



STORY OF A SONGSTER.

Since Death Took the Sweet-Throated Mocking Bird His Mistress Has Been Disconsolate.

Within a dimly-lighted room at Atlanta, Ga., where visitors trod softly, a mocking bird sang and the weary eyes of a woman turned to the songster gratefully.

Thus she had lain for six years and thus each day the tiny songster had been her companion.

When the sun shone outside, its rays rarely penetrated to the room where the invalid lay, the mocking bird sang its merriest, and when clouds shut out the brilliancy of the sun the limpid song, uninterrupted, but with a more melancholy strain, went on and cheered the aged hearer.

The woman was Mrs. James D. Reed. For six years she has been confined to her room in the boarding-house conducted by her daughter at No. 107 Marietta street.

Now Bob is dead, and the aged invalid, robbed of the greatest joy that was left to her, is disconsolate and losing strength day by day.

In the boarding house this mocking bird was the pet of all. Miss Reed kept house for 14 years, and during nine years of that time "Bob" had been with her.

From the moment of the beginning of Mrs. Reed's illness "Bob" was transferred to the sick room, and he rarely left it. There his duty was to cheer the weary moments of the invalid's day, and this he did well.

Mrs. Reed, the invalid, is more than 70 years old. She is unable to move



WITH BOB SHE WAS HAPPY.

about, although sometimes she is lifted into a chair and placed beside the window, where with "Bob" she was happy. "Bob's" death is a great blow to her.

"I used to sit for hours," she said, "and listen to him sing. He was the best singer I ever heard, and was a great companion to me. I will miss him sorely, I know."

Miss Maggie Reed, the daughter, who owned "Bob," is heartbroken. She wept when she asked about her pet.

"I never knew I would miss him so much," she said, "but he was great company and very accomplished. He could imitate any sound, and his notes were so soft and sweet that they took mother back to the scenes and times of her health and girlhood. I fear the results for her, for no other bird can replace "Bob."

Dainty Dessert for Supper.

A delicious dessert to serve with supper is made of pineapple jelly and whipped cream. Make the jelly in the usual way, but instead of placing it in a mold, put it into a bowl, and when it has set, take a stiff spoon and stir it till it looks like a mass of shaven ice. Place this high in a glass dish and then add the whipped cream when it has been sweetened and flavored to taste.

Cream of Tomato Soup.

Stew one pint of tomatoes for 20 minutes, adding one slice of onion, one bay leaf and a sprig of parsley; press through a sieve and return to the stove. Scald one quart of milk and rub together one teaspoonful of butter and two teaspoonfuls of flour, adding a little hot milk to prevent lumping; when the remainder of the milk has been added, the mixture should be stirred until it thickens to a cream; add one teaspoonful of sugar and the same quantity of salt and one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little cold water; heat the soup tureen, turn into the tomato and gradually add the milk, stirring constantly.—Good Literature.

His Only Good Points.

"I wonder," remarked the visitor at the dog show, "why that prize bulldog over there shows his teeth all the time?"

"It's all he's got to show, ma'am," replied the man whose dog didn't get the prize.—Chicago Tribune.

STREET LIFE IN CAIRO.

Woman Traveler Considers Egypt's Capital the Most Picturesque City in the Old World.

Cairo is the most picturesque of cities. As one saunters along the native quarter about midday groups of Arabs eating the midday meal are passed at frequent intervals. They sit leaning against some garden wall, their feet drawn up till the knees are level with the chin, and brown earthen basins on the ground beside them hold the food.

The fellah uses his home but little. He eats and frequently sleeps outdoors. He is independent of bed and



A MAIDEN OF CAIRO.

covering, and sometimes, one would almost think, of sleep. The furniture is of the simplest description, the most conspicuous feature usually being a wooden box decorated with crude designs in red and yellow. In this are his copy of the Koran and other simple treasures.

A Cairene wedding among the lower classes is a frequent and always interesting sight. It takes place at night. One's attention is attracted by sounds of clashing brass and the beat of drums. The wedding procession moves rapidly, a leaping, straggling crowd, within the midst the carts that contain the household goods of the pair about to be wedded.

BOXES AND BUREAUS.

How to Sweeten Them by the Use of Sachets That Are Easily Composed at Home.

A sachet of long lasting fragrance can be made to imitate the scent of verbenas by saving the peels of lemons that come into the household and mixing them with caraway seeds.

Take half an ounce of the powdered seed and half a pound of the powdered lemon peel. The peellings can be ground in an ordinary kitchen coffee mill. Mix the two powders well together, and over it all pour a mixture of 1 1/2 drams of oil of lemon peel and three ounces of oil of bergamot. This makes a dainty powder for sachets to use in the bureau drawers, linen closets, hat boxes, handkerchief cases, etc. It is called the verberna sachet.

A rather expensive sachet, but one that will pay for the making, is composed thus: Oil of patchouli, one-half dram; oil of rose geranium, one-half dram; attar of roses, one-half dram; oil of sandalwood, one dram; oil of lavender, one dram; oil of cloves, one-half dram; oil of bergamot, 3/4 drams; extract of musk, one-half dram; mix well and add to two drams of this compound one ounce of powdered orris root, one dram Tonquin beans and two ounces sifted pine sawdust. This is a favorite sachet for veil rolls and shirt waist boxes. The perfume can be renewed by dropping occasionally a few drops of the scented oils on the sachets.—N. Y. Herald.

Formula for Shampooing.

Melt a cake of pure olive oil soap in a quart of boiling water. When the soap is dissolved the result will be almost a jelly. Take of this jelly say two large tablespoonfuls and a small lump of common washing soda about the size of a filbert. First wet the hair thoroughly with hot water, then rub the shampoo mixture well into the roots. Rinse thoroughly in several waters.

And Willie Knew.

Little Willie—Pa, is ma a miero? Mr. Henpeck—Why, no, Willie, What makes you ask such a question? Little Willie—Well, the teacher told us that baldness was caused by a miero.—Baltimore American.

His Only Way of Escape.

Mr. Kawdle—I wish you wouldn't interrupt me every time I try to say something. Do I ever break in when you are talking? Mrs. Kawdle—No, you wretch! You go to sleep!—Chicago Tribune.

Washing the Dish Towels.

Dish towels should be washed in lukewarm water before scalding; otherwise the grease and stains will be set.



CAPACITY IN COWS.

External Signs of a Good Milker That No Buyer Can Afford to Slight or Overlook.

When a farmer is about to buy a mower, a reaper or a cultivator, he looks carefully about him to find a machine that is best fitted in shape, size and mechanism to do the work required. When it comes to buying or raising a dairy cow too many neglect to consider whether the cow, from her general appearance, seems to be fitted to do good work in the dairy or not.

Now, it is to be admitted that you cannot tell certainly whether a cow is a deep, rich milker from her general appearance; but still, so large a



WELL-DEVELOPED MILKER.

percentage of the high quality cows of the land have certain external signs that have come to be regarded as the marks of a good cow that it is folly to overlook these marks when selecting cows for one's herd. One of these special signs that is extremely important may be comprehended under the term "capacity."

I have reproduced here the outlines of two cows that are illustrated by photographic cuts in the last Hood Farm catalogue of Jersey cattle, which they bring out in a typical manner the point I wish to make. In order to turn a large amount of hay, grass, ensilage and grain into milk and butter a cow must have a large, deep body, and, my experience has been, a large udder. The cows illustrated



A RECORD BREAKER.

show the great, deep bodies and the splendid development of udder that characterize the big milkers. A cow's body is a butter and milk factory. You cannot expect to make much butter and milk in a small factory. The "wedge-shaped" cow has a deep body where depth is needed—where the machinery of the body is at work converting fodder into dairy products. The cow that has little depth from her back down to a point beneath her just in front of the udder has never shown up, so far as my observation has gone, as a heavy milker. I like also to see an udder like those in the cuts. They stamp the cow at once as a producer of large quantities of milk, and these udders may well be taken as model examples, not only in regard to size, but as to shape as well. Notice the fullness in the fore part of the udder and how well it runs up behind, with the large, well-placed teats and its general appearance of large capacity. Such an udder, when milked out dry, will fall in loose, soft folds, like an empty bag. It is a good type to breed to.—N. Y. Tribune.

TEETH AGE MARKS.

Rules Adopted for the Guidance of Live Stock Judges in England and Ireland.

Nowadays, when early maturity is being so much cultivated in the case of all breeds of stock, the dentition of farm animals shows much more variation than was usual in the old days, when animals were not forced to a finish at anything like the high rate of pressure which has of late years been indulged in. One of the consequences of this high-pressure-system of feeding has been that the leading English show-promoting bodies, such as the Smithfield club, the Royal and other agricultural societies, have found it necessary to lay down special rules for the determination of the ages of such animals as are exhibited at their shows. The Royal Dublin society, in common with the other leading agricultural bodies, has found it necessary to adopt certain regulations in this direction. The rules for cattle follow:

Cattle having their central permanent incisors cut will be considered as exceeding one year and six months.

Cattle having their central permanent incisors fully up will be considered as exceeding one year and nine months.

Cattle having their second pair of permanent incisors fully up will be considered as exceeding two years and three months.

Cattle having their third pair of incisors cut will be considered as exceeding two years and eight months.

Cattle having their fourth pair (corner) permanent incisors fully up, and their anterior molars showing signs of wear, will be considered as exceeding three years.

The Man Who Falls Behind.

The farmer to-day who does not employ feed-saving machines is not making the most out of his opportunities.

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To Be Concise

"Young man," said the editor to the budding journalist, who brought him a column story which could have been told better in ten lines, "when a man discovers his house is ablaze he doesn't go to the window and tell the passers-by that 'half an hour ago what threatened to be a terrible conflagration broke out in the upper story of the palatial mansion occupied by Mr. Jeremiah Dickens.' He simply rushes to the front, and shouts: 'Fire! Be concise, young man.'—St. Louis Republic.

For Homeseekers.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y will sell regular Homeseekers' Excursion tickets to all points in South Dakota, at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, on October 2, 1900. This will enable parties to visit the Corn Belt Exposition to be held in Mitchell, S. D., September 26 to October 4, 1900, inclusive. This exposition is held to demonstrate the great agricultural resources, wealth and possibilities of this thriving state. The exposition is held in a gorgeously decorated corn palace which for beauty can hardly be excelled anywhere by a building of a temporary nature. There are thousands of acres of cheap lands left in South Dakota that will, under the present conditions in that state, rapidly increase in price, and the holding of this corn palace with its many attractions, that both amuse and instruct, should be an opportunity that all land and investment seekers should embrace.

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Safe There.

Goodheart—I think you libeled that friend of yours from Chicago. I took him out to lunch to-day, and he didn't eat with his knife at all. Sneerwell—That's strange. What did you have to eat? "Oyster stew."—Philadelphia Press.

A Map of the United States for 15 Cents.

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A Draw at the Very Worst.

Peppery—That was a fierce fight you had with Gussie. He claims he licked you. Cholly—Oh, the boast! It's true, he wumped my ewaway dreadfully, but when it was all over his colah was awfully wited.—Philadelphia Press.

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It Puzzles Everybody.

"I can't understand it," he said, with a hopeless little quaver in his voice. "I can't understand it. Why do the women have their skirts made ten inches too long, and hold them ten inches too high?" "For he had not yet learned the folly of attempting to understand the eternal feminine.—Baltimore American.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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Facts in the Case.

"Ah," he mused; "so Gen. Shottetump is dead. Sic transit gloria mundi." "But he died on Thursday," responded the person, who was densely materialistic and did not know a classical quotation from a sardine label.—Baltimore American.

Throw physics to the dogs—if you don't want the dog—but if you want good digestion chew Beeman's Pepsin Gum.

"Pa, what is the gage of war?" "The gage of war? Well, it is the first chunk of mud you throw at that little Jones boy that you say is always picking a fuss with you."—Indianapolis Journal.

Everything of value in this world goes to the highest bidder.—Acheson Globe.

Marriage is an agreement full of disagreements.—Town Topics.

To admit your mistakes, is a sign that you have a little sense. A wise man can be convinced of an error; a fool, never.—Acheson Globe.

The Ohio physician, who chased away a lot of small boys who were appropriating green apples from his orchard made a mistake in the choice of a profession.—Chicago Daily News.

Johnny—"Pa, what is the difference between a walker and a pedestrian?" Pa—"One has horns and wears tight shoes, but I forget which one it is."—Boston Transcript.

She—"I think your friend Rickey is so very interesting; he is always making such dry remarks." Rickey's Rival—"Yes; one can't come anywhere near him but it's 'Let's go take something.'"—Richmond Dispatch.

Faithful Likeness.—Artist—"Here is the portrait of your wife which—" Mr. Richman—"Ah! It's very like her!" Artist—"She—er—h'm—she didn't pay for it. She said you'd do that." Mr. Richman—"Ah! Still more like her!"—Philadelphia Press.

"None So Blind."—Miss Cutting—"I saw you in the car on your way home to dinner last evening." Mr. Comfort—"Strange, I didn't see you." Miss Cutting—"Not at all; I was standing just in front of where you were sitting."—Philadelphia Press.

Ferguson—"They now claim that kleptomaniacs is a disease. That woman that was arrested for shoplifting yesterday is said to be suffering from it." Henderson—"So? I thought it was the shopkeepers who were the sufferers. But does she take anything for it?" Ferguson—"I don't know for it. Why, in one day she took three dress patterns, a silk umbrella, a silver bouquet-holder, eight spoons of cotton, three pairs of gloves, and a frying pan."—Boston Transcript.

How Mothers may Help their Daughters into Womanhood



Every mother possesses information of vital value to her young daughter. That daughter is a precious legacy, and the responsibility for her future is largely in the hands of the mother. The mysterious change that develops the thoughtless girl into the thoughtful woman should find the mother on the watch day and night. As she cares for the physical well-being of her daughter, so will the woman be, and her children also.

When the young girl's thoughts become sluggish, when she experiences headaches, dizziness, faintness, and exhibits an abnormal disposition to sleep, pains in the back and lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude, and a dislike for the society of other girls, when she is a mystery to herself and friends, then the mother should go to her aid promptly. At such a time the greatest aid to nature is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It prepares the young system for the coming change, and is the surest reliance in this hour of trial.

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