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FARMERS MAY KNOW WEATHER.

Flags to be Carried on Rural Free Delivery Routes.

The United States department of agriculture will, through its weather bureau, introduce a system of flag signals on wagons delivering rural mail that is expected to be of great benefit to the farmers and all interested in agricultural pursuits. The system will soon go into effect.

The flags are numbered from one to five. The first is of plain white indicating fair weather; No. 2 is of dark blue, which bespeaks rain or snow; No. 3 is also a square flag, the upper half of white and the lower of foot on it. But if he should set on the blue, indicating local rain or snow. No. 4 is a triangular flag, which denotes the temperature. If placed above the square flag, it means that warmer weather is promised, and if below colder weather is coming. The cold wave flag is square and of white, with a blue disc in the centre. A glance at these flags when the wagon drives by will tell the farmer just what weather conditions are to be expected.

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AUTHORS' BLUNDERS. Some Mistakes In Which the Moon,

Sun and Wind Figure. The moon proves a terrible pitfall to most writers. Wilkie Collins once performed the marvelous feat of making it rise in the west. Rider Haggard, in "King Solomon's Mines," relies for the effective rendering of one of his most

new moon. Coleridge placed a star between the horns of the crescent moon, forgetting that to be visible in such a position the star would have to be between the earth and the moon or, say, 230,000

thrilling scenes upon an eclipse of the

miles away only. Next to the moon perhaps the sun is responsible for more glaring errors than any single concrete cause. At the beginning of a certain famous novel, the title of which a few years back was in everybody's mouth, an invalid character's room was said to have been lighted by one window looking directly toward the east. Yet at the end of the book, when the invalid dies, the author, wishing to make him depart this life in a flood of glory, suffuses this eastern windowed room with

"the red glare of the setting sun." Kingsley, too, made one of his heroe row out into the eastern ocean after the setting sun. But even this glaring absurdity has been capped. In a novel published by a well known firm there occurs the following passage, the scene being laid on board a big sailing ship; "'How's the wind?' asked the skipper, 'East-northeast,' replied the mate, glancing at the masthead pennant, which was streaming blithely in the direction indicated." So that in the world, according to novelists, we should not only find the sun setting in against the direction of the prevailing wind.

A TOPSY TURVY ROOM.

A Frenchman Who Plays Practical Jokes on His Guests.

A "topsy turvy room," writes a correspondent, not illusory, but actually so built, existed near Paris some years ago and may still exist. One who saw it thus describes it and the use to which it was put: "I was the guest of "from Saturday to Monday. He was a bachelor, very convivial in his tastes. and we were a very jolly party of men. When we woke up, about 2 o'clock on the Sunday morning, one of our number, sound asleep on the couch in the billiard room, was carried out like a log by a couple of servants. My host to rush from my bedroom or else I lieved when the summons came to find that it was broad daylight.

"Yawning, I followed the valet and news. found myself, with four others, silently peeping through little holes in the wall. The scene was absurd, ridiculous. A dazed man slowly waking to full consciousness was lying on a plastered floor, looking up in horror at a carpeted ceiling. Two heavy couches, an easy chair, chairs and tables separently real, was blooming. He gave a cry and, rolling over, grasped with frenzied hands the stem of the chandelier, which came up through the floor. The host burst into the room, with a loud laugh. 'They all do it,' he cried. They fear they will fall up to the celling.'

"Sit" and "Set."

Some one who believes in teaching by example has concocted a lesson in the use of two little words which have been a source of mortification and trouble to many well meaning persons. A man or woman either can set a hen, although they cannot sit her; neither can they set on her, although the hen might sit on them by the hour if they would allow it.

A man cannot set on the wash bench, but he could set the basin on it, and neither the basin nor the gram-

marians would object. He could sit on the dog's tail if the dog were willing or he might set his aforesaid tail or sit his foot there the grammarians as well as the dog would howl, metaphorically at least. And yet the man might set the tail

aside and then sit down and be assailed neither by the dog nor by the grammarlans.

Not Worry, but Slumber.

the proneness of different peoples to depart in that way when one of those engaged in the conversation turned to a colored man and asked, "Why is it that so few of your people take their own lives?"

After scratching his head a moment the person addressed responded, "Well, I tell you, boss; when a nigger sits down he don't worry, but goes to sleep."-New York Times.

Envied the Other Boy.

Johnny-I wish I was Tommy Jones. Mother-Why? You are stronger than he is, you have a better home, more toys and more pocket money. Johnny-Yes, I know, but he can wiggle his ears .- Men of Tomorrow,

Experience the Only Teacher. She-There's really no reason for married folks to quarrel. He-No, except that they generally need a few quarrels to find that out .-

Brooklyn Life. The man who has the most to say about charity beginning at home is generally the one who thinks that reform ought to begin on the other side of the world.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, July 21, 1902. "No admission," is the greeting that meets the visitor in Washington who attempts to enter the White House grounds, and many have expressed serious disappointment at their inability to inspect the home of the President. But it should prove some compensation to loyal Americans to know that for the first time since 1881 the White House is receiving a thorough renovation. Those who have visited the building in recent years can testify to the necessity for such an overhauling. As the wealth and greatness of the country bave increased the demands on the executive mansion have grown and have not been sufficient to secure to the President and his family that comfort and privacy to which they are constantly and new rooms have had the building was available for residence purposes and ordinarily more the public during certain hours of the day. When the present renovation is completed and the new office build ing, which is being erected just west of the White House, is finished the entire second floor will be restored to its original purpose, a residence for the President and his family.

In the basement, on the East end of the building, there are to be reception and cloak-rooms and the present entrance on that end will be greatly enlarged. There all persons having occasion to call at the President's home will enter, the former main door being reserved for the exclusive use of the family. Persons who have occasion to call on the President on business will be directthe owner of the house," he says, ed to the new office building at the west side of the grounds. This building will have accommodations for the entire clerical force heretofore located in the White House and will also be provided with a large Cabinet room, a private office for the President and one for his secretary, a reception gave me a solemn wink and told me room of generous proportions, a room that if a sudden summons came I was for telegraph and telephone purposes and a comfortable room for the use of might miss a sight worth seeing. I newspaper correspondents, where wanted nothing but sleep and was re- every convenience will be afforded them for obtaining and preparing the

At present, the clerical force of the President is divided between Oyster Bay, where a few rooms in a bank building have been rented for the purpose, and a rented residence on Jackson Place, across Lafayette curely fastened stared down at him Place from the White House grounds, from above. The man's eyes at last where the major portion of the force rested on a flowerpot directly over his is installed. This, by the way, is the head, from which a flaring rose, apbeen completely vacated since it was entered by President Monroe on the day of his inauguration Mar. 4. 1817. The White House was originally completed in the fall of 1800, the corner-stone having been laid eight years before, but, as every American boy and girl knows, it was burned by the British on August 24, 1814 and it was not until 1817 that the rebuilding was completed.

The interior of the White House looks today as if it had been the victim of a Kansas cyclone, even the floors having been removed. The staircase at the East end of the lobby, up which have toiled so many thousands of anxious office seekers, have been removed and, while it is impossible to secure from the architects all the details of their plans, it is believed that the space formerly oc-cupied by the old staircase will be occupied by a far more elaborate one leading up from the basement and the reception and cloak rooms located the reception and close rooms of therein. The interior decorations of Lackswanna the building are to be elaborate and completed the interior of the White West Pittston..... They were discussing suicides and House will possess a most attractive Wyoming. and artistic appearance. All who have attended the presidential receptions will appreciate the convenience that will be derived by the new entrance for, heretofore, the crowding about the cloakrooms, erected temporarily in the main lobby, has been deplorable. It is the expectation of the architects that they will be able to turn the completed residence over to the President on his return to Washington in October, although from the present appearance of the building

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that hardly seems possible.

The answer of the United States Steel Corporation, otherwise known as the Steel Trust, filed in the New Jersey Courts and sworn to by Mr. Chas. Schwab and other officers of the company, has set the gentlemen at democratic headquarters to work making some interesting deductions. Mr. Schwab says that the assests of the company amount to \$1,400,271,-000 and that the net profits of the concern are \$140,000,000 per annum. He further states that these profits could be reduced seventy-five per cent and still leave ample to pay interest on the company's bonds and provide for its sinking funds, these fixed charges amounting to but \$31,-737.850. This is the corporation, it will be remembered, which is chargfor some years its accommodations ing American manufacturers and shipbuilders from thirty to thirty-five per cent more for the steel they are compelled to use than it is charging Britentitled. The office force has grown ish and other manufacturers for the same material. When Representato be converted into offices until but tive Richardson of Tennessee offered a small portion of the second floor of a bill in the House which provided the patrons of their special low-rate made by trusts, the republicans than half of the first floor was open to charged him with desiring to wreck American industries. The duty on steel will average forty-five per cent so that how far this charge was from the truth may be easily seen.

> Senators Carmack and Dubois are both in Washington and are rendering every assistance possible at Democratic headquarters. Senator Dubois recently called your correspondent's attention to the fact that he offered in the Senate an amendment to the Permanent Census bill which provided for the very publicity for the trusts which was recommended by the President in his message and that the amendment was defeated by a strict party vote. Lepresentative Sulzer offered a similar amendment HUMPHREYS' VETERINARY SPECIFICS

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Bell, of Colorado, offered a bill for controlling the trusts based on his observations as a member of the Industrial Commission, Lut all of these were defeated by republican votes or influence. In view of these facts, Senator Dubois regards it as little short of ludicrous that the President should attempt to mislead the people as to the real relations of the republican party to the trusts, after Congress has adjourned and just before an

It is believed in Washington that Senator Spooner has been invited to go to Paris in connection with the Panama Canal title and that General Wood is to be made chief of the canal construction commission. Evidently Mr. Roosevelt is inclined to follow the example of Mr. Hanna, in standing by his friends, even if he is not equality indicious in their selection.

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