



THAT GOOD LITTLE BOY.

They say he's the best little boy in the town. He never does anything wrong; though he wears an old jacket that's faded and brown. They say that that he's never been known to frown. And he's good as the day is long. And if I am careless or tired of play, And leave all my toys on the floor, They make such a fuss, and they always say That my things had better be given away To that good little boy next door. He must be a dreadfully good little boy If he's like what I've heard them say. He loves to bring in the cows at night, And thinks it is silly to play with a kite, And would rather study than play. No matter how hard I try to do right, It's just no use any more; For it's: "Oh, don't, Teddy!" from morning till night, And: "Teddy, I wish you were half as polite As that good little boy next door. Why is it I hate to go after the cows, And study at school all day? Why is it I always break my toys, And can't get along without making noise? And why do I like to play? But if I'm not anxious to pick up the chips, Or sleep on the garret floor, Or rock the baby on rainy days, They always speak of the willing ways Of that good little boy next door. I often watch for that good little boy That I hear so much about; But I never see his face at the door, Or hear him talking, and then, what's more, He never seems to come out. But I think if I knew him quite well, you see, And coaxed him to tell me, or Watched how he does it, it seems to me That some day or other I really might be Like that good little boy next door. —G. E. Billings, in Youth's Companion.

DEVOTED PAPA FROG.

He Holds His Little Sons and Daughters on His Back and Carries Them Wherever He May Go. Here is the picture of a male frog with the little tadpoles living on its back, discovered lately by Dr. August Brauer, of Marburg, Germany. For a little fellow it has a pretty long name, but perhaps its paternal devotion has earned it the Latin name, arthroleptis seychellensis boettger. It has been noticed before that in some species of frogs living in Venezuela and the island of Trinidad the male bears the young on its back, to which they hold by their mouths. But this new species is the first one on which so many as nine little ones were discovered, and, besides, they do not hold on by their mouths, but seem to be stuck to the papa frog's back and sides by some gummy substance, which holds them in place until they are large enough to care for themselves. Like all tadpoles, these still have the tails, which will soon drop off, and if you look carefully you can see the beginnings of their legs just in



PAPA FROG AND HIS FAMILY.

front of their tails. It is a wonderful device of nature that the female sometimes deposits her eggs on the back of the male, where they hatch out, and the little tadpoles grow until they attain a certain size. Such is, of course, not the case with our common frogs, but in these rare species, only lately found by naturalists, is a strange reversal of what seems to be the usual law that the mother takes care of the young. In this species the eggs are not laid on the back of the male, but on the ground, and only after they are hatched do they take up their position on papa's back. And there they may ride, not for a trot upstairs or through the hall, as little children do, but until they are big enough to walk around and look for their own food. It would hardly be an exaggeration to call this kind of a frog the most paternal of animals.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Ants Made a Bridge.

A naturalist found that some black ants were devouring the skins of some bird specimens on a table, so he made tar circles on four pieces of paper and put one under each leg of the table. Pretty soon he found the ants busily at work again, and, looking at the tar circles, found each one was bridged by bits of sand which the clever ants had brought in from the street.

Apt to Give Their Age Away.

Old-time actors and actresses are now having a controversy as to which ones among them appeared in the original production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." One would naturally think, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that instead of wrangling about it in public the guilty parties would try to keep the matter quiet.

Spain's Generous Boy King.

The young king of Spain always insists on having his pockets filled withoppers before going for a drive, and catters the coins among the many beggars who crowd round his carriage.

BRUIN WAS CURIOUS.

Bear Examines a Lazy Camper's Bed and Is the Cause of an Unpleasant Awakening.

It was while in the Yellowstone National park that this joke was played upon one of a jolly crowd of young people. The government keeps a great many wild animals at this place, and visitors are not allowed to shoot or even throw stones at them, so they become very tame. The bears in particular, big, clumsy, awkward fellows, loaf around the hotels to eat up everything that is thrown out of the kitchen. At the hotel where this particular party was stopping, one of the brown cinnamon bears would even come up on the porch to sleep, like a big dog, and would now and then go shambling into the office on chilly days and lie down in front of the fire.

Some of the party thought it would be great fun to camp out for awhile, and they got some tents, which they pitched in the woods. One of the party was a lazy kind of a fellow who liked to sleep in the daytime, and almost



AN UNPLEASANT AWAKENING.

every afternoon he could be found snoring away on the cot in his tent. His friends thought it was about time to stop this after awhile, and they got one of the cub bears, that was really as tame as a big kitten and almost as playful, and one afternoon while the sleeper was tucked up as usual under his canvas cover, they put the cub inside his tent.

Bruin was nearly always hungry, and at first he went sniffling around to find something to eat. But pretty soon he heard the snoring, and at first he was going to clear out, but his curiosity got the better of him, and he went over to the corner in which the cot stood and began hauling at the covers to see what kind of an animal it was that was making such a funny noise.

When the sleeper awoke to find a big bear bending over him, he gave a yell, and a leap that sent young bruins sprawling, and ran away as fast as he could. When he found out the joke that had been played upon him he was "mad as a hornet," but after awhile he could see the fun and laughed with the rest of them. But he wouldn't go out camping any more.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

STOLEN TRADE SECRETS.

How the Mysteries of Some Notable Crafts Were Obtained by Enterprising Competitors.

Few inventions are at present worked secretly, as the patent laws now provide the protection which in olden times was wanting. One hundred years ago whatever a man discovered in the arts or mechanics he concealed. Workmen were put upon their oath never to reveal the processes used by their employers. Doors were kept closed, artisans going out were searched, visitors were rigorously excluded from admission and false operations blinded the workmen themselves. The mysteries of every craft were hedged in by precautions which now appear to be fanciful and silly.

But neither locks nor oaths availed against the ingenuity of envious or inquisitive rivals. One after another trade secrets were revealed, until the wise patent laws did away with all necessity for secrecy. The secret of the manufacture of citric acid was stolen from an old chemist who had a shop near Temple Bar, in London, by a chimney sweep, who dropped down the flue and took good note of the process.

The secret of the manufacture of tinware, which was discovered in Holland and kept a secret for 50 years, was stolen by James Sherman, a Cornish miner.

The history of cast steel presents a curious instance of a manufacturing secret stealthily obtained under the cloak of an appeal to philanthropy.

In 1760 a Sheffield watchmaker became dissatisfied with the watch springs in use, and after many experiments succeeded in making cast steel. In 1770 he had a large factory making this steel. The process was wrapped in secrecy by every means within reach—true and faithful men hired, the work divided and subdivided, large wages paid and stringent oaths administered.

It did not answer. One midwinter night a traveler knocked at the gate. It was bitterly cold, the snow fell fast and the kind foreman gave the wanderer shelter from the storm. He sank upon the floor and soon appeared to be asleep. But in reality he kept his eyes open, saw the whole process, and when he departed in the morning he carried with him the secret of making cast steel.

Great Wheat Granaries.

The British government is discussing the feasibility of building national granaries and storing vast quantities of wheat against the emergencies of war or famine.

Couldn't Steal Willie.

Teacher—Willie, what's the masculine of "handruss?" Willie Wiseguy—Chinaman!—Erooklyn Life.



AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

UNIQUE CONTRIVANCE.

Coed with Great Success by the Inventor in Raising His Lambs by Hand.

First, take a coffee pot holding about one gallon. Take off the ordinary spout, and cover the opening formed securely so that nothing can leak through. Then fasten three spouts on near the bottom of the pot about one and a half inches apart. These spouts should be like tubes, larger at the bottom and tapering to the top, which should be large enough to fit a nipple on nicely. The spouts reach from the bottom up even with the top of the pot and should extend out five inches from the top. Stay each spout to the pot with a tin brace, about three



FOR RAISING LAMBS BY HAND.

inches below the top of the pot. Take a wire about No. 20 and solder around the top of each spout to hold the nipple on. A string tied around the nipple below the rim will hold it securely. Have the bail on the top of the pot to carry it by. Fill the pot with fresh cow's milk, and let the lambs take all they will. Be sure to let the milk get out of his stomach before giving him any more. This will be from four to five hours. Then feed again all the lambs will eat. We have never lost a lamb raised in this way. We can raise them as easily and safely as we can a calf. The advantages of this manner of feeding are:

- 1. Air follows the milk right down into the pot, and makes a continual flow, and the lamb has only to make the motion and swallow.
2. You pour milk from the pail into the top of the pot.
3. The amount of milk holds the heat.
4. You can put the pot into a kettle of hot water, and have the milk heated in three minutes.
5. You are feeding three lambs at one time.

This is unique and the only successful method I have found of raising lambs by hand. Fed in this way we have had lambs make 54 pounds at seven weeks of age. This feeder had much to do in knocking out the royal winners of England when we met them in the show ring. See sketch of feeder.—S. H. Todd, in National Stockman.

THE HOG INDUSTRY.

Figures Showing That Porkers Are the Most Profitable Stock the Farmer Can Raise.

The last few years have brought the hog industry forward almost, if not quite, on an equal with the cattle industry, although the two industries should go hand in hand. The hog of the past was looked upon as merely a scavenger, and not as an object of profit, unless he could be kept upon food such as no other animal would eat. And in some farmers' estimation they have not advanced one per cent. up to the present time, regardless of the lessons which well conducted experiments have taught the reading farmer. My experience with hogs, although very limited, has proven to my entire satisfaction that hogs are the most profitable stock a farmer can keep. One good brood sow properly handled, will pay for herself twice every year. I have one sow that brought me eight pigs last June. The sow and pigs were kept on alfalfa until August, when the pigs were started on grain. They were given soaked barley first and this was gradually changed to corn. Those pigs were marketed when six months old, and weighed a little over 200 pounds each; they brought me about \$65. I have seven more pigs from that sow, that will weigh about 40 pounds each, and she will bring me another litter of pigs in June. Now, this is only one sow, and an average of my herd, but I think it a fair illustration of the profit in a good brood sow upon a farm. Some farmers may say that hogs are more liable to disease than other animals, and this may or may not be true. I have lost a few hogs, but never lost one from cholera or any other contagion that I know of positively, although I have had cholera all around me. My theory for curing this disease is to doctor the pen and not the hogs. I never use one pen or lot longer than six months at a time, and always make it a point to grow some crop each summer on the ground used for hog lots during the winter, and early in the spring I plow my summer lots and sow to oats or barley. This has always been my way of handling hogs, and I have never been bothered with disease. I never shut my hogs in a small pen until a few weeks before putting them on the market.—John Case, in Prairie Farmer.

Teaching Chickens to Eat. Some people have a good deal of trouble with brooder chicks in teaching them to eat. When they have a hen with them the work is easy, but without a hen the task appears to be difficult. But really there will be no trouble if the owner has a few chicks that have been taught by the old hen or have learned themselves. Simply put some of these young chicks with the others and the lesson will be soon taught.—Myron Jones, in Farmers' Review.

Application of Fertilizers. When mixing fertilizers no injury will occur if they are applied at once to the soil. Even lime may be added to manure if the manure is spread immediately. It should be the object to work all manure or fertilizer into the soil with the harrow. The soil itself is an excellent absorbent of ammonia, and especially when not too dry, for which reason dry earth or muck may be advantageously used as absorbents in the manure heap.

When sheep gnaw wood and show an inclination to eat substances not on their list of foods, an examination will generally reveal the presence of worms.

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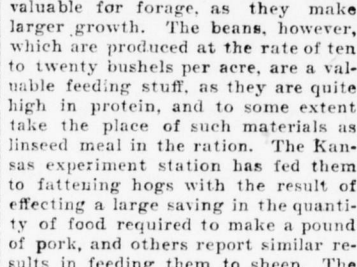
Various Experiment Stations Have Recently Issued Gratifying Reports on the Soy Bean.

The soy or Soja bean is an upright, stiff-stemmed, branching bean, introduced a few years ago from Japan, which is rapidly coming to the front as a most valuable forage plant. It has been grown for several years by the Ohio experiment station with very satisfactory results. Planted on some of our poorest soils, it has produced two to three tons of excellent dry forage or hay per acre, which is eaten with relish by all kinds of stock. As a crop to turn under for green manuring we do not know its equal. As the soy bean is a warm weather plant it should not be planted before the last of May in northern Ohio, nor before the middle in the southern part of the state. When planted for forage it is sown at the rate of a bushel and a half to the acre, on well-prepared land, sowing with the wheat drill with all the runs open. Thus sown it soon covers the ground and there is no trouble from weeds or foxtail. It should be harvested before frost, and cured as hay. The soy bean, like clover, adds nitrogen to the soil, and it is therefore a renovating, instead of an exhausting crop. It is especially suited to take the place of clover in a systematic rotation where the clover has been killed out by severe winters, as is the case at present over a large part of Ohio, or where the spring seedling of clover has failed to catch. The Ohio experiment station has used it in such cases with such good results that it feels justified in urging the farmers of the state to give it a careful trial. There are several varieties of soy beans, some of which will mature seed in Ohio, while others will not. As a rule, the latter class are more valuable for forage, as they make larger growth. The beans, however, which are produced at the rate of ten to twenty bushels per acre, are a valuable feeding stuff, as they are quite high in protein, and to some extent take the place of such materials as linseed meal in the ration. The Kansas experiment station has fed them to fattening hogs with the result of effecting a large saving in the quantity of food required to make a pound of pork, and others report similar results in feeding them to sheep. The experiment station has no seed of these beans for distribution, but it may be procured of most of the principal seedsmen.

HOW TO BIND TIMBER.

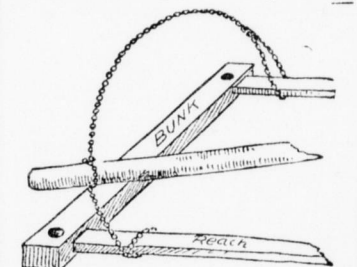
Securing a Load of Wood Is Not Hard Work When One Knows Just How to Do It.

To bind a load of logs to a sled, fasten a chain to the rear reach, just back of the forward bunk. Throw the other end of the chain over the load and pass it around and under the other reach; also just back of the bunk. Bring it up and fasten to the main part of the chain either by means of a grab hook or by toggling. Now take a stout, tough sapling two inches in diameter and eight feet long. Insert



BINDING TIMBER SECURELY.

the larger end between the chain and the logs on the rear side of the sled, with the smaller end pointing to the front. Raise the smaller end perpendicularly, bring it over and bend it down until it is parallel and nearly on a level with the logs. Then by means of a rope or a small chain fasten it to the reach. Next fasten a chain to the off reach just forward of the rear bunk. Throw it over and fasten in precisely the same manner. Insert another sapling, or "twister" as it is called, from behind, and bring it over to the front where it is to be fastened in the same manner as the first. This method of binding, if the chains are tight enough, will hold a load of logs securely over any road and for any length of time. If the chains are too loose, the smaller ends of the twisters will begin to play up and down. Then they must be taken out and the chains tightened. Then the twisters must be inserted and secured as before.—C. O. Ormsby, in Farm and Home.



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Barred Him Out.

"I suppose that Rev. Mr. Sheldon must have endeavored to set up a moral standard for his subscribers during 'Sheldon week,'" remarked a fat ex-Kansan, as he rode with a friend on a South side car, according to the Chicago Inter Ocean. "How so?" It looks reasonable to suppose that the worse man is the more he admires Sheldon's newspaper," said the other man. "Humph! Looks that way. But I used to live out in Topeka, and I've subscribed for that paper the last ten years. Well, the week that Sheldon ran it I never received a single copy. Reckon they thought I wasn't fit to receive it." "Sized you up 'as Jesus would,'" chuckled the first, "as he sid off the car."

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the Cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; delays are dangerous. He—"If I were poor would you still love me?" She—"Why ask? Do I not love you now?" He—"Yes, but riches have wings. To-day I am wealthy, to-morrow I may be poor. Who can tell?" She—"It's the same with love, dear. To-day I love, to-morrow—who can tell?"—Pek-Me-Up.

The Makers of Carter's Ink Say:

"We can't make any better ink than we do; we don't know how to. We can make poorer ink, but we won't." Carter's Ink is the best.

Some people have faith in odd numbers—and the favorite is number one.—Chicago Daily News.

"Turkeys are different from ballot boxes," said Dukane to Gaswell. "Doubtless; but what striking difference had you in mind?" "We prefer our turkeys stuffed."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Hen Peck—"I want to sue for a divorce." Lawyer—"Has your wife left you?" Hen Peck—"No. She won't."—Baltimore American.

An "Anti."—"I am an 'anti,'" declared Sammy Snaggs, whose father is an ardent expansionist. "You are what?" demanded the elder Snaggs, with great surprise. "I am an anti," repeated Sammy; "an anti-spankationist."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

"Then you have no hope of the coming universal brotherhood of man?" asked the Sweet Young Thing. "Not much hope. I don't, though. The women may yet drive me to it in self-defense," said the Savage Bachelor.—Indianapolis Press.

Hoax—"Those two fellows should make fine soldiers. They are always fighting tooth and nail." Joak—"They don't look it." Hoax—"Nevertheless, one is a dentist and the other a chiroprapist."—Philadelphia Record.

Tom—"The trouble with me is that I'm a bit hasty in my speech; I should weigh my words." Miss Peppery—"Yes, do. And don't give such generous measure."—Philadelphia Press.

They have got together, at last. "Sandy loam," the Ultimate Producer is saying, "is the best land to raise sugar beets in. I dare say the crop exhausts the sand very rapidly," the Ultimate Consumer hereupon observes. Even now they seem not thoroughly to understand each other.—Detroit Journal.

A Shrewd Move.—Tess—"How's your club getting along?" Jess—"O! we're getting a big membership now since we reduced the initiation fee." Tess—"I told you five dollars was too much to expect at any woman to pay." Jess—"Yes, we realized that, so we made it \$4.48."—Philadelphia Press.

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