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Jenks—Has a husband the right to open a wife's letter? Blinks (a lawyer)—Certainly, sir, certainly; open all you please. Jinks—Well, here is a letter my wife has written your wife and handed me to deliver. I feel pretty sure there's something unpleasant in it about me. I wish you'd open it, and if there is, just burn it up. Blinks—Humph! Does my wife know your wife is going to write to her? Jinks—Yes. Blinks—And if my wife doesn't get this letter she'll find it out, won't she? Jinks—Of course. Blinks—On second thoughts I believe there is a new law which makes it a criminal offense for a man to open his wife's letters. I couldn't take the risk, sir; indeed, I couldn't.

Why She Did.

"Clara, I love to be with you." "Why, Edith?" "When I'm with you I know you are not gossiping about me."—Tit-Bits.

OPEN LETTERS FROM

Jennie E. Green and Mrs. Harry Hardy.

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"I had been sick at my monthly periods for seven years, and tried almost everything I ever heard of, but without any benefit. Was troubled with backache, headache, pains in the shoulders and dizziness. Through my mother I was induced to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has done me so much good. I am now sound and well."

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Keeping Hay.

Hay decreases in weight, through drying up of the moisture in it, so that, in calculating the profits, one must consider this very carefully. The price for hay will naturally increase as the winter comes on, but will the price advance in proportion to the shrinkage? The shrinkage in hay of course depends upon the amount of moisture left in it at the time of putting it away. Hay sold when quite green will weigh much heavier than when it is thoroughly cured. There is a difference of five to fifteen per cent. in the weight of hay put away by some farmers. If one can find a good customer right after harvesting who will pay as much per ton for green hay as for thoroughly cured hay, he may make good profits, but in the end it may not prove such a good transaction. The green hay will more than likely develop heat and burn in the mow, and eventually mould and sour. The result is, the purchaser will conclude that the hay was poor at the beginning, and he will not buy any more from that farmer.

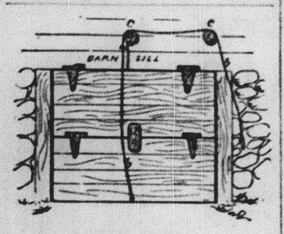
As in everything else, it pays to be honest, and sell only thoroughly cured hay even early in the fall. The farmer who is at all up to date in his business will not think of putting away green hay. He knows too well the consequence. He will see that the moisture is pretty well dried out of it before he stacks it in the mow.

But the hay will shrink even then. There is moisture in it that will come out gradually. It takes months for it all to dry out. The amount of shrinkage will therefore depend upon the condition of the hay when put in the mow. As some farmers put away their hay the shrinkage and loss in weight will amount fully to fifteen per cent. But the average shrinkage will be about ten per cent. up to the middle of winter. After that the shrinkage is almost imperceptible.

Late-cut hay will thus have less time in which to lose its weight by shrinkage, and if the grass and weather are both favorable for very late harvesting it may pay one to cut the grass out of the ordinary season. This hay properly cured will not lose much more than five per cent. of its weight by early winter. Just before the midwinter holidays prices for hay are generally good, and if sold then the farmer may make five per cent. of the whole weight by a little strategy. In seasons when hay is scarce it does not always follow that the autumn prices are as correspondingly high as conditions should warrant. Then it pays to keep hay, even if it does shrink fifteen per cent.—A. B. Barrett, in American Cultivator.

A Drop Door For the Barn.

The accompanying illustration shows a very handy drop door for the basement barns. It is hinged to the barn sill at the top. Another pair of hinges



A CONVENIENT BARN DOOR.

are fitted about the middle. By turning the button "a" parallel to the boards of the door, the lower half of the door can be raised by means of the cord "b," which runs over the pulley "c." If it is desirable to open all the door, turn the button "a" into the position shown in the cut. Then by pulling on the cord "b," the whole door is raised.—American Agriculturist.

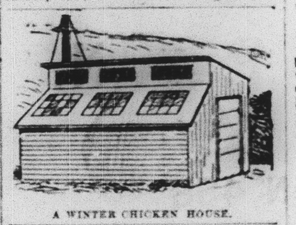
A House For Laying Hens.

In order to make hens produce eggs when most desired, they must not only have extra care, but be provided with proper quarters. At the same time, however, it is hardly advisable for all poulterers to erect elaborate structures for this purpose, and especially when we take into consideration the desperate competition of the present day and the oftentime low prices of eggs. Accordingly, we advance the idea that ordinary persons who make a practice of keeping from fifty to one hundred fowls should indulge in a poultry-house something like the one shown herewith in the illustration.

As can be seen, if situated by a bank, it affords a very suitable habitation for laying hens. Indeed, in early spring and fall, when the chilly days and nights retard the inclination of all hens and pullets to lay as steadily and early as they will with warm, nice quarters in which to reside, it is just the thing. Really, it is so roomy, convenient and well ventilated that fowls cannot help but do satisfactorily in it. For one hundred hens it should be not less than fifty feet long, twenty-five feet wide, twelve feet at the highest point and eight feet where the windows are shown.

The pens should be ten by eighteen or more feet square, with nests for layers extending the entire length of the building under its lowest part, it being here dark and obscure—just the place in which to deposit eggs which, with up-to-date nests, can easily be collected by the poulterer at night and not one found broken.

As to the floor of such a building, it should be raised three or four inches from the ground to shut out dampness, and dry earth and coarse sand spread over it regularly after the old has been removed, for this gives the hens exercise and grit, both of which are highly essential to their welfare. Wire netting, of course, should be employed to divide the pens, and in the upright part of the building should be arranged the roosts. Here, also, should be arranged the ventilators, which at their best ought to be

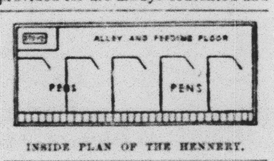


A WINTER CHICKEN HOUSE.

left open during the middle of the day, when the hens are down on the floor or out of the house, and closed at night, or partially so, to keep out the cold.

Concerning the stove (look at plan), this comes available for cooking food in its caldron or boiler before feeding the same to the flocks in the morning, and also for keeping the building free from dampness—a thing highly important where a large number of hens are kept. Have the stove inclosed in a small apartment by itself, and then when you wish to warm the rest of the house open the door and let the heat pass out. Thus you keep the stove neat and clean, while if the apartment is mouse-proof, as it ought to be, a supply of grain and meal may be stored therein for the fowls, which economizes much in time and labor.

The windows, which in their sloping position should face directly to the south, afford the inmates a large amount of light and sunshine—all that are obtainable—and no matter how severe the weather may be, fowls thus provided for are always contented and



INSIDE PLAN OF THE HENNERY.

happy, compensating their owner in return with an agreeable amount of eggs. When a hard snowstorm is in progress, however, it is policy to cover the windows with straw matting or the like, for then when it clears up the mats may be removed, and with them all the snow, leaving the glass perfectly clean and the hens to enjoy a regular paradise.—New York Tribune.

Chicken Chatter.

Fresh air and fresh water should not be forgotten. Both are essential to the health of the fowls.

Have a dusting-box for the hens to bathe in. Provide yourself with abundance of road dust while you can. It is cheap now, and in a little while you will need it.

Feed regularly. Have certain hours for feeding and don't vary them. Be punctual about your work, and the fowls will be more contented and will soon understand your systematic way of doing things.

See that your henhouses are good—no cracks in the sides—and avoid damp floors. A window should be in each pen, so that the light and sunshine may make cheerful the interior. Sunshine is a good tonic for the fowls.

The scratching-shed should be thoroughly cleaned and fresh material supplied. Feed all grain feed in the litter, and be careful to keep the floors well covered, so that the birds will really have to work for every grain they eat. This exercise means an increased egg yield.

A good poultry feed for laying hens is green cut bone. It is relished by the fowls, and supplies the animal food they are so much in need of during cold weather. Green cut bones should be fed two or three times a week from October until May. It should always be fed plain; that is, without mixing it in the ration.

A "unicorn carman," in the London dialect, is a man who drives three horses. This philological fact came out of a recent Coroner's inquest.

Picture of George Eliot.

George Eliot was at this time about fifty, but looked years older. She wore, as she always did, a plain silk dress, tonight having a white shawl about her shoulders and light gloves in her hand, being indeed dressed for the opera. Some people have talked and written of the ugliness of this great woman; this sort of criticism recalls a famous scene in "Middlemarch." "Mr. Casaubon has a wart on his nose," said pert little Celia to her sister. "I dare say he has," was Dorothea's dignified rebuke, "when certain people look at him." And thus George Eliot in some eyes was ugly because, forsooth, she lacked dimpled cheeks, round eyes, and pretty mouth! If hers was ugliness, would we had more of it in the world! When in speaking her large, usually solemn features lighted up, a positive light would flash from them, a luminosity irradiate, not her own person only, but her surroundings. A sovereign nature, an august intellect, had transported us into its own atmosphere.—Miss Betham Edwards' Reminiscences.

The Companion for the Rest of 1898.

The principal attractions offered by THE YOUTH'S COMPANION for the remaining weeks of 1897 provide a foretaste of the good things to follow in its new volume for 1898. To the first issue in November Frank R. Stockton will contribute a humorous sketch, entitled "Some of My Dogs," and in the issue for the week of November 18th will appear Rudyard Kipling's thrilling story of the heroism of soldiers in the ranks, "The Burning of the Sarah Sands." In the serial issues to follow there will be contributions by Lieut. Peary, William D. Howells, J. E. Chamberlin, the American war correspondent, Mary E. Wilkins, Hon. Thomas B. Reed, the Marquis of Lorne, Mme. Lillian Nordica and I. Zangwill. Those who subscribe at once for the 1897 volume will receive every November and December issue of THE COMPANION from the time of subscription to the end of the year free. The Companion Calendar for 1898 free, and then the entire issues of THE COMPANION to January 1, 1899. An illustrated announcement of the 1898 volume and a sample copy will be sent free to any one addressing THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, BOSTON, MASS.

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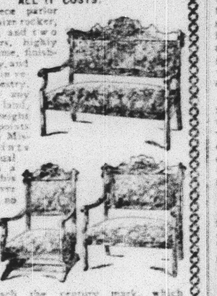

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It has become quite the fashion now for bridesmaids to carry baskets of flowers instead of bouquets. Special baskets are made, generally of white chip, with tall, slight handles. A bow of ribbon can be added at the top and the flowers are securely fastened in position by means of needle and thread.

American ladies, says an English writer, have a new fad. They carry about with them a living "mascot," or charm, in the shape of a black kitten, the idea being that it will avert catastrophe to friends or relatives taking part in the war. The kitten is sometimes carried in a bag. It is absolutely necessary that the animal should be black. How the idea originated we are not at present informed.

The duchess of Portland is very keenly interested in temperance and has done some good work to the cause, though, no doubt, her natural reserve would make her shrink from the publicity it involves. In spite of being the wife of one of the richest men in England and mistress of one of its finest mansions, Lady Portland does little entertaining. She is, however, well calculated to shine as a society hostess, for she has a great charm of manner and a stately sort of beauty. She is tall and graceful, with dark hair and a lily and rose complexion. Her maiden name was Miss Dallas York, and she is the daughter of a Yorkshire squire. It is said that the duke of Portland first saw her at a railway station and was then and there captivated with her dignified beauty and her charming manner. Afterward, meeting her by chance in a London drawing-room, he began that acquaintance with her which led to marriage.

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The receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad have adopted plans and they are about ready to let the contract for a new $100,000 inbound freight station in Baltimore. The new building will be 600 feet long, 42 feet wide and 6 stories high. It will occupy the site of the present inbound station which is on Eutaw street between Camden and Barre streets.

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