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THE FARMER A SPECIALIST.

Every farmer is capable of specializing along some line. The chances for success are increased if a man selects one line of work and unceasingly hammers away at it.

There is the same opening for the farmer who has corn land and prefers to grow corn. After the start is once made it costs no more to grow seed corn than corn for feed.

Such opportunities for specialization could be very all be named in this column. They pertain to each plant and its seed and to each kind of live stock.

LET CATTLE HUSK THE CORN.

The common way is to husk the corn in the field and turn the cattle into the cornstalks. A better way is to cut and shock the corn, bring it to the barn and let the cattle do their own husking.

In husking in the field quite a little corn on the stalks will be overlooked. Some of the corn husked will not get into the high wagon box.

If it takes cattle, horses, or mules longer to get the corn from the stalk than it does from the ear, all the better. Perhaps they will masticate their food more thoroughly if they take a longer time to do it.

Farmers are pretty well agreed that the most profitable way to harvest the corn crop is to put it into shocks. The labor of husking is then doubled, but don't husk it. Let the stock do the husking.

WASTING HIGH-PRICED FEED

Must Cease Irrational Methods of Fattening Stock.

Homesteads: All the problems and difficulties of stockmen pale into insignificance compared with one single factor, that of making cheap gains on live stock fitted for market.

Whaling is still a profitable enterprise in some parts of the world, though a few years ago it was believed to be on the point of extinction.



Daddy's Bedtime Story—Where You Can Pick Bread Off Trees

BAKING the Breadfruit

"DINAH'S going to show me how to bake bread," chirped Evelyn as she clumbled to daddy's knee.

"And do we have to eat your bread?" asked daddy. "Oh, ho, not I!" cried Jack.

"Maybe it won't be so bad," daddy laughed. "And I surely will eat a slice, no matter if it's heavy as lead, just to show how nice I think it is for a little girl to learn to bake bread."

"Bread we have to have, and as it doesn't grow on trees around here we've just got to have some one to bake it for us. So little girls ought to learn young and practice till they can make as fine a loaf as their mothers."

"Did you ever hear of bread growing on trees?" asked Jack. "Oh, yes, indeed! There are breadfruit trees, and where they grow folks don't have to mix the bread and set it to raise. They just go out to the tree and pick a loaf right off the stalk."

"Goodness me," cried Evelyn, "I shall have to tell Dinah about that. Where do the breadfruit trees grow?"

"They grow in warm countries, mostly on the islands in the Pacific ocean and on some of those in the Indian ocean."

"The breadfruit is about as large as a good sized coconut. The fruit grows in clusters, hanging down from a rather long stalk and about halfway up the tree. The breadfruit tree is about thirty or forty feet high."

"The fruit is green first, then it turns brown. It is yellow when it is ripe. It tastes best baked when pulled a little before it gets ripe."

"To bake it a hole is dug in the ground, and some hot stones are placed in the hole. The stones are covered with leaves, and the breadfruit, cut up into three or four pieces, is put in on the leaves. Then more leaves are piled in until the hole is full."

"In about half an hour the breadfruit is taken out—the outside nice and crusty as a baker's loaf, the inside very much like the inside of a loaf of wheat bread. If you taste it you will find it a little sweet, but if you are used to breadfruit you will like that taste and think that bread baked from flour tastes odd."

"They have big baking days sometimes. Several dozen families will climb together for a baking, and a hole twenty or thirty feet around is dug. In this several hundred breadfruits are baked at once, for, unlike bread, the breadfruit will keep for several weeks after it is baked. It does not seem to get stale like flour bread."

"It would be a fine thing for my pocketbook and for Dinah's 'me if we could raise one of those trees in our garden, but I'm afraid we can't. They don't grow in cold countries."

THE CHILL is taken off their drinking water, they will in all probability drink entirely too small a supply of water to keep them gaining.

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With this speciality the farmer of course, would conduct general farm operations. If he grew seed wheat he would have cows, pigs and horses like other farmers.

Think a little along this line. You may conclude something worth a trial.

BUY THOUSANDS OF ACRES

Government Purchases in Several States for Forest Reserve.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 17.—The forestry authorities of the federal government have closed a deal with the Douglas heirs, represented by Douglas Robinson, a brother-in-law of former President Roosevelt.

In order to extend this reserve across the border into Tennessee, inspectors of the forestry department are now looking over a number of smaller tracts in Sullivan and Johnson counties, Tenn., which, if purchased, will make a total of 95,000 acres in the White Top Reserve.

It is stated here that the first purchase of lands made under the provisions of the Weeks forestry bill was made in the counties of Rabun and Habersham, Georgia.

The second purchase was the Little River tract in Blount and Sevier counties, Tennessee. The third purchase was in McDowell and Burke counties, North Carolina.

The fourth was the White Top purchase in Southwest Virginia. Congressman Sam R. Sells of the First Tennessee District, recently called the attention of the forestry department to the importance of making purchases in East Tennessee counties, such as are essential to protecting the valleys through which flow the Holston, the Watauga, the Nolichucky and the French Broad rivers, and inspectors are now looking over these properties.

Whaling is still a profitable enterprise in some parts of the world, though a few years ago it was believed to be on the point of extinction.

The Canadian asbestos output has increased from 390 tons in 1880 to 93,309 in 1909. The quarries and factories are capitalized to the amount of \$24,250,000. In the Blake Lake quarries, Province of Quebec, there are 45,000,000 tons of asbestos in place.

DAQUERRETYPE COMES BACK

Prints on Silver Are Again Coming Into Fashion, Says a Photographer.

"People are inclined to smile at praise of the daguerreotype of our grand father," said a photographer the other day, "but I want to say that the photograph of the present day is an improvement on it for artistic delicacy, for beauty and for quality."

In subtlety of license, nothing ever has equaled the daguerreotype of seventy years ago, and those who possess any of them should treasure them as the choicest heirlooms.

"Most styles move in cycles, and it is the same with photographs. Many photographers are taking up the daguerreotype again. In view of the advance in photography, it is now possible to make daguerreotypes that are permanent, for the originals were wont to fade when exposed to light."

That's why they were always put in covered cases.

"There is at least one very good reason for the daguerreotype being better, and that is that there is nothing but the camera lens between the subject and the picture, and the only loss is the reversal of the subject. Another thing is that the highly polished silver plate of the daguerreotype makes possible the greatest amount of detail, and the softer shadings, much of which is lost in photographs today by the rough surface of the emulsion on the negative, by the opaqueness of the glass in printing, and the unevenness of the paper."

TO SOLVE AERIAL PROBLEMS

Hungarian Has Craft Which He Believes Will Fly Easily Across the Atlantic.

Alexander Kopecsa, a retired Hungarian army officer, has planned an airship which he declares will solve all difficulties of aerial navigation.

He will start to build what he calls his "perfect" airship on the first of the new year. "Regardless of the weather conditions in Chicago," he said, "I will make a trial flight on May 1, 1912. If the airship proves what I am positive it will, I will attempt to make a trip across the Atlantic ocean in September."

The new flying device, he says, will travel on land or water as well as in the air. According to specifications filed with the patent office, the Kopecsa airship will carry 46 passengers, and on land or water or in the air will make a speed of over a mile a minute.

At the top of the contrivance will be a large compartment containing seven hydrogen bags for balancing and added safety. Another safety contrivance consists of four air-suction devices that resemble the fans of a windmill.

From the base of the hydrogen bags will stretch two huge planes, spreading 229 feet from tip to tip. Just beneath the planes will be placed two engines, each of 500 horsepower. There will be 15 propellers.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Ignored His Inspiration.

"One day," said Representative Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, "I heard a perfectly good anecdote. It was about Thad Stevens, Stevens, then running the government during the Civil war, was walking down Pennsylvania avenue one morning with a colleague. They stopped in at George Parker's place, across from the old Willard, for a toddy, and before leaving Thad toyed for a few minutes with the faro bank and won \$100—a hundred dollar bill. Resuming his walk, he was accosted on the capital steps by a Quaker delegation from Pennsylvania, some of his constituents, who said they were interested in a worthy charity in his district, and would like to receive a contribution. Thad took the hundred dollar bill from his pocket and, with a grand flourish, handed it to the spokesman, who was profuse in his thanks. Turning away, Mr. Stevens said to his companion, 'God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform.'"

"Well, I liked that anecdote. The more I thought of it the more I liked it, and finally I became interested in the career of Stevens and wrote his biography. But, do you know, after it was published I discovered that I had forgot to put the anecdote in the book."

NEW IDEAS ABOUT PARENTS

Becoming One Brings Increased Esteem and Regard for Them as Pillars of Life.

My new responsibility has brought me a variety of new appreciations. As a parent I find I have new sentiments about parents, and increased esteem and regard for them as pillars that uphold life and direct it.

Beyond doubt, they are fine for upholding grandchildren. No doubt there would be considerably more grandchildren in our world if there were more grand-parents who recognized their responsibilities and made provision, as a matter of course, to meet them.

But that does not accord with the lively individualism of our generation. Not only are we all desirous of independent life, but our parents prefer it for us. Accordingly when we get above the social plane in which independent life for man and wife can be maintained for \$20 a week, marriage is apt to come late. There are immense advantages about that social plane in which \$20 a week is a complete living, and the wife is cook and housemaid, who, mother and nurse all in one, and the state provides education, and the doctor adjusts his charges to your income, and all the man has to look after is food, clothes, shelter and pocket money! I hope the people who are born with a call on that phase of existence appreciate their luck.

To rise to a \$20-a-week phase must be full of satisfaction, but to drop to it is quite another matter. Whatever starting point is dealt out to us, it is from that point that we have got to go on, and, whether we like it or not, the point at which it behooves us to arrive is measured from the point at which we start.—E. S. Martin in Harper's Magazine.

Motor Trucks Need No Rest.

In a paper read before the Electric Vehicle Association of America, Mr. Hayden Eames called attention to the fact that horse-drawn vehicles must remain idle for a certain portion of the day in order to rest the horses.

A recent investigation showed that the teams of the different express companies in New York city were idle 40 per cent of the total working hours, much of this idleness being due to the fact that the horses needed rest, and that the periods of loading the wagons had to be suited to these rest hours.

The motor vehicle on the other hand requires no rest, and hence requires no adjustment of the loading hours.

Big Money Needed.

Consumption might be wiped out if enough millions or billions are donated for the experts to use in accordance with their ideas. Perhaps some of the great cities of the world are rich enough to care for and try to cure the consumptives from every smaller city, town or hamlet accessible by railroad or steamboat.

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INSURES ECONOMY OF FUEL.

By Martha McCulloch Williams. Paper bag cooking economizes fuel—the fact is demonstrable, beyond a doubt. Particularly if the fuel is gas. The figures to follow are given for gas, but are easy of translation into coal heat or even oil.

The oven of a gas range turned on full, burns twenty feet of gas an hour for each flame-bar. Commonly there are two bars—thus, the hourly consumption at full heat is forty feet. The giant burner on top likewise, at full head, consumes twenty feet an hour, the small burners, each ten feet. Thus a stove in full commission for pot and pan cooking consumes ninety feet an hour.

Now, for paper bag cooking the oven must be lighted and turned on full for eight minutes before anything goes into it; it must also burn full strength for seven minutes longer. Thus, it consumes ten feet of gas at the outset. Turning out one burner to reduce the heat one-half at the end of the seven minute period reduces consumption to fifteen feet for the rest of the hour, making a total of twenty-five feet against forty. But roasting does not demand that a burner goes full—turning it down might save five feet in the hour. Thus the net hour-saving of gas on the oven account is ten feet.

But there are other accounts. By help of paper bags, you can not merely roast in the oven, but cook at the same time a couple of vegetables and bake a pie or pudding. With a small roast you may even cook three vegetables, thereby leaving unlighted three upper jets, which would mean a saving of thirty feet of gas an hour.

Cooking thus solely in the oven means a saving of fifty feet of gas an hour.

Nor is this even all the story. Mysteriously, things cook more quickly in bags than out of them. The saving in time is one-fifth to one-sixth. Putting this at the lowest, and estimating the whole range consumption of gas at ninety feet, there is a saving of fifteen feet. Add them to the fifty feet already in credit, and the sum is staggering, indeed, to the paper bag.

A Little Story of Pie Baking. I had baked a pie a la Soyer and found it good. Notwithstanding, I resolved to show myself exactly the worth of the bag-cooking.

I made up puff paste enough for three pies, rolled out the cruste and filled a pan, using cooked fresh peaches for a filling. I put it on to cook, in its naked majesty, noting the time accurately. It took ten minutes to roll crusts, fill, and put in a greased bag the second pie. The oven was so hot by that time that I slacked the heat a minute after putting in the first pie—I looked in the oven. The naked pie was cooking creditably enough, yet was pale-faced, and the crust still dentable to the touch. Further, there were bubbles of syrup along sundry spaces of the edge.

I turned on a little more heat and left the two pies to cook fifteen minutes longer. The naked one was then a pale, delicate brown on top, with rather a hard undercrust. The bag was brown all over and so crisp the corners crumbled at the touch. But from it came a pie beautiful to behold—light, not pale brown, crisp and flaky as to crust, ready to leave the pan at the first tilt, for a plate. (Copyright, 1911, by the Associated Literary Press.)

SAVORIES FOR SUPPER.

By Nicholas Soyer, Chef of Brooks' Club, London.

Fish Roe a la Soyer.—Place half the roe on top of a piece of buttered toast, put peeled mushroom on top, add salt and pepper to taste, and a little piece of butter. Place the other half of the roe on top of the mushroom, add a little cayenne pepper, a pinch of grated cheese (Parmesan, or any other kind), a few bread crumbs and another piece of butter. Place in buttered bag, seal up and place on broiler. Allow ten minutes in a hot oven.

Savory of Lobster.—Cut a small lobster from head to tail. Cut the flesh into small dice. Put in small stewpan with one tablespoonful of white sauce, one tablespoonful of cream; add salt and cayenne and one teaspoonful of grated Parmesan. Mix up well, and place in the cavity of the shells. Put a little grated Parmesan on top, and a little bread crumb and butter. Put in a paper bag. Place on broiler. Allow ten minutes in hot oven.

Savory Oysters.—Take two tablespoonfuls of white sauce, one tablespoonful of grated cheese, one tablespoonful of cream, the liquor from the oysters and seasoning to taste. Take half a dozen deep oyster shells. Put a little of the above mixture at the bottom; then put the raw breaded oyster in the middle. Add a little more of the sauce on top, with a little bread crumb and a small piece of butter. Place your oysters carefully inside, seal up and allow eight minutes in a very hot oven. (Copyright, 1911, by Sturgis & Walton Company.)

MYSTERY OF LAKE BAIKAL

Body of Water Remote From Ocean Contains Many Organisms Apparently Marine.

The riddle of Lake Baikal, in central Asia, is similar to that of Lake Tanganyika, in central Africa. In both cases a large body of fresh water, remote from the ocean, contains organisms apparently marine. Both lakes, again, contain a very large number of species not found elsewhere. Lake Baikal contains numerous salmon and seals as well as three species of herring. It also contains a few mollusca or apparently marine forms.

One of the most remarkable features of the lake, perhaps, is that, although it is frozen over for about five months in the year, the animal life is extremely abundant and varied. This may be partly accounted for, perhaps, by the existence of hot springs.

One of the latest attempts to answer the riddle of Lake Baikal is that of the Russian Investigator Berg. Of the 32 specimens of fish found in the lake he finds that 14 are peculiar to it, while 19 have a wide distribution in Siberia and Europe.

Many of these peculiar species are without near relations anywhere. Of the mollusca 90 per cent. are peculiar.

Berg does not think the facts demand the hypothesis that the lake was once marine. He believes that it has always been fresh and that the fauna peculiar to it have had a twofold origin. A part has originated in the lake itself during the long ages of its existence, and the rest is a portion of the prehistoric fresh water fauna of Siberia which it has preserved.—Harper's Weekly.

PUPILS PREPARED FOR HIM

Member of School Board Finds They Need No Lesson in Pronunciation From Him.

The member of the board of public education who was visiting one of the schools in the primary department had made a little speech to the children on the importance of correct pronunciation. Picking up a chalk crayon, he wrote the word "heinous" on the blackboard.

"To give you an example, boys and girls," he said, "I wonder how many of you know how to pronounce that word."

"Haynus!" shouted the children in concert. "Miss Guernsey," said the visitor, turning suspiciously to the teacher, "how did you know I was going to try them on that?"

"I didn't know it, Mr. Judson," she answered, "but I am something of a crank on pronunciation myself, and we have frequent drills on words. You will find that these children know how to pronounce exquisite, despicable, demagogical, misanthropic, coadjutor, naive, sacrifice, discipline, parents, caustic, exemplary and hilarity, together with many others that do not occur to me just now."

"I see," said the official visitor, uncertain whether to be crestfallen or elated, "that those youngsters don't need any lesson on pronunciation from me, anyhow," and he took his hat and departed.—Youth's Companion.

Swedish Court in Days of Bernadotte.

If Lady Kilmarnock were to wear Scottish dress when she arrives in Stockholm she would be like the wife and family of our ambassador there 80 years ago, who were afterward told by the maids of honor that they mistook the tartan for a livery of the servants and wondered when the ladies would appear. Court dress when Bernadotte was king was sometimes black and sometimes gray or white, but it always included a particular slashed sleeve, and the master of ceremonies fetched the minister to court in a glass coach. In winter both the king and the queen had a habit of turning night into day. She went out driving after dark and dined after the play, and he undermined the health of his ministers by engaging them all through the night or summoning them at 3 in the morning. And sometimes the king remained in bed for weeks at a time, fearing poison, and sustaining himself largely on apples in consequence.

Simplified Spelling.

"We find in the letters we receive," said the correspondence clerk, "some marvelous examples of simplified spelling, some of these unconsciously poetic, some evidently deliberately intended, some that, though they serve their purpose wonderfully, verge on the comic. For instance, we received yesterday a letter from a man who starts off in this way: "What fx would follow—" and so on.

"Of course, the meaning of that was perfectly plain, but the bookkeeper and I had to smile over it for a moment, and when we showed it to the stenographer he said that the man who could write words like that ought not to stop at simplified spelling, he ought to go right ahead and invent a new shorthand system."

Final.

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You are at liberty to use my name, or refer any one to me at any time, and I will be only too glad to write or tell them of my cure.

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St. Paul, Jan. 17.—The horticulturist who complained of rainy weather last fall may now well rejoice, for it is that that has made trees and shrubs cold proof, according to Prof. Le Roy Cady of the horticultural department of the University of Minnesota.

"The trees and shrubs of Minnesota probably will be unaffected by this extreme cold weather, because we had such abundant rains in the fall that the ground was well saturated with moisture before it froze," said Prof. Cady. "The snow since then has formed a good covering, which will be of great benefit to all fruit trees and shrubs, but especially so for the more tender shrubs and perennial plants."

"If we had had a similar spell of cold weather last year it probably would have been accompanied with disastrous results."

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Love and a Shotgun

By Carl Jenkins

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Scores of farmers had written to the university that they could use extra hands during July and August, and Clarence Davis was one of the students who elected to work during the vacation. He went to a farmer who wanted only one man, but a big, stout one. Clarence was big and stout, and the farmer figured that if he only had a small appetite he would be as much of a bargain as a dollar shirt marked down to 69 cents.

There was a regular hired man on the farm. He had been there a year. The farmer, the good wife and the daughter welcomed the new hand, but Jim, the hired man, didn't. He took a long look at him, listened to his talk for a few minutes, and then went out to the barn and shook his fist at the haymow and kicked over a half-bushel measure and hoarsely exclaimed:

"If he does it I will kill him if I hang for it!"

Farmer Bush's daughter was named Amelia. She was twenty-two years old and engaged to Jim. He had won her heart and hand in the first three months. No date had been set for the wedding, but it was counted a sure thing. Amelia had taught a district school one term, and was inclined to look down on Jim.

The college boy went to work with a good deal of vim. He wanted muscle, and he wanted the wages. While he was a hired man for the nonce, he couldn't help being himself at the same time. He didn't use soft soap to wash his hands; he made use of comb and brush before coming to the table; he made a change from his working clothes after the chores had been done up for the night.

Amelia was impressed from the very first day, and she was foolish enough to show it. The student hadn't been an inmate of the farmhouse two full weeks when it was plain to everybody that Jim was down on him. He jeered at his work,



"If He Does It I'll Kill Him."

sneered at his talk and became almost insulting over his musical abilities on the cottage organ.

"Better go slow," cautioned the farmer to the lover one day. "If you get him real mad he'll break you in two."

"But he shall never take Amelia from me and live!" was the reply. "Pooh! He isn't giving her a thought."

But Jim could see flirtation, love, marriage and all that in every little action, and one evening, as the two men were milking the cows, he boomed over. The knowledge had come to him that the lemon pie on the supper table had been made and served on account of his rival. That pie broke the camel's back. He announced the fact to the student and pitched in. He was gathered up and thrown over the fence, and then he planned a tragedy.

Two evenings later, as Mr. Davis entered the barn to feed the horses, there was a flash and a roar and a handful of birdshot whizzed around him. Jim had fired a second too soon and the old fanning mill, instead of a live man, had received the leaden pellets. The would-be was taken by the neck and shaken.

"Now then, you blamed idiot, sit down here and tell me what's the matter! What do you want to make a lead mine of me for?"

"Amelia!" almost sobbed Jim.

"And what about Amelia?"

"You have cut me out with her! She has gone back on me! We loved till you came. Now she says she doesn't know whether she will have me or not."

"You pumpkinseed! I have simply been courteous to the girl—nothing more. So this is what has been ailing you, is it?"

Jim took from his pocket a memorandum book, and by the fading light of evening he read:

"Amelia was in a flutter about his coming."

"She frizzed her hair for the first time in six months."

"Had on her Sunday dress."

"Had on a breakfast."

CURED OF SOLITAIRE PLAY

How One Wife Put Stop to Her Husband's Preoccupation With the Game.

"My husband used to be a solitaire fiend," said a woman the other day. "He used to come home nights and play several games while I was preparing dinner. After eating—and he would hurry that—he would rush to his card table and play until late at night. If this had happened only once a week it would have been different and I would not have said a word about it. As it was, he would play every night we were not going out together."

"I like card playing, but when it comes to making the game of solitaire an occupation, I draw the line."

"I worried and fretted about the proposition as I thought it was doing my husband harm, as well as keeping him from being sociable, until I thought I would have gray hair. I remonstrated, argued, fought and shed tears, but all to no avail. Finally I hit upon a scheme."

"As I was an unusually poor card player my husband had criticized me several times for my ignorance, good humoredly, of course, and I decided to learn to play solitaire also. I bought a pack of playing cards and one evening at dinner I told the solitaire fiend that I wanted him to teach me the game. He was delighted to think I at last had come to his side and he said he would instruct me that very night."

"Accordingly, after we had tidied up the dining room—he helped me that time—we started in on the single handed game. My husband sweated and almost swore at times and he called me a 'bonehead' and several other names that mean the same thing. Finally he gave it up in disgust and he has not played cards since."

"College chap says 'thanks' when his plate or cup is handed him. I told Amelia he might be a horse thief for all that, but she said I'd better mend my own manners."

"The two were talking about a poem or something named 'Evangeline,' on the veranda last evening. I broke in to talk about hogs, and later on Amelia said it would be awfully hard to be tied to a man like me."

"Laid awake and tossed all over the bed till I heard the roosters crow. That college chap had best beware. My loving heart is not the only one that has been driven to desperation."

"Amelia still frizzing and saying 'sir.' College chap can play the organ and sing. I said he'd better be spitting rails instead, and Amelia wouldn't speak to me for the rest of the evening. False girl, beware!"

"College chap is too big for me to heck, but I know where I can borrow a shotgun. It can go off by accident. I tried to press Amelia's hand last night, but she wouldn't be pressed. Never slept a wink all night."

"Amelia has told me that I snore in my sleep, and that the college chap don't. She says that snoring is vulgar. More desperation!"

"This book will be found on my person. Let it be my excuse for what I am about to do. Amelia, let thy conscience be thy punishment!"

With the ending of the record Jim blew out the candle, hung up the lantern and sat down on a bag of feed and was silent.

"Jim, did you mean to shoot me?" asked Mr. Davis.

"Yes, meant to blow you all to bits!"

"Just wait here till I come back from the house."

He went to his chamber, packed his things, wrote a short note to the farmer as to where to send the wages due him and get back to the barn without being seen. Jim hadn't moved off the bag.

"Going away?" he asked as the other entered.

"Yes."

"Did you bid Amelia good-by?"

"No."

"Didn't give her hand one long, last squeeze?"

"I didn't even see her."

"And you won't come back or write?"

"Neither."

"Then—then—" said Jim as he rose and advanced—"then—"

And he kissed the college chap on the cheek and the other felt, as he headed away in the darkness, that the hired man's eyes were wet with tears.

CRITIC DEFINES WHISTLING

R. H. Schauffer, Musical Critic, Declares the Art Should Be Encouraged.

The whistler is generally regarded as a nuisance, and is suppressed if possible, but R. H. Schauffer, the distinguished musical critic, thinks the art ought to be encouraged. Mr. Schauffer confesses in his recent book that he himself whistles Brahms themes whenever he is alone. The Office Window man has never heard Mr. Schauffer whistle, but his own personal opinion is that Brahms is not adapted to whistling, being far too high-browed. The art of whistling really became lost when such tunes as "Money Musk" and the "Irish Washerwoman" passed out of common knowledge. In those old days the accomplished whistler had a trick of wobbling his tongue about in his mouth in such a way as to produce a peculiar effect of trills and harmonies that really belonged to high art. As matters are now, the attempts of an office assistant to render his favorite themes from Wagner, Dvorak, Tschaiakowsky, Scharwenka and other eminent Teutonic or Slavonic composers sometimes threaten scenes of carnage and bloodshed that would put Caneva to the blush if the strong hand of justice did not intervene.

An Explanation.

"Your nephew is a college graduate, isn't he?"

"Yes," confessed honest Farmer Hornbank; "but in justice to the college I'll own that he had no sense beforehand."—Woman's Home Companion

THOUGHT TIN WAS SILVER

Chinese Pirates Meet Bitter Disappointment After Risking Their Necks for Loot.

It was a surprise to the Chinese pirates who looted the Pacific Mail liner Asia, wrecked in Oriental waters sometime ago, when what they believed to be slabs of silver turned out to be nothing but tin. They were more than disappointed in view of the fact that they had risked their necks to get the supposed precious metal and had conveyed it a great distance in sampans to dispose of it.

According to W. W. Pipkin, connected with the Chinese maritime customs service, who arrived the other day of the liner Persia, there were at least 100 small Chinese fishing boats that put in at various places laden with tin. In their haste to get away with the cheap but shining metal the pirates had overlooked the more valuable silks and other rich eastern products which were in the Asia's cargo.

There is nothing now visible of the old Pacific mailer, according to passengers on the Persia, which passed close to where her sister ship went to her doom on the treacherous crags that seem to beckon mockingly out of the mist that incessantly hangs over them. What portions of the steamer were not broken up by salvagers were dismembered by the beating seas.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The word raid is not quite new, however, in Italian. I find it several times in an Italian newspaper of more than four years ago which I happen to have at hand, e. g., "Il raid Pekino Parigi."—From a Letter in the Spectator.

Minerals in the Human Body.

The human body contains, among other constituents, about two pounds of phosphorus, which is essential to the health of the bones and the vigor of the brain. This phosphorus, if extracted and put to another use, would make up about 4,000 packages of friction matches.

Besides phosphorus, the body contains a few ounces of sodium and half an ounce of potassium. The quantity of the latter would be sufficient for many experiments in a class of chemistry.

In addition to sodium and potassium there are a few grains of magnesium, enough to make the "silver rain" for a family's stock of rockets on a Fourth of July evening or to create a brilliant light visible at a considerable distance.—Harper's Weekly.

Not Disappointed.

"My wife reads the marriage notices carefully every day. Wouldn't miss a day for worlds."

"Why not?"

"Oh, about once every six years somebody gets married that she knows."

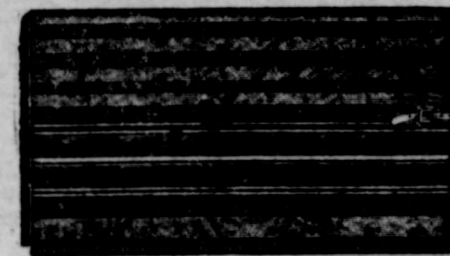
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SILOS SAVED MANY CATTLE

Snow Covered Fields Would Have Left Stock to Starve.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 17.—The value of the silo in Kansas was shown to good advantage in severe weather of the last three weeks and when it was practically impossible to haul feed to stock.

In northwest Kansas the silos that had been filled with feed early last spring and late in the summer saved thousands of head of dairy cattle. It was not first class feed by any means, but was better than nothing, and there being no feed there those who had silos were not put to the necessity of paying high prices for feed and also being caught short of feed during the last three weeks.

"The silo is actually the most valuable discovery in recent years for the farmer," said an official of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. He has been trying to get some information as to the stock losses in the state. "Wherever I go and ask for information I have been told that the silo saved us. I believe that fully a thousand silos were built in Kansas last year and filled, and I know of several thousand head of cattle that were absolutely saved by silos built last summer."

"One ranchman in Stafford county had a silo that he built last year and filled. He could not get a pound of feed, as the roads were impassable and he simply poured the feed from his silo into the feed troughs to his

range, cattle and they have not suffered."

ALFALFA FOR DAIRY COWS.

Professor C. C. Hayden of the dairy department of the Illinois College of Agriculture, speaking recently on "Alfalfa From the Feeding Standpoint," showed the economy in using alfalfa in a ration for dairy cows. The Illinois experiment station recently completed an experiment which shows that a ration for dairy cows containing ten pounds of alfalfa hay produces 17 per cent more milk than the same ration with timothy substituted for alfalfa. The test showed alfalfa to have nearly the same feeding value as bran, an expensive concentrate, and the former keeps the animals in a much better physical condition.

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