

BALLAD OF THE ALARM CLOCK.

I bought a clock not long ago, To give me timely warning That I must rise in time to go To business in the morning.

Damages Wanted

"Haven't you forgotten something, dear?" With a half-injured, quizzical look Nora Merrill stood in mock despair awaiting the return of the man, who, half way down the stairs, turned at the sound of her voice and sheepishly clambered back.

his face glowing in pleased anticipation of his reception, young Dacre rang the bell at the home of Miss Merrill and a moment later, with a cheery "Good morning, dear," inclined his head for the expected kiss.

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THE MIDDLE AGED MAN.

Something Said to Him by the Dentist Sets Him Thinking. "My dentist tells me," said the middle aged man, "that my teeth will last as long as I do; and when he said that to me I was at first pleased, because then it seemed to mean simply that I still had pretty good teeth, good for a long time yet, and I thought that some day I would say to him, sort of half jokingly: "Doctor, you tell me my teeth will last as long as I will—about how long do you think my teeth will last?"

"I'm glad my teeth are good, anyhow."—New York Sun.

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HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

TO KEEP MILK. If milk is brought just to the boiling point and poured immediately into cans and sealed air tight it will keep indefinitely. As the air is expelled by boiling, the milk keeps just as well as canned goods do.

TO PRESERVE LEMONS.

Put a layer of dry, fine sand an inch in depth at the bottom of an earthenware jar. Place a row of lemons on this, stalk downward, and be careful that they do not touch one another. Cover them with another layer of sand fully three inches in depth. Lay on it more lemons and repeat until the jar is full.

FRENCH WRITERS EARN LESS.

Translation of Foreign Novels Have Spoiled the Market. While the serial story is if anything more popular than ever as a newspaper feature in France, Robert Sherard writes in "My Friends the French" that the remuneration of the writers of this kind of fiction is not as good as it used to be.

MAKING ONE JOB OF IT.

Doctor—You have no reason to believe, madam, that your husband shot himself intentionally? Madam—Oh, dear, no! It was purely accidental. But is he seriously hurt? Doctor—Quite seriously; but I think we can save him.

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HOME COOK BOOK.

The cook book compiled by a housekeeper for her own use from the experiences of her friends is apt to be the most useful volume in her library. No housekeeper can afford to be without such a work, even though printed cook books of high standing abound for her buying.

RECIPES.

Rye Cakes.—Beat well 2 eggs and stir in gradually with a pint of luke warm milk, then stir enough rye meal to make a thick batter. Add 1 teaspoonful of yeast, stir a little, cover the basin with a cloth and set in warm place to rise.

POULTRY IN GERMANY.

Germany pays comparatively little attention to poultry raising. For the greater part of its supply of eggs and poultry the empire is dependent upon Italy, France, Belgium and the Balkan States. The imports into Germany of eggs and poultry have increased marvelously since 1872, in which year the combined imports of these two items amounted to only \$500,000.

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A RATTLESNAKE RANCH.

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