

How to Manage Hens. Mrs. Suburb—I don't see what's the matter with our hens. They don't lay at all.

A Question of Color. Jiggs—What's the difference between a hectic flush and a hotball flush?

The Cure that Cures Coughs, Colds, Grippe, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis and Incipient Consumption is OTTO'S CURE

Blushing. Darwin held that when we see or fancy that we are being criticised or closely observed our whole attention becomes concentrated upon our countenance.

Mental Processes of Ants. Dr. Forel gives these examples of the mental processes of ants: "While success visibly heightens both the audacity and tenacity of the ant will, it is possible to observe after repeated failure or in consequence of the sudden and unexpected attacks of powerful enemies a form of dejection which may lead to a neglect of the most important instincts—to cowardly flight, to the de-vouring or casting away of offspring, to neglect of work and similar conduct."

He—It's hard to keep a secret sometimes, isn't it? She—I don't know. I've never tried it.—Detroit Free Press.

LIFE INSURANCE. Get Fully Acquainted With the Terms of Your Policy. "What the average purchaser of life insurance doesn't know about the thing he is purchasing would fill a good sized book printed with very narrow margins," says an insurance expert.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Why the Festival Is Celebrated on Dec. 25. There are no definite allusions in the writings of any of the disciples of Christ as to the date of his birth, nor has there ever been produced proof of any character as to the exact period in the year when Christ was born.

Cosmic Horror. The two infinities of Kant did not chill or hurt him, but his fearlessness is shared by few. Only for a short instant, at best, will most persons consent to look open eyed at any clear image of fate or of infinity.

THE DICTIONARY. Its Story May Lack Plot, but it is Decidedly Interesting. Whoever says "dull as a dictionary" cannot be very familiar with one. We may sympathize with the old lady who remarked of the dictionary that she "didn't think much of the story," but nevertheless no one can use a good unabridged edition with any frequency and not attest to the fact that it is full of the most fascinating reading.

HER RECOMMENDATION. Why General Spinner Gave One Woman a Treasury Position. Here is the story as it was told by herself of the appointment under General Spinner of a woman clerk in the treasury department.

Love's Ravings. "Why, Charles, what do you mean by burning our old love letters?" "I have been reading them, my dear," replied her husband. "After we die some one who wishes to break our wills might get hold of them and use them to prove we were insane."

Anthony's Nose. There is a remarkable natural curiosity on a small tributary of the Mohawk river in Montgomery county, N. Y. known all over New England as "Anthony's Nose."

Whales on Their Holidays. Professor Goldlob has been telling the Christiania Academy of Science the results of his investigations into the migrations of whales. These creatures hang about the coast of Norway and Finland until the spring is well advanced, and then they go away on their travels.

The Bostonian's Incidental Remark. He—Will you marry me? She—No, thank you. He—I thought perhaps you wouldn't. How do you like that continued story that is running now in the Atlantic?—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

A Scotch Parson's Clever Reply. When musical instruments were first used in the services of the Scottish churches many strict Sabbatarian objects to the iniquitous proceedings.

No Judge at All. "Isn't that young man fond of music?" exclaimed the young woman. "I don't know," answered Miss Cayenne. "Judging by the way he will stand up and listen to himself sing by the hour, I should say he isn't."—Chicago Journal.

Strong Diet. Veterinary—So your new bull pup is sick? What seems to be the matter with him? Owner—A little of everything, I guess. While we were away this afternoon he chewed up and swallowed the dictionary.—Detroit Free Press.

The Small Children. "I wonder what it is," said the family man, "that makes landlords and janitors dislike to have small children in flats." "The small children, I guess," replied the savage bachelor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mental Decision. The trouble with the most of us is that we do not know how to make up our minds, and often the fact is that we have not given our minds to the thought that requires us to determine about it.

Convincing. School Principal—Are you sure that you belong in this school district? Prospective Pupil—Say, if you're looking for a bet I'll give you odds of 2 to 1.—Chicago News.

Decollete. She was magnificent in bell attire. "By what right, sir, do you tell me I shall not wear this gown?" she demanded, with flashing eyes.

A Fine Chance. Man Overboard—Help! Help! Stranger—Phny don't yes swim? "I don't know how."

Her Recommendation. Cholly—So Miss Tartun loosened up and said a good word about me, did she? Archie—Yes, she said that when one got better acquainted with you one found you were not half as big a fool as you appeared to be.—Exchange.

Of One Mind. Lady—I want some advice about getting a divorce from my husband. Lawyer—I'll give you some for nothing. If you will wait a few days you will be a free woman. I filed a bill for him yesterday.

No Discrimination. "Beensay has a good ear for music." "What makes you think so?" "He told me you were the worst singer he ever heard."

Merit's Loud Voice. Do not waste a minute, not a second, in trying to demonstrate to others the merit of your own performance. If your work does not vindicate itself, you cannot vindicate it.—Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

Bare Tracks. Bing—The railroad companies are brazen robbers! Bung—Quite so. They don't even take the trouble to cover their tracks.—Cleveland Leader.

How Poor Qualities Are Brought Up to the Standard. There are certain kinds of sugar which fall short of the required standard of sweetness, and these sugars have to be sweetened artificially.

English Criminal Law. The Difference Between Hard Labor and Penal Servitude. The difference in Great Britain between hard labor and penal servitude is one of period and treatment.

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