

The harem skirt ought to fool the mouse some.

The farmer, unlike the consumer, goes to seed in the spring.

Soon again the housefly will engage attention as an enemy to mankind.

Missouri has the corn cob pipe record. This, however, is not regarded as a sporting event.

And the industrious cow has taken her place in the hall of fame beside the industrious hen.

According to an English professor, the human race is 170,000 years old. It hasn't much sense for its age.

Now Wellesley proposes to raise cats for laboratory purposes, why not utilize them for the glee club, also?

The witchcraft of 200 years ago is now called malignant animal magnetism, and it is the same old article.

Twenty-five million persons smoked Missouri corn cob pipes last year, and half of them borrowed the tobacco.

Along with taxing bachelors why not give away a marriage license do luxe and a first payment on a parlor set.

At the same time we are forced to admire the bravery of those young women who walk abroad in harem skirts.

"Love is love," opines an expert on heartology, name unknown. Likewise pigs is pigs and prunes is prunes.

We see by the papers that France is facing a crisis. It strikes us that facing crisis is a chronic disease in France.

We are told that Russia has hurled another ultimatum at China. If the czar keeps on he won't have any ultimatums left.

Wagner in English is promised for next season. We can't understand why. The words are always unintelligible, anyhow.

Three New Jersey "sportsmen" who went out for fox hunting are on trial for killing deer. Possibly New Jersey rabbits wear horns.

The Los Angeles man who was sent to jail for 30 days for smiling at a strange woman evidently does not see the point of the joke.

Automobiles to the number of 400,000 are flitting here and there in this country, but all their flitting does not reduce the cost of mules.

The average life of a statesman is said to be 71 years. This doesn't necessarily conflict with the old theory that the good die young.

Those Chicago crooks who stole a 600 pound safe in the dead of night evidently missed their calling. They should have been piano movers.

The Marquis of Landsdowne's Rembrandt, valued at \$500,000, may go to the National gallery and then again it may be brought to America.

An Illinois husband has offered a reward of \$25 for the return of his missing wife. "That's all she is worth," he says. That is love.

A Chicago professor says that lack of money is the bane of wedlock. In the matter of feeling this lack as a bane, wedlock has plenty of company.

Nearly 2,000,000 brook trout fry are ready for planting in Wisconsin's streams. They will probably develop into 2,000,000 fish stories later in the year.

Australians have perfected the milking machine so that it milks a hundred cows in two hours. But the milkmaid will continue to live in poetry.

The Boston young woman who worked eight years on her trousseau must have had unusual, though not well founded, faith in the stability of the styles.

A Montreal doctor recently contributed a pint of his own blood to save the life of a patient. Some doctors seem to be actuated by a sincere desire to cure.

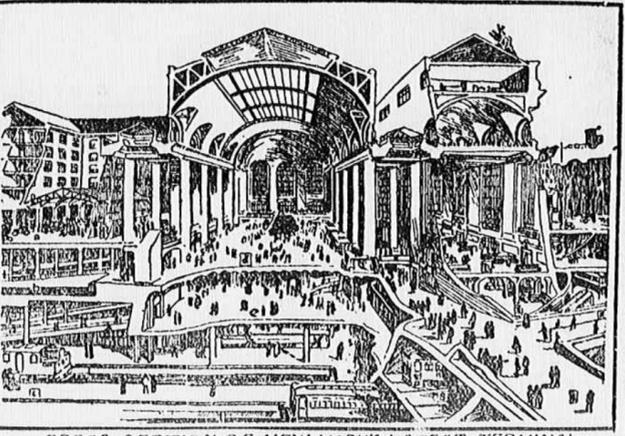
The autoerats of fashion may succeed in making women wear the ugly Turkish "harem" dress, but no autoerats now living will ever succeed in shutting women up.

"I know not where I am," cried a poetess in one of the magazines. English critics of American literature will wonder why she did not say: "I know not where I am at."

An English paper announces that Americans lack the sense of humor. This sounds like the argument of the man who satisfies himself by exclaiming: "You're another."

A Canadian highbrow tells us that the temperature seven and a half miles above the earth is 90 degrees below zero. Let this be a warning to builders of skyscrapers.

GOTHAM'S GIGANTIC BUILDING PLAN



CROSS SECTION OF NEW YORK'S LATEST TERMINAL.

IN MID-NEW YORK they are working out a many sided problem in destructive and constructive engineering as gigantic in these days of big achievements as was the laying of the blocks of the Pyramids on the sands of Egypt.

Proud monuments of the older New York, which for years were pointed out as show places, are being blotted out that greater wonders in architecture may rise from new made beds deep dug in the city's rocky back. In time they count three years or more too little to carry the work through; in money it will be millions—\$300,000,000 for one local improvement!

This change is being wrought between Forty-second and Fiftieth streets and Lexington and Madison avenue. It is a railroad terminal problem primarily, but nowadays a railroad station is not simply a place where one buys tickets and takes the cars—it is a center, a heart of municipal pulsations and within its zone there must be everything suggested by the center, after the manner of the side shows around the flapping canvas on the circus grounds.

The Grand Central station lost its grandeur and it had to come down. Likewise the entire terminal scheme became pathetically out of date; also the \$3,000,000 accommodation and the \$:04 suburban and the \$:05 express were forever engaged in a who's who controversy on the question of right of way. And there were other annoyances, too. So the problem became one of jumping from a quarter of a century behind the times to a quarter of a century in advance of things as they are. It is being worked out—at a cost in excess of the entire cost of the original railroad which made the first Grand Central possible.

Just now it is a digging problem. A channel is being dug in the rock from Forty-second street north to Fiftieth street as deep and as wide as the Panama canal cut, and over its lower end there will arch a terminal building of such grand proportions as to make the old structure appear insignificant. This will be the keystone of the general improvement. On each side of this building will rise two others, each larger than the old station in its entirety. They will conform to the general scheme of architecture. These buildings, with the terminals looping beneath them, on different levels, so that the \$:03 and the \$:04 may not get in the danger light of each other's red lanterns, are itemized on the financial sheet at \$180,000,000. Considerable part of the work has already been done and paid for. Brains, arms and machines are carrying forward the work still to be done. A work day begins every morning; another begins at set of sun.

Remarkable as this group of buildings will be, however, they will form but a small part of the great changes that are to be made in connection with them. The Park avenue alterations, considered in connection with the terminal, will complete an improvement more than half a mile long. This new Park avenue, beneath which will be a perfect maze of railroad tracks, forming a part of the great terminal system, will be a broad, beautiful street, brilliantly lighted by electricity and lined on either side by massive stone structures of uniform design in architecture.

One of the new buildings already is in the course of construction. It is the new amphitheater building, which will extend from Forty-sixth street to Forty-eighth street and from Lexington avenue on one side to Park avenue on the other.

This will be one of the most remarkable buildings in the world. In it will be an auditorium greater even than that of Madison Square garden. While the present plans do not provide for the holding of the horse show or a circus in the new building, but little change would have to be made in its interior arrangement to make it suitable for such purposes.

The one other great structure that is practically assured at the present time is the new opera house which it is planned to erect in the block between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets and between Madison avenue and Park avenue. It is expected that the new building will take the place of the present Metropolitan opera house.

These two buildings, however, are only the leaders in the building that will be done along Park avenue. Both sides of the avenue as far as Fiftieth street are owned by the New York

Central railroad, the officials of which have already decided that in every lease for building rights on the avenue there will be restrictions governing the character and style of the building.

The cost of changing Park avenue below the new terminal will be enormous, for it is no small task the engineers in charge have outlined for themselves. In the first place, if their plans are approved, Vanderbilt avenue will be moved eastward a distance of 25 feet, and the upper roadway that is to be erected along the side of the terminal building will be as wide as the ordinary street. This will be the first time in the history of engineering that a city street is literally hung on the side of a building.

The expenditure of this enormous sum of money and the outlay of years of time in labor are part of a plan of the interests in control of the New York Central system to make the new terminal building the center of the greatest hotel district in the world.

Just when the entire work will be completed is problematical. It is expected that 1912 will see the opening of the new terminal as well as the completion of the new auditorium and possibly the new opera house.

DETECTIVE'S CLEVER SCHEME

Method Used to Break Into Counterfeiters' Workshop in the Monroe-Head Case.

In McClure's Magazine Detective Burns tells the following story of the ingenious methods he used to break into the counterfeiters' workshop, in the famous Monroe-Head counterfeit case:

"The counterfeiters had a young boy in their employ who flagged customers in the front office and who swept out and cleaned up the office in the morning. I thought of a plan. I went to a customer's and rented a velvet masquerade suit that'd about fit the boy.

"Next a secret service man accosted the boy about five blocks from Taylor and Brede's place. "'Want to make a half-dollar, son?' 'Yes,' said the boy. "'Then take this bundle up to Guy's hotel and give it to Mr. Matthews.'"

"The boy did so, not knowing that Mr. Matthews was also Mr. Burns. "'What do you do tonight, son?' I asked.

"'Nothing,' he replied, and I asked him how'd he like to be a 'super' at the Walnut Street theater. I then invited him up to see the manager, another secret service operative, and told the boy to try on the clothes. "'The boy was taken into another room, where he put on the clothes and was then taken to see the manager. While he was gone I extracted his keys from his pocket. With them I whirled away in a carriage, which had been waiting, to the Yale Lock company, about six blocks away, handed the proper key to the man in charge and asked for a duplicate, which was promptly given, whirled back and returned the boy's keys to his pocket without his knowing.'"

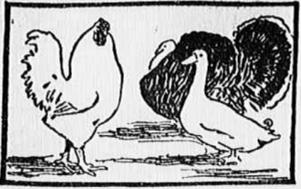
German Actor Honored.

Friedrich Haase, the German actor who died recently, was the proud possessor of the Illand ring, which, by the will of that famous actor, was to be "worn by the most worthy." When August Wilhelm Illand died the ring, made of iron and thickly set with diamonds, was given to Ludwig Devrient, from whom it descended to Emil Devrient. The next "most worthy" was Theodor Doring, after whose death it came into the possession of Friedrich Haase. At various times since his retirement from the stage Haase had named Mitterwurzer, Matkowski and Josef Kainz as worthy of the Illand ring, but they all left the "stage of life" before Haase, who, after consultation with his friends, concluded to name Albert Bassermann as the ring heir, and he now wears it.

Origin of Horrid Styles.

A Chicago physician, a woman, has found a new reason for the prevailing atrocities in feminine wear, such as big hats and high heels. It is, she says, because women haven't time to think about clothes and allow shoe makers, dressmakers and milliners to do their thinking for them. That's it exactly. They talk so much about these things that they have no time to think about them.

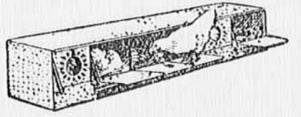
POULTRY



EXCELLENT NESTS FOR HENS

Those Made of Metal Have Much to Commend Them on Ground of Cleanliness and Sanitation.

The use of metal and concrete in the construction of all kinds of buildings is gaining rapidly in popularity. We see it not only in our houses, but in the modern dairy barns and poultry plants. This is brought about on grounds of economy and efficiency; metal is stronger, wears longer, occupies less space, is immune to fire and inimical to insect life and disease. For the latter reason its use appeals strongly to the poultry breeder. Metal perches, nests, and even houses have much to commend them on grounds of cleanliness and good sanitation. Especially is this true of metal nests, a row of which is shown in the illustration. Of all contrivances the wooden box has proved itself the home of lice and mites; its crevices and cracks are the delight of these pestiferous enemies of fowl life. To be sure the nesting material can be changed and burned, the box sprayed or fumigated, but in spite of all precaution a few stray specimens will escape in some crack or crevice in the wood. With the metal nest



Combination Metal Nests.

this is certainly not possible. The only chance of infection is from the bird itself to the nesting material, which is of minor consequence, unless a lousy hen happens to precede a clean one in occupying the nest.

Metal nests come in several patterns. One style is for hanging on the wall, from which it can be easily removed and cleaned. Others are made in combination as shown in the illustration, also in singles and in pairs and trios. For shipping they are knocked down; their construction is such that no rivets or solder is required to set them up ready for use. Galvanized iron coops have long been a feature of eastern and European shows, and we can see no reason why metal houses will not prove equally desirable. Where tried, breeders claim them a success.

HELP IN POULTRY CHOLERA

Important Experiments With Serum Depend Upon Live Material—Specimens Arrive Dead.

Can poultry cholera be prevented by injecting serum into the diseased fowls? The serum method of treatment prevents cholera in hogs, and if the case is in its first stages, will cure it. But will serum work equally well in combating the disease when contracted by fowls? This is what F. S. Jacoby, of the poultry department, and W. K. Stouder, of the veterinary department of the Kansas State Agricultural college, are eager to know. Of course they will use a different kind of serum, suited to the differences between cholera in hogs and in poultry.

Inability to get diseased fowls to operate upon is retarding the progress of experiments now being conducted to investigate this question. Mr. Jacoby and Doctor Stouder wish to communicate with owners of flocks where the disease has started. The only fowls received up to the present died in transit. Few fowls live more than three days after contracting the disease. If they are not started to the college in the early stages of the disease they are likely to arrive in a worthless condition for the experiment.

Grow Laying Hens.

If you want hens that will lay, now is the time to begin to grow them. Secure eggs of some of the standard laying breeds and raise some chicks as early as possible this spring. Next fall they will be ready for business. Do not expect heavy laying from non-laying breeds.

Don't Crowd Chicks.

Too many chicks in one yard, coop or brooder is disastrous. Older chicks will trample on and crowd out younger ones, and the ones last hatched stand small show for feed growth, or even life. It is best to separate broods widely all over the orchard.

Watch Guinea's Nest.

Guinea fowls will now be laying, and a watch must be kept on their nests, as it is their nature to hide them. The eggs had better be hatched by hens.

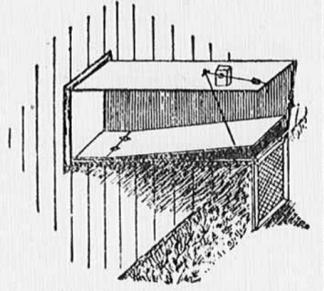
Give Turkey Hen Large Coop.

Give the turkey hen and her brood a coop large enough for the mother to move about and stand erect in, and you won't be so apt to have bad luck.

CAN TURN THEMSELVES OUT

Automatic Door Invented for Releasing Flock Where Poultrymen Forgets it on Warm Day.

The accompanying drawing will need but little explanation to active and up-to-date poultrymen. It is needless to say "the early bird catches the worm." We know that when the fowls are confined any considerable length of time beyond the time of regular releasing they become much worried, which unfits them for best results, writes J. W. Griffin in the Farmers' Review. A frightened or worried hen soon loses interest in egg production and it requires considerable time and great care to get



Working Automatic Door.

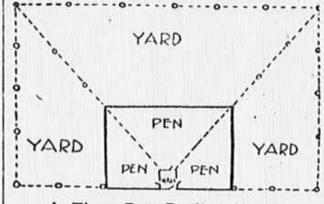
her in proper shape again. Now for fear that you forget to turn the flock from their roosting quarters some warm day, make one of these automatic release doors.

This arrangement is attached to the outside of the building ordinarily where the small drop door is located. This release door should be covered with half-inch mesh wire netting. This will show the hens the light, and they will be induced to reach it. In so doing they will walk over the false bottom, the one to which the trigger wire is attached and her weight will raise the hook that keeps the door in place, the door will swing open and all the flock will be released.

THREE-PEN POULTRY HOUSE

Arrangement Shown in Illustration Gives Large Amount of Yard Space for Chickens.

The illustration shows a very useful poultry house for three pens of fowls, with yards arranged for the same number. The house is 30x30 feet and will accommodate 100 fowls. The hallway takes but little room out of the interior and yet it communicates with all three pens. The inside divisions are of wire netting, allowing the sunshine that enters at one side of the house to fall into the pens; but the house should be so located that three sides may receive morning



A Three-Pen Poultry House.

ing, noon and afternoon sun. The plan is followed, according to Orange Judd Farmer, for dividing the yard outside as for dividing the space inside the house. This gives a large amount of yard space, with yards conveniently located. This building is shingled all over the outside, with the heaviest building paper under the shingles, and may either be sheathed or lathed and plastered inside.

POULTRY QUOTES

The flock of pure-bred fowls more than pays the expenses incurred in the orchard.

Now is as good a time as you can select to give the henhouse a thorough cleaning and disinfection.

Ducks are nervous creatures and will often lose much flesh on account of their nervousness at night.

Keep sharp gravel within reach of the young at all times. Charcoal, too, is beneficial, and oyster-shells are relished.

Once a week pour enough coal-oil in the drinking water to form a scum over the top. It is a good roup preventive.

A carefully made, roomy nest of hay with a sod or grass bottom forms, in my estimation, the best kind of nest for sitting.

The open range is best for young turkeys, but they must not be allowed out during a shower or before the grass is dry.

If an abundance of good sharp grit is constantly on hand the many ailments that spring from indigestion can be prevented.

Never allow a draft to blow over young turkeys; cover their windows with poultry netting, then muslin, until very severe weather sets in.

Hard-boiled eggs, stale bread soaked in sweet milk and squeezed until it is crumbly, and sour milk curds squeezed quite dry, are the recognized feeds for the young until they are old enough to eat wheat.

In an experimental way eggs have been hatched in bee hives by a New Jersey farmer, who found that the interior of the hives was just the right temperature.

TOSSED BY WIND, GIRL MEETS DEATH

DRAWN INTO VORTEX OF WHIRLWIND AND THEN DASHED TO GROUND.

London.—The extraordinary death of Mary Bailey, a 16-year-old school-girl, in a school play ground at Bradford, during a recent gale was the subject of a coroner's inquest.

To combat a theory of suicide which had been suggested, it was proved that the girl had not been to the top story of the school and that she was in a very cheerful frame of mind.

George Parsons, a commercial traveler, said he was near the school when he saw the girl in the air with her skirt blown out like a balloon. She was 25 or 30 feet high and she fell with a crash. She was on a level with the



Tossed by Wind.

school balcony, but she had not come from there. The wind was the worst he had known for 15 years.

The mother of the girl said her daughter wore a skirt to just below the knees.

Her injuries, a doctor stated, were concussion of the brain, fracture of the right arm, wrist, thigh and jaw.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, the result of a fall caused by a sudden gust of wind.

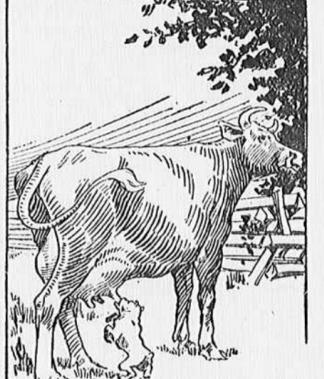
So severe was the gale in the channel that the Folkestone-Boulogne steamboat service was diverted to Dover and Calais.

While three horses with a farmer's wagon were passing through Great Hallingsbury, Essex, a large elm tree was blown down and fell across the vehicle. The driver, a man named Sapsford, sustained a broken leg and the two shaft horses were felled to the ground and injured.

BULL PUP LIKES FRESH MILK

Dog Supplies His Own Daily Rations by Milking the Cow Himself.

Underwood, Wash.—A farmer living near here had a bull puppy shipped out from Boston. The puppy's principal diet had been milk served from the bottle. During the first day on the farm the puppy was intensely interested in the operation of milking the cows, and for several days never failed to watch his master closely during the milking time, morning and evening. When one of the cows be-



Likes Fresh Milk.

gan to fall in her usual supply of milk, investigation disclosed the fact that the puppy was supplying his own rations three or four times a day by milking the cow himself.

Servants to Be Auctioned.

Salem, Ore.—Two servant girls from Wisconsin will meet with a warm reception when they reach Salem.

They will be auctioned to the highest bidder, so many applications having been made for their services to A. F. Hoffer, manager of the Salem board of trade, who announced that the two girls were coming to Salem looking for positions.

Matrons of the capital city began to swamp Mr. Hoffer with applications, until 40 families had spoken for the services of the two girls.

Then the auctioning scheme was hit upon. If the girls agree they will be disposed of in the block and the premiums obtained for their services by this method will be paid to themselves.