

YOU KNOCK NO MORE.

I. It is not that the later years are cold and void of blooms that made life's springtime sweet...

II. 'Tis that you dwell now so lonely seem! And in the starless midnights I can hear the rustle of the curtains in my dreams...

III. 'Tis when the depths of my soul are stirred With passionate grief for a remembered day...

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"Never!" She spoke hurriedly. "I shall never come here again. I hate the place. The woods are full of shadows, the river sounds at dusk like a wall of spirit. I believe the very fields and lanes are haunted."

She laughed nervously. He leaned toward her and made her turn her head in his direction. As she met his eyes she saw in their depths a look which made her heart beat rapidly.

"If you were the Grand Duchess Vera of Thornhelm," he said, and his voice was full of passion, "and I the King of Sardonica, what would your answer be?"

She held out her hand to him, as though imploring pardon. He took it in his strong grasp, and bending, kissed it very tenderly.

"When a certain king," he said, and this time took both her hands firmly in his, "heard that a certain princess would not marry him because she did not love him, he said that rather would he have for his bride a princess who was still a woman than the most beautiful grand duchess on the face of the earth."

"If I were the Grand Duchess of Thornhelm and you were the King of Sardonica," she laughed happily, "oh, my dear, I should say yes!"

The battles of nature. We read the tablets of long ago which the geologist has deciphered for us, and we find them an endless story of battles.

Sir Evelyn Wood's Discovery. It will not be Sir Evelyn Wood's fault if there is any red tape at the War Office while he is in charge.

Bloodhounds For Train Robbers. A number of bloodhounds has been purchased for a Western railroad in order to pursue train robbers.

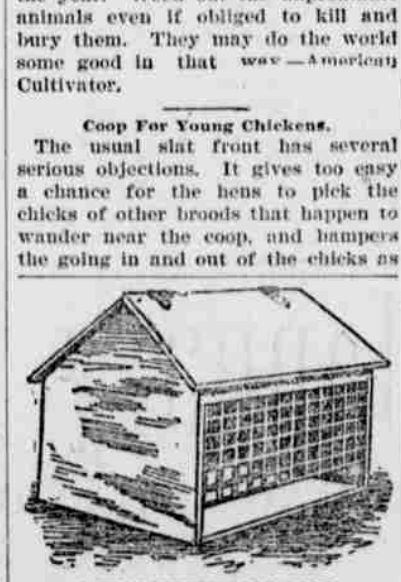
FARM TOPICS

Winter Feeding of Poultry. During the winter season all kinds of poultry require other foods than grain. Cut clover and animal meal are used mostly as aids to corn.

To Prevent Smut in Wheat. In the preparation of seed wheat different methods are adopted to provide against smut. One which prevails in some parts of the country is simple and may be tried by any person.

Weed Out Unprofitable Stock. If it is one thing to keep an old animal that has been the pride and pet of the family for years, after it has ceased to be profitable, and another to keep one that is not and never was able to earn its keeping, yet while not many farmers feel able to do the former for sentiment's sake, there are hundreds who are doing the latter from no other reason than an unpardonable ignorance.

Coop For Young Chickens. The usual slat front has several serious objections. It gives too easy a chance for the hens to peck the chicks of other broods that happen to wander near the coop, and hampers the going in and out of the chicks as soon as they get to a certain size.



Selling Butter to Private Trade. There is frequent mention of the desirability of selling our butter to a private trade. This advice is generally impracticable.

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FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. TWENTIETH DAY. The entire day was spent in consideration of the army reorganization bill without making much progress.

Twenty-First Day. Upon resuming the discussion of the army reorganization bill, Mr. Vest, of Missouri, offered an amendment requiring West Point officers to prevent hazing and cadets breaking such rules to be expelled and not reappointed.

Twenty-Second Day. During the legislative session the Senate had under consideration the much-mooted canteen question in connection with the army reorganization bill.

Twenty-Third Day. The committee on foreign relations heard arguments on both sides of the controversy over the Jamaica reciprocity treaty.

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Twenty-Second Day. By the emphatic majority of 63 votes, out of a total vote of 257, the House killed the Hopkins reapportionment bill and adopted the Burleigh bill.

Twenty-Third Day. After routine business the river and harbor appropriation bill was taken up for consideration, but little progress was made.

Gov. Atkinson's Message Presented on the Opening Day. Both branches of the West Virginia Legislature organized Wednesday by the election of the Republican caucus nominees to the various offices.

THE REALM OF FASHION.

New York City.—The Elton Jacket in its many forms is the undoubted favorite of the hour. The stylish May Manton model illustrated has many inches wide, or two yards fifty inches wide, with three-eighth yard eighteen inches wide for shawl and collar, will be required.



DOUBLE BREASTED ETON.

advantages and includes the latest features while, withal, it is simple in the extreme. As shown it is worn open with the fronts rolled back to form pointed revers, and the Kaiser collar opens at the throat, but when desired it can be buttoned up close, as shown in the sketch, and made to mean genuine warmth.



GIRL'S BLOUSE COSTUME.

is joined to the fronts by wide under-arm gorges that extend well back to form side backs and give a slender, tapering effect to the figure. The sleeves are two-seamed, snug, without being tight, and are cut in modified bell shape, so allowing the jacket to be slipped on and off with ease.

The blouse in combination with a gored skirt makes a simple costume much worn and much liked by little girls. The tasteful model illustrated in the large drawing is made from dark red serge, with bands of black velvet edged with narrow gilt braid and a shield and collar of gilt-embroidered red panne.

Orchid With Dew Drops. Some of the newer ornaments for dinner dress are expensive as jewelry, although they belong to the province of millinery. A pretty aigrette is an orchid petal with silken gauze, and plentifully besprinkled with tiny dewdrops of "Rhine" crystal or strass diamonds.



BLOUSE WITH L'ALIGON

desired, the plain portion only used, or the stock can be in contrasting color and worn on various waists. To cut this blouse for a medium size four and one-half yards of material eighteen inches wide, with a quarter of a yard for flaring portion of will be required.