

WRITERS ALL OVER STATE SEND LETTERS TO CALL SHOW USE OF PENNY

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Write a letter of 250 words, giving your views on the advantages of the penny. Use only one side of the paper. Awards will be made as follows:

For the best letter.....\$20 in pennies
 For the second best letter.....\$10 in pennies
 For the third best letter.....\$5 in pennies
 For the fourth best letter.....\$5 in pennies
 For the fifth best letter.....\$5 in pennies

Address your contribution to Penny Contest Editor, The Call.

Well, the penny letters are still coming in.

The arguments favoring the general circulation of the little copper coin are almost unanswerable.

From every section of the state eager contestants, after the big prizes that The Call is offering for the best letter of 250 words, are sending in their manuscripts.

If you haven't written your letter yet don't delay any longer but GET BUSY. You may put off writing until it is too late.

The happiness that a penny brings to the child is one of the strongest arguments in favor of its general circulation, this writer maintains.

Penny Contest Editor: There is a law of philosophy that claims everything has a reason for being. So in the evolution of the so-called penny—when first sent in 1861—filled a definite want.

Monetary matters and values, like all other incidental conditions, are affected by a nation's history. The call for a penny was not made until the year 1861, when the government was in need of a small coin for the purchase of goods for the general expenditure.

The first model of the cent depicted the goddess, in profile and floating tresses, as if in hot pursuit of national prosperity on the divine side, while the reverse was outlined by a chain of 15 links, befitting the number of states.

This coin was followed by the cent of nickel compound and exhibiting the head of an Indian chief. This model in turn gave place to our present one and all of which have answered a definite purpose.

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Ambition Ruins Pullet Ostrich Egg Undoes Her Wrong Sort of Amusing



Fuller Hoppe is in sorrow. He had a prize black Minorca pullet. He HAD.

The executive committee of the Society for the Suppression and Prevention of Barnyard Hypochondriasis met today to outline new plans for the crusade to keep hens amused and make them lay, thus reducing the cost of living, as advised by the college poultry experts.

"I had a great scheme," Fuller Hoppe told Henry Shelley and Nestor Hatch, his colleagues. "I had—past tense."

"It was a lecture. Maybe a little education will help out the amusement, I said to myself. Something technical, but not too heavy. A sort of lecture soufflé."

"So I retained Prof. Bird Hunter, the eminent ornithologist, and had him prepare a lecture on eggs. My hens should be interested in the work of their own fowl, I argued."

"It was to be an illustrated lecture—illustrated with eggs. Eggs of all kinds, from the flying ant to the dodo. If elephants laid eggs they'd have been in it too."

"There was a good house. All my jewels attended the specimen eggs. She was rapt. All else was to the dodo. Odds and Ends in Silverware, 65¢—Worth up to \$2.75. Horse radish jars, nut bowls, salt and pepper casters, crumb trays, etc.

"On a long table in front of him were ranged the specimen eggs, beginning with the flying ant's and the robin's on his right and leading up to the ostrich's at the other end."

"Opposite the ostrich egg, in the first row, was Mimi, the little black Minorca."

"She was attracted by the eggs more than the speaker. Her eyes ranged from the egg to egg till they reached the ostrich's. There they stopped. She gazed and gazed."

"Fuller Hoppe wiped a tear from his eye."

"A light came into her eyes that told of tenderness and of desire. She was rapt. All else was forgotten save the ostrich egg."

"For half an hour she sat in silence, concentrating on that one big egg."

"My attention was called to another part of the house, and I forgot her. Then there was an explosion."

"It was Mimi!"

"Fuller Hoppe choked back a sob, then continued:

"The little dear! I'll never have another like her. You see, all the time she was trying to produce an egg as big as that ostrich's. She almost did. Ah, Mimi!"

MOTHER RELENTS; WEDDING OCCURS

Arrives to Prevent Marriage, but Is Won Over and Blesses Young People.

Hurrying to Berkeley to prevent the marriage of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Menefree Duprey, a junior at the University of California, to Barron C. Parker, son of C. F. Parker, a master mariner of San Francisco, Mrs. A. I. Duprey of Eureka listened to the pleas of the young couple and was present at the wedding.

Miss Duprey wrote home that she was to be married. Her father, a manufacturer of Eureka, and his wife, objected.

Mrs. Barron has been boarding at 1410 Spruce street, Berkeley. Her husband has been studying navigation in the university. Both bride and groom have left college for a honeymoon, foregoing their examinations.

ESPERANTO CLUB MEETS

The 1915 Esperanto club of San Francisco at its meeting to be held this evening at 583 Golden Gate avenue, will elect officers. The program includes the reading of an original short story in Esperanto.

Offerings of all kinds in The Call-Post Want Ads.

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Double Pragers Cash Stamps Until 12 O'Clock Friday Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

This is your opportunity to buy practical gifts and make a positive, real saving. See the bargain tables for Star Specials not advertised.

Lambskin Gloves 79c Full Size Assortment

Genuine Lambskin gloves, soft, pliable skins, overseas sewn. Fresh, new stock; all sizes in tan, brown, white and black.

48c Cashmere 29c Gloves

Two class style with suede lining. Full size assortment in black, gray and navy. Our regular 48c line reduced for one day only.

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They have a heavy steel frame, rubber tire wheels, leatherette hood and reclining back. A full collapsible model. Star Bargain Special, \$1.45.

35c Kitchen Ranges, 25¢—Made of Cast Iron, complete in every detail.

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"Star Bargain" Plume Sale \$1.55

Your unrestricted choice of our regular \$1.95 line of French Ostrich plumes. They measure 15 inches long and are wide and full. The color assortment is broad, including two tone effects, French and royal blue, royal purple, golden brown, copper, green, cerise, gray, red, black and white.

Millinery Department, Second Floor.

"Star Bargain" 25c Gift Novelties 19c

A timely cut price event. The liquors you need for holiday purposes are featured.

50c Bottle—Six bottles assorted in a basket at \$2.75. Choice of Martini or Manhattan Cocktails; Apple, Peach, Blackberry or Sherry Cordial; Vermouth, Creme de Menthe, Gin or Bourbon Whiskey.

Full quart wine, 22¢—Six bottles assorted in a basket, \$1.25. Choice of Port, Sherry, Muscatel or Angelica.

Tinted Hand Bags, 29¢—Made of Linen, cord and fringe included. This is our regular 35c line reduced for one day only.



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For Men—High grade Kid Romeos or opera styles (like the picture). Choice of black or tan in a full range of sizes. This is a less than regular price. Buy those slippers for him on Friday.

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Save 6c a yard on 36 inch waffle suiting—a good firm quality; a great favorite this season.

\$1.00 Box of Handkerchiefs 79c

Taken from our regular \$1.00 lines. Four or six fine quality corner embroidered handkerchiefs packed in a handsome red gift box with raised floral effect decorations. Remember, this price for Friday only.

25c Box Children's Handkerchiefs 19c

Novelty boxes, trunks, suit cases, telephones, etc. Three in a box; our regular 25c line for 19¢, Friday only.

Regular \$6.98 Coats \$5.00

A positive opportunity to save \$1.98. Full length coats in novelty mixtures and mannish Tweeds—several popular styles to select from. There is a complete range of sizes for women, misses and juveniles.

Women's and Misses' Suits \$8.75

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\$1.25 Eiderdown 98c Flannelette Gowns 63c

Made of high grade Eiderdown in red only, trimmed with black. A full range of sizes up to 48.

Coffee Percolators \$1.85 | Electric Irons \$2.35

Aluminum Percolators, 2 quart size. Perfect percolation and 20 year guarantee. Brass Smoking Sets, 89¢—Full height stand sets, all complete.

Sale Marabou Capes and Stoles \$2.98

The capes are 5 strands wide and the stoles are 6 strands wide and 2 yards long. In both you have choice of black, natural, black with white, natural with white and Ostrich combined with Marabou. A great Star Bargain at \$2.98.

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