

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Right of Road.

In some countries the rule of the road requires foot passengers to keep to the right and horsemen and vehicles to keep to the left.

This seems like a plausible reason, but in the United States it has been considered safer to have the rules of the road the same for pedestrians as well as for horsemen and vehicles.

A Chinese Solomon.

Foo Chow, a Peking magistrate, once showed great wisdom and ingenuity in detecting a thief.

The judge listened very gravely to his story. After hearing of the poor man's misfortunes he professed great sorrow and sympathy for the sufferer.

"Go home and get cured," said he kindly, "and as you are poor take with you that bag of cash."

The prisoner bowed, quickly threw the heavy bag over his shoulder and departed, while every one wondered.

Fireside Fun.

Place on a table a large bowl of peanuts; some six or eight feet away place an empty bowl on another table.

The children must "count out," and the child who is "it" calls the name of the one he selects to go to Peanut Town.

Go at once to Peanut Town, Peanut Town, Peanut Town; Go at once to Peanut Town; And haul its peanuts down.

The child takes the knife to the bowl of peanuts, lifts as many as possible on the blade and starts with them to the empty bowl.

About the Sturgeon. The largest species of the sturgeon is the great huss, which inhabits the rivers and inland seas in Russia and is sometimes as much as twenty-four feet long.

Where the Peach Came From. The peach is a native of China, but it was introduced into Persia, where it was called Persica and finally the peach.

Conundrums. When is a doctor most annoyed? When he is out of patients.

Planting Song. Dig, dig, shovel and hoe. Carefully over the ground we go.

Richer in flowers, richer in care, Richer in sunshine, richer in air, Richer in fragrance, in color, in health,

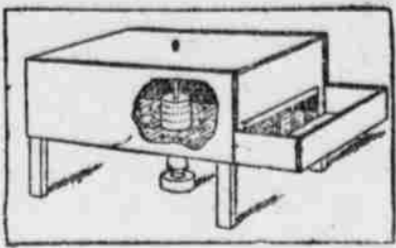
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POULTRY

A HOME-MADE BROODER.

One Which is Said to Give Satisfactory Service.

The accompanying sketch shows how to construct a brooder that will not require much time to make, says a correspondent in the Poultry Keeper.



INEXPENSIVE BROODER.

Secure a box and in the center of the bottom cut a circular hole just large enough to receive a common tomato can.

Poultry Notes.

Ducks can usually be picked when ten weeks old and regularly every six weeks thereafter.

The dust bath is an indispensable adjunct to the poultry-house, to guard against lice.

Care must taken in handling the eggs intended for hatching not to jar or shake in any way.

Ducklings are easier fed than chickens. Nothing seems to disagree with them as long as it is sweet.

Young ducklings should not under any consideration be allowed free access to water until they are six weeks old.

There is no fresh food that may be served in as many palatable ways as eggs and so easily obtained on the farm.

If the little chicks seem weak and inactive, examine closely for lice, chicks affected with lice cannot thrive as they should.

Powdered charcoal is a most powerful disinfectant, and the fact that fowls will pick up many pieces of it is evidence that they enjoy it.

Soak the Oats.

It is a good plan to soak the oats that are to be fed to the growing young poultry; it helps digestion.

Prize Plymouth Rock. Just let the aviators go A-sailing through the air, And let the comets flirt their tails At Berenice's hair.

For the Chicks. When chicks are well hatched and vigorous, they might best be fed hard-boiled eggs mixed with an equal portion of bread crumbs.

Feathers and Egg-Shell. Shove those culs to the high priced market. Don't stand under when the drop comes.

When a man has lots of greed his home gets little feed. The liberal man has a full egg pan.

Why Not? Why doesn't some smart genius Who wants to make his stake Commence raising "salted peanuts" On the shores of Great Salt Lake? -Judge.

Then He Quits. "I know a man who has his hammer out on all occasions except one." "What is that one?" "When it is time to put down the carpet." -Baltimore American.

The Golfing Mary. Mary drove a golfing ball With ease and nice and low, But everywhere that Mary meant That ball refused to go. -New York Times.

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Why Run Risks?

A Canadian author wrote an anthem for a recent celebration in Toronto. Toward the end of the exercises, when the people were going out a few at a time, the author rushed to the conductor and said: "Is it over?" "Practically." "But, great Scott, man, they haven't sung my anthem!" "Well," said the conductor, "so long as the people are going out peacefully and quietly, why sing it at all?" -Saturday Evening Post.

Modern Romance. A handsome man the chauffeur was, Though the driver of a "car de buzz." From countless counts he was descended, Although his bread on his wage depended. The maiden was an heiress fair, 'Twas said they made a striking pair. When on the road they took a ride The chauffeur was with envy eyed. The story's old. They ran away, This maiden fair and chauffeur gay. Her wealth a myth, his "blood" a snare— Now fighting, they're a striking pair. -Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Timely Assistance. Rivers, who was writing an article on the cost of living, found himself temporarily at a loss. "Brooks," he said, "I want to use that Scriptural phrase, 'From Dan to—' What's the rest of it?" "Bethlebeah," suggested Brooks. "Thanks," said Rivers, resuming his writing. "I had it at my tongue's end, but I couldn't quite think of it." -Chicago Tribune.

Look Out. The man who's not Inclined to wait Will often meet A tragic fate. Don't walk in front Of trolley cars Or run the risk Of auto lars. These juggernauts Give time to pass, Let you be in The has-been class. -Birmingham Age-Herald.

Beat Hs Could Offer. Disgusted Customer—I bought a curran bun here yesterday and found a fly in it. I want you to exchange the bun for another. Confectioner—Can't do that, sir, but if you will bring me back the fly I'll give you a curran for it. -Weekly Telegraph.

The Narrow Path. Don't block the way, my brother. Do not fill the narrow path. Others you may stay, my brother: Others you may refuse to wrath. Draw aside for those, my brother, Who with swifter feet may run. Linger not nor pose, my brother, Till the shining goal be won. -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Explains. "Can I ask you a friendly question?" "Sure." "Why don't you hire a servant? Your wife is in feeble health." "That's just it. She has all she can stand now. I don't want her to have any more worries." -Kansas City Journal.

Advice. Just let the aviators go A-sailing through the air, And let the comets flirt their tails At Berenice's hair. Let Paulhan climb to awful heights The while his motors whine, Let Zeppelin go seek the pole— But don't neglect your bliz! -Somerville Journal.

Prudent. "So the bride and groom especially requested their friends not to throw rice after them?" "Yes. They asked us to hand the rice over in a package so that it could be used when they go to housekeeping." -Washington Star.

Possum in the Boycott. A little cold sawdust for breakfast, A little spaghetti at noon, A cup of hot coffee for supper, With a bun and maybe a prune, Thus solving the high cost of living, We talk with the crowd on the street, But privately in our own kitchens They're busily roasting the meat. -Baltimore Sun.

He Was Wise. Miss Jones—How old would a person born in 1869 be? The Kid—Forty-one, if yer talkin' about men. You'll have to ask somebody else if yer talkin' about de ladies. -New York Journal.

A Climatic Traitor. The sun now merrily shines out, And, though we welcomed him at first, 'Tis his perfidious plan, no doubt, To help the groundhog do his worst. -Washington Star.

Signs of Promise. Tom, Tom, the piper's son, stole a pig and away he run. Seeing the making of a great football player, Pigskin college thereupon offered him a scholarship. -New York Times.

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LIVE STOCK

THE VALUE OF PEDIGREE.

A Great Mistake to Underestimate the Importance of It. It has been, and to a certain extent will continue to be the habit of a great many of our farmers to shy at the word pedigree. This is undoubtedly due to the mistaking the value thereof.

A pedigree is the genealogy of an animal, or according to the "Blue Book," of a human Genealogy. It is the history of its ancestry or lineage, as we may readily see that each and every one of our animals are in possession of a pedigree, although many would be hard to trace.

To glance over the history of any breed of live stock is very interesting and allows us to readily see the improvements made by the close study of individuals and ancestry, and to see the methods used by individuals to propagate certain qualities in their animals, which has made possible the success of the feeding of our nations economically.

The end of the majority of our farm animals is the market, and the value of them is their ability to grow that they may be marketed profitably and in the pedigree to certain extent, we find the insurance of quality; for example, in selecting a brood sow from your herd you usually want profligence as the predominant quality or we will suppose so, at least, we select a gilt from that did sow whose litters have been large and even and whose mother was a good brood sow and is on back through her pedigree to the end of our memory.

Now these animals may not be recorded or eligible, but we have traced her ancestry back through her pedigree as it is written in our memory as we can readily see that the majority of our breeding stock is selected by our knowledge of their pedigrees, though probably under a different name. But as we cannot reasonably expect a Lou Dillon from a Percheron mating, neither can we expect to get an Ohio Chief from razorbaks. -H. H. in Indiana Farmer.

Handling Young Colts. One of the best horse-raisers we know of works his mares right up to the time of foaling and then turns them out on the pasture and lets them run with their colts till weaning time. Of course he has strong, lusty colts, and his brood mares are always in pink of condition for the following season. But on many farms the brood mares must be hard worked all summer. When these good mares must be pressed into this double duty, one should give them the best of care, liberal feed, and keep them from fretting over their colts.

The Profitable Sheep. There is no danger of any person getting into trouble in predicting that from now on the sheep is to be returned to its proper place on the farms. And why not, when it makes by far more money out of the grass and the weeds, the hay and anything else fed to it than any other kind of animal we raise, and it does that without one needing to milk or grind for them. All that is required is to give the seed as it comes from the field, only that turnips had better be cut. Does that not tell, and tell materially, when the labor saved is considered, how we can farm, farm well, and cut down expensive labor bills? -John Campbell, Woodville, Ontario.

The Cauliflower. The requirements of successful cauliflower growing are good seed, a standard variety and a rich soil in all the essential elements of food. The cauliflower requires more moisture than cabbage. The plants can easily be purchased and may still be set out. The cultivation should be shallow and frequent with irrigations every week until everything is well underway. A half acre of good land should produce 2,500 heads easily.

Clean The Hog House. Clean out the hog house once a year whether it needs it or not. A pile of droppings a foot deep will cause you all kinds of trouble in diseases and vermin. There is no excuse for stink hat stinklessness.

A Queer Phase of Hypnotism.

The technique of phreno-magnetism is this: When the subject is in the hypnotic sleep the operator, standing behind him, places the tips of his fingers upon the subject's head and waits. Soon the subject will begin to act or sing or speak. Any one acquainted with the phrenological system of localization will recognize at once that the actions or words of the subject correspond to the "organ" on the head which has been touched by the operator. Thus if you touch combativeness the subject is very apt to square off and strike some one or speak of war or a drum. If you touch veneration he is very apt to lift his eyes and pray. I have heard a very eloquent sermon thus inspired in a subject who was gifted with a ready tongue. Touch the organ of color and he will speak of beautiful colors. Touch tune and he will sing or whistle. Touch caution and his face will express vivid fear. I remember that one subject startled me by shouting "Look out!" and making a leap that he could scarcely have equaled in his waking state. When I touched the faculty of caution he thought he saw a snake. -Dr. George F. Laidlaw in Metropolitan Magazine.

Literary "Ghosts." According to a writer in La Revue de Paris, the rank and file of novelists in France draw on an average \$100 for each book, and many of them are thankful to get half that amount. On the other hand, those at the top of the tree earn large incomes, and some of them undertake more commissions than they can fulfill. Recourse is then had to literary "ghosts," of whom there are plenty in Paris, willing to furnish a passable imitation of any writer's work. Popular novelists do not always take the trouble to read the books published under their names. Some years ago a "ghost" with a grievance against his employer interpolated in the book ordered from him two chapters of "Mme. Bovary," altering nothing but the names of the characters. The woman who signed the book in order to clear herself from the charge of plagiarism had to confess that she had farmed it out.

The Joke as Persia Sees It. The "Man of Jam" was the Joe Miller of Persia, according to Charles Johnston in Harper's Weekly. "For some reason or other the 'Man of Jam' seems to have had a deep detestation of schoolteachers," says this author. "A teacher whose son had fallen ill and was at the point of death bade them send for the washer of corpses to wash his son. 'But,' they objected, 'he is not dead yet!' 'Never mind,' said the teacher; 'he will be dead by the time they have finished washing him.'"

To Bahul a certain vizier said: "Rejoice at these good tidings. The prince of the faithful has made three ruler over apes and swine." "Take my orders, then," quickly retorted Bahul, "for surely thou art of my subjects."

Synthetic Sapphires. M. Verneuil, a French scientist, publishes a method for making sapphires artificially like rubies, and tells how at the French Academy of Sciences. Rubies can be made by coloring alumina, mineral corundum, through giving a red color to the fused mineral by a trace of some substance like iron. Many attempts have been made to make sapphires in a similar way, using a cobalt as coloring. Verneuil's sapphires are made from melted alumina, but he puts in titanium and iron to get the velvety blue appearance. Best sapphires are cornflower-blue color, which is not too dark in the light of an ordinary room at night. The crystal sapphires obtained are said to be identical to the natural stones.

WIGGINS BROTHERS, HUNTERS.

Killed Two Bears, Two Deers and a Panther This Season.

Bill and Dick Wiggins have been taking annual bunts together for seventy-five years. They are brothers. Bill is 86 and Dick is 84. They have made their home in Knox for many years.

They returned a few days ago from their annual hunting trip to the Big Thicket, bringing back with them two fat bears, two deer and a panther. Despite their age they are still as spry as the average man of middle age. Their hair is just beginning to turn gray and neither of them ever wore glasses.

Bill Wiggins killed the smaller bear. They killed two deer apiece, using up two of the animals in camp and bringing back the other two with them. They do their own cooking in camp and get the keenest enjoyment out of their outdoor experience. They are also great fishermen, and during the summer season spend much of their time along the streams of this region angling for bass and other fish.

How They Got Out.

Uncle Ephraim had two hogs, which he kept in a pen at the rear end of his little lot. They were of the "tattoo-back" variety, and although they were fed bountifully with kitchen waste it seemed impossible to put any fat on their attenuated frames. One morning when he went out to feed them they were not there. They had disappeared, leaving no clue to the manner in which they had made their escape. "What's the matter, Uncle Eph?" inquired a neighbor, noticing the deep dejection with which the old man was looking down into the empty pen. "My hawgs is done gone, sah," he answered.

"Stoient?" "No, sah, I don't see no signs dat anybody tuck 'em." "Did they climb out over the top?" "No, dey couldn't 'd' done dat." "How do you think they got away?" "Well, sah," said Uncle Ephraim, "my prion is dat dem hawgs kind o' raised demselves up on aidge an' crope through a crack."

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