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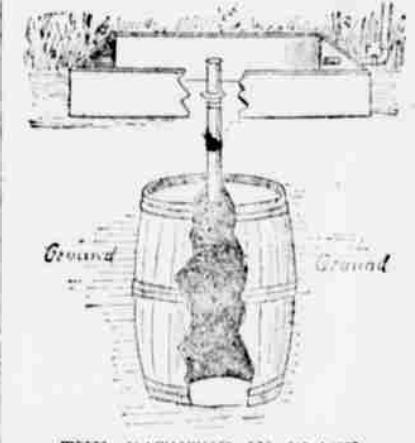
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POULTRY AND BEES

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First, take an old barrel and knock out the bottom. Dig a hole five feet deep and put the open end of the barrel down. Then make the box to suit yourself, but mine is four by six feet and a foot high. Cut a one and one-half inch hole in the middle of the bottom and then get two one and one-half-inch flanges and two pieces of one and one-half-inch pipe, one piece being 14 inches long and the other ten inches. Take the longer piece and a flange and screw them together and then screw to the bottom of the box. Then put about a foot of earth on top of the barrel and set your box down in the ground so that the top is even with the surface of the ground. Sew a flange on the inside of the box over the hole, the same as the other, and screw the ten-inch piece of pipe in so that you can unscrew it to let out the water in order to clean the box. Run the inlet



THE BATHING IN PLACE.

pipe marked "B" as near to the hydrant or source of water supply as possible, so that a hose can be attached and the water allowed to run in for 15 to 20 minutes each day, so that the box will be filled with clear water.

I keep a few ducks, and they thoroughly enjoy their bath.—Frank Kipp, in Reliable Poultry Journal.

THE FINDING OF HONEY.

A Question That Has Engaged the Attention of Learned Jurists for a Long Time.

Writing on laws relating to the finding of honey, R. D. Fisher in Gleanings says: There was a sort of code among bee-hunters in the earlier days of this country, and is said to have been generally observed. It was to the effect that when a bee tree was located and marked with the initials of the finder, his rights were prima facie, and zealously observed. But this code did not hold good in law, especially against those holding an interest in the land.

"If a person finds a bee-tree containing honey, or a hive of bees on another's land, and marks it at once with his initials, he does not reclaim the bees and vest the exclusive property of the bees or honey in himself, as against one of the heirs having an interest in the land; nor does he acquire the right to bring in the courts the usual action of trespass against the heir for cutting down the tree and carrying away the bees and honey," says the New York supreme court in the case of Gillet vs. Mason.

An early and noted case is reported in 1 (Root) Conn. Goodwin sued Merrill for cutting down a tree in the forest that had a swarm of bees in it, and taking the honey which he (Goodwin) had previously discovered. Merrill plead that said bees were a swarm from his hive; that he had frequently "lined" them to near said tree, and that said bees were his property. The plaintiff replied that he found them wild in the woods, and had a good right to take them. The trial court gave the plaintiff judgment of 30 shillings damage.

The supreme court reversed this judgment, and said: "A man's finding bees in a tree standing upon another man's land gives him no right either to the tree or bees; and a swarm of bees going from a hive, if they can be followed and known, are not lost to the owner, but may be reclaimed."

As early as 1804 the New Hampshire supreme court held that one who finds a swarm of bees in a tree on another's land, marks the tree with his initials, and notifies the land owner, cannot maintain trover against the land owner for the bees and honey which he obtained and converted to his own use by felling the tree.

The Selection of Pullets.

As your young stock grows, select from all the broods the very finest, strongest and most vigorous pullets to keep for winter layers. Size, strength and vigor have so much to do with egg production that one should study this continually in the flock and train the eye to see the best egg producers while yet undeveloped. Save all such for your own use; never part with them unless you have more than you need. After they are selected keep them well under your own eye and select from all these the very best egg producers to lay the eggs from which you will grow your future stock, and gradually you will gain in egg production. The best hens are the ones that lay the largest number of eggs that are of fair size, good form and nicely finished. Such eggs sell the best, usually produce the best and have the best value in the market.—Feathers.

Getting Acquainted.

"Mamma sent me over to ask if you could let her have a cupful of coffee till to-morrow morning," said the little girl.

"Certainly," replied the mother of the family that had just moved in. "You are our next door neighbors on the north, are you not?"

"Yes'm, Mamma said she didn't really want the coffee. She wanted me to notice what kind of dishes you had on your table."—Chicago Tribune.

In Turn.

The insect sees the tiny mite
And eats him as its natural right;
The chicken sees the insect fair
And dies upon him, then and there.
Man eats the chicken, if he can;
And such is nature's wondrous plan
That this same man—perhaps 'tis just—
Is swallowed up by some big trust.
—Washington Star.



ASSURANCE.

Young Lady (who has just had her picture taken)—I hope that the pictures will be handsome.

Photographer—Yes, indeed; you will not recognize yourself.—Chicago Daily News.

The Millionaire's Fuel.

I have money to burn,
For I think on the whole
That I can get money
As easy as coal.
—Washington Star.

Mythology Authenticated.

Teacher—What is your opinion, Johnny, of the probability of truth in the story of Medusa, the Gorgon, who, if a man looked at her face, turned the gazer to stone?

Bright Youth—I don't know, ma'am, but I know lots of women so homely that to look at 'em makes a fellow feel awfully rocky.—Los Angeles Herald.

An Embarrassment.

"Why don't you praise your wife's cooking once in awhile and cheer her up?"

"I'm afraid to try. Everytime I say anything is particularly good it turns out to be something that was purchased at the grocery."—Washington Star.

An Easy Problem.

"I had quite an argument with Cleopatra last night."

"What was it about?"

"Well," replied the demure girl, "I said 'No' three times and then said 'Yes,' and that ended the argument. You ought to be able to guess the details."—Chicago Post.

His Impression.

Unexpectedly the sporting reporter had been called upon to write up a wedding.

"The bride," he wrote, "was enveloped in a dense fog, but moved down the aisle at a leisurely canter and looked every inch a winner."—Chicago Tribune.

Realistic.

Parke—The other day I was in a kind of vision and saw my wife as the most perfect woman in the world.

Lane—Where were you?

Parke—In an intelligence office, describing her to a cook I was trying to engage.—Judge.

Slow Improvement.

Mrs. Benham—Don't you think I grow better-looking as I grow older?

Benham—Yes, and it's really too bad you can't live as long as they did in Bible times; you might then become a veritable beauty.—Tit-Bits.

His Status.

Gladys—Is he so absolutely flippant and worthless?

Ethel—Is he? Why, every girl he meets feels sure she discovers noble qualities in him that only need development by a true woman.—Puck.

What It Wore.

"You say the evening wore on. What did it wear?"

"Why, the close of the day, of course."—University of Minnesota Punch Bowl.

How He Knew.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—How do you know those two vessels are sister ships?

Mr. Crimsonbeak—By the rigging, I guess.—Yonkers Statesman.

On His Mind.

"He seems to have something great on his mind."

"Yes. He claims that he paid \$25 for the hat he is wearing."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Way a Woman Begins.

"Have you finished that new novel yet?" he asked.

"Oh; dear, no; I've hardly begun," she answered. "In fact, I've only read the last chapter."—Chicago Post.

Quite an Expert.

She—He's a bookkeeper, isn't he?

He—I should say so. He borrowed a book of mine and never returned it.—N. Y. Journal.

Doubling Thomases.

McBowitz—I wonder why all male cats are called Tom.

Guffey—Probably because they are so often on the fence.—N. Y. Herald.

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