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Every able-bodied male in Norway has to serve in the army.

Austria now proposes to tax cats in order to avoid a deficit in her treas-

The United States Navy Department has been obliged to put old ships out of commission to find crews for new

"Scrub stock and scrub farming are always found in connection with a ecrub education," avers the New York

A certain plant destroying grub has migrated across the Mexican border into Texas and seriously threatens al of our future cotton crops.

New South Wales is making strenuous efforts to expand her export trade. The latest experiment is a consignment of frozen rabbits for the English mar-

The New York Advertiser observes that England's prejudices do not interfere with enormous purchases of our apples and the well beloved Yankee

It is predicted by scientists that in 300 years the earth will flop and cause the north and south poles to change places, and that in 30,000,000 years from now the sun will become ex

The tumulus on the top of Parlia nent Hill fields, London, is to be opened. It is popularly supposed to be the burial place of Boadicea, the British warrior queen. A group of statuary to her memory is to be erected on the spot.

Horses are now being shipped from this country to Europe, and our exports of horses exceed in value those Formerly we bought a great many horses from Europe for ourpose of improvement, but Europe is now drawing on us for horses for the same purpose.

In a law court at Halle, Germany, the other day a man named Wetzstein was arraigned on separate indictments for the murder of two women, and in sach case a sentence of death was passed upon him. But this was not The man was further charged with the attempted murder of two more women. For these two offenses be was, notwithstanding the death sentences, gravely condemned to fifteen years' imprisonment.

Probably one of the most interesting sects in Russia is the Dukhobor-tsi, inhabiting large districts in Western Transcaucasia, remarks the New York Independent. Their name, "Wrestlers with the Spirit," indicates that the society at its beginning had views analogous to those of the German Pietists. They were men of strong character and faith. But as time went on and active persecution of them ceased, they began to show signs of worldliness, to amass money and land, and forget their pristin simplicity of life. News from the Caucasus now states that a strangely interesting revival movement is stir-ring these people. Their leader, Verigin, has called upon them to di wide their property equally among all the brethren, and in response to his call some of the richest Dukhobortsi have relinquished everything they est among them, having cheerfully withdrawn his whole property of \$5000 from the bank and distributed itamong his less onulent brothron Verigin has ordered in all the women of the sect who are in service in neighboring towns; they are not to leave their homes in the future. And in view of the possibility of a future relapse from the faith their energetic leader is stirring them up to leave the fat lands of the Caucasus for the remote and desolate steppes of the province of Archangel on the shores of the White Sea. The Dukhobortsi

number about one hundred thousand.

THIS OLD COUNTRY.

Good times or bad times, we're work country still—

(With her on the mountain top, or slidin' down the hill!

Don't eare how corn's a sellin'—if cotton's high or low,

This old country, brethren, is the best one that we know!

Good times or bad times, we're with this country still—
Every time we feel her shake, we have a friendly chill!
Don't care how things is goin'—nor how the

This here old country, brethren, is the best one that we know!

Good times or bad times, we're with this With her when we sow the grain, an' when

Don't care what's in the future—we'll whis

tle as we go, his old country, brethren, is the best For this old one that we kno

now! —Atlanta Constitution.

MARY VERNER'S ROMANCE



of darkness were swiftly enveloping the Great White canyon. Mary Verner pulled down the little window of the postoffice of which she was

told of sleepless nights and many tears.
Yet, Paul Harding—"Beauty" Paul, as he was called in the canyon—thought he had never seen Mary so lovely, as he clattered up to the door of the postoffice one morning, and asked the young postmistress if there was anything for him.
He watched, with his handsome dark eyes, her small white fingers go through the letterslying on the counter before her.

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"Nothing for you to-day."

Yet Paul seemed loath to go. He pulled his long, tawny mustache, jingled his spurred boots upon the floor, and continued to stare through the pigeon-hole window at the girl, as she flitted about her usual business.

"Anything I can do for you?" she asked him presently.

"No," Paul said slowly, taking in gerry detail of the girl's pretty figure.

"No," Paul said slowly, taking in every detail of the girl's pretty figure, clad in a cotton frock of gentian blue. "But might I speak to you one minute

-privately?"!
"You can say what you've got to say

where you are."

He stared silently, first at his boots and as his eyes wandered up they lit on the snowy shelves of bright and simple utensils and shining saucepans

which lined the walls.

"How different you keep your place
from what a man's shanty is—"
But she stayed his compliments.

"You live down by the Blue Pools
don't you?"

Verner pulled window of the window of the window of the postoffice of which she was the mistress, sweeth the contents of the narrowcounter into a drawer, which she was the mistress, she can be called the property of the post-new of the po Mary drew apart from her lover and steadied her trembling form against the garden fence.

"Some one has robbed you of the money I gave you. Oh! my poor boy—" She stretched forth her pityring hands toward the man before her, who only bowed his head and shulled his feet in the thick white dust.

"Tell me, Reuben, tell me how it happened. Ah, surely you are not thinking I shall blame you for such a misfortune," and once more she crept to his side.

But Reuben thrust her from him.

"Twas no misfortune; 'twas a loading and drinking and gambling away his days and this health in the Great Harding in the stays and his health in the Great White canyon. Paul Harding in what he revence for women—at least had too much respect for the little post-mis-tife.

Tho day was an entire success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a misfortune," and not met a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success, but left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth when she heard the next morn-thinking I shall blame you for such a success. But left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth respect for the little post-mis-degraded as he was, and lacking in what had any and it shall be any on the success. But left a bitter after-taste in Mary's mouth respect for the little post-mis-degraded as he wa

week. Mary's cheeks, never very full of color, had grown pale and heavy, and blue lines beneath her large eyes told of sleepless nights and many tears.

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Paul was full of liquor—he had drunk Mary's health with every man in the place—and he was also full of luck for one in a way. A pile of luck for one in a way. A pile of luck for one in him of the table and he was just proposing another round

luck for once in a way. A pile of gold lay before him on the table and he was just proposing another round in Mary's honor, when big Bill Redfern strode in and was greeted with a shout of "Halloo, Bill, you back! What luck, pard?"

"Luck, my lads! I leave luck to fools and deadbeats, i I've been working and, thank God, I've worked, for something. I've put my sweat and muscle into the ground and I've struck ore! None lof your dust or pockets, but a vein as broad as, an ox's back and as long as a river, and so' I've come back with Rube—"

Paul looked up with a start. His eyes flashed and he seemed to grow sober in a moment as the situation presented itself. Here was he drunk in a gambling hell on the eve of his marriage with Mary and Rube had come back.

"What did you say?" he muttered. "I said Rube and I had come back.

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But don't let me disturb the game."

"The game is up!" cried Paul with an oath as he struck the table and made the money jingle.

"Had bad luck. ch?" said Bill.

made the money jingle.
"Had bad luck, eh?" said Bill.

"Sorry for you."
"Keep your sorrow to yourself and your partner, Reuben Halse." "Come, come," said Bill, good humoredly, have a drink; I'm standing treat, and as to Rube, here's his health

and Mary's!"
"I'm standing treat!" shouted.Paul springing up. "Have a drink with me!" And with this he flung his liquor in Bill's face and made a rush

at him.

A pistol flashed, a pale blue puff of smoke died in the hot air, and "Beauty" Paul lay stone dead on Ffolliott's

Faul lay stone dead on Fromotts floor.

Some of them went up to the post-office to break the news to Mary. There was a light in the window, and by it they saw Rube and she sitting taiking. Quietly, and with bowed heads, they left the cottage and returned to Ffolliott's without fulfilling their mission.

heir mission. Next day a rough-and-ready jury, Next day is rouga-and-ready jury, having reconsidered all the circum stances of the case and with due appreciation of Bill Redfern's well known prowess as a dead shot, decided that Paul had courted on purpose a certain death, and they returned a verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind."—Chicago Times.

WISE WORDS

A rogue is a roundabout fool.—Coleridge.

Rank and riches are chains of gold, but still chains.—Ruffini.

Of all virtues, justice is the best; ralor without it is a pest.—Waller. In the meanest hut is a romance, if you but knew the hearts there.—Van

Clear writers, like clear fountains lo not seem so deep as they Landor.

Landor.

What is birth to a man if it be a stain to his dead ancestors to have left such an offspring.—Sir P. Sidney.

There is as much responsibility in imparting your own secrets as in keeping those of your neighbor.—Darley.

Enough; here is a world of love no more we ask to know; the hand will guide thy ways above that shaped thy task below.—O. W. Holmes.

ny task below.—C. W. Holmes. Gloom and sadness are poison to us the origin of hysterics, which is lisease of the imagination caused by rexation and supported by fear.— sevigne.

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"Tell me, Reaben, tell me how in but happened. Ah, surely you are not happened. Ah, surely you have an out and surely happened. Ah, surely you have any on the safe.

He pointed with his lean, brown hand down the canyon the would not be seen, she said steruly, with one of Folliott's lot. She, how you hand down the canyon the happened. A surely you want hard.

"Are lass,—at Folliott's," "Aye, lass,—at Folliott's, I lot it said far large and bushes and the hard has well the form the wind the given have not of a night bird broke the silence. And, indeed, for a space, Folliott's was not you have you you have any to the surely happened. And, indeed, for a space, Folliott's, and the great white has had and gave a hittle cry.

"You have have you have



TO FATTEN FOWLS.

To fatten fowls quickly confine in a small, warm coop, which must be kept clean, and particular care taken that the birds to be fattened are absolutely the birds to be fattened are absolutely free from lice. Feed on cornmeal mixed with boiling water in the morning, at noon and night with whole corn. Give all they can eat up clean, but allow none to be wasted. It is useless to try and fatten a weak, sickly fowl. It is a waste of time, labor and food. The hatchet is the best remedy in such cases.—New York World.

A rather conservative dairyman in discussing the ration problem says, "the most skillful chemist in the world cannot, in his laboratory, lay down rules or compound rations that shall give the very best returns possible from each one of twenty-five good dairy cows." This is very true, but it is equelly true that the agricultural chemist can lay down certain general rules which will enable any intelligent dairyman to vastly improve on the unscientific methods which so generally prevail.—American Agriculturist.

BEETS GROWN FROM BUDS.

Every grower of beets has noticed the small buds that appear near the top of the root. These are indeed miniature plants, and if cut out and planted, just as potato eyes are each will next season produce a perfect beet plant with as large a root downwill next season produce a perfect beet plant with as large a root downward as one grown from seed. It may seem that there can be no practical object in growing beets thus, for it is always easy to grow beet seed. But it is found that when a high grade of sugar beet has been secured by sowing strains of the sweetest beets there is a tendency to retrograde in quality. Hence some beet sugar growers in Europe are experimenting in growing from the bud. Having on a obtained a root with high per cent. of sugar the quality can be maintained by growing stock from buds. It is possible that this process if continued long will tend to establish a growth of beet roots with many prongs and shoots. This form of growth would be objectionable as making the beet less compact.—Boston Cultivator.

CONSTRUCTION OF A STABLE

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The first requisite of a stable for horses or cows is convenience for the handling and the safety of the animals. The loose stall, not so small that motion is difficult, and large enough that the animal can turn around without discomfit, is the best, but it requires more room than the ordinary stall. Nine by seven feet is large enough for a horse or a cow. The common stall should not be larger than five feet for a horse or four feet for a cow, which gives ample space for comfortable movement, and is safer than if wider. The tie should not be so long that the animal may get a foot over it and be thrown— a serious position for a horse or cow to be in. The stanchion is not a comfortable fastening for a cow; the sliding ring, with a short chain fitted to a stout strap around the neck, and sliding on an upright bar on one side of the stall, or a horizontal one in front of the feeding trough is the safest and most comfortable. The cows are fastened by a snap hook to a ring in the neck strap and to a ring on the bar. During many years' use of this method of fastening in large dairies no accident has happened by cows getting loose. Of course, it is necessary to exercise caution to see that the fastenings are safe before leaving the stable at night.— New York Times. The first requisite of a stable

WHERE TO LOCATE THE POULTRY HOUSE

where to locate the poultry house is the character of the soil. Of two locations—one the best grass run; in the world, but a stiff clay soil, the other a sandbank where a grasshopper would starve—I would select the latter. The want of a grassrun can bovercome, the cold, sticky clay, mudpudding in a wet time, and hard-baked as a brick in dry times, cannot. The main item in the expense account of the poultryman is labor; every step saved in doing the work is to much gained. Yet between two locations, one wet and the other dry, the dry one should be selected, even if it entails many more steps; the losses which would occur from having the house in the wet locatron would a great data. These losses would come from several sources, chiefly in impaired health and consequent unproductiveness of the flock. Many would be sick, necessitating constant care, eggs would be few, chicks hatched would lack vigor, die or make slow growth and up undersized forwit in the stream of the stream of the course we take to desire the saction of the saction of the saction of the saction of sick, necessitating constant care, eggs would be few, chicks hatched would lack vigor, die or make slow growth and under-sized fowls, in fact there would have to be a constant struggle to offset the effect of the wet soil. The sandy soil dries quickly after a rain, snow melts more quickly, it warms quickly in the sun, every shower purifies it by washing all impurities through it. Better have no fowls than to try to keep them on wet or heavy clay land.—New England Homestead.

horses are elements of good worth, however. As the soulptor must have quality in the rough marble to develop his design of beauty, so must the horseman have in the colt, constitution, kindliness and good sense if it is to be trained successfully.

Bad habits need to be corrected. The earlier they are checked the better the chance for full success. Thousands of mature horses in age, but untrained during their growth, are too much addicted to bad habits to ever be safe. Such animals are now conspicuous in the markets at low prices. Buyers desire a driver that is reasonably safe to hitch to a wagon for work, and for a family horse they demand this disposition.

It is only by constant little attentions, care and thought that the ideal driving horse is evolved. First, the younster is shy and afraid of everything it sees. It is at times clumsy and listless, daragging one or more of its feet carelessly and contracting in

younster is shy and alread of every-thing it sees. It is at times clumsy and listless, dragging one or more of its feet carelessly and contracting im-proper carriage, mien and gait. With regular daily training before it is three proper carriage, mien and gait. With regular daily training before it is three years old, but for five minutes often, in the hands of a skilled man, the faults are eliminated and a vast lot of good practices are inculcated, so that, as a horse, the growing creature is rounded into a willing, obedient and ever ready servant, a beast almost human in knowledge and fully so in kindly actions and intentions.

In many a humble stable may be found such prizes, and they are often treasured as being above a price. The owner at times would not part with the family horse as he would not let go one of his children. The vicious and dull horse is forced on the market so much that the really desirable horse must suffer from suspicion that he is not all that is to be desired.

It is an outrage that a well-bred, highly-trained, sensitive, loving animal should be sacrified by his owner at the price offered for indifferent horse flesh. It is criminal when one sells an ill-dispositioned or weak animal for a great price. When there is an awakening of conscious among both sellers and buyers better things will result.

Farmers will not for many years

result.
Farmers will not for many years grow good horses at a financial loss. Those who work and drive them will not long continue to be deceived. There is a range of values from \$5 to 500 for a work horse. The higher prices will be realized in a few years by the few who breed, feed and train aright. These three factors are essential always.—Farm, Field and Fireside.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Spring lambs and mutton sheep will make sheep breeding a permanent in-

Have a purpose in feeding, and feed for that purpose. Do not feed merely to keep the hens alive and satisfy their

hunger.

Do not expect many eggs unless the hens are in a bright, healthy condition. Neglect neither food, exercise, cleanliness nor 'protection.

cleanliness nor 'protection.

All the small grains are good for fowls, especially wheat. Wheat is better than corn even, except when forcing the fattening process for market.

A month previous to weaning, the more grain the calves, pigs, lamba and colts have the better. They will not lose so much flesh and worry less.

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If you want to know what your abilities as a poultry keeper are, just look at the egg basket and then count your hens. That tells the story every time. Better buy thoroughbred eggs or fowls than try to grade up the common stock, because it saves time, and going up hill is not always successful work. Get the best.

It is a great loss to feed dry cows through the winter on hay and grain merely to carry them through the soas on for the sake of making \$25 or \$30 a head during the summer.

When the porker is fat enough, sell

seably and wormy and rough.

As old geese are better layers and mothers than young ones, and young geese are always in demand in the market, a poultryman finds it pays to keep the old ones, as they are prolific for twenty years.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

No bird of prey has the gift of song. It is estimated that the crow will destroy 700,000 insects every year. Astronomers claim that there are over 7,500,000 comets in the solar sys-

tem alone.

South American agriculturists are experimenting with an electric drying machine for wheat.

Mosquitoes inject a poison into the wounds they inflict in order to make the blood thin enough to flow through their throats.

It is said that the flesh on the forcurriers of the heaver resembles that

quarters of the beaver resembles that of land animals, while that on the hindquarters has a fishy taste. A new garbage crematory has just been successfully tested in Chicago in the presence of some New York ex-perts and the Mayor of Chicago.

Cast iron blocks are being tried in some of the most frequented streets of Paris, instead of the granite blocks usually placed alongside tramway rails.

Voluntary muscles are almost always red; involuntary muscles are generally white, the most notable ex-ception in the latter case being the

heart.

Professor Weinek, of the Imperial
Observatory at Prague, devoted 225
hours to his drawing of the lunar
crater Copernicus. It is from a negative made at the Lick Observatory,
California.

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Hiram Maxim, the flying machine man, says he will not consider his invention complete until he can have it under perfect control at a point so high that it can neither be seen nor heard by gunners underneath.

Cellar moulds on apples—often unnoticeable—consists of more or less poisonous fungi. Physicians say they have traced cases of diphtheria to the eating of it. All fruits and vegetables should be carefully cleaned, or peeled, at least, if to be eaten raw.

Flammarion, the French astronomer, remarks that our planet, if it were as near to the sun as it is to the moon, would melt like wax under the heat from the solar surface, which is composed of "a stratum of luminous dust that floats upon an ocean of very dense gas."

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A butterfly, which was found in a dormant state under a rock in the mountains of California, and which is believed to have lived thousands of years, or since the close of one of the later geographical periods, is now in the Smithsonian Institution. When found it was believed to be the only living representative of its species in existence.

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It has been decided to use petroleum as locomotive fuel on the Baltic Railroad, which is significant, because this line is almost the most distant of any in Russia from the oil wells. Great reservoirs are to be built in St. Petersburg and Reval and three other stations, which will hold in the aggregate about 5,000,000 gallons.

Dr. Foehner, of Berlin, has examined some 70,000 sick domestic animals in the past seven years, and of this number only 281 suffered from tuberculosis. The parrots were relatively the most frequently affected, twenty-five per cent. of those coming under his care being tuberculous. Of the cats, only one per cent. showed symptoms of the disease.

A Horse's Sense of Locality.

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About the year 1856, says the Lowiston Journal, a little colt was born on a farm in Aroostook Courty, in the State of Maine, a colt that was soon sold away from the place, to come shortly after into the possession of a physician in the town of Houlton, who at the opening of the Civil War went "to the front," taking with him for cavalry service the colt, that had now reached maturity. Through all the viciasitudes of a five years' campaign this horse followed the fortunes of his master, being wrecked on the Red River expedition and suffering various other disasters, to return at the close of the war to the State of Maine, across which he carried his master horseback until the town of Houlton was again reached.

On the journey through Aroostook County the road traversed lay past the farm where some ten years before this horse was born. Neither his life between the shafts of a doctor's gig nor five years of war campaigning had caused him to lose his bearings, and when he reached the lane that led up to the old farm house he turned up to the house as confidently as though he had been driven away from it but a half hour before.

Disintecting a Room.

A writer in the Medical Magazine who has witnessed the Berlin method of disinfecting a room describes the cleansing of an apartment in which a child had died of diphtheria: "Four men were engaged. After everything that could be subjected to steam witnessed of the country of t would be few, chicks hatched would lack vigor, die or make slow growth and under-sized fowls, in fact there would have to be a constant struggle to offset the effect of the wet soil. The sandy soil dries quickly after a rain, snow melts more quickly, it warms quickly in the sun, every shower purifies it by washing all impurities through it. Better have no fowls than to try to keep them on wet or heavy clay land.—New England Homestead.

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