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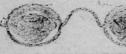
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LUMBER.

omime that he actually did fire, unintentionally of course, the ball burying itself in the doorjamb. 150 He was laughed at by those present being more excited than they who tnessed the whole thing. One of them, a leathery faced and grizzled old sinner, leered at him contemptuously

and said in queer French, with a curious accent caught from long use of backwoods English: "Listen how the boy brags! Ye might think to hear Rene talk that he actually amounted to a big pile."
This personage was known to every oul in Vincennes as Oncle Jazon, and

rid of his weapons and all surplus weight of clothes.

This incident brought the drinking bout at the river house to a sudden

end, but nothing further came of it that night and no record of it would be

found in these pages but for the fact

that Long Hair afterward became an

historical drama which had old Vin-

eennes for its center of energy.
Rene de Ronville probably felt him

self in bad luck when he arrived at the

river house just too late to share in

the liquor or to join in chasing the bold thief. He listened with interest,

through the motions of one aiming

quickly and firing. Indeed, so vigor-ously in earnest was he with the pan-

portant character in the

when Oncle Jazon spoke the whole own felt bound to listen. "An' how well he shoots, too," he added, with an intolerable wink. "Almed at the door and hit the post. Certainly Long Hair would have been in great danger! Oh, yes, he'd 'ave killed Long Hair at the first shot.

wouldn't he though!" "All right, Oncle Jazon," said Rene aughing and blowing the smoke out of his pistol. "'Twas you, all the same who let Long Hair trot off with th governor's brandy; not I. If you could have hit even a doorpost it might have

been better." Oncle Jazon took off his cap looked down into it in a way he had when about to say something final.
"Ventrebleu! I did not shoot at Long Hair at all," he said, speaking slowly "because the scoundrel was unarmed He didn't have on even a knife, and he plumpin' at 'im without any compli

"Well," Rene replied, turning away with a laugh, "if I'd been scalped by there would be any particular reaso why I should wait for an Indian thief o go and arm himself before I ac pted him as a target." Oncle Jazon lifted a hand involunta ily and rubbed his scalpless crown

then he chuckled with a grotesque grimace as if the recollection of hav ing his head skinned were the funnier ning imaginable.
"When you've killed as many of 'em

as Oncle Jazon has," remarked a by-stander to Rene, "you'll not be so hungry for blood, maybe." "Especially after ye've took fifty-nine scalps to pay for yer one," added Oncle Jazon, replacing his cap over the hair-less area of his crown.

The men who had been chasing Long Hair presently came straggling back with their stories—each had a distinct one—of how the fugitive escaped. They were wild looking fellows, most of them somewhat intoxicated, all pro fusely liberal with their stock of pic turesque profanity. They represented

the roughest element of the well nigh lawless post. "I'm positive that he's wounded," said one. "Jacques and I shot at him together, so that our pistols sounded just as if only one had been fired-bang! that way—and he leaped side ways for all the world like a bird with a broken leg. I thought he'd fall; but ve! he ran faster'n ever, and all at once he was gone—just disappeared."
"Well, tomorrow we'll get him," said
another. "You and I and Jacques,

low him till we find him. He can' "I don't know so well about that." non buck that just anybody can fin-isleep. You know what Long Hair is Nobody's ever got even with 'im yes Jazon, if you don't believe it!

The next morning Long Hair was

ALICE of OLD VINCENNES

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By MAURICE THOMPSON

tracked to the river's edge. He had been wounded, but whether seriously or not could only be conjectured. HE row down at the river house was more noise than fight, so far as results seemed to indisprinkle of blood, here and there quit a dash of it, reddened the grass and clumps of weeds he had run through, eate. It was all about a small dame jeanne of fine brandy which an Indian of the name of Long Hair had and ended close to the water, int seized and run off with at the height of the carousal. He must have been sowith a view to baffling pursuit. In deed pursuit was bafiled. No further trace could be found by which to fo perer than his pursuers or naturally leeter, for not one of them could catch low the cunning fugitive. Some of the men consoled themselves by saying without believing, that Long Hair him or even keep long in sight of him. was probably lying drowned at the bot-tom of the river.

"Pas du tout," observed Oncle Jazon, men swore roundly to having seen Long
Hair jump sidewise and stagger, as if
one of the shots had taken effect. But,
although the moon was shining, he
some way disappeared, they could not

some way disappeared, they could not understand just how, far down beside the river below the fort and the church.

It was not an uncompany thing form It was not an uncommon thing for an Indian to steal what he wanted, and in most cases light punishment followed conviction, but it was felt to be a capital offense for an Indian or angle and as drunk as the devil. He'll get some of yer scalps yet after he's guzzled all that brandy and slep' a week."

It finally transpired that Oncle Jazon was partly right and partly make the devil. He'll get some of yer scalps yet after he's guzzled all that brandy and slep' a week." ital offense for an Indian or anybody else to rape a demijohn of fine brandy, cat perhaps, but not drunk, for in try especially one sent as a present by a friend in New Orleans to Lieutenant dame jeanne under his arm he los especially one sent as a present by a friend in New Orleans to Lieutenant Governor Abbott, who had until recently been the commandant of the post. Every man at the river house recognized and resented the enormity recognized and resented the enormity of Long Hair's crime, and each was for in the sand and mud and break the ancient wax from its neck!

Rene de Ronville, after the chase o the moment ready to be his judge and his executioner. He had broken at once every rule of frontier etiquette and

once every rule of frontier etiquette and every bond of sympathy. Nor was Long Hair ignorant of the danger involved in his daring enterprise. pened, and, finding the priest's hut empty, turned into the path leading to the Roussillon place, which was at the volved in his daring enterprise. He had beforehand carefully and stolidly weighed the conditions, and true to his head of a narrow street laid out in a direction at right angles to the river's course. He passed two or three dimin-Indian nature had concluded that a lit-tle wicker covered bottle of brandy utive cabins, all as much alike as beewas well worth the risk of his life. So great race by slipping out and getting

As Rene passed along he spoke with a gay French freedom to the dames and lasses who chanced to be visible. His air would be regarded as violently brigandish in our day. We might even go so far as to think his whole appearance comical. His jaunty cap, with a tail that wagged as he walked his short trousers and leggings of buck skin and his loose shirtlike tunic, drawn in at the waist with a broad belt, gay his strong figure just the dash of wildness suited to the armament with which it was weighted. A heavy gun lay in the hollow of his shoulder, un der which hung an otter skin bulle pouch with its clear powder born and white bone charger. In his belt were two huge flintlock pistols and a long

boid thief. He listened with interest, however, to the story of Long Hair's capture of the commandant's demijohn and could not refrain from saying that if he had been present there would have been a quite different result.
"I would have shot him before he got to that door," he said, drawing his heavy flintlock pistol and going through the matiens of one shipe. "Bon jour, Mile. Adrienne," he cheerily called," waving his free hand in greet ing to a small, dark lass standing or the step of a veranda and indolently swinging a broom, "Comment allez rous au jourd'hui?" "J'm'porte tres blen, merci," M'sieu

Rene," was the quick response. "Et tous?" "Oh, I'm as lively as a cricket."

on business-up to M'sieu' Roussillon's for a moment." "Yes," the girl responded in a ton indicative of something very like spleen. "Yes, undoubtedly, M'sleu' de Ronville. Your business there seem quite pressing of late. I have notice

"Going a-hunting?"

your industrious application to that "Ta-ta, little one," he wheedled, lowring his voice. "You mustn't go to making bugbears out of nothing."

"Bugbears!" she retorted. "You go on about your business, and I'll attend to mine," and she flirted into the house. Rene laughed under his breath, stand-ing a moment as if expecting her to come out again, but she did not, and he resumed his walk singing softly: "Elle a les joues vermeilles, vermeill Ma belle, ma belle petite."

But ten to one he was not thinking of Mlle. Adrienne Bourcier. His mind however, must have been absorbingly e met Father Beret and did not se him until he came near bumping against the old man, who stepped aside with

astonishing agility and said:
"Dieu vous benisse, mon fils, but
what is your great hurry? Where can Rene did not stop to parley with the riest. He had in his mind what he was going to say when Alice and h should be alone together. It was a pretty speech, he thought-indeed a very thrilling little speech by the way it stirred his own nerve centers as he onned it over. Mme. Roussillon met him at the door

n not a very good humor.
"Is Mile. Alice here?" he ventured to demand.
"Alice? No, she's not here; she's

never here just when I want her most. V'la le pichois et la grive (see the woodpecker and the robin) eating the



cherries, eating every one of them, and of staying here and picking them," she we'll take up his trail, the thief, and railed in answer to the young man's polite inquiry. "I haven't seen her these four hours, neither her nor that rascally hunchback, Jean. They're up to some mischief, I'll be bound!" Mme. Roussillon puffed audibly be tween phrases, but she suddenly be

"Mais entrez," she added in a pleas-

Rene's disappointment rushed into pression always lurking in them kept

me," said Mme. Roussillon, "that our friend Long Hair made some trouble last night. How about it?" Rene told her what he knew and added that Long Hair would probably

never be seen again.
"He was shot, no doubt of it," he went on, "and is now being nibbled by fish and turtles. We tracked him by his blood to where he jumped into the Wabash. 'He never came out."

Strangely enough, it happened that at the very time of this chat between Mme. Roussillon and Rene, Alice was bandaging Long Hair's wounded leg with strips of her apron. It was under some willows which overhung the bank of a narrow and shallow lagoon or slough, which in those days extended a mile or two back into the country on the farther side of the river. Alice and Jean went over in a pirogue to see if the water lilies, haunting a pond there, were yet beginning to bloom. They landed at a convenient spot some distance up the little lagoon, made the boat fast by dragging its prow high ashore, and were on the point of setting out across a neck of wet, grassy land to the pond, when a deep grunt, not unlike that of a self satisfied pig, attracted them to the willows, where they discovered Long Hair, badly wounded, weltering in some black mud His hiding place was cunningly chosen, save that the mire troubled

him, letting him down by slow degrees, and threatening to engulf him bodily; and he was now too weak to extricate himself. He lifted his head and glared. His face was grimy, his hair matted with mud. Alice, although brave enough and quite accustomed to startling experiences, uttered a cry when she saw those snaky eyes glistening so savagely amid the shadows. But Jean was quick to recognize Long Hair. He had often seen him about town, a figure not to be forgotten. "They've been hunting him every-where," he said in a half whisper to

Alice, clutching the skirt of her dress "It's Long Hair, the Indian who sto the brandy. I know him." Alice recoiled a pace or two.
"Let's go back and tell 'em," Jean

added, still whispering. "They want to kill him; Oncle Jazon said so. Come He gave her dress a jerk, but sl did not move any farther back. She was looking at the blood oozing from

wound in the Indian's leg. "He is shot; he is hurt, Jean; we must help him," she presently said, recovering her self control, yet still pale "We must get him out of that bad

Jean caught Alice's merciful spirit with sympathetic readiness and showed immediate willingness to aid

there was a will and of course a way. They had knives with which they cut willows to make a standing place on the mud. While they were doing this they spoke friendly words to Long Hair, who understood French a little, and at last they got hold of his arms, tugged, rested, tugged again and finally managed to help him to a dry place, still under the willows, where he could lie more at ease. Jean carried water in his cap with which they washed the wound and the stelld savage face. Then Alice tore up her cotton apron, in which she had hoped to bear home a load of lilies, and with the strips bound the wound very neatly. It took a long time, during which the Indian remained

physique, tall, straight, with the muscles of a Vulcan, and while he lay stretched on the ground, half clad and motionless, he would have been a grand model for a heroic figure in bronze. Yet from every lineament there came a strange repelling influ-ence, like that from a snake. Alice felt her merciful task, but she bravely per

severed until it was finished.

It was now late in the afternoon an the sun would be setting before they

"We must hurry back, Jean," Alice said, turning to depart. "It will be all we can do to reach the other side in daylight. I'm thinking that they'll

move right lively. Come."
She gave the Indian another gland when she had taken but a step. He nted and held up something in his hand-something that shone with a dull yellow light. It was a small oval, gold locket which she had al-ways worn in her bosom. She sprang

and snatched it from his palm. "Thank you," she exclaimed, smiling gratefully. "I am so glad you found

The chain by which the locket had hung was broken, doubtless by some movement while dragging Long Hair out of the mud, and the lid had sprung open, exposing a miniature por trait of Alice painted when she was little child, probably not two years old. It was a sweet baby face, archly bright, almost surrounded with a fluff of golden hair. The neck and upper line of the plump shoulders, with a trace of richly delicate lace and a string of pearls, gave somehow a sug-gestion of patrician daintiness.

Long Hair looked keenly into Alice's eyes when she stooped to take the locket from his hand, but said nothing She and Jean now hurried away, and so vigorously did they paddle their pirogue, that the sky was yet red in the west when they reached home and duly received their expected scolding

adventure, for she had made up her nind to save Long Hair if possible and she felt sure that the only way to do it would be to trust no one It turned out that Long Hair's wound

was neither a broken bone nor a cut artery. The flesh of his leg, midway between the hip and the knee, was plerced. The bullet had bored a near ole clean through. Father Beret took the case in hand and with no little surgical skill proceeded to set the big Indian upon his feet again. The affair had to be cleverly managed. Food, medicines and clothing were surreptitiously borne across the river, a bed of grass was kept fresh under Long Hair's back, his wound was regularly dressed and finally his weapons—a tomahawk a knife, a strong bow and a quiver of arrows-which he had hidden on the night of his bold theft, were brought to

"Now go and sin no more," said good words were mere puffs of articulate wind in the ear of the grim and silent savage, who limped away with an air of stately dignity into the wilderness. A load fell from Alice's mind when Father Beret informed her of Long Hair's recovery and departure. Day and night the dread lest some of the men should find out his hiding place and kill him had depressed and worried her. Long Hair's imperturbable calmness, his stolid, immobile countenance. shifty black eyes and the soulless ex- dance of fresh hay, awaited her.

a fascinating hold on the girl's memory They blended curiously with the im pressions left by the romances she had read in M. Roussillon's mildewed books. Long Hair was not a young man, but ons left by the romances she had it would have been impossible to gues near his age. His form and face sim

ply showed long experience and im-measurable vigor. Alice remembered with a shuddering sensation the look he gave her when she took the locket from his hand. It was of but a second's duration, yet it seemed to search every nook of her being with its subtle

[TO BE CONTINUED.] FROST FAIRIES.

The Wonderful Designs That Window Panes Picture.

When the frost fairies have a mate-

rial ready for original design they often produce in the hours of darkness most exquisite decorations. The window panes are their drawing paper, and the window frames serve as picture frames on those particular occasions. There are said to be no less than a thousand forms of snow crystals, every one of them of the finest finish and of unimpeachable symmetry. Some are like the patterns in honiton lace, while oth-ers are elaborated with geometrical patterns so complex that it is difficult to analyze them. But on the window panes the frost pictures are by no patterns" in snowflakes, but show the nost various and dainty schemes of ornament. Some are like starry flowers, set with stars in the center and with starry shoots and comets flying into space around them. Others take the shape of leaves arranged in set form by some human designers. The form by some human designers. The endive pattern is among the most beautiful, the curves and "motive" being often scarcely distinguishable from those in which a goldsmith of the days of Louis XV. modeled the ormolu in which he graced some priceless vase of jasper or crystal. Scale patterns, like the scales of fishes, with striated lines upon the overlamping disks ways pat. upon the overlapping disks, wavy pat-terns, set with stars, fern patterns, moss patterns and formalized sprays of maidenhair are among the choicest on the list.—London Spectator.

Americans on Guard. There is no record that any such or-der as "Put none but Americans on guard" was issued by Washington. Those who quote it do not know when it was supposed to have been issued. But it is a fact that on April 30, 1777, in an order issued at Morristown, N. J., for reorganizing the improperly called "Washington's bedyguard" he did say washington's bedyguard" he did say that he thought that men having an interest in the country would be less likely to prove traitors than foreigners. The order continued, "You will, therefore, send me none but Americans." Washington directed that this preference for Americans should not be made known as he feased it might exists. known, as he feared it might excite the many foreigners in the army.—Ex-

How a Miser Selected an Heir.

As like affects like, so it is with misers, and gold will go where gold is.

This is strikingly illustrated by the act of a celebrated Greek, one Dichœus Dichœms, a descendant of the Byzantine emperors. This man, by the exercise or extreme niggardliness, managed to amass the sum of \$50,000, an immense fortune in those days. Then came the question to whom should be pulled away from the body rather than toward it in order to precious to the day a distant relative sent him a letter written upon a square inch of paper. This was sufficient. In the fitness of things the parsimonious correspondent became the miser's heir.

COLLECTIVE NAMES.

Old English Terms For Groups Persons and Animals. In a book on British sports, written in the eighteenth century, Joseph Strutt gives the old English terms for groups of various beasts as follows: "When beasts went together in comanies there was said to be a pride of lions, a lepe of leopards, a herd of harts, of bucks and of all sorts of deer;

a bevy of roes, a sloth of boars, a sownder of wild swine, a drift of tame swine, a route of wolves, a harras of horses, a rag of colts, a stud of mares, a pace of asses, a baren of mules, a of sheep, a tribe of goats, a skulk of foxes, a cete of badgers, a richness of martins, a fesynes of ferrets, a huske or a down of hares, a nest of rabbits, a clowder of cats and a kyndall of

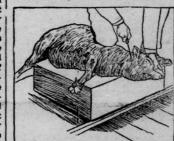
ings of human beings. Strutt gives them as follows: "A state of princes, malpertness of pedlars, a fighting of beggars, a rayful—that is, a netful—of knaves, a blush of boys, a bevy of la-

In the old days the word "leash" was On the other hand kennel of raches, a litter of whelps and a cowardice of curs."

The Daily Press The daily press, as I look at it, is vonderful detective. It can run down ublic opinion and report it marvelous ly. In this respect it has an ever wid facilities perpetually astonish me. The is said is it much more than a gigantic reporter? Does it really instructed and guide? Or does it simply furnis by the myriad page the stuff out of which the people construct their own independent judgment? I confess that newspapers seem to me more and tion of the orator, they receive from as shower.—Rollo Ogden in Century.

lish traveler and beauty, made a lon vealthy ranch owner invited her visit him, and she accepted the invita tion. The owner of the ranch was de ception, so he telegraphed his man ger, "Lady Mack zie coming tomo cided this must be some fancy race

ton, according to Mr. Boss of the Min-nesota College of Agriculture, comes from the generation of gases in the stomach after the sheep is killed. For this reason sheep should be dressed as rapidly as possible. A platferm six or eight inches high is a convenient thing to work on and aids in keeping the blood away from the body, insuring a



blood on the wool makes it very difficult to dress the animal nicely.

If the sheep is an old one it may be stunned before bleeding. If a young one the same purpose is served by dis locating the neck after cutting the throat. This is accomplished by putting one hand on the poll or top of the chin, giving a sharp twist upward.

Lay the sheep on its side on the platform, with its head hanging over the
end. Grasp the chin in the left hand and stick a knife through the neck just back of the jaw (see the first cut) The cutting edge of the knife should be turned toward the spinal column and the flesh cut to the bone withou

cutting the windpipe.

Mr. Boss describes the "legging out" claws to a little above the knee and on the hind legs to the middle line. The latter are skinned around the hocks and down to the hoofs, and the feet are cut off at the toe joints. Next the knife is run between the cords and bone back of the shins, and the legs are tied together just above the pastern joints. The skin is opened fro brisket to chin.

up tight and working the other with fist closed between the pelt and the body. The "fisting off" is downward over the fore quarters and upward and backward over the hind quarters. and backward over the hind quarters. It is unwise to pull down the skin over the hind legs, as the membrane covering the flesh is sure to be ruptured and an unsightly appearance given to the carcass. The wool should always be held away from the flesh for the sake of cleanliness. The skin on the legs should be pulled away from the body rother than toward it in order to pre-

ting through the atlas joint bone and remove the heart, lungs an



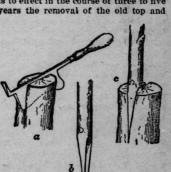
OPENING CARCASS. REMOVING INTESTIN leave the liver attached to the dia phragm. Wipe off the blood from the carcass with a cloth wrung nearly dry out of hot water. Double up the front legs and slip the little cord found by cutting into the fleshy part of the fore-

ger to the crops by fire in very dry weather. Electricity is a source of inwheat planting time the work may go n by night as well as day.

It begins to warm up a bit along late in March in Vermont. The nights are still frosty, but the sunny days are genial, and there is a suggestion in the air of the coming of the spring. If at this time the trunk of the sugar maple is tapped by boring into it for a depth of three inches or less and a "sap spout" or spigot is inserted the sap ly or slowly, according to the weather and the time of day. The flow is er-

slightly sweet liquid, but as the season progresses the flow tends to lessen, and the sap is apt to thicken and to become cloudy or even somewhat slimy at times. The duration of the sap flow It may be fairly continuous for some time, but is commonly broken up into distinct periods known as "runs." The swelling of the leaf buds prepar-

flow or "season." Moreover, sap flows mostly in the daytime, occasionally at mostly in the daytime, occasionally at night and to any extent only on what are known as good sap days. A "good sap day" or "a good run of sap" occurs only after the air temperature has remained below 0 degrees C. (32 degrees F.) for some time. If, following this, the temperature rises materially this, the temperature rises materially above that point the sap flows. If the day be too bright, warm and sunny the flow is apt to start up briskly and soon lessen or cease, or if winds be high the flow is soon checked. If the sky be overcast and the air has warmed up a little a satisfactory run is likely to ensue. Alternate freezing and thawing, moderately warm days followed by freezing nights, are the ideal meteorological conditions which prometeorological conditions which pro-mote the flow. So long as the air tem-



point where the scion is to be inserted, by using a fine tooth saw. The bark should be cut through first to avoid should be cut through first to avoid being torn and so that the sides of the cleft will be smooth. A wedge is inserted to keep the cleft open for the insertion of the scion, which is cut wedge shape, with a long slope, one edge being a little thicker than the other. The object of this is to have the pressure of the cleft greatest upon

be effected.

If the stock is large enough, a graft may be inserted on each side of the cleft, and if both grow one should eventually be cut off. After the scions have been properly inserted the wedge should be carefully withdrawn, leaving the scion in place, so that the inner bark of the scion and the stock shall coincide. If the pressure of the cleft be not sufficient to hold the scion in place, it must be wrapped with cloth or

with strips of muslin or manila paper previously spread with wax. Great care should be taken to make every joint air tight, or the operation will be

Good Mulching Material. Shingle edgings (shingle hair) are ex-cellent for mulching either apple trees or strawberry plants. As in the case of sawdust, it is better to use material that is not quite fresh or take precautions so as to keep it from packing closely about the base of the tree. Sawdust is the most satisfactory material ever used at the station as a winter protection and summer mulch for strawberries. It conserves the mois-ture effectively and is free from weeds. The best mulch for gooseberries, as for other small fruits, is a fine dust cover provided by thorough cultiva-tion. If for any reason this cannot be given I see no objection to the use

of pine needles or the "shingle hair" referred to above.—Professor C. D. Woods, Maine Experiment Station. PROMOTION BY RETORT.

Apt Answers to Quaint Questions
Which Pleased Suvarof.

The great Russian soldier, Marshal Suvaroff, was in the habit of asking his men difficult questions, sometimes foolish ones, and bestowing favors on those who showed presence of mind in answering him. On one occasion a general of division sent him a sergeant with dispatches, at the same time rec-ommending the bearer to Suvaroff's notice. The marshal, as usual, proceeded to test him by a series of whimsical

"How far is it to the moon?" was the first query.

"Two of your excellency's forced marches," the soldier promptly replied.

"If your men began to give way in battle, what would you do?"

"I'd tell them that just behind the enemy's line there was a wagon load of good things to eat."

"How many fish are there in the And so the examination went on till

Suvaroff, finding his new acquaintance armed at all points, at length put a final poser: *
"What is the difference between your olonel and myself?"
"The difference is this," replied the

soldier coolly. "My colonel cannot make me a captain, but your excellency kept his eye upon the man and soon afterward gave him the promotion for which he had hinted.

Helping Him Out. Mrs. Hoyt, wife of Charles Hoyt, the playwright, added much to the enjoy ment of a Lambs' club banquet in Chi ment of a Lambs' club banquet in Chicago by her sharp and witty tongue,
always ready for a home thrust. Mr.
Hoyt was second on the list of speakers
and was badly frightened. He concluded that he would plunge quickly
into his speech when called upon, and,
with this idea, he arose briskly when
announced and started in: "Ladies and
gentlemen, I feel honored, I'm sure, by
this request of the toastmaster, but it
is so unexpected I really had no time to
prepare—s—I really had no time to preprepare—a—I really had no time to pre-pare—a"— And he stopped. Every one felt sorry for him, but Mrs. Hoyt seem-

ed in no way disturbed. When she no-ticed his predicament she turned to-ward him suddenly and called out, "Why, Charley, you did it perfectly

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get off so easy." said another, "It's Long Hair, you must

came very mild when relieved of her

"come in and tell me the

young cats, a shrewdness of apes and Similar terms were applied to gather a skulk of thieves, an observance of hermits, a lying of pardoners, a subtiltie of sergeants, an untruth of somp-ners, a multiplying of husbands, a safeguard of porters, a stalk of foresters, a blast of hunters, a draft of butlers, a temperance of cooks, a melody of harpers, a poverty of pipers, a drunkenship of cobblers, a disguising of taylors, a wandering of tinkers, a

dies, a nonpatience of wives, a ga of women, a gagle of geese." applied to three greyhounds, while two were "a brace." two spaniels or harriers were called "a couple." A number of hounds went under the term of "a mute of hounds,"

weapon of publicity it often wields with undoubted power. But when all

Ready For Her Ladyship termined to give his guest a fitting rerow; make every preparation to treat her royally." The manager had never heard of Lady Mackenzle, but as the business of the ranch was raising blooded horses as well as cattle he dehorse. The famous guest arrived the next day, with her party, and found the mysterious reptilian gleam of his all ready. A clean box stall, with abu

indrew Boss of Minnesota Tells Hov to Dress a Sheep.

Much of the sheepy flavor of mu

cleaner carcass. A clean, dry place is



The sheep should be hung up by the hind legs before starting to skin above the hock. Start at the brisket to "fist off" the skin by grasping the edge of the pelt firmly in one hand, pulling it

The manner of opening the carcass and removing the entrails, heart, lungs and other organs is shown in the second cut. For home use split the breast diaphragm together. For man



arm over the ankle joints.

The attempts of the big western farmers to replace horsepower with mechanical motors have been many. Steam terest in these schemes. An exchange states that a Dakota farmer is experi menting, with prospect of success, with an electrical motor. The power is gen erated far away from the field an transmitted in the usual way to a pow er mast set up in the field. A double cable connects this with the motor, which is mounted on a carriage. Gang plow, cultivator or harvester is then at-tached to the motor. The area to be worked is extended by setting up power masts at intervals, and the crowning touch to the scheme is to mount are lights on the masts, so that during

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atory to bursting marks the end of the

peratures remain constant, whether warm or cold, there is little or no sap SPRING ORCHARD WORK. Bearing Apple Trees Changed From Worthless to Good Varieties, Just as the leaves are pushing out in the spring is the ideal time for grafting, for then the tree wounds heal read-ily. The top grafting of old trees is

