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FARM WORK BY PRISONERS.

A Danish Plan to Improve Barren Heaths of Jutland.

Realizing that crime in many instances is the result of early environment, which made the criminal what he is, the Danish Government takes a paternal interest in those who are brought within the charge of the prison authorities.

Denmark still possesses in the heaths of Jutland a large undeveloped territory that requires much labor to make it suitable for agricultural purposes.

The work of reclaiming the Danish heaths has been accomplished largely through the co-operation of the Danish prison authorities and individuals who wished to embark in farming on their own account.

A freedom which will not infringe on the regulation necessary to keep up discipline is enjoyed by the prisoners on the Danish heath.

An important adjunct is found in the large dogs which are a feature of the prison colony on the heath.

The Old-Time Watermelon.

Readers who live where good watermelons grow, will sympathize with those whose emotions Mr. Wilber D. Nesbit has so eloquently expressed in the Chicago Post.

In the old days when the world was much better than it is now, there were good watermelons.

As we remember them the watermelons of twenty-five, thirty or thirty-five years ago were huge affairs.

And when you sunk the knife into the rind ripped and cracked for two inches ahead of the blade—and the melon just laughed itself open!

Nowadays the marketman shows you an oblong affair done in pale green and green-yellow stripes, with a white blotch on the under side that he calls a watermelon.

There are evident advantages in specializing. It is pleasant to know one thing thoroughly, if it is nothing more vital than the Greek enclitic or the wing of a moth.

And you have forgotten whether a watermelon goes plink-plink or plunk-plunk when it is ripe, because it doesn't make any difference now.

Mustard Bath for Plants.

A spoonful of mustard in a gallon of water will kill insects in the earth. This is good for potted plants.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh.

Headache



Can be cured only by a remedy that will remove the cause. The oftener you stop it with headache powders or pills the quicker it will return.

Lane's Family Medicine

(called also Lane's Tea) a tonic laxative, will cure headache in short order by regulating the bowels and reinvigorating the stomach.

"DEVIL ANSE" IN VIRGINIA.

Former Feudist Visits "Cap" Hatfield, His Father.

Richmond, Va.—"Devil Anse" Hatfield is once again in the mountains of West Virginia, after an absence of years.

"Devil Anse" is highly respected in the community in which he lives. Few in that section know of his past life or of the exploits of himself and his kinsmen in their family warfare.

He is on a visit to his father, "Cap" Hatfield, leader of the Hatfield clan, who is 90 years of age and very feeble.

John McCoy was the head of the McCoy family, of which there were fifteen children. Only one survives.

A mountain romance concerns itself with the McCoy who survived and the Hatfield girl. The two were about the same age.

At times the feud of former days reached such proportions that State troops had to be called out. The trouble affected even the cousins of the two siles.

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Still, experts have their limitations. If one may judge by their diverse conclusions on the witness stand, Josh Billings's wisdom remains true, and there is little virtue in knowing "things that ain't so."

When all is said, life is many-sided, and there is a call for some persons who see it thus, as from their natural point of view.

"Oh, no, Massa, I ain't no preacher. I's only jus' a 'zorter!" "Why, what's the difference between a preacher and exhorter, Sambo?"

Will Loan Money to Farmers. The Transvaal government, though the medium of a land bank that is being opened, is about to lend approximately \$513,000,000 to the farmers of the country to enable them to purchase modern agricultural machinery and implements.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

PRESIDENT'S 'POSSUM DINNER

Eighteen-Pound Champion 'Possum was Caught in Georgia for the Taft Party.

Atlanta, Ga.—The news that a 20-pound 'possum was surrounded and captured by Worth county hunters for the Taft dinner has stirred up a 44-pound doubt in the region about Folsom's restaurant, where the 18-pound, genuine, dyed-in-the-wool 'possum is on exhibition in a window.

"We still hold Big Bill as the champion 'possum," said Colonel Folsom. "Down here we are from Missouri, and if any hunters have got anything in the 'possum line heavier than 18 pounds they have got to show us.

"You think then there is a mistake about the weight of the one they have caught?" he was asked.

"I think," replied the colonel, very deliberately and with a touch of irony in his tone, "I think those fellows have caught a cinnamon bear and will try to substitute him for our 'possum."

Several other parties are trying for the honor of furnishing the biggest 'possum for the dinner, since it has been informally agreed that the biggest shall be made into a special dish for the President-elect.

Up to date, however, the Folsom tail-fed article is the largest tangible 'possum in sight, and those who expect to beat him must bring up a wonder.

WIDOW'S LOVE VERY COSTLY.

Rich Realty Man Found Guilty and Wife Gets Children.

New York.—Mrs. Marion H. Clegg, distinguished as one of Brooklyn's women of social prominence, known for her entertainments in the handsome Clegg home at 260 Ocean Parkway, to-day secured an absolute divorce from Anthony M. Clegg, a real estate operator, worth \$250,000, naming a "college widow" of New Haven in her suit.

Mrs. Clegg had her suspicions aroused by her husband's frequent and repeated visits to New Haven.

Originally he went there to organize a real estate company, but his visits continued indefinitely. Later she learned that he spent most of his time there in the company and at the home of Frances Arnold, at 531 State street. She is known, it is said, as a "college widow" in the university town.

Mr. Clegg, who has his office at 60 Liberty street, Manhattan, was in the habit of going to the Connecticut city in his automobile and his trips, it is shown, covered several days.

A number of New Haven witnesses testified as to Clegg's visits to the home of the "college widow." Clegg defended the suit but failed to refute his wife's charges.

The Cleggs have two children and they are awarded to the custody of Mrs. Clegg. It is reported a private settlement will be made by the husband as to alimony and counsel fees. The Cleggs were married in Nov., 1892.

DOOM OF BIG HAT SEALED.

Scenery-obscuring Headpiece Must Go, Says Chicago Milliners' Association.

Chicago, Ills.—The feminine hat with the dangerous reach—the headpiece with the spear-like feather and the creation which obscures the scenery from view, will soon be no more. Chicago milliners have banded as the Milliners' Association with a resolve to wipe out the giant hat evil, with the motto, "Mutual Protection and More Artistic Millinery."

"By means of our organization we will put an end to the cut-throat tactics employed among milliners," said Mme. Marie, elected president of the association. "By this means and by turning out more artistic hats we will be able to uphold Chicago's reputation as the millinery center of the country."

The Maid of Saragossa.

Saragossa, Spain.—The unveiling of a monument here by King Alfonso in memory of Augustina de Aragon recalls to mind the exploit of the Spanish girl whose valor Byron celebrated in "Child Harold."

During the Peninsular war, when the city was besieged by the French, the Maid of Saragossa carried food to the soldiers who were defending the batteries. She arrived just in time one day to see the last gunner fall, and seizing the match from his hand fired the gun herself.

After the siege was over a pension was granted Augustina and the daily pay of an artilleryman, with the right to wear on her sleeve the embroidered shield of the city of Saragossa.

Troublesome Small Animals.

Punkstunaway, Pa.—Farmers who live near the Blue Mountains, in Lehigh county, are greatly bothered with foxes, minks and weasels, and the farmers who live along the lowlands have their land spoiled by the muskrats and the skunks.

Sung in Choir 77 Years.

Liverpool, England.—Henry Davis has just died at Walsoken, after having sung in a church choir for seventy-seven years.

WAYS OF WOMEN INVALIDS.

Workers Often Envy Their Well-to-do Sisters.

"With the best intentions I occasionally say things best left unsaid," remarked the good-natured woman. "Only the other morning, meeting a neighbor on the way to the shop where she is employed, I said: 'I needn't ask how you are, Mrs. Jones, as you are certainly the picture of health.'"

"I may be the picture of health," she snapped, "but all the same I ain't well at all. I ought to be under the doctor's care at this minute, and would be if I could afford to lose the time from my work."

"And then Mrs. Jones, plump, rosy-cheeked, and bright-eyed, tossed her head and walked on, apparently quite offended."

A specialist, who had grown rich upon ailments, real and fancied, of a large number of women patients, once spoke of one of them having had brought her to the door of his private hospital. "The good lady really thought," said he, "that she could not put her foot to the ground, and yet there is many a poor woman in this city going to her work every day who is quite as much out of health as she is."

Poor women out of health, and poor women ashamed of being in health, both envy their well-to-do sisters.

"Oh," sighed an imposed-upon boarder in a working women's home, "how many times have I tolled up three or four flights of stairs, carrying ploughman's meals to some roommate, who, being out of work, wished to be put down on the sick list! If I hadn't done it, the duty would have devolved on the already over-worked housemaid. These invalids could not afford a doctor, but anyway they could take to their beds and sleep about twenty hours out of the twenty-four until it became an imperative necessity for them to go out in search of another job. By reading the advertisements of patent medicines, they had become familiar with the names of various diseases, and my how they had 'em! If they could only have had a doctor in the bargain they would have been better pleased, but a doctor costs money, and the managers of a home probably think they do enough in giving free lodging."

An Exquisite Tea Gown.

At least two or three materials with as many different kinds of lace will be necessary to duplicate this luxurious tea gown, although they need not be necessarily expensive.

Although embroidered chiffon is used for the original model, this can be delightfully replaced with the machine embroidered silk muslins, built over a foundation of silk mull of soft China silk. The bertha and border of the front of the gown are of taffetas stitched with very narrow silk soutache braid.



There is a front panel of tucked null with insets of embroidery and under blouse of the same materials. The sleeves and collar are also of null, the sleeves being finished with tiny ruffles of chiffon and Valenciennes lace. Around the bottom of the skirt there are two tiny folds of taffetas.

For more expensive models marquisette and liberty satin are handsome and combined with the modish trimmings make strikingly rich effects. The coming modistic season shows every promise of the maintenance of strange, and what may have been once regarded, as incongruous materials ingeniously maneuvered into an effective whole, and this is true of house gowns as well as street frocks.

Clothes.

Wearers of fine woollen openwork stockings will find that if a hole in the open part be mended or drawn together with wool, however fine, an unsightly black thickened part will show on the foot when in wear. If black silk (crawel or fine knitting) be used instead of wool for the darn, it is almost impossible to detect the mend. The silk mend is quite as firm and strong, and can be easily stitched into the design. It also has the advantage of keeping its color.

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