

ADVICE FROM FARMER'S WIFE.

The correspondent who wrote to Secretary of Agriculture Houston and informed him that "the farm woman has been the most neglected factor in the rural problem and she has been especially neglected by the national department of agriculture," was pretty nearly right, says the Charleston News and Courier. The department would have accomplished more for farming if it had devoted to the inhabitants of the farmhouse as much attention as it has given to the fields that lie about the homestead. In particular, it would have made better progress than it has made in checking the drift of population away from the farms to the cities. This migration of rural dwellers into the urban centers has been increasing from year to year. It is still increasing in most parts of the country, though here and there in restricted sections it seems to have slackened somewhat. The way to stop it is to make life on the farm pleasanter. It is true that one method of doing this is through such work as that to which the department has chiefly devoted its energies—that is to say, through teaching the farmer to make more money out of his crops. But much can be done also by the more direct method of teaching the farmer how to improve conditions in his home; and this can be done best through the farmer's wife.

A loose electric current can make a great deal of trouble. It did in New York, the other day, when eleven thousand volts leaking from a feed wire into the steel frame of a new building knocked over 60 workmen. The contact started a fire and when the firemen turned a hose on the blaze, the men at the nozzle dropped it with yells, for the current shocked them through the water. The current came from the New Haven railroad wires and had to be shut off before the fire was put out. Life in a modern city is more complicated than it used to be, and beset with more dangers. People in towns from which the railroads still run their trains with locomotives propelled by steam may indulge in the consoling reflection that while the smoke nuisance has its drawbacks, it is not so fatal as an electric current on a rampage.

When anything goes wrong in an American prison, the custom of critics is to assume that such a thing could have happened in no other country under the sun. The news from Scotland, a country where prison management might be supposed to be efficient, reveals the fact that matters sometimes go wrong in prisons abroad. The other day it was discovered that counterfeit bank notes so skillfully executed as to deceive local bankers and shopkeepers have been made by convicts in the Peterhead prison. In printing these counterfeits the convicts used paper in which rations had been served them.

Bulwer Lytton prophesied that in the future mankind would be hairless, but it was a vague, indefinite prophecy. Now an eastern professor comes forward with a statement that in exactly 3,000 years all mankind will be bald. Upon what data he bases this calculation does not appear. Perhaps he figures it out on the spread of education and the general adoption of the intellectual life.

A western magnate says that no matter how little a man has, he should spend part of it in trying to make life pleasant for his wife. If that advice were generally followed, many of the problems now troubling the legal and social theorists and experts would solve themselves.

The health commissioner of Chicago says that he is going to let people kiss all they want to, as osculation is in no danger from germs. This is what might be classed as popular sanitation.

The latest savant to deliver his views on an after life is, as usual, a trifle vague. After all, savants know more about protoplasm than they do about the infinite.

St. Louis doctors have found a cure for bichloride of mercury poisoning. A simple remedy would be to make sure that kind of a tablet one is trusting to.

After all, what a small world this is! Persian woman whose husband deserted her, tracked him all the way to Chicago and had him arrested.

Croquet is said to be again sweeping over England. A game as tame as croquet can't "sweep" it either minces or ambles.

A baby proves to be the latest missile in family warfare, since a young wife threw it at her husband in a quarrel.

The coal tar trust has been dissolved. Does this mean that tar and feathers will come easier?

How about calling the new policemen "copettes"?

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China is to have a new cabinet. The former one must have been either considerably shoptorn, or procured at a rummage sale.

A race horse has been sold in London for about its weight in gold. Horses will soon be fetching as much as beef it seems.

One funny sight is a pretty girl in a restaurant trying to eat "corn on the cob" and at the same time keep on looking pretty.

While it is fashionable to be robbed of one's priceless jewels, one cannot break into the smart set by losing one's dollar watch.

The average man can have a great deal of fortune when it's his little boy's tooth and not his own that is going to be worked on.

That sentiment in favor of knee breeches for the man will scarcely become general, man being in an overwhelming majority.

If laughter averts appendicitis, we can see where surgeons will frown upon the musical comedy trust as a combination in restraint of trade.

Joy riding is a messy form of self-destruction.

A worker is always welcomed back from his vacation.

It's an ill mannered wind that blows the slashed skirt too far.

How roseate would life be were it just one ball game after another!

You don't have to go to a cabaret show in a cab, but many people do.

There is no such thing as a hobble skirt race. It is a jumping contest.

When men wear split trousers they will be willing to vote for woman suffrage.

Almost anybody can reform his own currency by making it go further and less fast.

The fellows who formerly rocked the boat are now taking girls up in aeroplanes.

The fellow who goes around with a chip on his shoulder is generally a blockhead.

We are advised not to frown at the cook. Few people have the moral courage to do that.

Pavlova, the famous Russian dancer, slapped her male partner while they were giving an exhibition on a London stage. Are not men the wretches?

An old bachelor says there is something wrong with every woman's figure. Observations like that are the natural result of a visit to the sea shore.

Bread deliverers may be required to wear gloves. Which conveys the peculiar intimation that in that industry hands are not washed as often as gloves.

Why take the trouble to invent new jokes? A young woman laughed so hard at the ancient wheeze about a dog appearing in short pants that she swallowed a ring.

Now a citizen is arrested for shooting his wife just to scare her. The lit children who have been shooting one another can see what a bad example they have set.

A reward of \$50,000 has been offered for the head of one of the Chinese governors. Practical politics is even more strenuous in the new republic than in ours, for while our officeholders do lose their heads occasionally, they are not removed with such drastic literalness.

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VACATION LIARS.

There is something genial and human about the vacationist who lies about the number and the size of the fish he has caught, or that have got away from him. The stay-at-home can put the arm of friendship over the shoulders of the fellow who comes back and boasts that he slept under two blankets every night, that he gained 12 pounds in 12 days, found the scenery perfect and the mosquitoes noticeable because of their non-existence. These are such common everyday liars that everyone would resent their being called liars. They are lovable if only upon the ground that they prove themselves game. If they've been "done" on their vacations they've the courage not to wall about it. But there's another kind of vacation liar who cannot be forgiven. These are the resort keepers who lie about the view, the temperature and the freedom from pests, the transportation companies which print glorified pictures in their folders, the cities whose commercial bodies send out bait for tourist in the form of pamphlets and circulars, and the owners of furnished cottages who write shamelessly over their own signatures that only the stress of business prevents their occupying the cottages themselves, says the Toledo Blade.

Saturday afternoon off is generally supposed to be present day privilege. On the contrary, however, the Saturday half day holiday, and even the "eight hours a day," were in force in the days of the Roman empire. Saturday very appropriately takes its name from the Roman god, Saturn, who presided over the Roman games on a universal holiday called Saturnalia. Curiously enough, the names of the remaining days of our week are of Norwegian origin. Right back in the ages the Vikings and their sturdy forefathers were sun worshippers, and Sunday was a special day set apart for its worship, says London Answers. According to their belief the moon was the wife of the sun, and therefore, could not be ignored—hence Monday. Tuesday was named after the god of war, Tiu. The monarch of the Norseman's heaven, Woden, endowed Wednesday with its title Thursday is dedicated to Thor, the god of thunder. Friga, the goddess of love, had Friday devoted to her worship.

To the number of German princes actively interested in trade and commerce must be added Prince Henry XXXII. of Reuss—younger line—who has established a limited company to work two rubber plantations which he has bought in German East Africa. The prince is himself the head of the undertaking. This is not his actual debut in business affairs, since he has studied at the Commercial High school of Cologne, where he took a diploma.

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FARMER AND HIS INCOME.

The high price of food products is causing a great deal of talk concerning the possibilities of money-making on the farm. We are told that farm life no longer presents the drudgery of the old days, but that the modern agriculturist lives in comfort and affluence. In proof of this fact, our attention is called to the motor truck with which the sons of the soil bring their products to market, and the automobiles which they use for purposes of pleasure. There is a modicum of truth in all of this, but the successful farmer of the day, like the successful farmer of the past, has to work hard and systematically if he hopes to make any considerable amount of money, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Department of Agriculture at Washington reports that after the interest on an average mortgage of \$1,715 is paid and the farm expenses are subtracted from the income from farm products, the average American farmer has \$637.50 at the end of the year. At first blush this looks rather small, but it must be remembered that the farmer gets most of his living direct from the soil and that practically none of this income has to be spent on the table, so that the chances are that he is able to put more of this income in bank for a rainy day than the man in almost any other line of human endeavor—that is to say, he may save more in proportion of his income than most of us.

In the time of Moses the Hittites were apparently a small tribe of Palestine, fiercer than the Amorites. In the days of the Judges they had grown to considerable tribal importance, and in Elisha's time they had become a strong people, allied with Egypt in their wars and owning a confederacy of cities, spreading far beyond the borders of Palestine. About 1600 B. C. they were a vast warlike power, contending with Egypt and holding wide possessions, says the Christian Herald. They were then a handsome, warlike race, yellow skinned, long haired, beardless, and with the Mongolian, rather than the Semitic type of face. For centuries they fought with Assyria, and their power was finally brought to a close by the successful campaign of King Sargon (717 B. C.). Their kingdom ceased to exist shortly afterward.

For more than 2,000 years Salonica has had a continuous history, though the city has not always been known by its present name. It was refounded and renamed by Alexander the Great in the year 315 B. C. It is said that Philip of Macedonia named his daughter Thessalonica because on the day he heard of her birth he won a victory over the Thessalians. Thus the victory of Philip and the name of his daughter, the half sister of the conqueror of the world, are all embalmed in the name of the city.

Another strong reason has arisen for the preservation of the birds from the massacre of fashion. It is that they are the natural police to protect the crops from insects. It is one of the inconsistencies of human intelligence, as well as a travesty on economy, to spend so much money in insecticides while destroying the natural means of keeping the ravages of insects in check.

Tacoma held an "Umpires' day" the other day, the sentiment of which was that all baseball fans should love the umpire. On the other side of the continent the Philadelphia crowd demonstrated its allegiance to the sentiment by trying to show its love for him with brickbats.

A "talking dog" which is being exhibited all over the country lately helped to save a drowning man at Coney Island. Even the animal creation recognizes the professional value of getting into the papers.

Tight skirts are blamed for many boarding trains and street cars. That fact will not result in any change of style, however, for a woman would rather be hurt than be unfashionable.

If, as a scientist avers, all the babies will presently stop being born, we do not see that the worldwide famine that another scientist predicts will do any particular damage.

Fashion note says that women will wear a great deal of velvet this winter. O, shucks! We were hoping they would trot along on the old even tenor of their ways.

Now it is proposed to use the discarded battleships for day schools. That would be a new way of teaching the young idea how to shoot.

The new prime minister of Holland has seven initials in his name. When he is called by his full name it sounds like a roll call.

A telephone girl ought to be about the last person in the world to think of telling secrets over the line.

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"It will be observed that Rev. Roberts waited two years after he began to use Peruna, before he wrote the above letter to The Peruna Co. So that his apparent recovery could not possibly have been temporary relief. In a later letter to The Peruna Co., dated September 22, 1909, Rev. Roberts says: "I am a great friend of Peruna. By the use of Dr. Hartman's advice I am here to-day, able to be with my family and attend to my business."

We quote from another letter, dated December 10, 1908: "I praise Peruna to all the sick. The people know my case, and they praise it also."

In a letter dated November 22, 1910, we quote Rev. Roberts: "Peruna gave me back my life ten years ago. All my acquaintances know that. I am certainly thankful to you for your kindness."

In a later letter, dated January 13, 1910, he says: "I shall ever in the future, as in the past, be ready to speak in praise of Peruna to all sufferers. I believe my miraculous cure has been the means of many others being cured in this country."

From a letter of September 5, 1911, we quote a few words: "I am still among the living. As to Peruna, I do not feel that I have words to express the faith I have in its merits. I feel that Peruna has been the means, through the kind providence of God, of prolonging my life for more than ten years."

We quote a still later letter, October 31, 1912. He says: "I took a severe cold three weeks ago. I at once sent for Peruna. Have been taking it two weeks. I am now better. I consider that Peruna has carried me over a dozen years of life. I always stand ready to answer any question in reference to Peruna."

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It is not necessary for us to add any words to this story. The eloquence and pathos of these letters are more convincing than arguments or affidavits. Who can doubt the clergyman's story? Who can doubt that Peruna saved his life?

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