



KEEPING GOLDFISH.

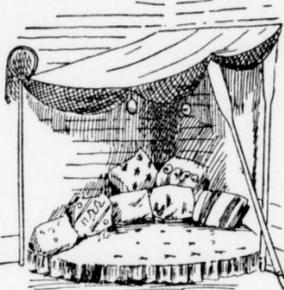
Some Plain Directions About Changing the Water and Feeding That Are Easy to Carry Out.

It is remarkable how seldom people are able to keep goldfish more than a month or two at most, and all because they neglect a few first principles. Goldfish can be kept almost any length of time, accidents apart, if kept scrupulously clean. The air in the water is soon exhausted, and they should have fresh water every day. If possible, oftener in summer, though once will do if the globe is fairly large. One can usually tell when the fish are needing fresh water. They stand up on their tails with their mouths to the surface of the water and move slowly in that position, generally making a bubbling sound. When you put the fresh water into the globe let it dash in from a height, so that plenty of air gets in, too, and let your fish have a handful of shells or small stones. They look pretty, and the fish appreciate being able to poke about among them for bits of food, and it gives them something to do and a little interest in life. People frequently make the mistake of thinking that the fish get enough food out of the water. This is not so; they need feeding when in captivity. Packets of fishes' foods, chiefly consisting of dried ants' eggs, can be procured from any seed or naturalist's shop. As they require only a very small quantity once a day, their board is not expensive. They will live on vermicelli, but this clouds the water, and consequently injures the appearance of the globe. It is said that goldfish should never be handled. This is no doubt true, if

VERANDA IN SUMMER.

A Pleasant and Comfortable Retreat Can Be Made of It by Clever Housekeepers.

Every year the veranda is becoming more and more an integral part of the house beautiful. It is no longer merely a shelter from the elements, sparsely furnished with chairs, but is a living-room and treated as such, and is furnished with the same taste and care that is bestowed upon the rest of the rooms. Of course, it goes without saying that both the textiles and furniture employed must be as far as possible weather proof.



UTILIZING SPACE.

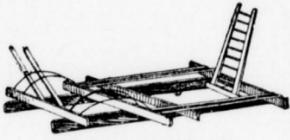
but this is no handicap nowadays, as rugs and materials that defy rain and snow are to be had in the greatest variety—except directly on the seashore, where the dampness and high winds make it impossible. An outdoor room, netted in so that the lights at night will not attract troublesome insects, prettily and comfortably furnished, should be a part of every country house. Curtains made of colored awning cloth and hung with small brass rings on a slender galvanized iron rod, so that they may easily be pushed forward and back, are both useful and pretty, although some people prefer Venetian blinds or the raitan shades, which now come for verandas of any width desired. Hammocks, of



USEFUL HAY FRAME.

It Is Very Easily Made and at the Same Time One of the Best Patterns Yet Devised.

The illustration herewith portrays an easily-made hay frame, and at the same time one of the best. It is 14 feet long by 6 1/2 or 7 feet wide. The two main timbers are pine, 2 by 8 inches, the four crosspieces 2 by 4 pine. The bows over hind wheels can be made from old tires of the back wheels of a wagon. Forward tires answer, but are a little short. The boards over the front wheels extend-



HOMEMADE HAYRACK.

ing from first crosspiece to the third are ordinary 1 by 6-inch fencing material and should be both bolted and nailed. Use eight one-half-inch bolts 12 inches long to secure the crosspieces to the main timber. The ladder itself is of oak to make it perfectly secure when a man climbs on to the load. The stakes at the back end are fastened with one bolt so that they may be turned down after the wagon is unloaded. They also should be made of oak or other hard wood.

The materials for a rack of this kind, not including the iron bows, cost at retail in the ordinary country shop about \$2.50. Old wagon tires are found on nearly every farm or can be purchased for 25 to 50 cents. A good handsaw, a brace with several sizes of bits, a hatchet, a chisel and a square are all the tools necessary, and these should be on every farm. A blacksmith will make the tires into bows for a trifle, or a farmer may do this himself if he has an iron drill for his brace. A first-class hay frame can thus be made at home at the very small cost of three to four dollars, and if kept painted and under shelter when unused it will last many years.—Farm and Home.

HIDES IN SUMMER.

If You Take Care of Them as Here Advised You Will Save a Great Deal of Trouble.

To cure a hide properly, it is first necessary to trim off all that does not belong to it, such as horns, tail-bones, sinews and meat; then spread the hide out leaving no wrinkles in it and being careful to get legs and heads spread so that salt can be sprinkled on them. says the Nebraska Farmer. Then sprinkle salt evenly and freely on every part of the hide, putting on about three gallons of salt on a large hide, and smaller ones in proportion; and never spread hides in the sun.

Hides taken care of in this manner, after lying three or four days in salt, can be shipped almost any distance and in any kind of weather, and go through in good condition and with very little, if any, shrinkage. For shipping always tie your hides one in a bundle, as they often become loose in transportation, and when more than one hide is tied in a bundle, the railroads deliver the proper number of bundles, but not always the proper number of hides. Always write the person to whom you ship, notifying him the date you shipped, giving weights and number and stating whether horse or beef hides. All of this will be very little trouble and will save a great deal of trouble and possible mistakes.

Sheep for Clearing Land.

Wherever woodland is cleared a flock of sheep is extremely valuable to keep the cleared soil from being overgrown with the bushes, weeds and shrubs which usually come up in following years. It is desirable to get the cleared land in grass as soon as possible. When it is once seeded down it may be pastured with sheep all through the summer, not only without injuring the grass, but positively benefiting it, as the sheep will devote most of their time to trimming down the bushes and eating the leaves which shade the land. To make more thorough destruction of the shrubbery, an excess of sheep should be put in the cleared lot, and these must be fed some grain, so as to make their browse diet digest better.—American Cultivator.

The Feet of the Colt.

Neither the bones of the colt's leg nor the muscles and hoof of his foot have acquired sufficient firmness to enable it to be put on stable floors of either wood, stone or cement. If for any reason the colt cannot run with its dam while she is at work, let it have a yard by itself with a turf flooring rather than put him in a floored stable. It is while the colt is young that the future character of its feet is being decided. Even in winter colts should be kept rather in box stalls, where a bedding of their own excrement trod a hard will be a better cushion for their feet than the most carefully cleaned floor stable could be.—American Cultivator.

Cost of Hauling Freight.

The length of the public highways of this country is said to be 1,500,000 miles. The amount of freight hauled over them in one year is estimated at 500,000,000 tons, and the cost of carting it \$1,000,000,000, but with really good roads this item could be reduced over one-half.—Good Roads.

TOO MUCH FOR THE COLONEL.

The Corporal's Excuse Was Considered Sufficient Under the Circumstances.

A corporal in one of the regiments down at Chickamauga park had become entangled with a difficulty, and as a result of it, added to an accumulation of similar such, he was called to appear before the colonel of the regiment.

"Corporal Jenkins," said that officer, severely, "you are a fine soldier and a sensible man, and you ought to conduct yourself differently."

"I was drunk, sir," exclaimed the corporal, very contritely.

"That is no excuse. Don't you know it is wrong to get drunk?"

"Yes, sir," admitted the corporal, without avail.

"Then why do you do it?"

"I can't help it, sir."

"You cannot excuse your fault that way, sir," said the colonel, sternly. "You know you can if you want to."

"But I can't, sir."

"Yes you can," insisted the colonel. "A man can help doing anything if he puts his mind to it."

The corporal stood up straight and saluted.

"Beggin' your pardon, sir," he said, "but do you think when I heard that Uncle Sam had got into a scrap with them dirty, cigaroot-smokin' Spaniards and was askin' his boys to take a hand with him to lick 'em off the face of the earth that I could help droppin' everything right then and there and grabbin' up a gun and takin' a hold with the old man and the other boys?"

"Says, colonel, do you think a fellow about my size could help doin' just what I done and bein' right here ready when he says the word?"

The colonel was stumped for an instant. Then he got up and took the corporal's hand.

"Get out of this," he said, hurriedly; "get out, and if you ever get drunk again I'll have you put in the guard-house and nailed up until the war is over."—Washington Star.

The Plaid Stocking.

The plaid stocking is this year such a beauty that the traveling girl wears it without fail. She chooses, if she can afford it, the sandal stocking which has the appearance of a white ribbon twisted around the foot and ankle like the Roman sandal of old. It continues from the toe to the top, and is quite the most remarkable stocking of the season. Small flowers of delicate design are scattered over the ground-work of the stocking proper. The other popular type of stocking is much less expensive than the sandal stocking, which is a novelty. It is a double plaid in red, green, blue, yellow, black and white. There are stocking parties. Have you never heard of them, when young women of expensive hosiery tastes gather on an afternoon to sew and gossip and exhibit stockings?—Boston Herald.

A Bald-Headed Reply.

A naval officer very well and favorably known in London has for some unknown reason been advanced in his profession very slowly, though he has grown gray in the service and, indeed, lamentably bald. Recently one of his juniors was bold enough to question him as to his remarkable absence of hair.

"How comes it that you are so very bald?"

The officer replied promptly and with much vindictiveness:

"Young man, you would be bald, I think, if you had had men stepping over your head for years in the way I have."—London-Judy.

Reduction in Bicycle Prices.

It is said that western capitalists are contemplating the organization of a great bicycle company, which hopes to make first-class wheels and sell them as low as \$10. Whether this be true or not, the fact remains that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a first-class remedy for the stomach, liver and blood, and the price puts it within everybody's reach to be well and strong. For fever and ague it is a specific.

Not in Rage.

Yet there was nothing to indicate that he was angry.

Still he continued to grind his teeth with great persistence.

The grinding was done with one of those patent buzz saws that dentists use, and every now and then it seemed as if the patient would swear if it were not for the rubber dam in his mouth. And at that there was something in his gurgles that seemed to indicate that the dam was not all rubber.—Chicago Post.

An Easy Case.

Doctor—You are all run down. You must travel for a few months; that's the only thing that will save you. You need change of scene and air.

Patient—But traveling's all I've done for the last ten years. I've been to every big eastern house and often go from the Atlantic to the Pacific at a jump.

"Then what you need is rest and quiet. Three dollars, please."—Chicago Evening News.

Actors in general are "well posted." If you don't believe it ask the bill-sticker.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

It's useless to write to a corpse, but it's all right to wire a skeleton.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

She had just returned from a trip abroad, and was showing her friend the different curios she had brought back with her. "Now, here is a little thing I got to remember one place by," she said; "it is very pretty, isn't it?" "Charming," replied her friend, admiringly. "What place was it?" "Oh, I've forgotten now, we went to so many places, you know."—Town Topics.

Two commercial travelers, comparing notes: "I have been out three weeks," said the first, "and have only got four orders." "That beats me," said the other; "I have been out four weeks and have only got one order, and that's from the firm to come home."—Tit-Bits.

Desperate Case.—Perspiring Manager (to excursion)—"We're a little behind time, I know, but we'll make it up on the last day of the run." Indignant Excursionist—"Make it up! What's the use of talking that way? We'll meet ourselves coming back long before we get there!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Cornfed Philosopher—"It is all wrong," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "to say that a woman can make a fool of a man. She merely develops him."—Indianapolis Journal.

Trivet—"Why is Skidmore for ever reading that manual of etiquette?" Dicer—"He says he wants to become familiar with polite literature."—Harlem Life.

The meekest man we ever heard of is a Washington man who refused to pay the doctor who helped him collect his accident insurance.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

Another Long-Felt Want.—"Mme. Snipper has perfected a wonderful invention. 'What is it?' 'A revolving hat; it works so the congregation can see all sides of it.'"—Chicago Record.

A TRAVELLER'S TESTIMONY.

What He Carried on the Cars.

To Take when Travelling.

Every traveller knows that continuous journeying on the railroad is very apt to derange the system in some way. In spite of springs and soft seats there is a continuous jar and vibration, which acts upon the nervous system, and produces results varying somewhat, according to the strength of the traveller or his predisposition to some specific ailment. The most common consequence of continuous car riding is constipation. And this condition invariably produces headache, and tends to biliousness. J. J. Converse, St. Louis, Mo., found a way to avoid the evil effects of constipation, to which he was subject when travelling. He carried with him "the pills that will" cure constipation and all its sequent sufferings. This is what he says:

"Travelling on the cars tends to constipation with me, but by using Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills moderately, my bowels are kept in healthy action. They also prevent headache."—J. J. CONVERSE, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Ayer's Pills are good for constipation under all circumstances and conditions. They have cured long standing cases after every other medicine had failed. Rev.

Wheat 40 Cents a Bushel. How to grow wheat with big profit at 40 cents and samples of Salzer's Red Cross (80 Bushels per acre) Winter Wheat, Rye, Oats, Clovers, etc., with Farm Seed Catalogue for 4 cents postage.—JOHN A. SALZER SEED CO., La Crosse, Wis.

A woman's idea of a personal devil is a neighboring woman who talks about her—Chicago Daily News.

Fits stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free \$2 trial bottle & treatise. Dr. Kline, 933 Arch st., Phila., Pa.

The outcome of baseball games and bucket-wheat cakes usually depends upon the batter.—Chicago Daily News.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Fake Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

"Bike" chloride of sunshine is a good spring medicine.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Hall's Catarrh Cure Is a Constitutional Cure. Price 75c.

Francis B. Harlowe, of Atlanta, Ga., furnishes a case in point. He writes:

"For some years past, I was subject to constipation, from which I suffered increasing inconvenience, in spite of the use of medicines of various kinds, until some months ago, when I began taking Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills. They have entirely corrected the costive habit, and vastly improved my general health."—(REV.) FRANCIS B. HARLOWE, Atlanta, Ga.

Constipation is, perhaps, the most serious physical evil of today. It is like the Octopus, that grasps its victim and fastens its tentacles on trunk and limbs one after another, until at last, incapable of longer resistance, the helpless being succumbs to his frightful foe. Constipation is the beginning of many of the most murderous maladies, the clogged system becoming charged with poisons that affect the liver and kidneys, and prostrate the entire being mentally, morally, and physically. Dr. Ayer's Pills will cure constipation. If you doubt it send for Dr. Ayer's Curebook, free, containing the testimony of those cured by this remedy. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Freedom Assured Them. Casey—Casey? Casey—Yes. "Don't yez wish that Oireland belonged to Shpau?"—Puck.

The lake and rail arrangements of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for this year are practically the same as in effect in 1897. Freight for Lake Superior ports is sent by way of the Northern Steamship Company and the Owen line is used for the Lake Michigan ports. The trans-lake Erie arrangements are with the Detroit Steam Navigation Company between Cleveland and Detroit and the Ashley & Dustin Line and the Michigan & Ohio Car Ferry Company between Sandusky and Detroit.

People are beginning to admit that many men are looking for work who do not want it.—Atchison Globe.

Piso's Cure is the medicine to break up children's Coughs and Colds.—Mrs. M. G. Blunt, Sprague, Wash., March 8, '94.

A man isn't mighty because he never falls, but because of his ability to rise when he tumbles.—Chicago Daily News.

CHICKEN A LA BARBACUE.

An Appetizing and Wholesome Spring and Summer Dinner for Northern Housewives to Try.

Southern people know every dish into which chicken can be made. The northern housewives, unfortunately, are limited to plain boiled, broiled, roasted and fried chicken, but here is something for the northern housewife to try which may be new to her. Take a fat, tender spring chicken of roasting size. Clean and wash well and salt inside



and out. Sprinkle over with flour quite heavily. Place in a kettle with heart and liver and two cups of boiling water. Let it boil well, as you would for a pot roast and baste very often. When about half done, or so that it scarcely resists the fork, add one-half a cup of vinegar, boil until done and take out.

Chop the liver and heart and serve in the gravy. Chicken is delicious cooked this way and served cold. The rich gravy can be used as you would for a pot roast, and baste very easily removed when the gravy is cold. Veal can be barbecued and the vinegar will be found to take away the dry insipid taste which veal has when roasted plain.

COLOR COMBINATIONS.

No Vague, Undecided Shades Should Ever Be Worn by Ladies with Red Tresses.

Instead of being dissatisfied with their lot, women with red hair should study how to use it becomingly, and be proud of the distinction of having it. There appears to be an impression among women with red hair, says an exchange, that almost any shade of blue can be worn by them, because as a usual thing they have fair and delicate complexions, but, as a matter of fact, blue is the one color above all others that they ought to avoid. The contrast is too violent and the combination is not harmonious. The shades most suitable to be worn with red hair are bright, sunny brown and all autumn-leaf tints. After these may be selected pale or very dark green—but never a bright green, pale yellow, and black unmixd with any other color. Mixed colors are not becoming to red-haired people, as they nearly always give them a more or less dusky appearance. In fact, red hair is usually so brilliant and decided that it must be met on its own ground, and no vague, undecided sort of things should be worn with it.—C. W. Lyman, in Voice.

Simple Test of Devotion.

The man who is patient with a woman when she is sick can be relied upon to treat her all right when she is well.

To Soften Hard Water.

Take of orange flower water half a pint, of best spirits of wine a pint, and of soap three-quarters of a pound. Shake the soap into the orange water, heat over a fire until the soap dissolves, and then, the vessel being removed from the fire, add the spirits of wine. A large tablespoonful of this preparation added to a basin of washing water will completely soften it, and render it delightful to use. The ingredients can be obtained from a druggist.

Forecement Flavoring.

Take a quarter of an ounce each of dried thyme, dried marjoram, dried savory and whole black pepper corns, half an ounce of nutmeg and of cloves and one-eighth of an ounce of Nepaul pepper. Pound, mix and sift these several ingredients and bottle to store.

A leading physician says that pep-

per is a deadly poison to the system.

Advertisement for Castoria, '900 Drops' vegetable preparation for stimulating the food and regulating the stomachs and bowels of infants and children. Includes signature of Dr. H. H. Fletcher and 'The Kind You Have Always Bought' slogan.

Advertisement for Sapolio, 'In a world where cleanliness is next to godliness no praise is too great for Sapolio'. Includes 'You can take the Missouri Pacific Railway and go direct to the grounds of the Omaha Exposition' and 'Only line that does it'.

Advertisement for 'The Best Book on War' and 'Piso's Cure for Consumption'. Includes details about the book and the cure, and a testimonial from A. N. K.-C.