CHEAP POULTRY HOUSE.

a Excellent Structure to Keep Hens in a Laying Condition Through the Winter Months.

When approximating the cost of housing fowls comfortably and well, one doilar per head is considered a proper estimate here in New England.

Nearly every benhouse on my farm, in fact every one that is arranged for laying stock, has its annexed scratchng shed, tight roof, sides and back, with open front covered by wire netting to admit the air. These fronts are provided with oiled muslin curtains which can be opened and closed at will luring very cold or stormy weather, singed at top or on the end, whichever may be most convenient for hooking be frame up out of the way when not

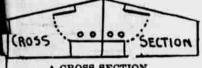
In the fall of '98 I had about 125 xtra late-hatched pullets that must ced either be housed or sold then at a terifice. I bought some second grade oruce timber and hemlock boards for



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14 per 1,000 feet. The sills 4x4 inches ere set on cedar posts with a stone unerpinning between posts. Balance of raming, 2x4 spruce. The lumber was all 14 and 16 feet in length, which cut with very little waste. The roof was covered with packing paper and over this two-ply tarred felting kept well washed with gas tar.

As to the exterior, much can be unlerstood from the picture, which is rom a photograph. The interior is 14x 18, with a partition from the front to ear, making two rooms 14x14. The datforms or floors of roosting places re raised two feet from the sills and e four feet wide. These extend the ntire depth of each room, running long the partition, which, of course, in the highest part of the house. This rangement leaves the entire floor



A CROSS SECTION.

ace to be used as a scratching-room pen. The inside doors, or those over e roosts, are arranged so as to shut own flush with the edge of dropping from place to place preaching and healoards. During cold weather these ing. ake a cupboard-like arrangement for he hens to roost in, while in summer e doors are left hooked up at all times, hich leaves the roosting place practially as cool as would be an open shed. See cut.)

Small windows for light and ventilaon are put in front of each roostingoom, and one on each side of the shed art. The laying nests are arranged round these latter pens. In buildings this kind we can scatter the birds bout the farm on the colony plan with-ut having any yards. Where it was cessary to confine the flock the use could set in an inclosure or have djoining yards.

The pullets that were housed in this in to do his preaching outside the doing immatured Barred Plymouth towns, where the people came seeking thim.

Loped rapidly and commenced laying Jesus in Capernaum.—After this tour rly, keeping up a remarkable egg e another lean-to-shed fixed up after same principles, with only one pen; pullets in this shed were the best ers on the farm last winter.

have spent over 20 years of my life connection with practical poultry eping and different methods and have to learn of a better plan to keep as in a laying condition during the ater months.—D. J. Lambert, in rm Journal.

Hens Need Lots of Light.

he size of the windows has much do with the comfort or discomfort the fowls in winter. Sad to relate, st of the poultry houses owned by mers have but small windows, ough we believe that the idea of ing large windows is growing. The iltry house that has to accommodate 50 hens, and has a single window feet square is an abomination, it is no wonder that in flocks so ot diseases are frequent and deective. If but one window can be in a poultry house, it should ceraly be a large one, but it is better lave a number of windows.-Farm-Review.

Feeding Sunflower Seeds. the hens are not at first accustomed sunflower seeds, they will at first se them. If so, give them nothing until they eat them. Do not feed seeds every day; twice a week is ent. The difficulty is in separatthe seeds from the heads. To do have them in a dry place until they thoroughly cured, then place them te barn floor and flail them, when will easily fall off. They may be but there we ad if preferred, and the meal fed | yet to learn. e soft food. The mistakes made he sunflower seeds is in feeding too often, as they are laxative.— and Fireside.

THE SUNDAY SCROOL.

son in the international Series for March 11, 1900-The Paralytic Henled.

(Prepared by Hector C. Lenington.) THE LESSON TEXT. (Mark 2:3-12.)

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3. And they came unto Him, bringing one stick of the palsy, which was borne of four 4. And when they could not come night unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had

the sick of the palsy lay.

5. When Jesus saw their faith, He sald unto the sick of the palsy: Son, thy sim

be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts

7. Why doth this man thus speak blass. phemies? who can forgive sins but God

And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned withit themselves, He said unto them: Why rea-

son ye these things in your hearts?

9. Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy: Thy sins be forgiven thee or to say: Arise, and take up thy bed, and

But that ye may know that the Sor of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy) II. I say unto thee: Arise, and take us ed, and go thy way into thy house iny bed, and go thy way into thy house.

12. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying: We never saw it

n this fashion. GOLDEN TEXT.-The Son of man hat power on earth to forgive sins - Mark

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Mark follows up the narrative of the Lord's life without chronological interruption. Including the interval clapsing between the last lesson and this. we make this summary:

fact that Jesus prayed. Several interesting questions arise in this connection. The first is regarding the need of prayer in general. Another is: Did Jesus, the sinless One, need to pray? And if this is answered in the affirmative. why? Then is suggested the very interesting study of secret prayer, in "a solitary place.

Regarding our need of prayer there is probably very little dispute. Even might see it from their windows. the most ungodly utter a prayer when confronted by sudden danger, or meet some great sorrow. It seems involun- charges had been made. The man tary, in other words, natural. Did couldn't do it. "All Americans look Jesus need to pray? Surely He did not alike to me," he said. depart into a solitary place alone to mere fact of His praying seems to incause, as we have said, it was natural. If it is natural for us, how much more pounds of meat will be used. for Him who was infinitely nearer the Father than we. Then, too, if He were one with the Father, as He so often said He was, communion with God was His very life, as it is also the being of our bubbles, which had been carefully respiritual life. Then, regarding secret prayer, Jesus had spent a very busy gas lights in ever-varying tints, and Sabbath, surrounded all the day by large crowds.

Preaching Tour in Galilee .- But the Saviour was not to be left alone long. The people of Capernaum clamored for Him, so His disciples came to tell Him. But other towns and villages also needed the Gospel. He went about

Healing the Leper .- At one of the places where the Lord stopped to preach a leper came to Him for healing. Jesus, pitying him and seeing his faith, spoke the word, and the leprosy departed and woman in the case. Now run upstairs he was cleansed. It seems from this and play with your little hose cart."incident that many of Jesus' miracles | Chicago Times-Herald. were done privately and quietly. This healing of the leper was done so. And Jesus charged him not to tell people of his cure, but the man did, and we are told that after that "Jesus could no more openly (that is, without attracting more attention than He wished) enter into the city." Prominent people Judge. are often unable to do much quiet good by people who, recognizing them. claim their entire attention. So Jesus ulding in November were quite small had to do His preaching outside the

Jesus returned to His home by the lake of Galilee. But here, as formerly, and in the other towns "straightway many were gathered together." And in the house Jesus preached to them, His voice reaching even those who crowded about the entrance.

The Sick of the Palsy .- The presence of Jesus brought those who needed healing, and one sick of the palsy borne by four of his friends. But they could not bear him through the crowd, so they carried him to the roof, as they could with those oriental houses, and through the opening lowered him into the house right before Jesus. The Jews believed all bodily suffering came because of sin. So Jesus said: "Son, thy

ferent diseases. Only the power of God could do that. Was that, then, less wonderful than to go to what they be lieved to be the root of the trouble, and say the sin was forgiven. Herein was the power of Jesus shown that He could the power of Jesus shown the power of Jesus shown that He could the power of Jesus shown the power of Jesus shown the power of Jesus shown that He could the power of Jesus shown the power of Jes the power of Jesus shown that He could co

Secret prayer and mediation is the life of the soul. Much of the good in this life is done

in a quiet, unpretentious manner. If one way is blocked, try another.

Jesus came into the world to heal.

The scribes were learned in the law, but there were some things they had yet to learn.

The power of Jesus is shown in the world to-day by redeemed lives, and a higher order of marelity and calling. We self-defined the publisher of this paper or Metropolitan Astional Bank, or Corn Nat, Hank, of Chicage or German Exchange Bank, New York or any rallroad or express company in Chicago. We have a supital of sery 500,000.00, occupy entire one of the largest business blocks in these and employ nearly 200 people in our own building. We SEL ORMAN AT \$22.00 and applications of the paper of the pa higher order of morality and civiliza- SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. (Inc.), Fulton, Desplaines and Wayner Cis., CHICAGO, ILL





II Has Happened

More than once that a child has been carried off by an eagle. When such a thing does happen the press rings with the story. There's not a line given by the press to the babies carried off daily by disease. It isn't the fact of the child being taken away that is startling or interesting, it's only when the method of taking off is novel that it excites interest. How many children die who might have been saved if the mother who bore them had been able to give them strength and vitality. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes healthy mothers and healthy mothers have healthy children, strong enough to relist disease if they are attacked.

Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Gir-ard an Co. Mo. writes: "When I look at my title boy I feel it my duty to write to you. This is my fifth child and the only one who rime to maturity; the others having died roan lack of nourishment—so the doctor said. This time I just thought I would try your 'Prescription.' I took nine bottles and your Prescription. I took mine bottles and to my surprise it carried me through and gave us as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that everybody who sees him wonders at him."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets keep the bowels healthy and regular.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

The young man of Samoa, when in love, has the name of his sweetheart tattooed upon his forearm.

By special request, a circus at Bellville, Kan., changed the route of its procession, in order that two sick boys

In Manila a Filipino was asked to identify some soldiers against whom

One of the specifications of the conpray, simply to set us an example. The tracts made by Greater New York for its charitable institutions is that all dicate His need of prayer. Why? Be- the meat shall be killed and dressed in New York state. This year 2,353,000

It is said that bubbles formed of filtered eastile soapsuds and glycerine will last several days. A Baltimore drawing room ornamented with these leased close to the ceiling, reflected the the effect was exceedingly attractive.

He Knows the Kind.

Jones-There goes one of the best business men in the city, and I don's suppose there is anybody in the office who takes more risks.

Slowber-Indeed! What line is he in? Jones-Insurance.-N. Y. World.

Another Mind Relieved

"Pa, what are allied forces?" "A man's wife and his mother when he attempts to say a good word for the

Not Fashionable.

It was the first time Dorothy had ever seen a bull with a ring in his "Mamma," she exclaimed, pityingly, "just see in what an unbecoming place he wears his jewelry."-

Insinuating.

Reggy-What is bliss, Miss Daisy? Miss Daisy-You ought to know, dear boy.

Reggy-Me? Weally, why? Miss Daisy-Because "ignorance is bliss."-Chicago Daily News.

An Odd Case. She-Yes, that is May Jennings. Such a peculiar girl, mamma.

Mamma-In what respect? She-Why, she broke off an engagement because her mother was opposed to it .- Puck.

Better Than Medicine. Sympathetic Friend-Your health appears to have improved greatly of

late. Convalescent-Y-e-s, I've been off talk to me about it .- N. Y. Weekly

A WOUNDED OFFICER'S STORY.

fale of Intense Suffering on the Battle Field of Elandslangte, South Africa.

A wounded officer sends a long letter to his mother from Pietermaritzburg hospital describing his experiences at the battle of Elandslaagte. "it was," he says, "a splendid feat of arms, and I am most awfully proud of my regiment, for we bore the brunt of the day. We had a tremendous hard time of it. and were under fire for 21/2 bours (considerably longer than any other corps). But the cost was awful! We had only ten officers in action, and five of them were wounded; and of 329 men we had 11 killed and 33 wounded; two have since died of their wounds. The Gordons lost even more severely. The reasons for this were, in my opinion, as follows: First, their dark kilts were much more visible than our khakis, and consequently formed a better target: second, there were more of them. The Gordons all say that Dargai was the merest child's play compared to this.

"To return to my own doings. I lay where I fell for about three-quarters of an hour, when a doctor came and put a field dressing on my wound, gave me some brandy, put my belinet under my head as a pillow, covered me with a Boer blanket which he had taken from a dead man and then went to look after some other poor beggar. I shall never forget the horrors of that night as long as I live. In addition to the agony, which my wound gave me I had two sharp stones running into my back. I ons sonked to the skin and bitterly cold. but had an awful thirst; the torrents of rain never stopped. On one side of me was a Gordon highlander in raving delirium and on the other a Boer who had had his leg shattered by a shell, and who gave vent to the most heartrending cries and groans. War is a funny game, mother, and no one can realize what its grim horrors are like till they see it in all its barbarous reality.

"I lay in the rain the whole of the night, and at daybreak was put into a doolle by a doctor, and some natives carried me down to the station. The ground was awfully rough, and they dropped me twice; I fainted both times, I was sent down to Ladysmith in the hospital train; from the station I was conveyed to the chapel (officer's hospital) in a bullock cart, the jolting of which made me faint again. I was the last officer taken in. I was then put to bed, and my wound was dressed just 17 hours after I was hit. They then gave me beef tea, which was the first food I had had for 27 hours. The doctors all said at first that I had been hit by a shell, but that is impossible, for the enemy only had two guns, and we had taken them both when I was hit. So the doctors now say that it must have been a very heavy explosive bullet, and, as an elephant gun was found close to where I was hit, I expect they are right. It has made a big, jagged hole in my shoulder, which you could put your hand into. It has blown some of the muscles away, so I am afraid I shall always be a bit stiff. They say it will take another ten weeks before I am fit for duty, and I am very much afraid that most of the fighting will be over by that time, in spite of the present critical condition of affairs."-Birmingham (England) Post

A Familiar Friend.

The eleverest daughter recently made a beautiful shade for the piano lamp from a pink evening dress, and trimmed it with roses from her last summer's hat. That evening a young man called on her and to low-toned music they chatted.

"How do you like our new lamp shade?" she asked, demurely. He studied it for a moment. "The

last time I saw it," he replied, "I was dancing with it. - Harper's Bazar.

Curiosity Gratified. hornet's nest small Willie found. Then straightway did explore The mysteries of the curious thing. But he ne'er will do it more:
The dwellers in that quaint abode
Were anything but slow,
And Willie soon the victim was
Of a thousand tails of woe.

-Chicago Record.

Was Thoroughly Sonked. At Wichita in the early days a spiritualistic seance was held, which a cowboy attended, who, after trying other notables, asked for "any man who was drowned in Noah's flood." A shadowy individual appeared and after a groan or two induced the cowboy to ask: "I suppose you're burning all the time?" "Burning?" whispered the ghostly among strangers who didn't eternally visitant in reply. "I should say not. I ain't dried out yet."





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