

OH BEAUTIFUL, MY COUNTRY.

for spacious skies,
waves of grain,
mountain majesties
fringed plain
America!

A BRIARLEY HOLIDAY.

BY WINIFRED KIRKLAND.

N Shackleford Hannah Overton at forty was considered a fortunate woman. She had her health, the Briarley farm and the secret of the Briarley preserves.

But Lena Pierce brought no trouble. She was the orphan child of Eunice Briarley's favorite nephew, and joint heir with Hannah Overton to the Briarley farm.

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What a place the apple orchard was for dreaming! But apples, Lena had to remember, meant beautiful amber jelly, and jelly meant dollars, and dollars meant mortgage payments.

So the morning went on, and presently, incredibly soon it seemed to Lena, a distant whistle in the village of Shackleford boomed out the noon hour.

The stream turns and twists in tortuous fashion, and all its turns are outlined through the meadow by the low willows that skirt the banks. In one spot an old willow, half-uprooted, has fallen across the brook, forming a live and growing bridge.

Lena climbed out on the old tree trunk, and sat there, swinging her feet over the water while she ate. She had lost her sunbonnet somewhere on the way, and her hair was loose.

Then they broke into a laughter so merry, so prolonged, that the black birds flew off in a protesting flock. The girls had not known that they could laugh like that.

At that little word came a sudden revision of feeling, for Hannah knew that at that moment her cue was to have that same person sitting beside her in the buggy, joggling along behind the old ambling, amiable horse.

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The following telephone conversation is reported to have been heard between a certain well-known young financier and a society woman whose functions are considered somewhat Loring:



FOUR GIRLS AND BOYS.

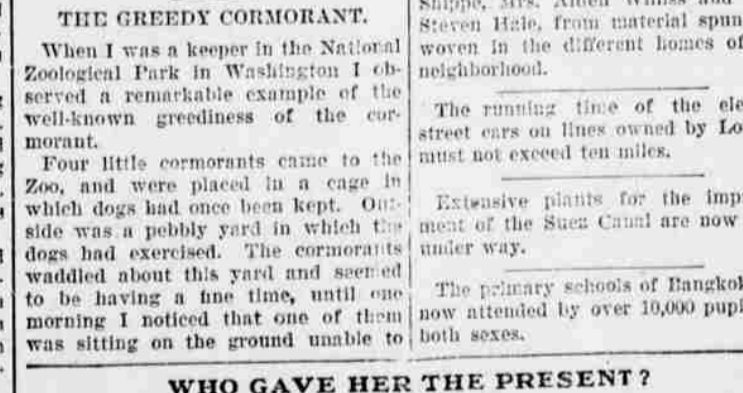
JUST SUPPOSE. If all the lads and lassies should remember for a day to do their errands and their tasks as surely as they play.

IT WAS THE TWINS' BIRTHDAY PARTY. They were dressed in pretty blue frocks, made just alike, and their curls were tied with ribbons to match.

But the strangest thing about the party was that the twins and their small guests sat perfectly still in their chairs, while their mothers played games for an hour or two.

THE GREEDY CORMORANT. When I was a keeper in the National Zoological Park in Washington I observed a remarkable example of the well-known greediness of the cormorant.

WHO GAVE HER THE PRESENT? Gifts much expected are paid, not given.



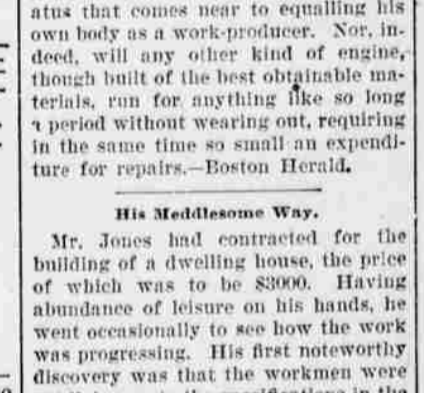
THE MOST ECONOMICAL POWER PRODUCER.

Man is a Much Better Engine Than a Locomotive and Yields More Energy Than an Automobile.

To test the efficiency of a man as an engine, Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan University, has been engaged recently in making some remarkable experiments.

The rider operates his wheel inside of a great box of wood lined with metal. He is not permitted to leave the box for several days and nights.

TO LIFT AN ANCHOR. An anchor left in the mud all winter is no easy thing to lift. By placing two boats side by side, as shown in the picture, and throwing a pole across both of them, a very great weight may be lifted.



FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE FLAG. It is claimed that the first flag raised on a schoolhouse was hoisted in Colman, Franklin County, Mass., in May, 1812.

Kind Neighbors. When Miss Jenkins, after spending fifty-six years in the city of her birth, decided to buy a small farm in the country, she determined to miss none of the delights of farming life.

Wedding Ring Found on Harrow. A blacksmith at Aswarby, near Shefford, has made a most curious discovery.

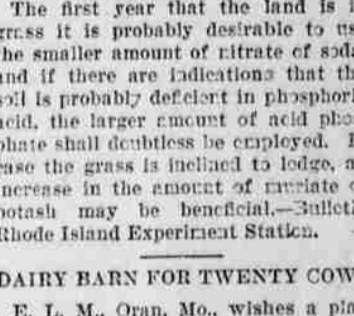
FARM TOPICS.

STILL ANOTHER SPECIALTY. It is said that a catnip farm had proved itself to be a most excellent investment.

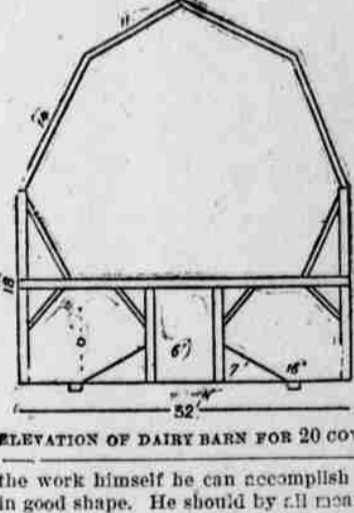
HORSE WITH CONTRACTED FEET. One of our readers in writing to us asks for a remedy for his horse that is hoof bound.

VALUE OF GRASS LANDS. The attention of Rhode Island farmers has been called by the station to the fact that the State contains 78,824 acres of grass land.

DAIRY BARN FOR TWENTY COWS. E. L. M., Oran, Mo., wishes a plan for a dairy barn to hold twenty cows and feed room.



ELEVATION OF DAIRY BARN FOR 20 COWS



FLOOR PLAN OF DAIRY BARN FOR 20 COWS