



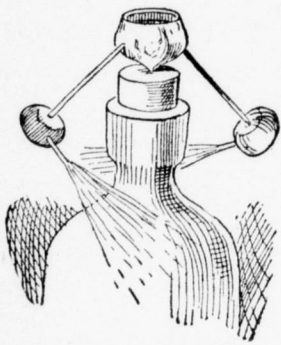
THE BOY'S SUMMER SWIM.

Now, off with your garments, boys; quick! look alive! No waiting about in fear on the bank; A run, and a spring, and a clean, clever dive. Just leaving a bubble to show where you sank.

NEAT TOY SPRINKLER.

Made from an English Walnut, Two Hazel Nuts, Two Straws, a Cork and a Bottle.

Here is a toy sprinkler that any bright boy or girl can make with the aid of a pocketknife and a gimlet; the necessary materials are an English walnut, two hazelnuts, two straws, a cork and a bottle.



THE SPRINKLER.

part and make it nice and smooth in e with the knife. Now you bore t 9 holes in the sides of the shell (you e a easily see the proper place and direction on the accompanying illustration) and insert a straw in each hole, the straws to be about two and one-half inches long. Then take two hazelnuts and make two holes in each, the holes being in right angle with each other and reaching the center of the kernel. Now put the straws coming out of the walnut in the top hole of the hazelnut, and in the side hole you introduce a short piece of straw. Use beeswax or sealing wax for stopping all leaks.

Trees and Plants Sleep. Trees and plants have their regular times for going to sleep, as well as boys and girls. They need the same chance to rest from the work of growing and to repair and oil the machinery of life.

Death of a Noted Dog. Sultan, a Newfoundland dog, has just died in France. He was noted for having arrested a thief, captured an assassin, rescued a child from drowning and saved a man who attempted suicide.

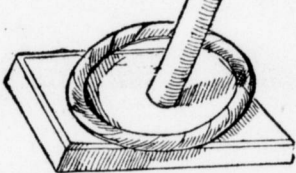
There are 65 steamers on the Swiss lakes. The largest can transport 1,200 passengers.

AN AMUSING GAME.

It is Doubly Interesting Because the Boys Can Make Each of Its Various Parts.

Here is a game that you can play in the house, out on the porch, or on the ground.

Take a piece of board or plank 10 by 12 inches. Plane it on the sides and edges and cut away the corners all around one side, as shown in the drawing. Call that side the top and the other side the bottom. See whether the side which you choose for the bottom is even so that the board will set well on the floor.



THE GAME OF RINGTOSS.

will set better on an uneven place on the floor or ground.

At the center of the board bore a hole an inch or an inch and a quarter in diameter. Into this set a standard reaching six or seven inches above the board. Make the lower end of the standard fit closely and trim around the upper end, as shown in the drawing. Paint or oil all over, including the bottom.

Next make the ring shown by the drawing. The easiest way is to take a piece of rope a little longer than the distance around the ring. Cut away some of the strands at each end so that you can overlap the ends and make the same thickness as elsewhere. Wrap and tie these overlapping ends with string. Then wrap the entire ring with strips of cloth.

In playing, throw the ring over the standard, as horse shoes or quoits are thrown. If two people play, use two boards and several rings.

NATURAL FLY TRAP.

The Dionea, a Little Carolina Plant, Is Far More Reliable Than Sticky Flypaper.

Flytraps are well known in the animal kingdom to everyone who has eyes, or, at least, who uses them.

The delicate web of the spider and the deeply cut and broad mouth of the swallow at once suggest themselves. But that a vegetable should have an exquisitely constructed and perfect apparatus of this kind is very remarkable, when it is remembered that plants differ markedly from animals in regard to their food.

This little plant is a native of the sandy bogs in the pine barrens of Carolina. It grows to a height of from six to twelve inches, producing a loose head of large whitish flowers, not unlike the flower of the lady's smock.

The flower stalk rises from a rosette of yellowish green leaves, spreading on the ground. Each leaf is divided by a deep incision into two portions, the lower being a broadly winged foot stalk, and the upper the blade or true leaf itself.

The upper portion is the flytrap—the most curious part of the plant—and demands a careful description.

It is roundish and divided into two equal parts by a strong mid-rib. The margins are fringed with a row of strong spiny bristles, so that it may be likened to two upper eyelids joined at their bases.

The insect is not crushed or suddenly destroyed, but is retained firmly imprisoned until it ceases to move, which would mean until it was dead, and then the leaf suddenly expands.

The two lobes are enfolded at night, but spread open in the day. When the bristles are irritated by man, the leaf quickly closes, remains closed for a short time, then slowly expands, ready to close again if newly irritated.

But if it be caused to make repeated efforts at short intervals, its movements become languid, or the sensibility is altogether exhausted and is recovered only by a period of repose.—Philadelphia Press.

Why Wallpaper Is "Hung."

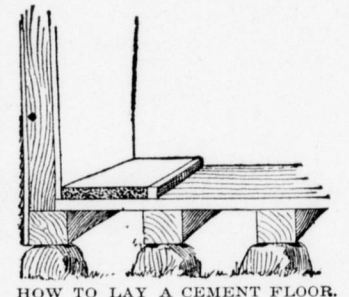
Wall paper does not hang, and yet the person whose business it is to paste it up is called a paper-hanger. The reason is simple. Long before the introduction of wall papers, Arras, a town in France, was famous for its tapestries called "Arras." These were used as wall coverings, and the men who were employed to put them up were called "hangers."



LAYING CEMENT FLOORS.

They Should Not Be Too Smooth on the Top, But They Must Be Level Throughout.

It is important that the cement floor be laid with a true level. It should not be too smooth on top, but very level. To secure a true level and to make sure that an even thickness of the cement is being laid on, the plan illustrated in the cut may be used to advantage. Lay down a strip of wood of the re-



HOW TO LAY A CEMENT FLOOR.

quired thickness of cement, putting it about 20 inches from the back side. Fill in the cement and with a straight-edge smooth all off level with the piece of wood. Then move this back about 20 inches and continue to repeat the filling and smoothing operation. Cement is usually laid on a firmly packed floor of stone or gravel, but it can also be laid upon a board floor if the building is elevated from the ground. For the use of cattle the floor should be inclined a little, either in the cement or by inclining the earth or board floor beneath.—Orange Judd Farmer.

THE FARM MANURES.

Haul the Stuff Out as Fast as It Is Made, Except When the Ground Is Soft in Spring.

Farm manures is a more popular subject in the west than it was even as late as ten years ago. Over the larger portion of the west, we have concluded that there is not much business wisdom in burning straw stacks or regarding the manure pile as a nuisance. The manure is a part of the return from keeping and feeding domestic animals; just as clearly a part as the carcass is, and throwing away the meat, milk or wool of the animal would be just as sensible as throwing away the manure. In an elaborate article before us the statement is made that "experiments indicate that manure should be collected in pits having impervious walls and bottom."

AMONG THE POULTRY.

Onions chopped fine make a desirable relish for chicks.

Disposal of surplus or cull cockerels as soon as marketable.

After breeding season separate male birds from the females.

As the chicks mature, separate the males from the females.

Never allow your chicks to roost on their own droppings. Change their coops often.

Chicks should have animal protein. Chicks must always have a plentiful supply of water and grit.

Granulated charcoal is eaten greedily by chicks; it absorbs the gases in the bowels and regulates them.

If your chicks have diarrhoea a feed or two middlings will oftentimes stop it. If constipated feed a few feeds of bran.

Watch for lice in the hen house. Kerosene will kill the lice. Use plenty of lime slacked or in the form of whitewash in the hen house.

Grease the heads of chicks with lard, dust the chickens under the wings with insect powder, clean their feed and water troughs with scalding water twice a week.

If hens have formed the egg-eating habit, take a lot of egg shells, crush them up fine and feed them all they will eat. They can usually be found in quantities at bakeries.—Rural World.

A Word of Warning.

The continued use of stimulant fertilizers will eventually exhaust the soil of its natural fertility; hence it is poor economy to apply them continuously. It has been said that stimulant manures "enrich the father but impoverish the son." This is literally true, as has been demonstrated in the case of clover. Clovers will appropriate all the potash and phosphoric acid which may be liberated to them by lime or plaster. Continued cultivation on these lines has been known to exhaust the two ingredients mentioned and to make the lands clover-sick.—National Stockman.

CAUSE OF ERGOTISM.

The Disease Is Developed Only in Stock Which Has Access to Ergot, a Plant Fungus.

Following is a brief description of the disease termed "ergotism": This disease is caused by stock eating ergot, which is found in the feed. Ergot is not a species of weed, as is sometimes thought, but is a stage in the life history of a fungus. The term was applied to it by the French from its fancied resemblance to the spur of a cock. The scientific name is "Claviceps purpurea." Spores of the fungus are formed and carried by currents of air, or other means, to the flowers of the grasses favorable for its development.

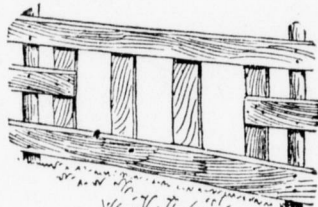
Here the ergot is developed entirely below the ovary and prevents the formation of the grass seed. Full development occurs about one month after the invasion of the ovary takes place. The grains of ergot differ in size, but are essentially the same in shape. Sometimes the grains are so small that they are difficult to distinguish with the naked eye. Usually the size varies in length from one-half an inch to over an inch, and in diameter from one-fifteenth to one-sixth. They are cylindrical; sometimes slightly ribbed and furrowed, and often irregularly fissured. They are curved and taper toward the ends. Their color varies from dark violet to blue black or black.

Just what poison is contained in the ergot is unknown, yet the fact that a poison does exist there cannot be disputed. The poisoning of animals by ergot may occur at the end of a longer or shorter time, even weeks or months after eating it. The system by this time has become so filled that there is no means of providing a remedy. Symptoms of convulsions are not often noticed in the diseased cattle; but the most marked effect is in the circulatory system. The extremities, such as the ears, tail, lower parts of the limbs, etc., begin to lose their warmth and sensibility gradually. Dry gangrene sets in, the parts harden, become mummified and finally drop off without pain. It is evident that the only means of prevention is to cease feeding the fodder containing the ergot.—Nebraska Experiment Station.

FEEDING AT PASTURE.

A Simple Device Which Will Keep Animals from Quarreling with Their Neighbors.

It is often desired to feed grain or some soiling crop to animals at pasture. A convenient way to accomplish this without crowding on the part of the



FEEDING CATTLE AT PASTURE.

stock, or waste of feed by the animals setting their feet upon it, is shown in the cut. The middle board in the pasture fence is taken off and upright boards nailed to the top and bottom boards, as shown, nailing these upright boards upon the side occupied by the animals, so they cannot press them off. The feed can then be put in boxes, or on the ground, outside the fence, when each animal will take an opening and eat without quarreling with its neighbor.—N. Y. Tribune.

Keeping Eggs in Cellars.

During the summer months, when the air temperature is often near blood heat a large part of the day, it is extremely difficult to keep eggs even a few days without starting the germ to growing. Of course this ruins the egg, and as during the night the cool air chills the egg, it is good for nothing, even for incubation. Many farmers make the cellar the place where they store their eggs until they have a chance to market them. The truth is that in summer it is not best to have eggs longer than three or four days after they are laid before disposing of them. The cellar often has very unwholesome air, and as the egg shell is porous its contents are affected injuriously without regard to the temperature where it has been kept.

When to Harrow Land.

Land should be harrowed after plowing before the clods become hard and difficult to crush, and the surface made as fine as possible. Frequent harrowing of lands already planted will check the loss of water. Orchards, especially those containing bearing trees, will be greatly benefited by harrowing at brief intervals until midsummer. The disk harrow is best adapted to clayey soils. The disks should be set at such an angle that the entire surface will be tilled. If the land has been put in the proper condition early in the season a spike tooth or smoothing harrow will be all that is needed during the summer.—Farmers' Review.

Small Celery Is Best.

There is a great difference in the quality of celery, and this makes the size a matter of comparatively little account. The giant varieties of celery are now superseded in favor of dwarf kinds that are crisp and nutty in flavor. Something, however, depends on the soil and method of growing. A moist soil makes the celery grow much fuller of its native juices than one which is dry. The soil can hardly be too rich, for the quicker the growth the better it is, whatever the variety. Celery that is any way stunted in growth becomes stringy, and if it is checked by drought it will have comparatively little of the characteristic celery flavor.

The Battle Field Route.

The Veterans of sixty-one and five and their friends, who are going to attend the 33rd G. A. R. Annual Encampment at Philadelphia in September, could not select a better nor more historic route than the Big Four, Chesapeake & Ohio, with splendid service from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis on the Big Four, all connecting at Indianapolis and Cincinnati and thence over the picturesque Chesapeake & Ohio along the Ohio river to Huntington, West Va., thence through the foot-hills of the Alleghenies, over the Mountains, through the famous Springs Region of Virginia to Staunton, Va., between which point and Washington are many of the most prominent battlefields: Waynesboro, Gordonsville, Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock, Kettle Run, Manassas, Bull Run, Fairfax, and a score of others nearly as prominent. Washington is next, and thence via the Pennsylvania Line direct to Philadelphia. There will be three rates in effect for this business: 1st. Continuous passage, with no stop-over privilege; 2nd. Going and coming same route with one stop-over in each direction; 3d. Circuitous route, going one way and back another with one stop-over in each direction. For full information as to Routes, Rates, etc., address J. C. Tucker, G. N. A., 234 Clark St., Chicago.

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Digs—No your daughter is married, eh?" Biggs—Yes. "And how does your new son-in-law strike you?" "For a 'V' or an 'X' usually."—Chicago Evening News.

Some people keep the Sabbath so holy that they don't work after three days before or three days after.—N. Y. Press.

"He says his wife can't cook a little bit." "That's unfortunate." "Yes. But that isn't the worst of it. She insists on cooking a lot."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Always put off until to-morrow that which should not be done to-day.—Chicago Daily News.

When the hostess no longer apologizes for the lack of pie, a wise guest knows her welcome is worn out, and talks of going.—Acheson Globe.

Fish being rich in phosphorus and phosphorus being the essential thing in making matches, it therefore stands to reason that girls should be partial to a fish diet.—Chicago Daily News.

Mrs. De Tanque—"You horrid wretch! Aren't you ashamed of coming home in this condition?" De Tanque—"No, sir; I'm (he) proud of it. Ain't many fellows can find 'r way home when they're full's this."—Philadelphia Record.

"Mrs. Young says she has solved the servant problem. 'She's a genius! What's the solution?" "Why, she says all you've got to do is never find any fault, submit to everything, do as you are told, keep out of the way, and pay good wages, with privileges, and you won't have a bit of trouble."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Something must be done with those boys of mine at college," exclaimed a staid old citizen. "They're wilder than March hares and in hot water all the time." "Oh, well, they're young yet, and you must make allowances." "Make allowances, man? That's what's keeping me poor."—Detroit Free Press.

"Well, I never thought that Jonesy would die a natural death," said Snuggs, when he had been told of the passing away of a man he had known. "I didn't say he died a natural death," said Dinwiddie. "You told me he died in bed." "In bed?—Dinwiddie."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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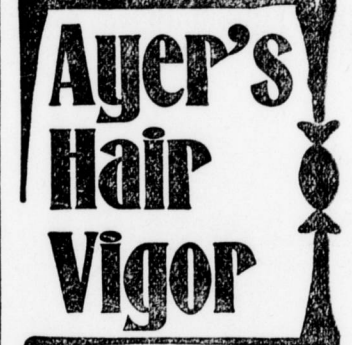
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