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Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved  
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Meadowville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak... I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught."

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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This State That Are of Interest to All the People.

A Red Cross society has been organized at Wilson.

The Kinston fair association is more than \$15,000 to the good after paying its way the past three years, according to the secretary's annual report, made public.

The Warsaw tobacco market, after a very successful season, has closed. Sales were unusually heavy at both warehouses and prices continued good up to the last.

The North Carolina lodge of Masons will take part in the funeral of the late Major Lee B. Heart, who died at his home in Raleigh. Major Heart had for the past 10 years served as grand treasurer of the grand lodge.

Moore's Chapel, a negro Methodist church near Livingston College and one of the largest church buildings in Salisbury, was entirely destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The church was comparatively new and with the furnishings was valued at fifteen thousand.

Secretary Houston told Senator Overman and Representatives Hood, Doughton and Robinson, and a party of farmers' union delegates, headed by W. B. Gibson, of Iredell county, that final arrangements had been made with Great Britain, France and Italy for \$105,000 tons of nitrate of soda for the farmers of this county.

Dr. B. W. Gilmore, director of State Extension Service, is calling attention to the necessity of saving seed for planting next spring. He has written the county agents urging upon them the advisability of making lists of the different kinds of seed in such a way that this information can be secured later.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found ashore on Masoboro pond, near Wilmington. It is believed that it was one of the four fishermen who went out in a boat several weeks ago and have not been seen since. This is the second body of a man to be found in that section recently both believed to have been members of the unfortunate fishing crew.

Asheville's municipal woodyard has proved a blessing to the city during the present cold snap, as coal has been decidedly scarce, and many of the poorer people have had to depend entirely on the woodyard for fuel. For the past week according to a statement made by a coal man, the coal yards have been leading a hand-to-mouth, or rather, a cart-to-wagon existence.

News has been received here of the horrible death of Miss Nettie Lancaster, a well-known young lady of Edgecombe county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lancaster of Leggett farm, near Red Bank. It is believed she was killed by a fall from a tree while she was working around the stove and her apron was ignited in some manner.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young has received a telegram from the provost marshal general that his department cannot order the mobilization of the negro contingent of the North Carolina national army men at training camp until the war department is ready for this to be done. The delay is necessitated, the provost marshal general says, by delay in equipment of the camps for the reception of the negro troops.

One of the principal features of the meeting of the North Carolina Live Stock Association at Wilson on January 14 will be the eight sales of pure bred animals which will be held during the week, according to the programs which are now being mailed from the Animal Industry Division of the Extension Service. These eight sales will consist of consignments of pure bred beef cattle, swine and poultry.

An original article from the pen of Granddaddy Rice, famous sport writer and known the world over as the conductor of the syndicated column "The Sportlight," will soon adorn the pages of the Camp Sevier "Trench and Camp."

Henry Dean, a young white man of Red Springs, went hunting and upon his not returning at night his friends became alarmed and went in search. They found him dead on the railroad track where he had fallen on the snow and accidentally shot himself.

Miss Tince Ingold, age 17, is in the hospital suffering from a pistol wound inflicted by Miss Lillie Talley, a young woman of nearly her own age, who is in jail awaiting the outcome of Miss Ingold's injuries. The two girls had

## HOME TOWN HELPS

REMODELED HOUSE LIKE NEW  
Dwelling That Is Made Over May Come Nearer Meeting Needs Than One Constructed to Order.

The remodeled house is often more comfortable, charming and satisfying than one built new. Buying a house already built is much like purchasing clothes ready-made; it is never quite a perfect fit; there is never perfect harmony with individual needs and requirements, says Noble Foster Hogson in the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Remodeling makes a house not only a new house, with the added advantage that the general plan being satisfactory. It is easier to see just what modifications and improvements are needed than to see them in imagination from a study of the architect's plans for a complete new building.

An old house, endeared through years of occupancy and association, grows into a familiar adjustment to the needs of the family. But usually there comes a growing realization of the many ways in which it might be altered and improved.

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Cost should be in harmony with the value of the house. The cost of a house should not be out of proportion to the value of the site.

One of the most grievous mistakes the owner can make is to build a house that is out of proportion to the value of the land on which it is erected. The higher the cost of the land the better, as a rule, the character of future building operations in the neighborhood. For instance, it is generally unwise to build a house costing \$5,000 or \$8,000 on a lot costing \$20 or \$25 a front foot. Nor should the reverse mistake be made of building a cheap house on an expensive site—though that is governed by the restrictions which most developers of high-grade subdivisions impose. Cost of house and cost of site should be in fairly strict proportion.

Herbert Hoover won't can the coming year. Officials of the Virginia Cannery exchange, summoned to explain certain papers found in their files by investigators for the federal trade commission in the course of the inquiry into charges of food speculation made by the food administration, agreed to withdraw all letters and papers which might be construed as suggestions for price-fixing, and to refrain in the future from all activities tending to such an effect.

Macadam is Regaining Favor With Modern Builders, Who Are Now Looking at Annual Cost. A few years ago road builders joined in a universal requiem for the old-fashioned water-bound macadam road in New York state. It served its purpose when vehicles were all horse-drawn, it was acknowledged, but with the advent of motor vehicles it was laid aside with the muzzle loaders, crinolines and other prizes of departed days. But recently the macadam road has come back again into favor. This is because road officials are now judging the cost of a road by its total annual expense, including maintenance and sinking fund. On this basis it has been discovered that a macadam road is an economical one for certain classes of travel.

Native Trees Are Desirable. Many people have the decidedly mistaken idea that the only trees worth buying and setting out are the more or less expensive shrubs or evergreens which are not native to most sections of the country. The idea of paying out good money for a pine or a birch or a maple seems to go against the grain. As a matter of fact there are many places where such trees are to be had for the trouble of digging them up and transplanting them, but even this is considered too high a price. And yet for many purposes pines and maples are as good trees as can be had, and there is nothing listed in the catalogue more beautiful and graceful than a well cared-for group of white birches.

Male Lacking in Vitality. No matter how well marked he is, a cocker lacking in vitality will be a failure as a breeder. While the young stuff is growing up, and the age is unmistakable, is the time to cull. Later an early-hatched, stunted specimen may be thought to be a late-hatched prodigy.

Parasites Cause of Worry. Hens and chicks worn out with constant irritation are apt to succumb to disease. Both hens and chicks worn out with the constant irritation of the skin caused by the parasites, and the loss of blood by actual sucking from the tissues lose vitality and are more apt to succumb to diseases which would otherwise be resisted.

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At Camp Meade, Md. Private Claude W. Enlow of Philadelphia was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the service for refusing to obey the commands of his superior officer, when ordered to do kitchen police duty. He also forfeits all pay and allowances. "Kitchen police duty" means helping the cook wash dishes, peel potatoes, etc.

A bill to provide for national prohibition for the period of the war has been introduced in Congress.

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## POULTRY

SUITABLE HOUSE FOR FOWLS

Most Essential That Hens Be Protected From Inclement Weather, and Their Enemies.

One of the most essential things in poultry keeping, is to have a suitable house which will protect the fowls from inclement weather and from their natural enemies. It is well understood that no two farms will present exactly the same conditions; for instance, one farmer will desire to keep one hundred hens while another may want many more or less. Then again, some farms will present one kind of soil, whereas on other farms the character of the soil and drainage are entirely different. Some farmers will desire a house which presents an attractive appearance, whereas on other farms poultry houses will be so located that they are not conspicuous, and hence the matter of appearance is of little concern.

Dispose of Dead Chickens. Cremation is Only Safe Method of Getting Rid of Carcasses—Old Carcasses Can Be Handy.

There is only one safe method of disposal of the dead, and that is by burning. An ordinary wood fire does well, but an old carbide can or other such things made over slightly, makes the job easier, more complete and less repulsive, writes Dale R. Van Horn in Farm and Home. Having procured the carbide can, make a hole in the bottom a little smaller than the hole in the top, and then on one side near the top make a door as shown.

Best Returns from Manure. In Orchard Planted on Slope Fall Application Must Be Sufficient—Mud Washed Away.

Will manure give the best returns when applied in the fall? Evidently no single answer can be given that will fit all conditions, says Country Gentleman. In an orchard planted on a steep slope, the full application of manure necessarily is wasteful, for a large portion of it will be washed down to lower levels by the winter rains. In an orchard located on a sandy, open soil the fall application of manure will also be wasteful; in this case the soluble nitrogen and potash compounds are easily washed into the deeper soil layers and are apt to be carried off in the drainage waters. Such soils should receive applications of readily available plant-food at the beginning of the growing season. On the other hand, level or slightly rolling clay soils, or clay loam soils should allow an economical utilization of manure when the latter is applied in the fall. To be sure, the indirect effect of the manure will be lost to some extent, because the fermentation will occur at the surface instead of within the soil; nevertheless, the improvement in the tilth and the washing of the manure should offset this disadvantage.

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## ORCHARD GLEANINGS

PRUNING NEWLY SET TREES

Work Should Be Done Just as Soon After Planting as Possible—Roots Are Not Strong.

Probably more trees die the first season after planting from lack of proper top-pruning than from any other one cause. Scarcely, if ever, does the grower prune his trees too severely at setting; in almost all cases not enough is removed.

Top-pruning should be done just as soon after planting as possible, as every day it is neglected lessens the chances for the tree to withstand the adverse conditions. When a tree is dug, not only is the root system mutilated, but by far the greater portion is removed. Often four-fifths of the root area is left in the nursery. It is evident that if the top of the tree is



Low-Pruned Tree.

not reduced, this mutilated and callously lessened root area will be greeted upon to supply as much top with moisture and food materials as the entire root system did previously. Since the roots cannot do this, the fruit trees should be heavily top-pruned immediately after planting.

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## WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

How War Methods Have Changed Everybody Must Help.

"Hello, Uncle Dan, Jimmie and I have been waiting for you." "Sorry if I have kept you long," said Uncle Dan. "Your mother has been telling me how bashful I used to be. She said if a girl spoke to me I would blush to my hair roots. Well, I reminded her of the time your father first came to see her and the joke we played on them, so I guess that will hold her for a while."

Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "You want to talk more about the war, do you? Well, war methods have undergone many changes and they are still changing. No two wars are fought alike. In early times, the weapons were stones, clubs, spears, bows and arrows, swords, etc. In this kind of warfare, victory was with the strong right arm. Men of enormous size and strength were the great warriors. The invention of gunpowder, however, has changed all this. It has enabled men to kill one another at a considerable distance, and do it wholesale. The war, as we know it now, is a combination of chemicals, machinery, mathematics and highly trained men. Just think of it! Airplanes, submarines, armored tanks, or caterpillars, poison gases, and curtains of fire are all used for the first time in this war; and they are destructive beyond anything heretofore known."

"The methods followed by the Kaiser and his allies are simply devilish. He must answer in history to the killing of thousands of innocent women and children. He has broken every international law and every rule of warfare; he has bombarded hospitals and undefended cities, sunk Red Cross ships on errands of mercy; he has destroyed cathedrals and priceless treasures of art that can never be replaced; he has made slaves of his prisoners; he has tried to get us into war with Japan; his emissaries have blown up our ships, burned our factories and fired our forests. He knows no mercy or honor. The most charitable view to take of this blood-thirsty tyrant is that he is crazy."

"One thing is certain," continued Uncle Dan, with great emphasis, "Our liberty, the safety of our homes and our country, and the security of the world demand the speedy and absolute overthrow of the Kaiser and crushing out once and forever the reign of Prussian brutality."

"How about the German people," said Billie. Uncle Dan replied: "The splendid German people were happy, thrifty, prosperous and contented. They have been tricked into war and made to suffer the tortures of the damned; they have been cruelly and systematically deceived. God grant that the real facts may get to them, and if they do, Lord help the Kaiser!"

"Of course the allies will win," said Mrs. Graham. "Probably so," said Uncle Dan. "But if we are to win, we must go the limit. We must check the awful destruction to shipping by the German submarines, or we may not be able to get food and supplies to our own men and to our allies; we must also put hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions, of first-class soldiers in the battle line."

"Food is the first consideration," Uncle Dan continued. "No army can hold against hunger. It has been said that food will win the war, and this is largely true. Hence the importance of the farm in the war plans of our country."

"In view of the importance of farming, don't you think, Daniel, that the farmer ought to be exempted from war service?" "No, a thousand times no," said Uncle Dan, striking the table so hard to emphasize his protest that he tipped over a vase of flowers. "We must have a class legislation. The duty to serve is the common duty of all, and no class must be relieved of this obligation. The question of exemption must be a personal one and decided by the facts surrounding each case. In no other way can we have a square deal, and to insure this, it is the duty of congress to pass immediately the Chamberlain bill, or some such measure, which is fair to all classes. It would settle all these questions and do it fairly. Safety now and safety hereafter demands such legislation, and let me suggest that you and your friends get busy with your congressmen and senators and urge them to prompt action."

"It is time for us to realize that we are not living in a fool's paradise; that this great country of ours contains oceans of blood and treasure and it is only due to the loyalty, sacrifice and service of our forefathers that we have a country, and it is our highest duty to preserve it unimpaired and pass it on to posterity, no matter what the cost may be. Our citizenship and their ancestors came from all parts of the world to make this country a home and enjoy its blessings and opportunities; hence, in the crisis before us, it is the duty of everyone to stand squarely back of our country and be prepared to defend the flag. Every one in this crisis is either pro-American or pro-German. Great as the country is, there is not room enough for two flags."

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RESOLUTION IN HOUSE DECLARING STATE OF WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

No Reference is Made Either to Turkey or Bulgaria—Early Action is Expected in Senate on War Resolution.

Washington.—Congress cleared the way for prompt response to President Wilson's call for a declaration of war with Austria-Hungary.

The joint resolution approved by the President and the state department declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government from Wednesday at noon was introduced in the house and unanimously approved by the house foreign affairs committee.

As perfected by the house committee and ordered reported without a dissenting vote, the resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, the Imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has severed diplomatic relations with the government of the United States of America and has committed acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America, among which are its adherence to the policy of ruthless submarine warfare adopted by its ally, the Imperial German government with which the United States of America is at war, and by giving its ally active support and aid on both land and sea in the prosecution of war against the government and people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that a state of war be and is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the Imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and carry on war against the Imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

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