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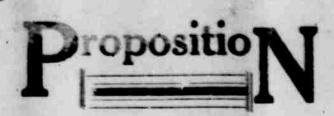
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Smuggling Partridge Eggs.

A singular custom of smuggling by means of a dummy baby was brought to light by the city customs officials at porthern station in Vienna.

Partridge eggs have for a long time been extensively stolen from preserved estates in Hungary, smuggled into Vienna and sold to poultry dealers, who hatched the eggs in incubators, brought up the birds by band and sold them below the prices asked by more honest dealers.

A special lookout for smugglers has resulted in the arrest of two peasant women. Arriving in Vienna in the national Slavonian costume, each them carried a haby tied, according to the invariable custom, to a cushion and so closely "packed" that only the face was visible.

The women were noticed to be a little agitated as they passed the customs, and they were rollowed home. it was then discovered that while one baby was a living child the other was a dummy. It consisted of a wax head, partly hidden by a shawl and a cap. while the cushion was filled with more than 600 partridge eggs.

Curiosity Squelchea.

At dinner the professor of history was seated between two young ladies, who, in accordance with their training in the art of conversation, sought to draw him out upon the subject in which he was most interested. They did not meet with much success; his answers were short-"Yes." "Oliver Cromwell," "No," "1492," and the like.

Finally one of them in desperation ventured: "Professor, we were wondering

only this afternoon, and none of us could remember: How many children did Mary, Queen of Scots, have?"

This was too much. "Madam," said the professor, facing her with squelching dignity, "I am not a scandal-

How We Gain Most

We gain most not by dwelling on the weak points of our rivals, but by studying their strong points.

WILLOW TREE ON THE FARM

Rapid Growth and Hardiness Male It Almost invaluable on Prairie Lands of West

(By E. G. CHEYNEY.)

The rapid growth and hardiness of the willow makes it almost invaluable on the prairie. It is not always & thing of beauty, and it has the objectionable feature of shedding its smaller branches especially when the tree gets old-and making a litter on the ground. However, the prairie farmer usually wants protection first, and can afford to wait awhile for the beauty. The willow is about the only tree which can give him that desired protection in a short time.

The first planting of willows should usually be made in the form of a wind-break To obtain the best results, two rows of cuttings should be planted about eight feet apart and one foot apart in rows. makes the plants closely crowded in the rows, with plenty of room between the rows to cultivate; and for the first two or three years they should be cultivated as regularly as corn. The full sunlight from the sides causes them to spread sideways, with many branches from the ground up. They soon form an impenetrable hedge.

Possibly there is no other farm antmal that can offer as poor an excuse for his existence as the scrub hog. He is an unprofitable animal any way you take him.

The overhead rack is a poor place from which to feed the horse. Besides being an unnatural way for the animal to ferd, it causes a great feat of dust, which is a bad thing

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