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**The Lights of Home.**  
When the shades of evening gather, and the disappearing sun marks the close of day's endeavor, and the weary tasks are done; When the stars begin to twinkle in the arch of heaven's dome, I am longing for the welcome of the shining lights of home.  
Through the little cottage window with a radiance divine, And a welcome in their gleaming, I can see the bright beams shine.  
Far down the street they greet me, and they beckon me to haste To the home where love awaits me, where love's hand the light has placed.  
O, the lights of home! Their gleaming, shining down the street afar, Hides me from the greeting waiting where my loved ones are;  
And the toll of day forgotten in the welcome that will greet Me when the homeward journey easy for my tired halting feet.  
Childish feet make merry music as they patter o'er the floor; Happy voices wake the echoes as my children open the door; And their ringing, happy laughter bids the cares of day depart, While the joy of life and living takes possession of the heart.  
Lights of home! Their mellow gleaming marks the way from care and strife; Brighten every nook and corner, give a zest to love and life; And each evening, with my loved ones, hand in hand we walk to the greeting waiting where my loved ones are.  
Through the fairy lands outlying, bathed in gleaming lights of home.  
—Will M. Maupin in Commoner

**The American Hen.**  
The value of the eggs and poultry raised in this country last year amounted to \$281,178,055. It was more than the combined value of the gold, silver, sheep and wool. It was \$50,000,000 more than the value of the entire yield of wheat.  
The above information collected from statistics is supposed to be correct, and indicates that if corn is the king the hen is most assuredly queen of the farm. It is a cinch that it pays to raise poultry. It is probable that many residents of small cities and villages might profitably keep a few fowls, and feed them largely from the remnants of the table. And if they did they would know that they were not up against over ripe eggs.—Oelwein Register.

**Cement For Barn Floors.**  
While there is objection to cement floors in the stable, there are so many things in favor of them that they are constantly growing in popularity. The principal objection urged against them is that they are cold during winter. Cement is a good conductor of heat, consequently if an animal lies down on a bare cement surface, heat is conducted away from it very rapidly, thus lowering the body temperature. This objection can readily be overcome by the free use of bedding. A cement floor should never be troweled and made smooth at the time of its construction, but the surface should be left in roughened condition so as to enable it to hold the bedding.  
The first coat of a cement floor is a little high in some localities where coarse gravel and sand or crushed rock cannot be secured except at considerable expense. However, the lasting qualities are so great, that regardless of first cost, it will prove to be more economical than a plank floor in almost any locality.  
In building a floor of this kind, do the work thoroughly. Begin by excavating to a point six inches below the desired level of the completed floor. Dig a trench for a gutter 17 inches wide and six or eight inches below the prepared surface for the stalls. This done, tamp the excavated portion thoroughly so as to secure as hard a surface as possible. Cover this with three inches of gravel or coarse rock and tamp it thoroughly so as to secure as compact a mass as possible. Now prepare a mixture of one part of cement and eight parts of coarse sand and gravel. The latter must be sharp and free from dust. While dry, mix the cement and gravel thoroughly and to it add a sufficient amount of water to give the mixture the consistency of moist earth. Spread this mixture over the rock previously put down and make this layer two and a half inches thick; thoroughly tamp it and give the surface the desired slope or make it level as may be necessary. A cow stall should have a slant from 1 to 1 1/4 inches from the manger to the gutter. A horse stall should have a slant of about 2 inches. The floor is now ready for the finishing coat which should be made from cement and sand mixed at the rate of 1 part of the former to 2 parts of the latter. This sand, of course, should be fine, sharp and free from dust. The consistency of this mixture should be thin. It should be applied to the depth of one-half inch in the case of a cow stable, whereas in the case of a horse stable one inch of material should be used. The surface may be smoothed with the edge of a board.  
The bottom of the gutter may be made in the same manner as the stalls, although it will not be possible to put gravel on the sides of the gutter. They should be built entirely of cement, such as is recommended for surfacing. It is a good plan to lay the cement in the form of blocks 3x3 feet square. This prevents cracking. The blocks may be made by nailing together 2x4 timbers into forms 3x3 feet square and these may be used in making the floor by sections.  
Allow plenty of time for a cement floor to dry out. Do not hasten the drying process, as this is very apt to cause the cement to crack and crumble. About ten days should

be required for a thorough drying. Never allow the sun to shine directly on the floor until it is perfectly dry; neither allow any draft in the barn during the drying process; in fact, it is a good plan to cover the moist cement with straw and from time to time sprinkle a little water over this so as to keep it damp. This will cause the cement to set in the best manner possible and the floor will be stronger for it.  
Cement floors are now being used quite extensively in hog barns. They have given very good satisfaction where an abundance of straw is used for bedding. In cold hog houses it may be desirable to put a false floor built of planks over part of the floor in a corner where the hogs make their sleeping quarters. Such a false floor may be removed during the summer months, and in that way it will last a good many years. Cement floors for hog houses are to be recommended because they are sanitary. In case disease gets into a hog house and it has a good cement floor thorough disinfection can very readily be secured.—Farmers Tribune.

**Banana Bread.**  
Bread made from banana flour is common enough in Europe and England. One pound is said to contain more nourishment and energy producing material than one pound of the ordinary wheat. It is much more digestible and less than one-sixth the price. Sir Henry Stanley was a firm believer in the banana. He went so far as to advise that its consumption would cure rheumatism, gout and all liver affections. When he was in the point of death from gastritis a light gruel of banana flour mixed with milk was the only food he could retain and digest. The secret of the banana as a health and strength producing food lies in its high percentage of proteids, and the great number of its calories, respectively 20 and 391.71. It is a perfectly balanced ration if milked for breakfast and served with milk and sugar.—New York Press.

**The Nose.**  
The nose is intended for breathing, the mouth for speaking and eating. Who has ever seen a horse breathing through its nostrils? Minute scientific investigation has revealed the fact that the number of people who breathe through their nostrils are becoming gradually but surely fewer in number. The consequence is that the nostrils are decreasing in size, while it has been found that the prevailing nose is quite an inferior organ to that of our forefathers. It is a well known physiological fact that unused muscles and bones gradually disappear. Fish who live in the dark, for instance, or the mole, who resides underground, become blind. Thus if we cease to use our noses for breathing they will cease to exist. They will become superfluous.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Mozart's Quick Work.**  
On one occasion Mozart was making merry with his friends at midnight when not a single note was written of the overture to "Don Giovanni" which was to be produced on the following evening. When he had said goodby to his friends he calmly went to bed and slept until 5 o'clock in the morning. Awake and refreshed, he set to work on the overture, finishing off about after sheet with incredible rapidity and dispatching them to the copyists. The opera was to begin at 7 in the evening, and a few minutes after that hour Mozart was in his place as conductor, baton in hand, while the parts with the ink still wet on some of them were being handed to the orchestra.

**A Wonderful Island of Chalk.**  
The English island of Thanet, forming a part of the county of Kent, is almost wholly composed of chalk. The island is ten miles in length and about five in breadth and has more chalk exposed on its surface than has any other spot of equal area on the globe. British geologists say that there are not less than 42,000,000,000 tons of chalk "in sight" on Thanet and that it would take 10,000 men and 5,000 horses and carts 20,000 years to move it, providing it were dug up ready to be carted away.  
**A Peculiar Tree.**  
A singular maple tree on the left bank of the Oder, in Germany, is at least a century old and has been twisted and cut into a kind of circular hoop of two stories. A firm, leafy form has been formed by causing the branches to become gradually woven together. Above this is a smaller second floor, similarly formed, and the ends of the branches have been woven into solid walls, in which eight windows on each story have been cut.

**Catholic Priests and Marriage.**  
Marriage by the clergy was first positively forbidden in the year 1074 by Pope Gregory VII. The controversy, however, which had been going on for centuries on that subject was not altogether settled by Gregory's decree. The council of Trent in 1563 was the ecclesiastical body which formally prohibited priests from forming marriage alliances. That permanently settled the matter.  
**The Strenuous Life.**  
There can be no question that the prevalence of certain diseases has increased during the latter half century. Conspicuous among these are diabetes and insomnia, both of which are largely due to the mental stress of a harder struggle for existence.—Practitioner.

**Or Complete Lack of It.**  
Talesman—I wish to be excused from serving on this jury. Judge—What is your reason? Talesman—I'm very absentminded. Judge—Can't excuse you. Absence of mind is the best qualification for a jurymen.—Cleveland Leader.  
Go on and make errors and fall and get up again. Only go on!—Brickett.  
**Nerve.**  
"You don't even dress me decently," she cried. "I'm going home to papa." "All right," replied Doolittle. "You might say to him also that I need a new suit myself."  
**Tart.**  
Stella—He told me I looked sweet enough to be the wife of a duke.  
Bella—He doubtless meant you were well preserved.—New York Sun.  
Alfred de Musset once said, "None laugh better and oftener than a woman with fine teeth."

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