Foundation For a Romance.

About the time John Bull was getting hisfinal lesson from Uncle Sam, in 1812, a letter was written by a repentant Pennsylvania father to the discarded son, who never received it. The romance-freighted document has just been discovered at Lenni, Delaware County, Miss. Catherine Mahon, daughter of an old resident of that town, was looking over some old family papers and came across a package of letters that had belonged to her grandmother. Among the collection was a sealed envelope, yellow with age, which bore the superscription: "For my son, Hiram, should he ever return." This was signed "Thaddeus Mahon." Miss Mahon showed the letter to her father, who remembered having heard his father speak of a brother who had left home suddenly and had never returned. It was deedded to break the big red seal with which the envelope was fastened, and within it was found the following pathetic letter, addressed to "My son Hiram," and dated July 13, 1812:

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13, 1812:

"Since you have left I see my mistake. I pray that you may come back in time to forgive me. Thank God your mother is not living to know that I cast her son off. Willingly would I give my consent to your marriage with Nell, for I now see that she is a good woman. Forgive your father, who has broken his heart through his headstrong ways. God bless you."

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but there was nothing to throw any light on the old-time romance that end-ed so unhapplly. No one in Lenni knows "Nell" was or what became of her and it can only be conjectured that her lover went to the war under an as-sumed name and was killed in one of the naval engagements from which this country won glory and money from En-

It is entirely superfluous to tell peo-ple that you are getting old; you show it.

Playin' Possum. "Playin possum" comes from the fact that the possum will feign sleep or death when pushed into sudden danger of being cap-tured. But pains and aches never play that

The \$100,000 passenger station that the Baltimore & Ohio Hailread company is erecting in Baltimore, to take the place of the old Camden station, is being rapidly pushed to completion. The train shed will be ready for use, probably, by the first of May, and the rest of the structure will be thrown open to the public

about June 1st.

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THIN BLOOD, WHITE COMPLEXION

Doctor: Diagnosed the Case as Heart
Disease and Consemption—But the
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From Presbylerian Journal, Philad'a Pa.
After years of patient and intense sufering, Miss Gertrude Gilbert has recovered
her lost heaith, and is to-day a rosy and
blooming speelmen of young womanhood.
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A Trick that Failed.

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In a hotel in Berlin there was a night watchman who did not take kindly to the system adopted a few years ago, requiring him to go through the hotel at certain hours and touch a set of electric buttons.

After much thought he rigged up an automatic arrangement on several of the buttons, so that they would report at certain hours. Soon the button system got so out of order that the management abolished it, and a pedometer was given to the watchman, which would register every step he took.

All went well the first two night; but on the third morning the old man was missing, on search being made, he was found sound asleep in the engin-roop, and the pedometer so attached to the piston-rod of the engine that with every stroke it registered a step. It had been traveling all night, and when taken off it registered two hundred and twelve miles.

The Comment,
"I was telling Miss Cayenne about an
accident with which I recently net," remarked Willie Wishington, with a meiancholy look in his eye.
"Indeed?"

"Indeed?"
"Yes. I was getting off an electric car. Didn't realize how fast it was going and landed on my hands instead of my feet,"
"What did Miss Cayenne say about it?"

"Not much, She merely remarked that I had at last succeeded in being original."—Washington Star.





When buying clover seed it is always best to use a microscope to detect weed seeds that of late years have beweed seeds that of late years have become very plentiful in clover. No one of these weeds is worse than the plantain, or sheep's tongue, as it used to be called from its long, narrow leaves. It has innumerable small, black seed, much smaller than clover seed. When land is once seeded with the plantain it is almost impossible to get rid of it, as the seeds remain in the round for years, only germinating — a the plow brings successive stra's of seed filled soil to the surface. Both sneep and cattle will eat plantain, though it is less nutritions and palatable than ether grasses, and of course much inferior to clover.

Feather eating Fowls.

Feather eating is a vice rather than a disease. Like all bad things, it contaminates all within its reach, so when a fowl is noticed doing the unclean thing, the surest way to stop the ill effects of this bad example is to use the hatchet and put the offender in the pot.

If a valuable bird it may be broken of the habit by the use of a bridle which can be bought for a few cents. A remedy recommended by some is this: Make an ointment of sulphur, kerosene, lard and carbolic aeid. Anoint that part of the plumage that is being pulled out, and the offender, not relishing this "sauce," may soon stop its oflence.

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One poultryman fed his stock feathers and they soon got disgusted with such fare and behaved themselves.

It is very seldom a busy flock has any feather eaters in it, especially if they are furnished fresh meat or green hone.

bone.

It is idleness that begets the evil.

Keep the flock scratching, hustling.—
Farm, Field and Fireside.

How far apart should apple trees be planted? The small, thin, whiplike trees with a few roots attached look planted? The small, thin, whiplike trees with a few roots attached look very lonesome when set at the proper distance apart. It requires strong imagination and some faith to see these in the future, spreading fifteen to eighteen feet on either side, and with branches that interlook each other. Yet they will surely do it if not placed forty feet apart. And on good ground that, for the spreading varieties, like Greening and Baldwin, is none too near. The Northern Spy apple grows more upright, and that may be planted thirty feet apart, partly to crowd the roots and induce earlier bearing. But even with the Northern Spy we should prefer to have the trees planted forty feet apart, and then plant in between the rows peach trees or dwarf pear trees to produce a crop until the apple trees come into bearing. No kind of apple so much needs sunlight as does the Northern Spy. But this can be best secured by pruning out the inside branches of the tree and letting sunlight to the centre. The Northern Spy apples that grow on these inside branches are small, colorless and poor in flavor. The fruit at best needs a long season to ripen, and should have all the sunlight that can be given it.—Boston Cultivator.

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Moisture favors its germination and development. The younger and newer spores germinate quicker than older

spores germinate quests.

Some very remarkable results of these experiments with smut were that it was almost impossible to spread the smut artificially, and the weakliest, puniest stalks were least liable to be attacked by it. Very few of the corn plants upon which the smut spores were sprinkled were attacked, and no stunted, weak stalks were found anywhere, attacked by smut.

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It was noticed that smut was most

abundant in dry seasons.

It was found that soaking seed corn in fungileides does no good though such treatment prevents smut in wheat

and oats.

The only recommended remedy is to collect and burn the smutted plants.

A sorghum head smut was also found, which attacked corn as well, and is doing some damage.—Wiscensin Agriculturist.

THE BEST POULTRY-HOUSE FLOOR

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The subject of floors for pountry-houses has been discussed more than almost any other point about poultry buildings. The best authorities are now nearly agreed that earth is the best floor that can be made if it is properly prepared. The reason for this is that earth is in the first place a good disinfectant and deodorizer, and for this reason adapted to this nurfor this reason adapted to this pur

this is that earth is in the first place a good disinfectant and deodorizer, and for this reason adapted to this purpose, and in the second place, such a floor can be renewed at only the cost of the labor used in replacing it. The best floor is made of hard-packed clay, covered with two inches of loose garden mould.

The land on which the poultry-house stands should be drained in such manner as to carry off surplus moisture readily and prevent flooling by the hardest rains. This can best be accomplished by filling in until the floor of the poultry-house is six inches higher than the surrounding surface. The filling should be clay, if it can be got, and in any event it should be slightly damped and pounded down firmly and allowed to dry before being put to use. Then cover with two inches of garden soil or dust as dry as is convenient. As soon as there is any fond odor about the house this coat of loose soil should be removed and an ewo one put in. In the summer months this must be done about twice a month, but in the winter a longer time may elapse, provided the soil is raked over and the droppings mixed in once a week. The soil that is taken out is one of the best fertilizers about the farm and tany be used on garden crops with great benefit.

The objection to a board floor is that it becomes saturated with the droppings, and not only offensive, but daugerous as as breeder of disease. A board floor is a good breeding place for vermin, while one on earth acts as a preventive in a great measure, the dust arising from the floor acting as an insecticide.—Farmer's Voice.

. HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

RHUBARB DESSER

Make a rich syrup by adding sugar to water in which long strips of orange peel have been boiled until tender, lay into it a single layer of pieces of rhubarb three inches long and stew gently until clear. When done, remove and cook another layer. This makes a handsome dessert dish by ornamenting with puff paste cut in fancy shapes.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SALAD.

Not every one knows that chrysanthemums may be converted into a very dainty dish. Chopped very fine and served with pure, fresh cream, the gorgeous Japanese blossom is said to make a most delicious salad. It tastes a little like cauliflower, but is more delicate. The people in some of the provinces of France make an extremely palatable salad of the white and pink clover blossoms, and every one knows that nasturfaim blooms taste very much like watercress. The nabobs of India esteem the blooms of the casia tree as an especially dainty cassia tree as an especially dainty tood. They have a sweet, spicy flavor.

—New York Tribune.

Mrs. Lemeke's formula for a tempting apple dessert is one dozen Spitzenberg apples pared and cored whole; ting apple dessert is one dozen Spitzenberg apples pared and cored whole; these are put in a wide saucepan with sufficient water to cover them, the water being brought to the boil before the apples are added. Cook the apples till a straw will easily pierce them, then carefully take out and arrange in a large glass dish joil the liquor down till it is reduced to a quart, add one up of sugar and one onnee of gelatine soaked for fitteen minutes in a little cold water; boil the syrup with these for a few in intes, then set aside to cool slightly before pouring it over the apples, and putting the dish on ice to get firm. Serve with whipped cream. Almonds blanched and finely chopped, or grated cocoant sprinkled over the jelly, improve both taste and appearance of this dish. Peaches, pears, and queinces may be prepared in the same way, the two latter needing somewhat leager cooking.—New York Post.

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Take one pound of light brown sugar. The genuine rich brown sugar, which is the unrefined product of the cane, san no longer be found for sale in the market, though a small quantity of this sugar is still prepared on some Southern plantations, and occasionally a little is forwarded to Northern customers or to friends. This sugar makes the most delicious "pralines." The light sugar of our market, however, is a fairly good substitute for it. Add two-thirds of a cupful of boiling water and two even tablespoonfuls of sweet, saltless butter to a pound of the sugar. Stir it until it melts. Add a mere pinch of cream of tartar, and let the syrup boil without stirring again until a drop of it will make a soft ball when rolled between the fingers.

Wet the fingers in ice water before testing the syrup. When the drop is still soft, but does not stick, the candy is ready. If it is, hard, so that the drop cracks when bitten, it has boiled too long, and in that case add a tablespoonful of water and let the syrup boil an instant. Do not stir it, however, but merely test it again. When it has reached the "ball" or soft, creamy condition. remove it from the fire and pour in a cup of nice pecan kernals. Pour the candy out into very thin sheets on buttered tins, and when it is partly cooled crease it with a knile into candles about two unches square. Break the sheet into separate candies when it is cold.

Another way is to take out the candy by the teaspoonful as soon as the syrup has cooled for about two minutes. Allow each spoonful room to spread on the buttered tin sheet on which it is dropped.—New York Tribune.

BUSHELDL MINTS.

A man in a balloon four mi'es above the arth can plainly hear the barking of a dog.

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## SILENT SUFFERERS.

Women do not Like to Tell a Doctor the Details of Their Private Ills.

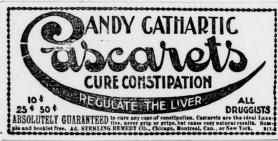
Private Ills.

The reason why so many women suffer in silence from the multiple disorders connected with their sexual system is that they cannot bear to broach the subject to a man, even if he is a physician.

No one can blame a modest, sensitive woman for this reticence. It, is unnecessary in these times, however, for a woman makes to all afflicted women a most generous offer. Mrs. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., bids every woman who suffers to write to her and confide very symptom that annoys her, and she will give her advice without charge, and that advice is based upon the greatest experience ever possessed by man or woman in this country, and extends over a period of twenty-three years, and thousands upon thousands ofcases. Why suffer in silence any longer, The case of Mrs. Colony, whose letter to Mrs. Pinkham we publish, is an illustration of the good to be received from Mrs. Pinkham's advice is here is a woman who was sick for years and could get no relief—at last in despair she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham—received in return a prompt, sympathetic and interested reply. Note the result and go and do likewise.

"I was troubled with such an aching in my back and hips, and I felt so tired all the time, and had fer four years. For the last year it was all I could do to drug around. I would have such a ringing in my head by spells that it seemed as though I would grow eray. I ached from my shoulders to my feet and was very nervous. I was also troubled with a white discharge. I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mara, received a prompt reply and followed her advice, and now I have no backache and begin to feel as one ought; in fact, I never felt better in ten years than I do now. I thank God that I went doetoring with Mrs. Pinkham when I did, for if I had not I know I would have been in my grave."

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