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HIS JUST REVENGE

By GEORGE ELMER COBB.

Lone Wolf, once an Indian chief though he did not look it now in his rags and misery, but come of a proud race, sat nursing himself on the pavement. His squaw, a tiny papoose at her breast, occupied a near doorway. They were footless, homeless, tired, hungry, too, and it was fully ten miles to the reservation where they had friends.

Suddenly the door behind the woman was pulled open inward. Some one had come down the stairs from the gambling room above the town tavern. He was a flashily dressed, not unhandy fellow, but the scowl of a loser was on his face.

"Out of the way," he growled rudely, and gave the squaw a vicious push with his knee. She could not help but topple over. He heard her head strike the hard pavement unmoved. She uttered a shriek, crying, striving to shield the helpless papoose, and rolled to a stop, sustained by one hand, with eyes and thought only for the little one.

Then Mort Dwyer drew back and his hand whipped to his pocket like a streak of lightning. An inert man, that squall form on the pavement was suddenly infused with life. Straight as an arrow, a gleaming knife sprung for the miscreant who had imperiled wife and babe.

Specdy as was the gambler, he would have been at fault and disadvantage had the Indian perfected that maddest swoop. Lone Wolf's flight was checked by a low beseeching word from the squaw. Seemingly it told him that the papoose was unhurt. Further it awoke the savage to the realization that an attack upon a white man in that section, no matter how provoked, would culminate at a rope's end. The woman was kneeling about the face and bleeding, but what mattered that, when the child was safe!

So with a muttered curse Dwyer strode from the spot. Lone Wolf gathered up his traps. His squaw prepared to move on. The child wailed, being disturbed by the rough shaking up. "Wagh! Lone Wolf will remember!" spoke the Indian with a last menacing glare after the gambler.

The latter forgot the incident within the hour. He was of a profession and border experience where Remingtons and Bowles played conspicuous parts. Free of the babbling business thoroughfare of the town he paused reflectively. A man of coarser mood than himself joined him.

HEA-SEEDS PROVE A BAD BARGAIN

C. P. SMITH, Maryland Agricultural College.

You will soon be buying clover seed for your cows. Do you know its quality before you buy? A year ago last summer a farmer named Jones visited seed dealers in his town to compare the quality and price of Timothy seed. He found prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.25 a bushel. The \$2.50 seed looked good enough to him, so he bought it. He was making a big saving at getting it for 75 cents below the highest grade, he bought it.

The same week, his neighbor, Thomas, also visited two of the same dealers. Jones had visited and from one of them bought 10 bushels of the best grade to feed his cows. He was making a big saving at getting it for 75 cents below the highest grade, he bought it.

When the crops from these different seeds were harvested and taken to market, Friend Jones' hay had so much sheep sorrel and other weeds in it that it brought only \$10 a ton, while Thomas' crop sold for \$13. At \$2.50 a bushel Jones paid little more than 5 1/2 cents for his seed, and sowing it at 15 pounds per acre, his seed cost him 82 cents. Thomas' seed cost him per acre \$1.08 or 25 cents more than Jones. Jones cut 1 1/2 tons per acre, which sold for \$15. Thomas raised 2 tons per acre which netted him \$28. To save 25 cents on his seed, Jones missed the chance to make \$11. Did bargain seed pay?

Later in the spring you will find yourself badly in need of colony coops for your growing chickens. Get your men folk to put some together for you. Such little houses come in handy for several purposes, as well as making nice shelters for chickens after they have become brooder weaned. They are made six feet long, three feet wide, three feet high in front, and two feet high in rear. An opening is left both front and back and covered with wire. The openings are on a level with the two rows of doors and allow warm air to be driven out during summer weather.

During colder seasons, the rear opening can be closed by means of a hinged door or a board can be nailed over it. The floor, to make cleaning easier, is simply a 3 by 6 platform, on which the house rests. The house can be cleaned from the front door or the hole top lifted back out of the way during the process. The roof is covered with common roofing material. The house will hold 25 to 30 half grown chicks.

Water is Great Plant Feeder
Carries Other Plant Foods To Plants But Too Much Gives Them Wet Feet.
W. E. HANGER, Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

Can we have too much water in the soil for good crops? We surely can! Too much water destroys the "life" of the soil. The bacteria that make this "life" need not only water but air and warmth as well. When the water table is high they cannot do their work. The soil is cold and plants do not grow well in it. We can remedy this trouble by tile draining. This will probably cost \$25 to \$35 an acre. You may sound that high at first, but when you know that land drainage often makes all the difference between a very poor crop and a good one, we see that the cost of tiling will be made up many times over in a few years. Such tiling if laid rightly will last a lifetime, and always insure your crops against "wet feet" or a poor crop in a wet season.

NEW TRICK OF ADVERTISING

Book Publisher of the Year 1913

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John Newbery, who so ingeniously advertised his children's story books, used them in turn to advertise other commodities in which he was interested. One of his "side lines" was the famous Dr. James' Powder, in which Goldsmith placed such faith, and which he advertised so plentifully sprinkled through the pages of the books. In "Goody Two-Shoes," for instance, the heroine's father dies miserably because "seized with a fever in a place where Dr. James' Powder was not to be had."

WITH THE BREAK OF DAWN
Birth of a New Day as Seen and Described by One Who Had the Vision of the Poet.
As we proceeded, the timid approach of twilight became more perceptible. The intense blue of the sky began to soften, the smaller stars, like little children, went first to rest; the sister beams of the Pleiades soon melted together, but the bright constellations of the west and north remained unchanged. Steadily the wondrous transfiguration went on. Hands of angels hidden from mortal eyes shifted the scenery of the heavens; the glories of night dissolved into the glories of the dawn. The blue sky now turned more softly gray; the great watch stars shut up their holy eyes; the east began to kindle. Paint streaks of purple soon blushed along the sky; the celestial concave was filled with the glowing tides of the morning, till, which came pouring down from above in one great ocean of radiance, till at length, as we reached the Blue hills, a flash of purple fire blazed out from above the horizon and turned the dewy tapers of flowers and leaf into rubies and diamonds. In a few seconds the overlying gates of the morning were thrown wide open and the lord of day, arrayed in glories too severe for the gaze of man, began his state.—Everett.

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CHICKEN COOPS SHOULD BE BUILT NOW

Winter a Good Time to Work Up Odd Pieces of Lumber into Chicken Shelters.

ROY H. WAITE, Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

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ROUTINE DRY MASH OF GREAT VALUE

Meat or Green Cut Dams Should Be Kept in Front of Laying Hens at All Times During Winter.

The feeding of dry mash to the laying stock means much toward the increased production of eggs. During the winter months about one-fifth of the entire ration consumed by the hen should consist of meat in some form. If they are expected to do their best, and the feeding of dry mash offers an excellent opportunity to give the meat or green cut bone so that it will be evenly distributed and proportioned to the hen. This form of food should be kept constantly in front of the hens unless you feed wet mash, in which case they should be used on alternate days.

The dry mash should consist of two parts bran, one part middlings, one part meal and one part scrap and green cut bone. To this may be added a desired one part ground oats. The mash food should be fed in specially prepared and not placed in open troughs, as by the latter method the hens will waste almost as much as they will eat. The dry mash food is naturally eaten slowly by the hens and at a time when they have no grain to eat that can be scratched from the litter.

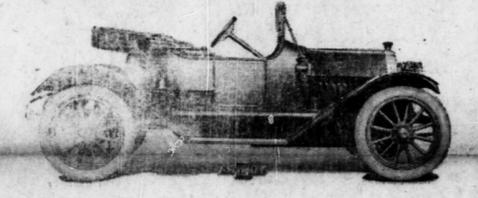
As the dry mash is consumed much more slowly than is the wet all the particles of meat or bone will be best preserved in it and therefore more evenly proportioned than is possible in the wet mash. The slow eating is also of benefit to the hen in many other ways.

WINTER EGGS ARE DESIRABLE
No Branch of Farming Will Show Quicker Losses Than Poor Feeding and Management of Hens.
With the price of eggs so high it stands us in hand to plan our management so that the flock will do its best. It is surprising what good care and intelligent feeding will do in producing winter eggs and on the other hand no branch of farming will show quicker losses than poor feeding and management of the winter layers.

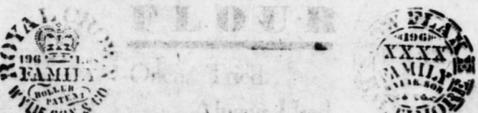
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