

DEAR OLD MOTHER AND ME.

We lived in a cottage, years ago. A cottage down by the sea. There were only two of us living there, just dear old mother and me.

A Knave of Conscience

By FRANCIS LYNDE.

CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

"By Jove! but she is a magnificent strong type," he mused, lying flat on his back and staring absently at the flitting shadows among the deck beams overhead.

He considered it for a moment, and then got up and went in quest of a pencil and a scrap of paper.

Character-study: Young woman of the type Western-Creole—not the daughter of aliens, but born in the West of parents who have migrated from one of the older States.

CHAPTER VI. Charlotte Farnham's friends were wont to say of her that she was as sensible as she was beautiful.

CHAPTER VII. In yielding to the impulse of the moment which prompted him to borrow the identity of John Gavitt, Griswold was not without some forethoughts of the event.

CHAPTER VIII. While Griswold was grappling afresh with the problems of escape, Charlotte was sitting behind the locked door of her stateroom, trying to write her letter.

CHAPTER IX. In any conflict between duty and inclination it is only the final step which is irrevocable; and in Charlotte's case this step was the mailing of her letter.

"What if they could?" "Don't you see! You'd be dragged into court to identify the robber. And that would be simply dreadful."

CHAPTER X. The doors giving upon the saloon deck forward were open, and she stepped out. The crew was grouped about the uptilted landing-stage, and he was there—this man for whose future she was about to become answerable.

CHAPTER XI. He lifted him bodily. The man in the office makes a weak star product. That marks him as a lone star product.

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CHAPTER XVII. "Come aboard, or I'll skin ye alive, ye skulkin'!" Charlotte put her fingers in her ears to shut out the clamor of profanity; but the man on the bank was deaf to it.

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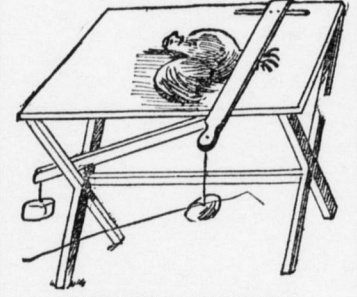
CAPONIZING CHICKENS.

Where Fowls Are Raised for Market Exclusively the Operation is Quite Profitable.

The best age to caponize is when chicks are from three to five months old. The organs are smaller and more easily removed, and there is much less danger from bleeding.

The best plan for a novice is to kill a bird and operate upon that first, in order to learn the position of the parts. Lay the bird upon the table, and place the screw rings or weights where they would be needed to secure a live fowl.

The spot where the opening is to be made is shown by the X in the cut. The feathers are plucked and an opening is made through the skin with a pair of sharp-pointed, long-bladed



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scissors. We have found these better than a knife. The skin is drawn to one side and an opening is made with the scissors between the last two ribs 1 1/2 inches long.

The ribs are separated by the spring hooks to expose the inside. The intestines are gently moved out of the way with the handle of a teaspoon, and the glands or testicles will be seen attached to the back.

When meat alone is desired, the large breeds, as Brahma, Cochon, Langshan, etc., are best, but for carrying chicks use the smaller and more industrious breeds, as Leghorn, Game, etc.

DON'T CROSS BREEDS.

Good Advice That is Not Heeded as Well by Some Dairymen as It Should Be.

In this country there seems to be a recklessness concerning the crossing of breeds that is truly astonishing. To breed up is commendable, but crossing breeds is not breeding up.

Compositors on newspapers have to run up against fearful and wonderful orthography that will slip into their domain despite the argus eyes of the editors.

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A BENEFIT TO FARMERS.

Consolidation of Harvester Plants Means the Continuation of Low Prices to Buyers.

The benefits that will undoubtedly result to farmers from the recent incorporation of the International Harvester Company, which took over the business of the five leading harvester manufacturers have probably not been considered by a large portion of the farming community.

The economical necessity of a consolidation of the interests of manufacturers and those of their farmer customers must be apparent to any one who understands the present situation.

The increased and increasing cost of material, manufacturing and selling—the latter in consequence of extreme and bitter competition between manufacturers and their several selling agents—has made the business unprofitable.

The two alternatives left for the manufacturers were either the increasing of the prices of machines or the reduction of the cost of manufacture and sales.

As can readily be seen, the forming of the new company was not a stock jobbing operation, but a centering of mutual interests. There is no watered stock; the capitalization is conservative and represented by actual and tangible assets.

The management of the International Harvester Company is in the hands of well-known, experienced men.

The officers are: President, Cyrus H. McCormick; Chairman Executive Committee, Charles Deering; Chairman Finance Committee, George W. Perkins; Vice-Presidents, Harold E. McCormick, James Deering, Wm. H. Jones and John J. Glessner; Secretary and Treasurer, Richard P. Howe.

The International Harvester Company owns five of the largest harvester plants in existence, The Champion, Deering, McCormick, Milwaukee and Plano—plants that have been producing nearly or quite 90 per cent. of the harvesting machines of the world.

It also owns timber and coal lands, blast furnaces and a steel plant; it has a new factory in process of construction in Canada.

It is believed that the cost of producing grain, grass and corn harvesting machines will be so reduced that the present low prices can be continued, and that consequently the results cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the farmer.

HAS A WIRELESS STATION.

Postal Telegraph Cable Company Establishes Successful Line with Marconi Company.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has established a successful wireless telegraph station, in connection with the Marconi Company of America, at Sagaponack, L. I. Messages are sent to all the ships of the great ocean-going vessels which have been equipped with the Marconi system.

The new service is somewhat expensive, and of course will appeal chiefly to persons who like luxuries and can afford to pay for them. Thus messages of ten words will cost the senders \$2, with a rate of 12 cents for each word additional.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America at its offices in New York the other day gave out a direct contradiction from the Marquis Solari, of Italy, in regard to the published reports that Signor Marconi had yielded credit for his inventions to the marquis.

STRING CURES HICCOUGHS.

Young Russian Girl After Suffering for Three Years is Relieved in a Simple Way.

Hiccoughs of three years' standing were cured at Bellevue hospital, New York City, the other day, with a bit of string. Miss Sarah Blockson, a young Russian girl, was subject to spells of melancholia, and when once she had acquired the notion that she could not stop hiccupping she had been sitting in her home waiting for the recurring spasms. The physicians tied about her waist a cord so tight that the spasmodic movements of the diaphragm were controlled.

The potato crop in Kansas this year is immense and 25 cents per bushel is predicted for them by fall.