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Among musicians it has always been supposed that the true magnetic Pole was Paderewski.

Nevertheless, the average prize-fighter would be unwise to seek trouble with Mr. Fitzsimmons.

So Fiona McLeod was William Sharp, who has just died in Sicily. Now, don't say you knew it all along.

"Chinese Again in Arms?" inquires a newspaper headline. Certainly, some of them; those under one year old.

A man realizes that his wife isn't an angel when he has to help her into her dresses that button up the back.

New York drinks \$1,000,000 worth of liquor every day. That is, New York pays \$1,000,000 a day for liquor to drink.

May Yohe now asks for a divorce from Putnam Bradlee Strong as a matter of form, or habit, it is difficult to tell which.

A girl is suing a rich man for \$10,000 damages because he kissed her once. It is wrong for a man to tantalize a girl that way.

Admiral Togo says, "Victors tie your helmet strings tighter!" Is that so they will not be tempted to talk through their hats?

Mexico, with a comfortable surplus on hand, cheerfully corroborates Fred Grant's assertion that it is easier to handle than a deficit.

Some of Dr. Osler's published expressions seem calculated to bear out his theory that a man over 40 is lacking in intellectual power.

It must break Castro's heart to see another South American republic figuring in an international complication in which he has no part.

That New York manager may be right in thinking he can give opera without chorus girls, but we'll bet he can't sell it—not in New York.

During the first ten months of the year just closed 25,000 Americans carried \$10,000,000 to Canada. No, Rollo; they were not bank cashiers.

Vice Chancellor Stevenson of Jersey City has just rendered a decision on the bench that a woman's tongue cannot be enjoined. He must be married.

Abdul Hamid has promised to make reforms in Macedonia, though it may be doubted whether the people living there will ever know about this.

A California physician declares that brain action in the creation of thought is electrical in its nature. That would account for a great many shocking ideas.

Says the Portland Oregonian, "no woman ever looked like a goddess in a dressing sacque." And a goddess in a dressing sacque is not at her best at that.

An esteemed contemporary's office poet yearned for a Christmas gift in the form of "her wet little kiss on my cheek." How would merely a damp one answer?

Does Prof. Osler's advice to elderly men to keep away from men of their own age and associate with their juniors mean that they ought to go out with the boys?

TEACHES GOOD LESSON TO ALL

Curious Inscription Posted on Old House in England.

In Lancashire, England, there is a house bearing the following remarkable inscription on a tablet just under the roof: "William Rushworth Field House 1819. Repeat no grievance but study to be quiet and mind your own business." When the house was being erected a quarrel occurred between the owner and the builder, and the relations between the two became so strained that the contractor refused to go on with the work, and the house stood unfinished for two years. Eventually the owner, wishing



to make use of his house, discreetly approached the builder again, and peace was concluded, with honor, the indemnity being the fixing of this curious inscription high up on the wall, where it might be seen by all passers on the highway. There it remains to this day.

Practice for British Gunners.

Off Gibraltar the British channel fleet has been practicing night firing at a novel target. It is shaped like a destroyer, and is outlined with incandescent lamps that can be switched on or off at will from the towing boat. The idea is to make the practice as realistic as possible. Out of the darkness the "destroyer" suddenly springs, giving the gunners only a few seconds to take aim before she disappears again.

Chatham Leads Canadian Cities.

Chatham has the distinction of being the first city in Canada to build a public heating plant. The exhaust steam from a railroad company's power house is used by the heating company. About a mile of mains has been laid, and several churches, schools, hotels, office buildings, as well as business houses and private residences, are connected with its mains.

Roman Riding Boots.



The cothurnus, which was worn by equestrians in ancient Rome, was a buskin that rose above the middle of the leg, sometimes reaching as high as the knee.

Found Colony of Crows.

A Northampton (Mass.) man, whose veracity is unquestioned, says that as he was walking along the bank of the Mill river he counted forty-eight crows in one tree, with a dozen more on the ground nearby.

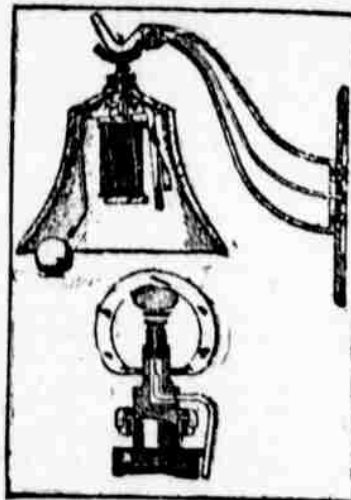
SHOWING THE WORLD'S PROGRESS

Paper Gas Pipes.

Paper gas pipes are among the novelties reported from Europe. Manila paper is cut up into strips whose width is equal to the length of the pipe section to be used. The paper bands are then passed into a vessel filled with melted asphalt. After coming out of the bath the prepared strip is rolled uniformly and very tightly around an iron rod or pipe which serves as the core and has the same diameter which the gas pipe is to have. The rolling of the paper is stopped when the right thickness has been secured. After the pipe section which is thus formed has been put through a high pressure it is covered on the outside by a layer of sand which is pressed into the asphalt while still hot. The outer surface of the pipe is treated with a waterproof compound. It is said that the pipe is very tight and is cheaper than metal piping.

New Electric Bell.

The electric bells at present in use are of practically the same as those first introduced, especially in the shape of the bell. A New Jersey inventor has patented an electric bell which is of the same shape as the old hand-ringing bell, the electrical apparatus being attached in a novel manner. The bell is of the suspended type, the apparatus placed in the hollow interior of the bell. It is operated by a clapper, which is connected with a vibrating armature pivotally suspended from the crown of the bell. A magnet is also suspended



The Suspended Magnet.

within the bell, and the usual electric apparatus connected with the clappers. On pushing the pushbutton the circuit is closed, the magnet forcing the clapper to vibrate and ring the bell. The bell and bell-ringing apparatus is suspended upon a wire hook, the wires from the battery connecting with this hook and not with the bell direct, the circuit being continued through the wire hook. In this way the bell can be suspended instantly just as assembled at the factory, without requiring the connection of any wires, and can be easily removed by simply lifting it from the hook. Moreover, the bell will always hang free and true, which is essential to its satisfactory operation, and the appearance of the bell is also much enhanced by the concealment of the circuit wires.

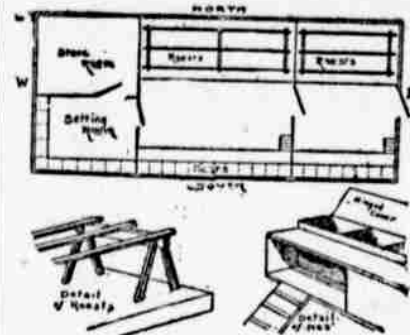
Paper Corks.

A remarkable invention has just been perfected and patented. It is a machine which makes corks out of waste paper and paper pulp. All kinds of waste paper can be made into corks, which are superior to the regular sort, as they are not affected by acids or oils; they have been tested by leading chemists and the largest users of corks, and it is claimed for them that they are far superior to the old style in every way.

MAKES COMFORT FOR POULTRY.

New Features of Value in Plan of Hen House.

The plan for a poultry house given herewith is intended to be about 30 feet long and 12 feet wide, though these dimensions may be reduced considerably. A feature worth noting is the arrangement of the nests which are entirely covered and access to them is through a covered passageway that opens at one end through which the hens go to get to their nests. This renders them very much secluded. The board that covers the nests is held in place with hinges. By raising this board all the nests are opened to view, making it very convenient for taking out the eggs. This device renders the nesting place dark and the entrance that leads to these nests being at one end of the passageway prevents the hens from getting into the nests except when they wish to lay. On the north side of this room are three roosting poles that are made of 2x2s with the corners rounded. They rest on small



wooden horses about 3 feet high that stand on a floor. The object of this floor is to catch the droppings from which they can be conveniently taken. The wooden horses, roosting poles and platforms are all movable and can, on short notice, be taken outside to be cleaned or gotten out of the way for renovating the house. —Montreal Herald.

Cement for Wall.

1. How many barrels of Portland cement would be required to build 128 feet of wall seven feet high and one foot thick, using a quantity of stone fillers?
2. Would there be any danger of cement spoiling if left over winter in a dry place?
3. Are cement blocks warm and dry enough without any lathing and plaster?

For a wall 128 feet long by 7 feet high and one foot thick, it would take twenty-two barrels of Portland cement, twenty-six yards of gravel, and seven yards of stone fillers, concrete mixed eight parts gravel to one part cement.

2. Cement stored in a thoroughly dry place will keep over winter, but fresh cement is always the best for any kind of work.

3. For dwelling houses it is best to strap, lath and plaster, as the hollow in the blocks is not continuous, so the walls will sweat more or less, and be damp.

Cheap Roofing Paint.

The cheapest roofing paint is red iron oxide, with boiled linseed oil for the first coat, finished with a second coat of raw oil. This is a dark brown color and the most durable of all kinds of paint, as the oil and the iron oxide make a chemical combination which is absorbed by the wood or unites with a metal roof. The quantity needed is based on the fact that one gallon of the thin first coat will cover 400 square feet and the second heavier coat will require a gallon for 250 square feet. If the roof is of shingles, it is desirable to paint these on both sides before they are laid on the roof. They will last twice as long as if painted only on one side after the roof is laid. A quick way of painting the shingles is to dip them in the mixed paint, setting them in a trough to drain, thus saving the excess of paint that is not absorbed by the wood.