

He Knew She Did.

AS THE morning train over the Detroit, Lansing & Northern pulled up at Howell the other day a nice-looking old grandma got aboard with her astetel and settled down for a comfortable ride. A Detroit was of some assistance to her in getting seated, and he presently asked:

"Going on a visit?"
 "Yes, I'm going down to Plymouth to see my darter," she answered.
 "They've writ and writ for me to come, but I thought I should never get started."

"Left the old man at home, I suppose."

"Yes, William thought he'd better stay and see to things at home."

"Did you have plenty of time to get ready?"

"Oh, yes. I've been gettin' ready for two weeks."

"Sure you didn't forget anything?"

"I know I didn't. I packed things up one at a time, and I know they are all here."

"And you left everything all right around the house?"

"Yes."

"Your old man knows where to find the tea, and sugar, and salt does he?"

"Yes. I took him through the buttry the very last thing, and panted out where everything was."

"Well, now," continued the man, "I'm certain that you overlooked something."

"Marcy on me! but what do you mean?" she gasped.

"Did you bring along your spectacles?"

"Yes—here they are."

"Did you hang up a clean towel for him?"

"Yes."

"And put the dish-cloth where he can find it?"

"Yes."

"And roll up his night-shirt and put it under the pillow?"

"Yes."

"And was everything all right about the cook-stove?"

"Marcy! marcy on me! Stop these kyars this blessed minute!" she exclaimed as she tried to reach her feet.

"I just remember now that I put the knives and forks in the oven to dry out and shut the door on 'em! He never'll think to look in there, and he'll build up a big fire and roast every handle off before I get to Plymouth!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

AN eccentric Berlin philosopher announces that he has discovered a way to make a trip around the world in twenty-four hours. He says that he is informed by the captains of ships that birds are seen at sea a thousand miles or more from land, and pronounce it self-evident that they must reach shore in a very short time, since they cannot find a resting place in mid-ocean. From this he conceived the idea that they merely raise themselves aloft, and, with only enough motion to keep aloft, remain as nearly stationary as possible, while the earth revolves around under them. All they then have to do is to wait until the desired spot on the earth's surface comes along, and thereupon comfortably to lower themselves to solid ground. This ingenious practice on the part of birds the Berlin man proposes to imitate for mankind with the assistance of a balloon and passenger car of peculiar construction that he had invented, and which will soar aloft and remain stationary, while the restless earth rolls on below. It does not appear that he has successfully tried a trip with his balloon himself, but he has laid his theory before the Polytechnic Society of Berlin, and given an elaborate exposition of it. The Society received it apparently with levity, but the inventor is in dead earnest.

A big boy in a country school near Warsaw, N. Y., defied the teacher to make him spell a word. The word was window, and to illustrate it the teacher threw the big boy plump through it. Some teachers are very panes-taking with their pupils.

ONE evening, at a Paris cafe, a group of idlers were discussing politics and people who change their opinions.
 "Well," said one, "I've never cried, 'Long live anybody.'"
 "Quite so," remarked one; "but then you're a doctor."

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

BAKED BEANS WITHOUT PORK.—Cook in the usual way until well done, and season with salt and pepper to taste; add a cup of sweet cream, and bake slowly one hour. Delicious.

It is frequently asserted that the sex of eggs can be determined by the shape of the egg, the position of the air-cell, the curl or twist at the small end, etc. These tests have been proved by careful experiments, which have shown that all such ideas and theories are erroneous and absurd.

TO CLEAN SHAWLS.—To clean white Shetland shawls, put the soiled article into a large bowl, throw over it half a teaspoonful of flour, "dry" rub thoroughly, as if washing, and then thoroughly shake out the flour. If the article is not clean, repeat the process in clean flour. Articles cleaned by this process will retain a new look as long as there is one thread left.

CHEESE OMELET.—Butter the sides of a deep dish and cover with thin slices of rich cheese; sprinkle with pepper and mustard; lay over the cheese thin slices of buttered bread, then another layer of cheese, and season. Beat the yolk of an egg in a cup of milk and pour over the dish, and put at once into the oven; and bake until a light brown. It must be served at once.

SWISS TEA ROLLS.—Six eggs, one-half pound of sifted flour, one-half pound of pulverized sugar, one-half teaspoonful of grated lemon peel. Beat the eggs till very light, add a dessertspoonful of iced water and beat up again, adding the sugar and lemon peel very gradually, while beating. When all the sugar is in beat in the flour in the same way, a little at a time. Make into rolls and bake slowly in a moderate oven. To be eaten fresh and hot with butter.

BRAN or ground feed is best fed to cows upon moistened hay; it being mixed with the hay, all will be eaten together and raised and masticated. But if it is not fed with cut hay it should be fed dry and in a small quantity each time, for if fed alone it is not raised and remasticated, but goes on to the third and fourth stomachs. If fed in slop it is swallowed without any mastication and mixed with little or no saliva, but if fed dry it cannot be swallowed until it is mixed with saliva, and the saliva assists in digestion. When food is masticated the act of rumination causes the saliva to flow and mix with food. We have experimented, and find that, when fed alone dry, ground feed is better digested than when fed wet.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE.—Take half an ounce of gelatine and put it into just enough warm water to cover it; while this is slowly dissolving take one pint of thick sweet cream, and whip it to a stiff broth; beat well the white of one egg. After the gelatine is dissolved boil it for two or three minutes, then sweeten and flavor it; when it is about as warm as new milk add the cream and egg, and beat the mixture till it is cold. If the sponge cake over which this is to be turned is baked in a large round tin which is scalloped around the edge, it adds much to the pretty effect of the dish. Put the cake while warm, to prevent its crumbling, into a round dish, allowing the scallops to show at the top; then pour the whipped cream into it, and you have a dish fit for the gods. *N. Y. Post.*

A Hint to Farmers.

IN some sections—and it would be a decided advance in thoughtfulness and kindness in all sections—farmers give each of their boys, and girls, too, a strip of ground to raise whatever they choose upon it and dispose of the product for their own benefit. It is a favor that they all appreciate, and it is a pleasant and serviceable employment for them in their leisure hours. They will vie with each other in their skill at raising little crops, and the proceeds, applied to their own use, are frequently of some value; and the whole arrangement, while it instructs them in the cultivation of the soil, early implants in the children the idea of thrift and economy. Sometimes, where a good many animals are raised, a pig, a lamb, a calf, up to even a colt, according to the age of the children, is given to each to rear and to keep or sell. Farmers, think of this: it will more than repay you in the happiness and confidence it will impart to your sons and daughters. —*Germanstown Telegraph.*

Poultry Houses.

THE style and finish of the buildings intended for poultry depend much on the purse and taste of the owner. Comfort of the occupants should not be sacrificed, for without being comfortable the hens can not long remain in profit. Avoid low or damp localities, as this gives roup, or brings on a low state of health, which invites disease, or results in leg weakness and emaciated birds, the progeny of which will be victims of the gapes, pip and similar diseases. The location should be on dry upland, gravelly soil, and be well drained. Fowls can endure much cold without serious injury, providing it be dry. The floor should not be of brick or cemented, but if a solid flooring be required, it may be paved with cobble-stones, deeply imbedded in gravel, and loose gravel or sand scattered over the surface, which can be removed once or twice a year and replaced by fresh. Over this, air-slaked lime may be scattered liberally, or wood ashes. If coal ashes be supplied, place them in a box in one corner of the room. The box should be deep, that the fowls may not scratch them out over the floor. Fowls when confined are fond of scratching and picking among coal ashes. In them they find something that assists in the digestion of their food, while also finding employment.

The building should not be high or lofty, unless two-story. Eight feet at the peak is sufficient for all ordinary purposes, and should gradually slope down at the back or north end to about four feet. Here should be the roosts. The southern portion should be perhaps about five feet erect, and the glass windows inclined from this to meet the rafters at the peak. This plan gives the sun-rays directly on the ground floor, and on sunny days creates a great deal of warmth, if the building be made airtight, or as nearly as can be, with matched or battened boards, or what is still better, lathed and plastered. This warmth will be retained well throughout the night. The advantage of low roosts, close to the roof, is obvious. It is good for heavy breeds as well as light.

GENTLEMEN who are going to take a drive should not forget that an eight-page newspaper spread over the chest is the best chest protector that can be worn in cold weather. Put it between the under and overcoat.—*Dr. Foote's Health Monthly* for January.

—An act by which we make one friend and one enemy is a losing game, because revenge is a much stronger principle than gratitude.

[Walla Walla Watchman.]

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[Danville (Ill.) News.]

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