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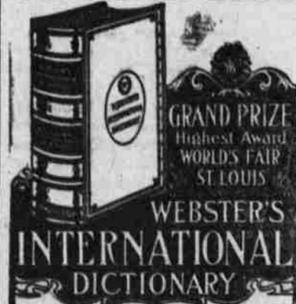


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BLIND JUSTICE

(Original.)

The coroner was seated at his desk, before which on supports rested a coffin containing the dead body of a young girl of the poorer class. She had been found murdered the night before on a road leading into the town. No one knew her, and the body had been held as long as seemed best for identification. The only person to whom the slightest suspicion attached was a man who had been seen walking on the road near where the body had been found. The police of the neighboring towns had been notified, and the man had been arrested and identified by the person who had seen him. The prisoner was undergoing his examination.

"Did you ever see the deceased before?" asked the coroner.

"Never."

"What were you doing on the road?"
"I am a commercial traveler and often walk from one town to another instead of waiting for a train. It was so in this case."

"Did you see anything of this girl on the road?"

"I have told you that I never saw her before."

The coroner conferred with a police official, then turned again to the prisoner.

"There is no evidence against you, and I suppose you are entitled to a discharge, but you will have to remain in the care of the police for a short time."

At that moment several persons entered, leading a blind man.

"This man, your honor," said one of them, "has come to town looking for his daughter, who, he says, has been recently led away from her home. We have told him of this dead girl, and he desires to know if it is she he is seeking."

The moment the old man appeared the prisoner started. Then he looked about him to see if his agitation had been noticed and, feeling assured that all eyes were and had been on the blind man, resumed the careless air that he had shown during his examination. The blind man, who was old and on whose face were the lines of suffering, was led up and stood trembling before the coroner. After some preliminary questions he was asked to tell his story.

"My little girl," he said, "is a good girl. She is all I have to love and the only person in the world who loves me. She cannot be dead. She is not dead. She must not be dead. She worked in a factory, and when she went to work in the morning she gave me a loving kiss. All the long day I waited for her to come home, and then there was another loving kiss, and, though tired, she talked brightly to me, cheering me like the flame of a fire on the hearth to you who can see. She never went gadding about in the evening, but stayed at home with me, though I encouraged her to bring her young companions to our home."

"But of late she had seemed troubled. She could not cheer me as she had been used to doing, or, if she did, I knew it was with an effort. And I noticed that the more troubled she was the more affection she showed me. Two weeks ago she embraced me more tenderly than ever before, hanging about my neck as though she would never let go."

"From that day I have not seen her. My neighbors have told me that she had been seen several times with a man, but I could get no description of him. I feel sure the man they saw her with has been the cause of her leaving me. I have visited a number of towns in hopes of finding her, without success. These people have told me that you have a dead girl in here who is not known, but I do not think it can be my girl. Still, I will satisfy myself that she is not."

"How can you do that?" asked the coroner. "You can't see."

"I can tell my Maggie," said the witness.

"Your honor"—said the prisoner, then checked himself.

"Well, what is it?" asked the coroner.

"Nothing; only that an identification by a blind man is a travesty on justice."

"How does that concern you?" asked the coroner, looking at the prisoner with a new interest.

"Only generally," replied the prisoner, endeavoring to resume his careless manner.

"By what means," said the coroner to the witness, "can you know your daughter?"

"Let me put my hands on her face, and I will know her at once."

An ashiness spread itself over the features of the prisoner.

"Lead him to the body," said the coroner, "and place his hands on it."

The old man's hand was placed on the waist. He started. He ran his fingers up the body till he came to the neck, when he uttered a moan. Quickly he passed his hand over the face from chin to forehead and staggered.

"Oh, Maggie, Maggie!" he moaned.

"Your daughter?" asked the coroner quickly.

"My daughter," wailed the old man.

There was a silence broken only by the blind man's sobs; then he was led away. The coroner turned to the witness.

"You will be held till you can show that you are not the man described as having led the girl away."

The prisoner staggered, put his hand to his head and would have fallen had he not been supported by a policeman, who led him away. He was indicted

and tried for the murder, proved guilty and confessed on the scaffold.

TURNER C. HOYLE.

FOR THE YOUNG WIFE.

A Few Questions That She Should Seriously Consider.

Have I ever heard the German saying, "Man is what he eats," and laid it to heart with regard to my husband's meals?

When I sigh for the freedom from care that I enjoyed in my maiden days, do I also call to mind the anxiety and dullness I so often suffered from in those days—anxiety of which in my busy married life I have no time even to remember the existence?

Do I recollect that the widening of her social circle is a duty a mother owes to her family? If she neglects this while her children are young they will suffer for it when they grow up, suffer in the loss of the friends they may have had if she had exerted herself to make them.

Do I know that many a man's success in life was largely owing to his wife's capacity, either in the way of making influential friends or making a good appearance on a small income or making by her clever management a dollar go as far as some careless people make five go?—New York American.

YOUR BEDROOM.

A Rule That Will Help to Keep It Always in Order.

"How do you ever do it, Betty? Your room always looks as if it had just been cleaned and arranged for my arrival, no matter when I come, while as for mine—well, a cyclone would refuse to strike it!"

"Nonsense, Laura! My neatness is nothing compared with Mabel's, for instance. Why, when she wants to remember an engagement in the morning she puts something a trifle out of place the night before."

"Well, it's too much for me. How do you both manage?"

"I'm sure I don't know about her, but if I have any rules at all it is, 'Put everything back as soon as you're through with it.' That is to say, when I go to bed I don't leave my things hanging around to be put away in the morning, but I do it at once. Then, when I'm through writing at my desk, too, I see that everything is in order before I leave it. That's all there is to it—simply the old adage, 'A place for everything, and everything in its place.' — Philadelphia North American.

Feed For Waterfowl.

In feeding the young of all kinds of waterfowl depend upon the mash. Nothing is better for them than ground oats, corn and bran, says the Feather—equal parts in weight mixed into a semi-dry mash and fed to them in boxes or troughs, not a large amount at any one time, reasonable amounts frequently. Always have a full water supply near at hand. Waterfowl always eat a little, then drink a little. This they keep up until fully satisfied. An inexhaustible supply of green food is an absolute necessity for the raising of geese. Nothing is more easily raised when once hatched than the young goslings. After they have become a few days old they may wander with the mother geese, provided they are watched a little when they go about the water or storms come upon them. After they are a month old they can battle with the parent geese in the struggle for life.

"Scaly Leg" Is Contagious.

Scaly leg is a form of scabies or mange, caused by the mite known as the Sarcoptes mutans. It is a contagious disease, but does not spread very rapidly, and there may be only a few affected birds in a flock at one time. When the disease is first observed prompt and energetic measures should be adopted to eradicate it. The affected birds should be isolated to prevent the spread of the contagion. Begin treatment by soaking the legs in warm water to which soap has been added until the scales have become thoroughly softened, and the loose scales can be removed without causing bleeding. After this has been done apply a good coat of carbolic ointment or balsam of Peru. This should be repeated daily for three or four days.

Beef Scraps.

Beef scraps is the name of a by-product of slaughtering houses and consists of waste pieces of the animals, such as skins, heads, lights, the "sticking pieces," etc. These are steam cooked, then subjected to strong pressure to extract all the fat possible, then kiln dried and ground into scraps or meal. When rightly made, they are a fine animal food for hens and chicks, but if fifth and offal are thrown in with them they are anything but a good food. They are then only fit for fertilizer.

The Buff Turkey.

The buff turkey is of American origin, having been brought out but a few years ago. Plumage color, pure buff, the wings being a very light shade of buff. Standard weight: Cock, 27 pounds; cockerel, 18 pounds; hen, 18 pounds; pullet, 12 pounds. Disqualifying weights: Cock, less than 18 pounds; hen, less than 12 pounds.

Promptness in Treating Diseases.

If you hope to cure ailments in poultry, you must commence to treat them with the appearance of the first symptoms. Do not delay, or you may never cure them.

LARGE CATTLE SALE.

BUTTE, April 26.—A. D. O'Donnell, of Billings, Mont., has purchased all of the stockholdings of the state of Oscar Stephens, paying \$200,000. The deal involves about 8000 head of cattle and is one of the largest stock transfers in the history of the state.

TO VISIT ENGLAND.

COLOGNE, April 26.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says authoritatively that the sole reason why King Edward recently visited Cartagena was because Queen Victoria of Spain wishes to visit England after her confinement and King Alfonso wishes to accompany her. This could not be done until King Edward had paid the Spanish royal family a return visit. The two kings, the Zeitung says, made no political plans and their conversation was limited to general topics.

ENGLAND DENIES STORY.

LONDON, April 26.—The British foreign office has taken the unusual course of issuing a formal denial of the report printed by the Correspondencia de Espana, regarding an understanding between Great Britain and Spain. The foreign office declares there is no foundation for the story.

BUILDING COLLAPSED.

CHICAGO, April 26.—The front of the eight-story brick building at 346 Wabash avenue, east side, collapsed early today, tumbling into the street and carrying several of the floors with it. No one was hurt, although there were several narrow escapes.

BALL TEAM LOSES.

MOSCOW, April 26.—The University Oregon baseball team was defeated by the University of Idaho, 3 to 1, in today's game.

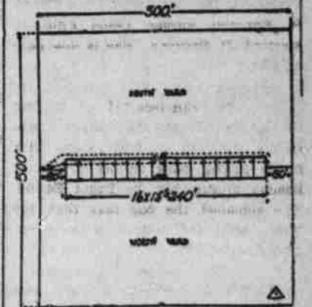
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SENSIBLE YARDING.

Plan Recommended by a Well Known Agricultural Authority.

A style of yarding recommended by Professor James E. Rice of Cornell College of Agriculture and shown herewith consists of a long or continuous house 240 by 15 feet, divided into pens 15 by 16 feet, there being sixteen pens or fewer, the same proportion, of course, being maintained. This is a most convenient arrangement, says L. E. Keyser in Poultry Success. The yard is 300 feet each way, containing 90,000 square feet or pasturage for 800 or 900 fowls. The pens are ample for fifty fowls. There are a little over two acres in the yards. A method followed with similar yards is to confine the fowls to the north yard about Aug. 1. Then the south yard is plowed and about Sept. 10 sown to rye and grass seed, or clover may be sown on the rye in the spring. When the rye has made a good start, say the middle of October, the hens are turned on it and allowed to run there until confined to the house for winter.

In the spring the north yard is plowed and planted to corn, which is culti-



LOCATION OF HOUSE AND DOUBLE YARDS.

rated in the usual way. After the last cultivation and the corn has reached a considerable height, which will be about the 1st of July, the hens are allowed to run in both yards. The corn affords them shade, and they wallow in the soft earth, eat the lower leaves and suckers and keep the corn well cultivated. They will get some of the lower ears, but as the whole the crop will be about as large as if the hens did not occupy the yard. They will not have been able to stamp down the rye, and some of this grain will ripen. If the hens do not secure it all, it may be cut and used for winter litter. In September the hens are again confined to the south yard, the corn in the north yard is cut, the land plowed and sown to rye, and the following season the south yard is planted to corn. This gives a constant rotation of crops on the land, which keeps it sweet and at the same time affords considerable food for the fowls.

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