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A CLEVER SCOUNDREL.

By HARRY MAYO PECK.

DOAN MOYNIHAN was a clever scoundrel. Everybody admitted it, from the old Cherry street neighbors, who remembered—and not with pleasure—his boyish depredations, to genial Frank Walker, who, after four years' faithful service at police duty, had been promoted by the demise of old Ned Tyler to the captaincy of Station 4.

Asped by the chief. "You're clever," "Thanks," said the chief. "Well, what are you going to do now that you have me?" queried Walker.

It was tonight, though, that two mornings after his appointment, he should walk to find that the biggest burglary in ten years' history of the Police Department had been committed the night before. And the worst of it was, it had occurred in his own district, and in a section patrolled by one of his best officers, from the cashier's desk of the Peoples National Bank, on that bright October morning, when the office boy opened the great doors, lay a brand new lot of burglar's tools and a bit of pastebord. And the pastebord was not soiled, either, as might have been expected. It was of the conventional size, and on it, in the faintest of engravings, was the following:

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It was a challenge. Captain Walker recognized the fact, and so did his brother officers, who were older than he, but who had not got the office. Alone in his room, with only his pipe and Dick, the police dog—who seemed to have taken a great fancy to him—for company, the new chief thought over the matter. He thought a long time, and at last had an idea.

"You hypothesis is absolutely correct. You are arguing on two certain lines, and one chance, the last of which you will not take, as you are a man of honor."

"But suppose I refuse to comply with your request?" "Then the newspapers will print scold heads and the public will have the pleasure of seeing how the mighty press rewards faithful servants after death."

"And as near as my inferior order of intelligence can make it out, I get a dinner, a reduction to the ranks, and a chance to perjure myself as soon as I get out of here."

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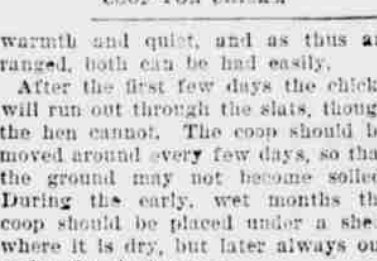
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AGRICULTURAL.

Individual Peculiarities. There is one thing that must not be overlooked in the keeping of poultry, and that is that if there are a dozen hens in a yard all may not be strong and in the most favorable condition for producing young.

The Tomato Crop. Tomato plants should be transplanted once or twice before being set in the field. The safe rule for setting along the latitude of Boston is in June.

The Poultry Yard. The above illustration gives a clear idea of a cheap and comfortable coop for the brood of chicks, just hatched. Lathes serve the purpose well for the coop, and the roosting bar may be made of any convenient material.



COOP FOR CHICKS.

Lightweight Animals. As a factor incident to the demands of the market for lightweight animals, Iowa Homestead mentions that young animals may be finished at a much lower cost per 100 pounds than older ones.

Corn as Fodder. Put in a good crop of fodder corn, sown in the row, with rows four feet apart, so as to cultivate it. Do not cut the fodder until the ears begin to glaze.

Care of Colt's Teeth. Many of the more common digestive troubles of the horse are directly traceable to some imperfection of the teeth. Neglect of these often leads to imperfect mastication, impoverished condition, irritability, digestive disturbances and eye derangements.

Large Flocks. It requires plenty of capital to enter largely into the poultry business, but when the start is made with a few the capital increases every year through the increase of the flock.

Transplanting. Young plants should not be moved until the seed leaves give place to the true leaves, which is usually when the plant is about two inches high.

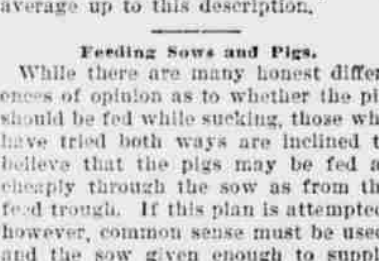
Feeding Corn to Hogs. While the majority of farmers who have a range for their hogs during the summer cut off the corn supply almost entirely, it is questionable if this is the best plan.

Marks of a Good Cow. While there are many fine points in the makeup of a good dairy cow which are not mentioned here, says the Indianapolis News, the following may be considered as being the points most easily distinguishable and which, if they exist in a cow, are probably associated with the other good points not so readily seen.

Feeding Sows and Pigs. While there are many honest differences of opinion as to whether the pig should be fed while suckling, those who have tried both ways are inclined to believe that the pigs may be fed as cheaply through the sow as from the feeder trough.

The Busy Bee. If the bees swarm out more than once, and continue to swarm out and go back, and repeat this performance for a day or two, the probabilities are that the queen is unable to fly.

Next to having an old stove in an old outbuilding for the purpose of heating water or cooking food, the fire pot shown in the illustration is the best thing of the kind that can be put in operation at small expense.



FIRE POT ARRANGEMENT.

One afternoon during a tedious debate on the Panama Canal Senator Penrose and a colleague repaired to the Senate lunch room.

Remembrance of a Crown Prince. The accounts of the German Crown Prince's indiscretions must be received with a grain of salt, says the Westminster Gazette.

CROSS DECEPTION.

This is an age of dire deceit; In sorrow I declare it; Some shattered dream each day we meet, Until we scarce can bear it.

A hair upon the butter lay; Nay, reader, do not quarrel; And you the topic things dismay. It is to point a moral.

Observe how subterfuge and guile, Where'er we turn, o'ertake us; Until we wear the evasive smile, And hope and trust, forsake us!

For this is way the theme is fraught With solemn dissertation. The strand was from a wig, well wrought! The butter, imitation.

Jingles and Jests.

Mrs. Waggle—"Do you think it right to take a baby to church?" Waggle—"Certainly not. It would keep everybody awake."

Wigg—"There is nothing so contradictory as a woman." Wag—"Oh, I don't know. How about this war news?"—Chicago Journal.

Reggy—"And you really believe he tells the truth?" Peggy—"Oh, no doubt about it. He's taken it up as a fad."—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Sparrow—"Aren't you going to build a nest?" Mrs. Redbreast—"We can't. The housewife's union called Robin out on strike."—Puck.

Her father—"You expect me to support Julia indefinitely." Her husband—"Well, I hope you may stand from under very gradually, sir."—Puck.

The man behind the gun and desk We praise with ringing cries; In face, we cheer them all except The man behind the desk.

He—"I have half a mind, do you know?" She (soothingly)—"Well, even that is doing right well, I think, don't you?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"There is a pitcher on exhibition at the St. Louis Fair that is 2000 years old." "That family must have had a jewel of a hired girl!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Brother Williams, kin you pronounce de names er dem tussion ginnims?" "No, shil! I got false teeth on de bottom on only two on top!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Johnny—"Pa, what is a diplomat?" Pa—"Well, son, it's a man who can stretch his hands across the sea without putting his foot in it, too."—St. Louis Falls Press.

Sampson—"How do you know that young man is married?" Simpson—"He has five cigars in his pocket, and not one of them is broken."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Saint—"Remember, my man, that you never heard of anyone on this cold dying but one." The Sinner—"How about the original Uncle Tom?"—Chicago News.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Many pear trees in Berks County are dying from the "fire blight." Charles W. Bell was appointed postmaster for Millstone.

The Shenandoah School Board has elected Luther E. Edwards principal of the High School and Miss Elizabeth O'Connell first assistant.

Susan Hewitt, the 9-year-old daughter of John Hewitt of Huntingdon, died from blood poisoning caused by stepping on a piece of zinc about three weeks ago.

Congressman H. W. Palmer has been notified that the Post Office Department has granted free delivery to Kingston and Dorranceton, on the west of Wilkes-Barre and Ashley or the south.

While returning to her home in Robinsons late at night, Mrs. Mary Frye, an aged woman, strayed from the path in the darkness and fell into a deep mine shaft.

An ancient landmark, a giant oak tree, said to be 150 years old, which stands in front of School Director C. H. Crothers' property on Walnut street, Morton, obstructs the gutter, and the Highway Committee of Council wants it cut down.

Dr. Jackson Taylor, of Pomeroy, succeeds Dr. J. B. Whitehead as resident physician at the Chester County Hospital.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter has awarded the contract for building 1700 feet of State road in Kennett Township, for \$3,044.30.

A six-year-old son climbed upon the bed to wake his slumbering father, George Hartman, of Pottsville, and struck him on the head with a hammer, the boy having slipped as he bed over the sleeper. The father's frontal bone was broken by the blow.

Walter Hines, aged 14 years, and Daniel Murphy, aged 15, were bathing in the river, near Williamsport, when Murphy was seized with cramps. In his struggles Murphy grasped Hines and both boys sank to the bottom.

What to do with the smallpox hospital is the perplexing question that confronts the owners of the building and the authorities of Chester. The lease on the ground on which the building stands will expire this week.

A contract for 100 aluminum bronze monuments to mark the new Alton boundary line between the territory and Canada has been awarded to a Pittsburgh firm.

The fine new township house being erected in Ogontz by the Cheltenham Township Commissioners is now under roof and will soon be completed.

Emma M. Bowman, has sued Fred Wentzler, a wealthy brewer, of Lykens, for \$2500 damages for alleged breach of promise. The complaint alleges that the day for their marriage was set for June 8, 1901, and since that time she has asked him to marry her repeatedly and that he has refused.

J. M. W. Geiss, the veteran editor of the Lancaster "New Era," completed sixty years as an editor, a record which it is believed is unparalleled in the State.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Although the new fiscal year opened with an extended holiday there is much encouragement in the evidence of returning confidence, and statistics for the last six months indicate that there is no little reason for anticipating better things in the last half of the year.

Failures this week in the United States are 249, against 227 last week, 257 the preceding week and 215 the week before last.

Steel demand and overproduction in some lines have spurred American manufacturers to seek a foreign outlet. Detailed foreign trade figures for May show that iron and steel makers have found it possible to export more liberally, and manufacturers generally are moving abroad so much better as to indicate that the present year will see the largest exports of manufactured goods in the country's history.

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