



A GOOD TELEPHONE.

But the Happy Bride and Groom Happily Were Unconscious of Its Talking Qualities.

It was before the order was issued closing the navy yard to visitors that two officers who were in the gun shop met with an odd surprise. They were talking over some technicalities of warfare, and paused to lean against the muzzle of one of the steel murder monsters which awaited final touches of the mechanic's skill.

"Does he love you?" "And the response came in a higher but just as tender key: "Yumps. And does he love uzzins?"

The unintended auditors gazed about in startled inquiry. Only the subject matter prevented the impression that it was a supernatural demonstration.

No ghost ever said anything like that. Their eyes searched in vain for explanation of the phenomenon. There was no tableau in sight which would serve a logical accompaniment of the dialogue.

"Some ventriloquist is playing a trick on us," said one of the naval men. "I don't believe any ventriloquist would talk such idiocy," was the reply.

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A CHEAP HENHOUSE.

Twenty Dollars Will Build One Large Enough to Hold a Flock of Thirty Birds.

Inquiries for plans of cheap henhouses have been received. The one shown in the illustration can be made for \$15 to \$20, and will answer for a flock of 30 fowls of average size.

If more fowls are kept, not over 30 should be housed together, but by uniting two or more of these small houses end-to-

end, with continuous walls and roof, the accommodations can be increased to any extent desired.

The building is 16 feet long and 10 feet wide, and is similar to the houses used by Buntington, Hunter, Shoemaker and other practical poultrymen. Half the space is occupied by an open scratching shed, which should have a curtain of oiled cotton

cloth in front for stormy weather. The diagram shows the interior plan, which needs little explanation.

A board to catch droppings is placed under the roosts, and the nest boxes are often kept under the dropping board, for seclusion and economy of space.

By making the building higher, a passage-way for the attendant can be partitioned off at the rear. This arrangement is convenient where these buildings are joined in a long series.

Orange Judd Farmer.

CARE OF YOUNG PIGS. For Their Own Good the Young Animals Should Be Weaned as Soon as Ever Possible.

Pigs should be taught to eat as soon as possible, not only for their own good but for the good of their dams, said T. Allen, in a paper read before the Kansas Breeders' association.

A good way to accomplish this is to place a small trough near their dam's quarters where larger pigs cannot have access to it.

Put a little sweet milk in this trough once or twice a day, also wash the trough once a day to prevent it from becoming sour and stale, and as soon as the pigs learn to drink the milk freely a little oil or oat meal, beans or shorts may be mixed with the milk.

If this manner of treatment is pursued with the pigs it not only proves to be of great benefit to both the pigs and their dam during the first eight or ten weeks of the pigs' life, but they can be weaned much sooner and at the same time do much better than if otherwise treated.

Allow, or rather encourage the dam to take plenty of exercise with her pigs; if she does not have the disposition to take the needed exercise provide two feeding places a proper distance apart.

This will teach the pigs to follow their dam, and in a short time she will give them all the exercise needed, which will not only help to develop bone and muscle in the pigs, but prevent their becoming too fat and having the thumps, which is often the case if the dam is well fed and a good suckler.

Do not ring brood sows or their pigs; if they do too much rooting it is evident nature is in need of something in the line of food that has not been supplied; it is much better to supply this need than to ring the hog.

Discard the swill barrel commonly used for kitchen slops and use buckets instead, carrying them away and feeding the contents before it becomes stale or rancid; rinse the bucket with pure water and allow it to air while not in use.

Metallic buckets are best, but tobacco or candy buckets will answer a good purpose.

FACTS FOR BREEDERS. Keep the horse's feet clean. Milk is a cooling drink for pigs. Give hogs a good pasture and they are not apt to root.

There is a large and growing demand for good horses. Calves under 60 pounds will be condemned in Chicago.

Oats and corn ground together make a fine feed for shoats. Calves from 80 to 120 pounds are most desirable for the market.

A good herd may be started by using a thoroughbred bull with common cows. Raw corn will generally make the hog first costive and then result in scours.

It is claimed that clover fed hogs make a better liked pork than corn fed do. Make your pork in summer, that is, prepare the hog to make it. It is cheapest.

Don't wash the carcass of the calf out with water before shipping, but wipe it out with dry cloth, and never ship until animal heat is all out.

Teacher—Harry, can you tell me the meaning of the word "infinitesimal"? Harry—I can't exactly, but I can tell you what father says it means. "Very well; your father is a man of learning, and his definition will probably be in accord with that of the books; let us have it, Harry."

"Well, pa says it means a watering place bathing suit."—Richmond Dispatch.

Give the Children a Drink called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee.

The Funny Man. Miss Mattinay—you won't mind my sitting down in my bonnet. Mr. Sparkle, will you?

The Omaha Exposition of 1898. Beats the Centennial Exposition which occurred in Philadelphia in 1876 away out of sight and is next to the World's Fair at Chicago in importance to the whole country.

Buy your excursion tickets over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. An illustrated folder descriptive of the Exposition will be sent you on receipt of 2-cent stamp for postage.

May Be a Destiny Fellow. "I have just read," said Chollie, "that the great Napoleon spent more than \$4,000 a year in dress."

The New York Ledger is now successfully sold by Bright Boys and Girls, who thus earn many valuable premiums.

Opinions Differ. Alas! those qualities that cause us to feel our own superiority are precisely the ones that rate us as inferior among our acquaintances.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is a Constitutional Cure. Price 75c. The first gray hair that a man finds in his hair he thinks must have been caused by trouble; it certainly wasn't age.

Nobody can help noticing the appropriateness of a doctor talking with a tombstone man.

There is nothing so apt to make a man economize as the lack of money.

If we should stop to read half the things folks advise us to, we wouldn't get to read a thing we want.

The Wrong James.—Billy the Sluggert—"Here, take dis book back. You cheated me, see?"

No Danger.—"I would worry less about Henpeck going to war," said his fond mother, "if he could only speak Spanish. It might save his life some day."

Ought to Settle It.—"They say there are about 1,400 of those Philippine islands." "Is that so?"

Ambiguous.—"Do you remember," said Miss Ancient, "Colon Crabtree, how when you were a young man you proposed to me and I rejected you?"

"So you are learning French, my little girl. Well, can you tell me what donkey and pig are in French?"

AN OPERATION AVOIDED. Mrs. Rosa Gaum Writes to Mrs. Pinkham About it. She Says:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I take pleasure in writing you a few lines to inform you of the good your Vegetable Compound has done me.

For years I was troubled with an ovarian tumor, each year growing worse, until at last I was compelled to consult with a physician.

He said nothing could be done for me but to go under an operation. In speaking with a friend of mine about it, she recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, saying she knew it would cure me.

The great and unvarying success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in relieving every derangement of the female organs, demonstrates it to be the modern safeguard of woman's happiness and bodily strength.

Every woman who needs advice about her health is invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass.

A FAMILY FAILING. The struggle with Heredity. The Right Side of the Color Line.

To heredity, to the transmission of traits from sire to son, we owe most of the possibilities of growth and development. If each newly-born being started out anew, without the force of heredity the level of life might be expected to be that of the digger Indian or Bushman.

"Gray hair is hereditary in our family. As long as I can recollect, my mother's hair has been gray. About twelve years ago, my hair began to show signs of turning.

I resolved to try Ayer's Hair Vigor, and after using it only a few times my hair was restored to its natural color. I still use this dressing occasionally, a bottle lasting me quite a while; and though over forty years of age, my hair retains its youthful color and fullness.

There is no shame in gray hair, but there is in letting it become so. To cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure.

Time is money. That is, it takes considerable money to have much of a time.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Fits stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 24 trial bottle & treatise. Dr. Kline, 933 Arch st., Phila., Pa.

Good advice has been offered for hundreds of years, but none of it is as good as the old rule to keep your mouth shut.—Acheson Globe.

After physicians had given me up, I was saved by Piso's Cure.—Ralph Erig, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 22, 1893.

Pigs do not squeal when they are feeding.—Ram's Horn.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a large illustration of a child and text: '900 DROPS CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co. The Kind You Have Always Bought. CASTORIA'

Advertisement for Muralo Water Color Paints: 'PAINT YOUR WALLS & CEILINGS. OWN MURALO WATER COLOR PAINTS. FOR DECORATING WALLS AND CEILINGS. Purchase a package of MURALO paint dealer and do your own decorating. This material is a HARD FINISH to be applied with a brush and becomes as hard as marble. Milled in twenty-four tins and works equally as well with cold or hot water.'

Advertisement for 'BIG FOUR ROUTE' train service: 'THE GREAT THROUGH CAR LINE TO CINCINNATI, ST. LOUIS, NEW YORK, & BOSTON. THE BEST ROUTE BETWEEN CINCINNATI and Chicago, St. Louis, Toledo and Detroit. ELEGANT DINING CARS. M. E. INGALLS, President. E. O. MCCORMICK, WARREN J. LYNN, Passenger Traffic Manager. Am't Gen'l Pass. & Trk. Agt.'

Advertisement for Sapolio: 'IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY SAPOLIO. Every woman who needs advice about her health is invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass.'

THE LITTLE BREADMAKER.

Take two quarts, one pint of flour. Fine and white it can be found; Pour it heaping of the sifter. Resting on the bread-pan round. Of sugar add one tablespoonful. And the same amount of salt. Mix and rub them on the sifter. Till all's through then call a halt.

Save one cupful of the mixture 'Till to knead it you begin. In one quart of blood-warm water Melt a yeast-cake smoothly in. Pour the water on the flour. Mixing both into a dough. Knead the dough for fifteen minutes—Some say twenty. Don't be slow. When the dough is no longer sticky, Cover it, and say good-night. Place it where 'twill not be chilly If you wish to find it light.

In the morning you'll divide it. Make three loaves and knead again. Let them rise a little longer. To the pan's edge Place them then In the oven. Bake one hour. By that time they should be done. Draw them forth, and cool them slowly. There! Bread-making's only fun. —Benjamin Webster, in St. Nicholas.

THE GIRL'S WARDROBE.

The Young Woman with the Least Money Is Frequently Apt to Be the Most Extravagant.

"It is a truth, and a sad one, that the girl with the least money is apt to be the most extravagant," writes Ruth Ashmore, of "The Care of a Girl's Wardrobe," in the Ladies' Home Journal.

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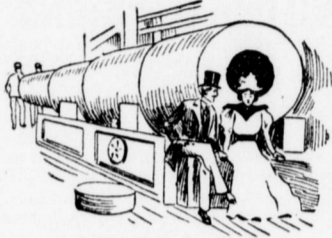
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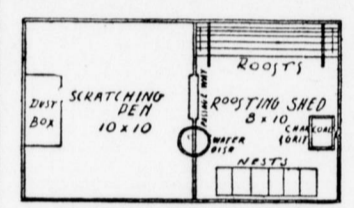
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INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT.

TWO PRETTY FANS FOR SUMMER.

Both Can Be Made at Home If the Simple Directions Here Given Are Carried Out Faithfully.

It is astonishing how many of the pretty summer fans are made at home. It cannot be said that these homemade fans give a great deal of breeze, but, as everyone knows, the object of a fan is grace and prettiness, with the consideration of usefulness made secondary.

The basis of both of these fans is a ten-cent paper fan, with the paper stripped off. You have now a very nice wooden framework to operate upon. Spread the slats of



the fan out before you and tie threads from slat to slat so as to hold them in place. For the butterfly fan take three-quarters of a yard of yellow taffeta and drape it across the fan. If the taffeta be wide, cut it in two so as to make a narrow strip. When it is nicely drawn across the fan, embroider upon it the legs and body of a butterfly. Finish the edge of the fan drapery with a little silk embroidery and add such other decorations as may seem appropriate.

The other fan is made by running ribbons through the slats and finishing the ends of the slats with small artificial leaves. These fans cannot be closed and must hang at the side when not in use. It is not advisable to make these non-closable fans very large, or they will look awkward when hanging open at the side. FRANCIS TAYLOR.

is said of the daughters of Queen Victoria that each one of them was taught, not only to sew well, but to mend and darn with great neatness, and to make over those gowns which were counted worth it.

The girl whose wardrobe is not large makes her first mistake in buying cheap material of a color that is the fancy of the moment. Instead, when only one new gown may be had during the season, it should be of a fabric that will stand wear, that will endure making over, and of a color of which neither the wearer nor the looker-on will soon grow weary. It is an extravagance to have a gown made in the extreme of the fashion, for the extreme soon goes out, and then you have a failure on your hands.

To Darken Yellow Leather. A correspondent wishes to know how she may successfully darken the leather of a portmanteau which is disagreeably bright in hue. The process is simple, only demanding that strong soda water be applied hot to the leather, as though it were being washed. Two or three applications might be necessary before the requisite shade were obtained, but it must be noted that each washing should be allowed to dry before another is added. Yellow shoes and gaiters might be darkened in the same manner.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Henry C. Elwell, of Philadelphia, has completed 50 years' service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.

"Does lovey want anuzzy bitey-wite of candy?" With a common impulse the two men quitted the spot. It was more than warriors and sea dogs could endure. As they moved away the breach of the gun came into their range of vision. A block of wood made a comfortable seat, and upon it were a bridal couple eating confectionery and conjuring the very "to lovey," wholly unconscious that there is no better speaking tube than a 13-inch gun. It was the old story of the birds who built a nest in the old cannon's mouth.—Washington Star.

Delicate Chocolate Custard. Boil four tablespoonfuls grated chocolate in half a cupful of milk five minutes, add one quart of milk and let it get lukewarm, then add six tablespoonfuls sugar, one teaspoonful extract of vanilla and one dissolved Rennet tablet. Pour the milk into six punch or lemonade glasses, let stand in a warm place until firm and then place the glasses for one hour on ice. When ready to serve put one tablespoonful whipped cream on the top of each. The cream should be sweetened with sugar and may be colored with a few drops of bluish.—Gesine Lemerik, in Ladies' World.

His Conclusion. Foreigner—Your Washington must have possessed a remarkable memory. Native—What makes you think so? Foreigner—I have seen so many monuments erected to it.—N. Y. World.