

Swat the fly!

If all dreams came true, people would soon quit eating mince pie.

The modern man who takes up his bed and walks is the mattress salesman.

Holland produces 142,000 pounds of butter a year. Enough to butter both sides of her bread.

If the drinking cup is to go, some economist of pocket space might combine a straw with a fountain pen.

"Imbecile insanity" is the newest. We may yet hear of "insane lunacy" if the experts run out of adjectives.

Shoe manufacturers announce that the feet of American women are growing larger. The ungallant wretches!

The story persists that the monorail system of transportation is to go to Alaska and grow up with the country.

The Chicago youth who eloped with a girl and seven trunks would make a huge success in the express business.

The Oklahoma woman who has 13 sons, all under 5 years of age, is not suffering from the lack of something to do.

There seems to be a remarkable international unanimity of opinion about the bare skirt. It has been mobbed in Brazil.

Some of New York's fashionable women are carrying canes. Must be inconvenient when they are pushing baby buggies.

Further evidence that China is about to wake up. A Chicago mail order house has shipped 10,000 alarm clocks to Peking.

A \$30,000,000 bread trust is being organized in New York, and we presume that its motto will be: "Half a loaf is better than one."

Some of these decrepit old baseball veterans who have attained the advanced age of 33 or 34 years might land a job selling tickets.

A St. Paul man has discovered that he is heir to a French throne. Our advice to him, however, is to hang onto the job he now has.

A Lowell, Mass., cow gave seven tons of milk in one year. The world would be drowned in milk if everybody kept that kind of a cow.

When drinking cups have been frowned upon by law in New York. The manufacturer of the uncommon kind has perked up considerably.

A Boston savant announces that he can photograph thought. Now we'll know what a perfect lady really thinks when she runs for a street car and just misses it.

Poultry raising is to be taught at Rutgers college. Somebody there must have an idea that there are people who do not think they know all about raising chickens.

A Baltimore bard is trying to organize a poet's union, but the scheme is likely to fall owing to the fact that all the applicants for membership wish to be walking delegates.

Four goats, inoculated with a bilious disease germ, have wandered astray in New York. However, this is not the first instance in which modern scientists have lost their goats.

A woman in a New York town owes her safety to the fact that she wore a harem skirt and the trouser part gave her freedom to run for her life. So here is one good point registered for the persecuted apparel.

A woman in Spokane has been graduated from a school of stenography at the age of seventy and expects to take up active work. When the spirit is so young there are no limits to activity which age can impose.

A woman in Pennsylvania buried the wrong man in mistake for her husband, but, when the latter turned up alive and well, stuck to the dead man. She wisely declined to have a live issue made of her mistake.

A New Jersey magistrate has a rabbit's foot on whose powers he sets great store. To be consistent, he ought to hold his court at midnight in a graveyard and so have all the proper influences in the caste at work.

A Harvard professor tells us that we can live on ten cents' worth of food a day, but it is evident that he has overlooked the fact that lobster costs 80 cents a pound. Possibly he expects us to take a look at the outside of a lobster can for dessert.

A man in St. Louis signed a contract with his wife by which he agreed not to kiss or annoy her in any other way. He must have been an excessively agreeable sort of a husband if it was necessary to exact this contract. Evidently, this particular wife did not agree with Shakespeare that kisses are women's wages. Perhaps, though, she disliked them because she got no other.

Success Secret

Every Woman Should Be Her Own Boss

By MOLLY MATTHEWS



THAT woman isn't tired of being bossed around by some one over her in business affairs?

I am not talking about women in general, but the women who are bread winners. To boss or be bossed in private life is something to be settled in friendly compact or by the divorce courts. But there is an increasing army of women toilers who must either work up into a position of independence or settle down to be dumb driven cattle, and then some.

What the business woman needs today is a firm determination to have a little business all her own. Why should she be content to be bossed about year in and year out? There must be some one thing she can learn to do well enough to be a master. If she is now working in a dressmaking shop there is no reason in the world why she should not set up a little shop of her own as soon as she is sure she knows the game thoroughly. The other women had pluck enough to do this.

Why shouldn't she? Fear of failure is the bane of the woman wage earner. She has ability, is faithful and energetic. But she is fearful. And fear spells long hours of toil to build up another's reputation instead of her own. Cast fear to the winds and start out for yourself.

Even though she does not branch out for herself, the woman who is working for a living has it in her power to become a law unto herself. She can do this by making herself competent for the position she is filling. She must become an authority, a living encyclopedia, if necessary, of the subject matter before her. The boss doesn't want to trouble himself over means, if the results are all right. There are no questions asked if the returns foot up all right at night.

Overconfidence is rash in any line of work. Incompetent people often get things badly tangled up because they go ahead when they should follow instructions implicitly. But I would have every woman taste the joys of competency. And competency comes from knowledge and practice. The woman who scrubs floors thoroughly is a treasure today who need never be out of work. The stenographer who can leave gum chewing alone long enough to master pronunciation and the old-fashioned art of spelling correctly will always keep an employer, and the girl who can keep her pompadour in order and still sell goods to the patient woman in waiting will not have to be chasing up employment agencies.

Just be competent. That is the secret of success in business. No one can complain if you have done your work well. No one can nag you if your tasks are done on time. No one can browbeat you if you look your work squarely in the face and do it honestly.

Above all, watch for a chance to become your own boss. Taste the sweets of fitting your own latch key into the front door of your own place of business every morning. You can own a shop all your own if you work out your own salvation.



Cities of Europe Are Best Governed

By Thomas F. Anderson

The cities of Europe are better governed than ours, for the very good reason that their representative citizens in all walks of life—merchants, bankers, ship-owners, financiers and educators—have a keener sense of their civic duties than the so-called better classes in American communities usually betray.

In other words, the influential and substantial citizens of European cities are more willing to give their time, thought and in many instances their money, to the public service, than are ours; and the result is that while they oftentimes have to make real sacrifices of comfort, convenience and peace of mind in thus discharging their civic obligations, they have the immense satisfaction of knowing that administrative scandal and corruption are practically unknown in their communities.

You will sometimes find in large European cities unkempt streets, poor traffic arrangements and other indications of municipal carelessness or inefficiency, but rarely will you discover any evidence or hear any whisper of that familiar condition of things known in our American cities by that elastic and greatly overworked word, "graft."

We Americans pride ourselves on our national tendency to hustle and engage in the strenuous life, but the busiest man I ever met was not an American at all, but an Englishman, who, in addition to bearing the responsibilities of his own private business, was at that time serving both as lord mayor of his city and as chairman of the great local dock and harbor board. When I called on him he showed me his list of official and social engagements for that week, and it appeared to be almost as long as the membership list of the new Boston Merchants' association.

The corresponding type of citizen in the United States really means to do the right thing by his community, but he balks when it comes to the supreme test of his public spirit—the willingness to take up the burden himself instead of delegating it to some one else, for whose election he is quite willing to contribute his money and influence. This, together with the more stringent electoral requirements that prevail in many foreign communities is the whole secret of the success of municipal government abroad and its comparative failure here.

Thomas F. Anderson

If Man Were to Drop From Great Height

By M. T. IRONS

If one were to descend in an aeroplane from a height of 10,000 feet on the same spiral on which he went up he would land where he started. It is impossible to tell how high the atmosphere reaches. Its height has been calculated to be from 40 to 100 miles above the earth's crust and every particle of it is attracted by gravitation downward toward the center of the earth.

In other words, the atmosphere travels with the earth at the same rate that the earth's surface travels.

If that were not the case the rotation of the earth would afford us a splendid medium for transportation, as we could travel around the globe by going straight up in the air and remaining there for that length of time.

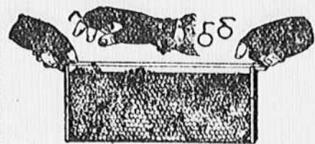
This would smash all transportation records.



AID IN PULLING OUT FRAMES

South African Bee-keeper Finds Little Hook Made of Wire Convenient in Handling Bees.

I have a little tool that I have found very useful in removing frames from hives, especially when they are filled and there are a lot of bees in the way. I take a piece of telegraph wire or other stiff wire and bend a ring to fit over the first or second finger sufficiently close so it will not fall off (over the glove if used). Bend a hook to reach under the end of the frame. It may pass through the small staple, which secures it from slipping off. After hooking securely the frame is easily raised an inch or two, when it may be grasped by the thumb and finger, and pulled out. The hook slips down between the ends of the frames quite easily; and I find it a great help when I wish to handle bees quickly, more especially if there is a strong colony and a lot of propolis. One great convenience is, it may be left on the finger without in any way interfering with the operator while at work. Thus there is no danger of its getting lost, writes R. Roving of Caledon, Cape Colony, South Africa, in the Gleanings in Bee Culture.



Hook for Frames.

This is an ideal spot for bees—perpetual summer with a constant supply of wild flowers; but I find it difficult to keep them working. They are inclined to knock off as soon as they have accumulated a small supply, and take things easy. There is an abundance of wild bees found in small swarms in all sorts of places—crevices in rocks, ant-heaps, and even mole-hills in the ground. They often shift from place to place as the season changes—to the mountains in summer and to the valleys in winter.

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GOOD EXCUSE FOR SPEEDING

Swarm of Bees Alight on Party in Automobile and Cause Arrest of the Chauffeur.

A swarm of bees is the latest excuse for record-breaking speed. A Massachusetts man was arrested for speeding and acknowledged that he had been going anywhere from 50 to 60 miles an hour, but said he had a



Cause for Speeding.

good excuse; he was rambling along at a five-mile gait when a swarm of bees settled on the machine. One of the party started to brush them away and then there were things doing. The judge promptly discharged the case, saying that the man had a perfect right to protect his life by fleeing from the bees and that he could not be blamed for speeding.

COMBINING BEES AND FRUIT

Honey Gatherers Add Materially to Fertility of Berries and Fruits by Pollen Distribution.

(By D. W. OTIS.) The ideal fruit-farm, with its orchards of apples, cherries, pears, and plums, its shade-trees and its gardens, is hardly complete without at least a few stands of bees. Properly managed they will not only add to the profits of their owner, but supply his table with an abundance of the most luxurious of all delicacies; and add materially to the fertility of his berries and fruits by the pollen-distributing habits that these insects possess.

This important feature, however, is generally omitted, or carried on in such a way as to result in very little profit and a great deal of trouble; and usually results in failure in the end; and this in face of the fact that it might easily be made one of the most profitable and fascinating of the fruit-grower's occupations.

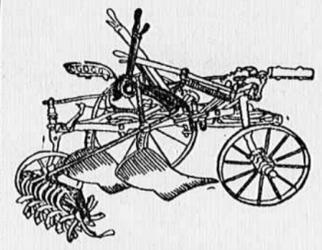
Honey is Purest Sweet. Honey is the purest and the least harmful of sweets. The honey crop is mostly gain, for no flowers need necessarily be raised to pasture the bees. They aid in the fertilization of fruit trees and the smaller clovers.

Comb Honey Expensive. Comb honey is more expensive than extracted honey because the comb is valuable for beeswax.

HARROW AND PLOW COMBINED

Attachment Devised That Permits Farmer to Do Double Work Without Any Extra Power.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.) Farmers have come to learn that the only way to prepare the soil is to let the harrow follow the plow as closely as possible. In common practice the good farmer plows only so much during the early part of the day



Harrow and Plow Combined.

as he can harrow before quitting time at night.

Manufacturers have devised an attachment to the plow which enables one to plow and harrow as he goes. The harrow is a rotary attachment and can be hitched on to any sulky or gang plow. The manufacturers claim that it takes no extra power to operate it, and it does the work of an extra team and man, thus saving operating expenses.

We are inclined to doubt somewhat, the statement that it requires no extra power, because it seems to us that the rotary harrow wide enough to cover two broad furrows dragged behind the plows would make quite a difference in the work of the team.

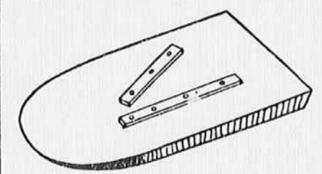
However, as many of these attachments are now being used, particularly in the west, it is quite evident that they are regarded with favor by progressive farmers.

EXCELLENT SHOE FOR PLOWS

Piece of Plank So Arranged That Impediment May Be Easily Transferred Around the Farm.

This is easily made from a piece of plank two inches thick and about eight inches wide. It should be from 18 inches to two feet long.

Nail a strip on one side near the middle and bolt a block on in a slant-



A Handy Plow-Shoe.

ing position as shown in the drawing. The lower corner of the strip should be rounded so the plowshare will slip under it. Round off the under side of the board so that it will slip over the ground easily and the plow may be transferred from one part of the ground to the other with the least possible inconvenience.

Aromatic Plants. In the garden do not miss having small patches of sage, mint, thyme and other aromatic plants. Parsley can be grown from seed the first year, and will last two or more seasons, if cared for. Spearmint will grow and increase from a few plants and will thrive in a damp place. Sage, if once established, will remain for years.



FARMER'S NOTES

Peas will do well in almost any good garden soil.

Peas are one of the most nourishing of our garden crops.

Thorough preparation of the seed bed is a crop half raised.

Early potatoes are put in as soon as the ground will work in good shape.

Watermelons will thrive on less cultivation than almost any other field crop.

In the spring when the soil is compact and moist about an inch of moisture will evaporate a week.

Roots and vegetables can be grown successfully on the same ground year after year if it is kept well manured.

Melons may be grown following melons for a number of years, but, as with all other crops, it is better to rotate.

In a dry season, going through the corn with a one-horse harrow after it is "laid by" will give good returns.

If you want to add nitrogen to the soil the most profitable way, grow clover or legume crops and turn them under.

Oat smut is a disease, caused by a microscopical organism, a fungus, which entirely destroys the heads of the affected plants.

Asparagus is a gross feeder and will pay for immense amounts of fertilizers, both in the quantity and quality of its shoots.

The two leading crops of the United States are corn and cotton. The 1910 corn crop is valued at \$1,500,000,000 and that of cotton is worth \$900,000,000.

A ton of ordinary barnyard manure contains 1,350 pounds of water, 10 pounds of nitrogen, 8 pounds of phosphoric acid, which is insoluble, and 12 pounds of potash.

A Monopoly. Urbanite—What did you come to the city for? Country Boy—To earn an honest living, Urbanite—That's all right. You'll find no competition.

Now He Doesn't Believe It. A Cleveland man was reading some jokes about how the English weren't so slow as they are supposed to be to get a joke. He believed it, too. So he tried his theory on a British guest of his. "Did you ever hear Mark Twain's joke about how the report of his death had been greatly exaggerated?" he asked.

"No," answered the Englishman, eagerly, "but I'll wager it was good. What was it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HEALTHY KIDNEYS ESSENTIAL TO PERFECT HEALTH.

When healthy, the kidneys remove about 600 grains of impure matter from the blood daily; when unhealthy, some part of the impure matter is absorbed, causing various diseases and symptoms. To attain perfect health, you must keep your filters right. You can use no better remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Nettie Dunham, 4 Mechanic St., Seneca Falls, N. Y., says: "I had lain in bed four months and the doctors said I had little chance of recovery. I scarcely had strength to hold a glass of water and had faded away to a mere shadow. On a relative's advice, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and steadily improved until I was myself again. My cure is considered a miracle."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

On the Level. "Do you assimilate your food, aunty?" "No, I doesn't sah. I buys it open an' honest, sah."—Woman's National Daily.

Out of Date. "I am going to ask your father tonight for your hand in marriage." "How dreadfully old-fashioned you are." "In what way?" "Don't ask him; tell him."

IGNORANCE! Old Gentleman—And what's your name, my boy? Kid—Sech is fame! He don't recognize de 45-pound champion of the Tholteenth ward!

FOOD IN SERMONS Feed the Dominic Right and the Sermons Are Brilliant.

A conscientious, hard-working and successful clergyman writes: "I am glad to bear testimony to the pleasure and increased measure of efficiency and health that have come to me from adopting Grape-Nuts food as one of my articles of diet."

"For several years I was much distressed during the early part of each day by indigestion. My breakfast seemed to turn sour and failed to digest. After dinner the headache and other symptoms following the breakfast would wear away, only to return, however, next morning."

"Having heard of Grape-Nuts food, I finally concluded to give it a trial. I made my breakfasts of Grape-Nuts with cream, toast and Postum. The result was surprising in improved health and total absence of the distress that had, for so long a time, followed the morning meal."

"My digestion became once more satisfactory, the headaches ceased, and the old feeling of energy returned. Since that time I have always had Grape-Nuts food on my breakfast table."

"I was delighted to find also, that whereas before I began to use Grape-Nuts food I was quite nervous and became easily wearied in the work of preparing sermons and in study, a marked improvement in this respect resulted from the change in my diet."

"I am convinced that Grape-Nuts food produced this result and helped me to a sturdy condition of mental and physical strength."

"I have known of several persons who were formerly troubled as I was, and who have been helped as I have been, by the use of Grape-Nuts food, on my recommendation." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.