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Small Sins.
There are three crimes which, no matter what may be the degree of their venality, are regarded by the world as venal. They are lying at poker, smuggling, and understating the age of a 4-year-old child. Where breathes the mother who will not fudge a little when it comes to the question of paying 5 cents for her boy or stealing for him a free ride? If the boy be large for his years, her period of mendacity lasts but a short time, but if he be undersized her equivocation extends far into the seventh year. Such a mother never hands more than a nickel to the conductor when she and Tommy travel together; he might keep a dime for the two, or take change out of a quarter. The railroad companies are beaten out of many thousands of dollars by the darling mothers who cannot see more than four years when paying fares.—New York Press.

And Lang Sings.
Who can say, after reading the following, taken from the Baltimore News, that man's memory for feminine wear is not discriminating and accurate. A southern family, not overburdened with wealth, was blessed with six daughters. They were all ingenious—the kind of girls to make a dress in the midst of fun and chaff, and dance in it at night. The cleverest 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. The same 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. The young man studied it for a moment. "The last time I saw it," he replied, "I was dancing with it!"

Sick Women Advised to Seek Advice of Mrs. Pinkham.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 94563]
"I had inflammation and falling of the womb, and inflammation of ovaries, and was in great pain. I took medicine prescribed by a physician, but it did me no good. At last I heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after using it faithfully I am thankful to say I am a well woman. I would advise all suffering women to seek advice of Mrs. Pinkham"—Mrs. G. H. CHAPPELL, GRANT PARK, ILL.
"For several years my health was miserable. I suffered the most dreadful pains, and was almost on the verge of insanity. I consulted one of the best physicians in New York, and he pronounced my disease a fibroid tumor, advising an operation without delay, saying that it was my only chance for life. Other doctors prescribed strong and violent medicine, and one said I was incurable, another told me my only salvation was galvanic batteries, which I tried, but nothing relieved me. One day a friend called and begged me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began its use and took several bottles. From the very first bottle there was a wonderful change for the better. The tumor has disappeared entirely and my old spirits have returned. I heartily recommend your medicine to all suffering women."—Mrs. VAN CLEFT, 416 SAUNDERS AVE., JARNEY CITY HEIGHTS, N. J.

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FARM TOPICS

Exercise, the Best Stove.
No, it will not pay to heat houses for layers. Hens in an artificially heated house are always a lazy and sickly lot. Even for young chicks the heating business is often overdone. More exercise and less heat is the best rule.

For Gathering Corn Fodder.
The common use of the silo makes the easy handling of the corn crop a matter of great importance. As the fodder is light but bulky, a wagon



REMOVABLE EXTENSION FOR FARM WAGON

body is needed that is capacious. The ordinary farm wagon is too narrow for practical purposes, but where there is a wagon bottom mounted on wheels, the device shown in the cut can be used to advantage. This will set directly upon the wagon platform, the flaring sides giving great capacity. If one has only two sets of wheels, this device can be placed upon the two axles, three or more lengthwise slats being added to the bottom. Have just flare enough to escape the sides.

Feeding of Lime to Fowls.

It is a general supposition that lime must be given fowls in the shape of ground or cracked shells, mortar, etc., but a close examination will show that lime exists in all food, and in sufficient quantities to supply the necessities of the birds. Oyster shells, or old lime, consist of carbonate of lime, which is insoluble in water. The birds can derive no benefit from it until it is dissolved. Whether lime or oyster shells is chemically changed in the gizzard or digestive organs from a carbonate to a murate, or some other form, is difficult to state, but the lime probably undergoes no such change. It is, of course, mechanically reduced to a very fine condition by the gizzard, and is passed into the intestines, but that it enters into the circulation, or is directed to the formation of the egg shell, is a matter of doubt on the part of some. Ground shells assist the gizzard to reduce the food. If pounded or broken shells are placed before the hens they will select the sharpest or roughest pieces to be found and care but little for those that are finer, which is evidence that they swallow the shells for the purpose of grinding the food. The lime in the food exists in many forms, and if the ashes of the foods be examined lime will be found in excess, thus demonstrating that the shells come from the food rather than from the lime taken in the crop in the shape of oyster shells or mortar. In taking this position we may be in error, but as hens lay well where there is no lime obtained except through the food consumed, while others lay soft-shelled eggs though freely supplied with lime, it leaves room for reflection.—Farm, Field and Fireside.

Nerves and Food.

It is the nervous cow that gives the greatest amount of good milk. One inclined to go to fat makes an excellent beef cow, but a relatively poor milk cow. As the nervous cow is apt to be smaller in proportion than a large, fat, beef-making cow, the idea gains some headway that she requires less food. Indeed, there is a tendency in some quarters to reason that a cow needs food in proportion to her size; that is, a large cow requires more than a small one. This is an error of a most pronounced order. It is nervous energy that absorbs and uses up food, and it requires more to feed such a nature than it does one of a phlegmatic disposition. If anything the opposite to what is true in general practice should be observed. More rich and highly concentrated food should be given to the small milker than to the large beef maker. The good milker, if her digestion is good, can change more of her food into milk than another animal can convert into beef or fat. A good deal of this food that is given to the milker is converted directly into milk, and is thus more profitable than when fed to the beef cattle.

The nervous animal's mechanism is more easily deranged than that of the heavy beef-making animals. A plow horse can stand more abuse than the high-strung race horse. Many dairymen do not appreciate this thoroughly, either in their feeding or caring for good milk cows. As the whole value of the animal's products depends very closely upon the condition of her digestion, a study should be made constantly of the cow's health. In a normal condition she can take a great amount of food and convert it directly into milk. This food should be given with the best possible caution, so that it will not injure the health of the animal. Give all to the cow that she will eat up clean is a good rule to go by, but if her appetite declines there is something wrong with her digestion that needs instant attention. Very frequently this cause is so simple that one overlooks it. In a nervous cow a sudden fright, undue excitement or running in the field, or anything that will upset the nerves, may cause the flow of milk to stop temporarily, and upset the digestion so that the full quantity of milk will not be given for weeks. It is to guard against such slight accidents that the dairyman must exercise his supervision and authority. His cows are high-strung milking machines that will easily give out under abuse or misuse.—O. W. Jones, in American Cultivator.

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When They Grew Up.
Bobby—"I think Tommy Jones is the meanest boy I ever knew." Mamma—"What has Tommy been doing now?" Bobby—"I said I was going to be a poet when I grew up, and he said he'd be an editor, and wouldn't print any of my poems unless I'd be his horse every time."—Harper's Bazar.

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SIBERIA

Destined to Become a Great Agricultural and Mining Country.

The hope of Russia in developing Siberia is that the harvests of the gigantic province will supply Russian grain needs. The efforts, therefore, recently put forth toward attracting Siberian immigrants have been great, but it appears that the province is worthy of such inducements. Its five million square miles have at present a population of four million people, but, owing to Russian energy, last year's addition amounted to no less than four hundred thousand persons. Mr. Monaghan, United States consul at Chemnitz, Germany, reports to the state department at Washington, that this movement is unequalled anywhere except in the records of past immigration into the United States. He says that Siberia, long looked upon as a barren waste, is destined to be one of the world's richest and most productive sections. "In northern France wheat ripens in 137 days; in Siberia, in 107 days. Even strong night frosts do not injure the young seed. I may add that oats require in Siberia and the Amur country only 76 days, and in the regions of the Yenisei only 107. The first frost lasts only 97 days in the Irkutsk country. Speaking of the Yenisei, it may not be known that ten steamers carry the mail regularly on that river. The Obi has already a hundred steamers and two hundred tugs in service. As to the other important development in Siberia, namely, mining, Mr. Monaghan reports that between Tomsk and Kuznetsk there lie over twenty-three thousand square miles of coal lands which have never been touched. The iron mines are particularly good in quality, yielding as high as 60 per cent. In eastern Siberia alone there are over four hundred places yielding gold.

Horses for the English Army.

The purchase of a large number of horses in the United States for the use of the English army in south Africa is made necessary by the fact that even with the elaborate horse registration system in force in Great Britain it is impossible to secure all the animals needed for immediate service at home. In time of peace the military establishment of England requires for its use a total of 13,599 horses. In time of war this total jumps at once to 28,749. Horse buyers for the army are now at work, not only in this country but also in Canada, in Australia, and in Austria. Under the present arrangement in Great Britain a sort of horse militia is kept always at the disposal of the government in time of war. Persons having a number of horses at their disposal apply to the war department, which sends an officer to examine them. Such horses as are found suitable are registered and a price set upon them. Their owners agree to hold them always ready at the call of the government and receive in return an annual subsidy of \$2.50 a horse. Under this provision 14,000 horses are registered, but even with this large supply upon which they may draw it has been found necessary to go abroad for a majority of the heavy draft and artillery horses.

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BRITISH MILITARY STRENGTH.

It Makes a Grand Total of About 742,421 Men.

The law of Great Britain forbids the Queen to maintain any standing army whatever except by permission of Parliament. And every year Parliament passes an army bill authorizing the maintenance of an army of carefully specified strength.

The regular army consists of 11,251 cavalry, 16,989 artillery, 5368 engineers and 65,450 infantry, making a total of 99,258 men under arms in Great Britain. In Egypt, the colonies, India and elsewhere there are 121,745 men, making a total regular army of 221,003. These are the figures for the end of 1898. An addition has been made this year which swells the total to 250,111, but details are not accessible.

The reserves of the first class number 83,000, the reserves of the second class only fifty men. The militia numbers 138,961, the yeomanry 11,891, the volunteers 263,963.

The total home and colonial forces amount to 669,259 men. The regular forces on the Indian establishment number 73,162, making a grand total of 742,421 men.

This is the army to which the South African republics have thrown down the gauntlet. In an emergency about one-half of it could be sent to South Africa. That is to say, in order to win in the struggle the Boers, in the last extremity, would have to meet and overcome British armies aggregating about 350,000 men.

But in all probability no such force will be sent thither. A hundred thousand men concentrated there could easily control the situation, and probably a very much smaller force will be used.

Talking-Man of Samoa.

Samoa's talking-man, or "Tolafali," is a character. All the affairs of state of the village in which he holds office are carried upon his shoulders. In ordinary he is the chief adviser, persuader, conciler and restrainer of the leading chiefs. Having the gift of eloquence, he makes the most of it. He enjoys immunity from many things. He cannot be spoken of in ordinary terms. If it should be necessary to speak of his eyes or his mouth or his limbs, special honorable words must be used—words which attach to him alone and have never been applied to the personal parts of ordinary men. As he stands to deliver his soft, persuasive, mellifluous oratory, with staff of office in his hand and his fly-duster thrown over his shoulder, any one can see that he is a man of great importance, or, if this is not apparent from his attitude, it may be gathered from the attention paid to his utterances by gray-haired chiefs and by youths and maidens. If the talking-man is a clever fellow and understands his business, he is the chief ruling power in his tribe, although the nominal headship is always vested in a chief or patriarchal figurehead.

Introduction of Rice in Peru.

According to tradition, wheat was introduced in Peru by a curious accident. Inez Munoz, the wife of Alcantara, a half-brother of Pizarro, and the first European woman who landed in this country, brought with her a bag of rice. One day shortly after her arrival, while cleaning some of the rice to make a pudding for her brother-in-law, the Marquis, she came across a few grains of wheat, which she carefully laid aside, and afterward planted in the northwest corner of the main plaza of Lima, just in front of where the city hall now stands. They yielded abundantly, and the next year the little crop was distributed among the settlers for seed. This was in 1535, and in 1539 the production was so extensive that the first flour mill was erected.

The Man That Wields the Blotter.

The most ignoble of all occupations in Washington is that of the man who stands at the side of a chief of bureau and blots his signature. That is all he has to do—just blot his signature. Every bureau chief has a human blotter. Corbin sits all day and signs his name, and signs his name, and signs his name, and barks at people who arrest him temporarily in the occupation—and at his side stands a man who blots his signature, and blots his signature, and blots his signature. The monotony of the thing would drive an ordinary man frantic. If they would only employ boys to do the blotting; it is such a galling thing to see a man who could toss a barrel of flour on his shoulder patiently doing the blotting.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

General Lee's Modesty.

A month or so after his surrender General Lee went one day to the store near his home in Powhatan County, Virginia, which served also as the postoffice. Everybody in the town was instantly eager to see him, and in a few moments the store was crowded. The General was talking with the proprietor about crops and other matters, and appeared utterly unconscious of the fact that the gathering of the residents was due solely to his presence. Suddenly he realized that everybody was watching him and modestly said: "But I see! am keeping you from your many customers. Pardon me!" and at once withdrew.—Ladies' Home Journal.



Some grocers are so short sighted as to decline to keep the Ivory Soap, claiming it does not pay as much profit as inferior qualities do, so if your regular grocer refuses to get it for you, there are undoubtedly others who recognize the fact that the increased volume of business done by reason of keeping the best articles more than compensates for the smaller profit, and will take pleasure in getting it for you.

A Pathetic Experience.

John W. Page, of Stokes, Pitt county, who was in town on Friday to consult Congressman John H. Small, has had quite a romantic and pathetic experience with his son, Alphonso C. Page. Alphonso ran away from home six years ago and enlisted in the navy under the assumed name of George W. Pollard, and gave John W. Pollard as his father's name. He served in the Spanish war, and later was ordered to the Philippines, where he was promoted to chief master-at-arms in the marine service. And although the father has not heard from his son for over a year, since May there has been an unclaimed letter lying in the Greenville postoffice, addressed to John W. Pollard, and stamped upon it the name of U. S. steamship Monadnock and the government frank. By some means it was supposed to be intended for Mr. Page, and he was notified to call and open it. This he did, and it proved to be a letter from Commander Nicholas, of the Monadnock, dated April 1, 1899, informing him of the death of his son in the hospital. The letter was complimentary to the young man, and stated there was \$150 to his credit on the ship's books. Mr. Page came to town to see J. H. Small, to whom he made the above statement, and Mr. Small at once took steps to procure the money and if possible to have the body returned to Page's old home.—Washington (N. C.) Gazette.

For a Census of the World.

The present estimates of the total population of the world vary from 1,000,000,000 to 2,000,000,000, and the Royal Geographical Society of England thinks it is high time that the people are counted. It believes a count, or at least an accurate estimate, possible even in savage and uncivilized countries, Russia having completed a successful census in Siberia and England one in India. It proposes the formation of an international organization to take in charge the work of a world census.

The Russian Minister of Railways has prepared a time table showing that when the Trans-Siberian Railway is finished the journey around the world can be made in 33 days.

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