare to keep your face wet and your eyes covered—another hundred yards and the flames will lick up this grass along side the creek."

Helena never forgot that hour. This stranger made her get down into the water and wet her gown thoroughly. The heat from the approaching flames caused a steam to arise from the blue serge gown and the smoke was stifling, but Helena earned the eternal admiration of her companion by her courage, and finally the flames flickered out and left a dreary black and smoking pair.

"Now, for home," said the stranger, swinging Helena into the saddle and leading the horse up the opposite bank into the sagebrush.

It was long after sunset when they dragged up the trail to Rainbow ranch, where Nancy Mather gave Helena a warm welcome. Nancy's brother, Jerry, who had been Helena's companion, lingered a moment that night and spoke to his sister.

"Nan," he said, seriously, "how would you like Miss Storrs for a sister?"

"Jerry! At last!" asked Nancy, smiling incredulously. So soon?

He nodded. "If I marry at all—it will be that girl," he said, seriously, as he bent to kiss her good-night.

"Good luck, then, brother. She's a dear!" cried Nancy. And when she was alone she murmured: "I'll not tell him who she is! He will be surprised to find that he's going to marry the rich Miss Storrs."

And when the news was finally broken it was after he had won Helena's consent to be his wife. Then his sturdy American independence asserted itself and he said tersely:

"Nancy, I love her in spite of the money! Say, Nancy, you ought to have seen her the day of the fire."

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May Recover Antiquities. An astonishing discovery has been made by some Greek sponge-fishers at Madhia on the Tunisian coast. Observing a mass of sunken wreckage, they examined it and noticed some statues lying among rotting timbers. The French authorities were quickly interested and sent a tug and two torpedo boats to the spot. The sunken vessel proved to be one of about four hundred tons and loaded with precious cargo of ancient household goods and statuary, including a Hermes bearing the name of Boethos. The whole or it has now been recovered and is being examined and classified. Evidently it was a part of the Roman plunder from the sack of Athens, and probably the very ship described by Lucian as having been lost with its precious freight, including a sardian, a picture by Zeuxip.

My husband is hunting in the Adirondacks.

"Mercy, aren't you afraid he'll be shot?"

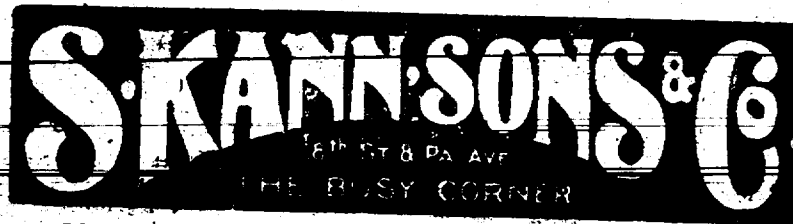
"Oh, no. You see, he's disguised as a deer."

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