

Simplifying "English."



THINGS WORTH KNOWING

They are trying to arrange it so that man may safely fly. They are trying to learn more about the stars in the sky...

Men are fighting still for freedom, fighting still to have the right. To address their God unhindered when they kneel to pray at night...

The preachers keep on preaching of the glories over there. Where the boulders cease from troubling and the prospects are...

Work of Years by the National Educational Association—All Ready For Active Crusade With Funds Which Andrew Carnegie Will Furnish For the Spelling Board Which is to Make a World Language More Easy to Read and to Write—Some Phonetic Examples.

CONVINCED that English is to become the language of the civilized world, and that its general use will make disagreements between the nations of infrequent occurrence...

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COSMA RACOARE. A RUMANIAN WOOING

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COSMA was a powerful man, heavy set, with piercing, steel-blue eyes and heavy moustache. A rough man was Cosma, ever on his horse's back...

In those days our country suffered many tribulations, Turis and Greeks devastated our Rumanian land, and our people lived in misery and fear.

As if walking from a dream, Cosma answered: "The same with thee, well, then, what is thy price? Will fifty ducats satisfy thee?"

"Yes," answered Cosma. "Vasili, go fetch my money pouch—'No, not yet; when I shall have accomplished my task you can pay me."

"So saying, Cosma walked into the garden, wrapped his cloak about him and threw himself on the grass. 'He seems the right man for my work; a weight is lifted off my heart,' murmurs Nicola.

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During the long winter months the laying hens must have some kind of animal food, and since all natural supplies are exhausted we must provide it for them.

One of the principal reasons why incubators are not more generally used, especially by those who raise only a few hundred chickens, is lack of knowledge regarding their usefulness.

Keep the brood sow in an isolated place, away from noise and disturbance. If not overfat or feverish, she should then farrow without loss of litter.

Keep in mind that it takes grit, patience and a considerable amount of gumption to develop a well-trained horse from a nervous high-strung colt.

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A theatrical management in Washington has asked an injunction to restrain a dog show in a neighboring theatre on the ground that the dogs in their performance make such a noise that the actors in the complaining theatre cannot be heard.

The house at Eisenbach, Germany, in which Martin Luther lived from 1498 to 1501, being then a youth of from fifteen to eighteen, is to be offered for sale, together with all the historical objects and documents associated with Luther and his period which it contains.

The grandchildren of the famous Italian composer Donizetti intend to sue the Society of Dramatic Authors and Composers for the recovery of the royalties received by it since the year 1848 on their grandfather's operas. The trial will occur in Paris.

A brown African goose in North Attleboro, Mass., lately amused its owner by producing an egg of extraordinary size. Around its longest circumference it measured eleven and seven-eighths inches, and ten inches around its shortest. The goose weighs nineteen pounds.

A curious salad eaten by Swiss peasants is of onions, cream cheese, beets, and lettuce. The onions and beets are sliced and mixed with the cream cheese into a veritable porridge, which is served in the lettuce heads, leaves of the latter being eaten with the salad. With brown bread this is a very appetizing mixture.

How Jimmy Fixed It. A persevering youth had called several times at the home of a young lady, to be met each time with a "not at home." Upon one occasion he had seen her go in just before he reached the gate. His ring was answered by her small brother.

"Jimmy, I'd like to see your sister," determined young man said. "She ain't at home," Jimmy said, surveying him disdainfully. "But I just saw her come in," the youth protested.

"Can't help that. Tell you what I'll do, though," Jimmy said, condescendingly. "You give me your pack of cigarettes, an I'll send her down." "You are too young to smoke, Jimmy."

"Do I get 'em?" Jimmy said, aggressively, half closing the door. "Here they are!" was the conciliating reply, and the box was handed over. Leaving the visitor seated in the parlor, Jimmy disappeared, to return in a few minutes. "She'll be down soon," he said.

"How did you work that, Jimmy?" the youth inquired. "The boy surveyed him with an amused grin. 'Aw, I told her it was the fellow she's engaged to,' he said.—Harper's Weekly.

Willie Wanted His "Dad." When Willie Simmonds, of Melrose, Vt., was about eighteen, his folks moved to Boston, leaving Willie in Melrose. After a while Willie decided to join them, so started out alone for the big city.

He had never been in the city before, and thought every one should know every one else in the town where he came from. Arriving in Boston, he was rather surprised at the greatness of everything and at the number of people on the streets.

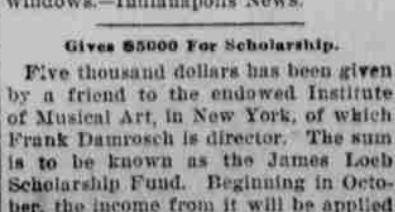
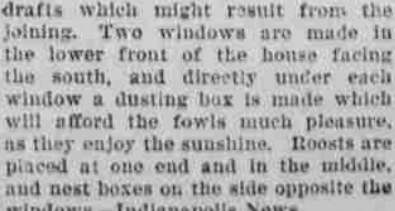
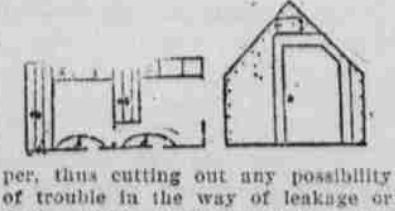
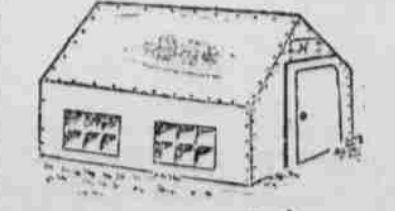
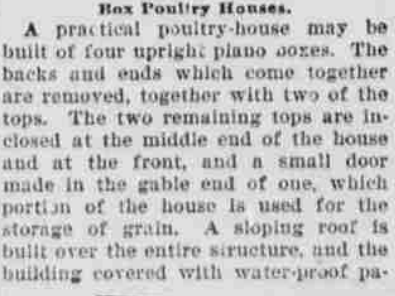
After looking around for a while and not seeing anyone that he knew, he finally saw a man in uniform whom he thought must be a very important person, and would certainly know his father. So he walked up to the surprised officer and said: "Say, mister—have you seen anything of dad around here?"—Boston Herald.

Game Shot by Calkins. Nickerson A. Calkins, the inventor of the hay tedder, who resided on a farm in the town of Monson, Mass., some years ago, went hunting one day, and seeing a stray Shanghai rooster, shot it and carried it home.

That same evening Dr. Pruett, who lived in the same town, called at the home of Mr. Calkins. Being fond of a joke, Mrs. Calkins asked him to go into the kitchen and look at the game which her husband had brought home and see if he could tell her what it was. The old doctor went as directed, and upon returning, remarked, with his usual important air, "Well, I should judge, Mr. Calkins that it is some kind of a fowl."

Beef Eating in England. The world's greatest animal food producer is the ox, including, of course, the female of his species. It is impossible to get at exact figures for the whole world, but it is generally believed to be about 15,000,000 tons a year, and of this more than half is beef. In this country we eat beef to the value of \$25,000,000 a year, of out of a total of, perhaps, 120 pounds, of various kinds of meat and poultry per head.—London Tit-Bits.

Harmful Foods Destroyed. Six million pounds of adulterated and harmful foods were destroyed by the Health Department of New York in the last twelve months.



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