

POINTS FOR CHICKEN RAISERS

Evidently Written by One Who Has No Particular Liking for the Humble "Biddy."

Chickens are the most dadd-busted, uncertainest creatures that walk the family acre.

Never raised any? Well, you will, all right. Most universal pursuit in this whole wide world, outside of paying bills.

And it is easy, after you learn one thing: Little chickens don't know anything, medium-sized chickens don't know anything, big chickens don't know anything.

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Hen chickens are more valuable than roosters, because they can lay eggs if they will.

Some Favor Suspending the Regular Service on This Occasion Because of No Harvest.

The discussion which is taking place just now as to the propriety of holding harvest thanksgiving services in our churches well illustrates the bewilderment which prevails among educated churchmen struggling to reconcile their more enlightened view of Nature with ecclesiastical traditions.

Some are disposed to hold that a display of public gratitude for benefits so clearly withheld would savor of ineptitude.

Theology apart, common sense revolts against a ceremonial which in so literal a sense goes against the grain.

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Comparatively Well-to-Do Residents of Yokohama Get Rice Intended For the Poor.

The nearest Japan has yet come to the "free soup kitchen" idea, so common in the western countries in times of scarcity, says the Japanese Advertiser, was the "poor man's rice market" at Toeh and Motomachi in Yokohama Sunday.

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In fact the number of those who were sufficiently well to do to purchase rice at the outside market price was so numerous that many of the deserving poor who came to the sale were crowded out and returned to their homes at the close of business for the day with empty baskets.

The miscarriage of plans in this way led the promoters to seek the aid of the police and yesterday the storekeepers were instructed to sell rice to no person unless he or she produced a certificate from the city office that he was poor and deserving.

The scenes at the two stores were boisterous and caused the police to be called in on several occasions to get the crowds in order.

First Preacher—Do they fight much in your church choir?
Second Preacher—No; they usually wait until they get outside.

'Twould.
'Twould take a man with steel-clad shins Such hardships to endure, While groping in a dark room full Of concrete furniture.

ROMANCE OF THE PICNIC AND PEASLY

What Happened When the "Old Man" Went for an Outing.

BY LOUISE OLNEY.

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The office was sorry for Peasly, but sorry in polite silence. Even the crass unthinkingness of youth does not tell a man that he is nearly past what is called "marrying time."

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Then it happened—and Diana Farley spoke: "Mr. Peasly, you'll have to come along, too. You mump over your work. You'll dry up and blow away some day. Come on with the rest of us."

"All right," he said. "I'll be glad to go." He had surprised himself—and the office.

An hour later Harrington on leaving the office stopped to whisper to Miss Farley as she pinned on her hat. "What made you ask him?"

The girl gave him an amused look from her deep eyes. "The romance of it—and of him," she said.

Harrington went his way with a shrug. Diana Farley was always a little beyond him—Nora was more his sort—bloomy and understandable and young. Diana must have been twenty-seven and had a wise little look that

can hurry on a summer evening? It was then that Robert Peasly and Diana fell behind, according to his will and plan.

It was then that something really happened. It took the girl off her guard, and left her speechless, and a little white, for she was tender of heart, and would not have hurt a fly.

"So you asked me—for the romance of it—and of me?"

She had not a word to say but he searched the sincere face turned bravely to his look in the bright moonlight, and found only truth and kindness there.

"Do you know what the romance of me is?"

She shook her head and faltered out, "It is romance to discover a new person—a new friend, to find the things that are hidden in people. I meant nothing—but kindness—pleasure to myself and you and the rest! You know that! You were always at the desk, but silent. I knew you could not be unlike other people—I knew you were really interesting—and you are."

"You—have found me, certainly," he interrupted; "you were bound to do that, you couldn't have helped yourself. But do you know what you have found? You couldn't even guess at the romance of it!"

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"Well," he said, "I am your punishment for the day—I am at least discerning—and you take to it like a sportsman. You meant to be kind to an office-ridden wretch who might have been free six months ago—but for you."

"What do you mean?" she asked, seeing that he waited for a question. "I mean that it is not easy to leave an office where you have been for ten years, when you like everybody, and your work has made a rut in your brain. I don't know how to use it."

"Use—money." His simple words left her unenlightened, but he went on. "I don't know how to use—leisure. And I couldn't leave the office—while you were in it. I never showed you how I felt about you, did I? I had pride enough not to do that, especially when the boss—and you—when he intended to ask you to marry him."

Robert Peasly began to talk. "I think I can put the case plainly, Diana. In short, six months ago a relative left me a lot of money and a home. It should have been mine as an orphan child, but I was cheated out of it. I have lived a drudge's life. The relative was a woman, and because she was what she was, I have hated women."

That was until two years ago when you came to Hartley's. I loved you—I loved you, but I knew nothing about love, nor how to tell you, and I knew you could not love me. I made myself content with seeing you every day. I have done utterly romantic things. Can you believe that I have picked up withered flowers you have worn and followed you home and passed your house at night, wondering which window was yours, for all the world like a boy in a story? Did you know?"

She shook her head. "And when this money came I had hope for a day or two. Then I happened to overhear what wasn't meant for me—I knew how the boss—"

"He wouldn't dare to love me—I—" the tears came, and as she turned to him he put an arm about her. It came very easy and naturally. He found that love-making does not have to be learned, and drew her close to him and held her there.

"Forgive me," he said, "but it's heaven to me—"

"What—do you—think it is to me—you foolish, foolish!" She lifted her head and pushing him away sprang up and stood lightly before him holding her hands clasped like a happy child. "I think," she said "that I have been stupid—especially you. Can't you guess my romance?" He rose and reached for her, but she evaded him.

"Tell me," he pleaded. "I dare not guess! The guess would be to please myself, Diana."

"That might not be far wrong."

"Diana—do you—care?" She came to him willingly enough this time, but not for long. She jumped up and pulled him with her.

"We mustn't miss that car." He wondered why they mustn't. He did not care about the car, but a woman always has her reasons. He meekly accepted her decision—for this occasion.

Gold Coins Show Wear. Are the gold coins of the United States to circulate until their denominations are effaced? Out west, where many of them are in the banks and in the pockets of the people, the abraded coins are never presented to the sub-treasuries for redemption, because, unlike the silver coins, they cannot be redeemed at their face value.

Disipation That Kills. Eating too much receives more encouragement than any other form of dissipation, and probably kills more people.—Atchison Globe.



"I Couldn't Leave the Office."

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