

"Bat-bat I don't think I want Jad Well, great guns! Coarse I'd be

Pitcher to make me an offer," faltered willin' enough to nev her. She's got Caldie, her pretty month taking a the stuff an' am't bal lookin' neither. Not so purty as Caddie Benhow, an' Ed rather hey Ci blie all things being ekil. But take Call fie if I can get the heires-? Not much, Mary Ann!

she's a good little creeter, an' seems like sence. I seen how plum happy shu is with Jim Page, I couldn't hev

the heart to upset it all now, even of Jud had of had any good excuse for actin' so like time." and shut them with a source

the noon, with ouss in full pursuit.

Before any one could set, Maje praug up from his nap on the rug, and as the bird swapped near him h opened his big jaws, took the bird in

cannot spare all of his flucts from toreign waters, for fear of Russia and France Brazil's navy consists of nineteer vessels, seven of which are armored. Only two of these are battleships, the largest having a displacement of 5,700 chicken's and is generally more valu tons and an armor belt eleven mehes able. thick. Besides these, Brazil he twenty-two torpedo houts. She is also building eleven new naval vessels, four hope of which are to be ironelads. Argum-A good farmer likes to furnee the tina has seventeen ships in her nave work even it he should get heet, it five of which are armored, besides domir su. twenty-one torpedo bosts. Her lareest vessel has a displacement of 4,200 tens and an armor belt of nine meles. for the market. Chile can add to this eleven vessel and twenty-two tornedo loats. Her largest is a battleship of 6,950 tons, with a twelve inch beit. Urugaay can market. - Finrida Times-Union, lend ten vessels, three of which are gauboats. The navies of the remaining republics of Control and South America are very insignificant as in dividuals, but if concentrated would make quite a large flect to act as commerce destroyers. thought ully.

"These woman chebs" sighed the supermanuated categor, pushing the plate every from him, Yought to stick

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hed, but never in the entry hed, Sometimels a farmer loudes as seedy a his farm in the springs

Many a farmer is small potatoes

When helfer a farmer starts to rap

The Reason Why.

"I don't see wire," she persisted.

shouldn't there be statues of great

been slighted in that line.

women as well as great men ?"

promptly.

almong high ?"

all right," she replied.

plaintive curve.

"Yes, you do, miss," interrupted her father, briskly ; "an' you'll take it too, ef that's what it means."

"Oh, yes, honey, do !" besought her mother, whose policy was always to dollar on that valentine for Cad. But, coax people into any disagreeable task, from taking a dose of quinine to accepting an unwelcome suitor. "I think Jud's real nice, so tall an I kind of alich !

"You ought at least to send him a valentine in return, Cad lie," said Mrs. John.

"He wouldn't get it today," murmured Caldie. "It's too late now." "That don't make any difference."

put in Miss Sue. "You can send 'em any time during the month,"

"An' of it's the thing to sen I a Valtine in answer to his'n, that's what yoa'il do Cad," said Mr. Benbow, bluntly, "au' a slap-up one too of it costs a dollar!

"I think it's all right and proper to send it any time this month," argued Miss Sue' wrinkling her square forehead thoughtfully, "But to make sure I'll ask Miss Atherton when she comes tomorrow for the setting of guinea eggs I've been saving up for her. She'll know what's what,'

And Miss Atherion the village heiress and autocrat, when the question was submitted to hur, detected a low story at ones, with pretty Collie, her her especial subject of admiration, for heroine, and at once fell good-naturedly nto the family views.

"Of course it will be all right to send one," she said, smiling at Coldie, who was blushing shyly and unthis very day, and I'll pick you out to the weddin'; that's all,

Wisht I hedn't 'a wasted my half a howsomever, I'll go straight off an' see Althy, au' hey it all settled in a iff. Jest to think of the heirers nthe invention belongs to M. Cornelislovin' me so hoveless all this time, an' mo in my modesty not a-suspicioning it! She might of hed me long ago," And so absorbed was Mr. Pitcher in his reflections that he nearly rode

over Farmer B-nbow, who was pladhimself, as a joke. ding down the lane in search of his

"H'lo there, Pitcher! Watch aout where you're a-going at!" was the farmers greeting. Don't be a-running over your frien's. Comin' over to dinner a-Sunday !

COWS.

"No-o," drawled Mr. Pitcher: "reckon not."

"H'm!" granted the farmer. "Reckoned you would, Caddie's kinder expectin' of ye."

"Is, hey?" queried Jud, with an arrogant indifference inspired by his new prospects. "Dunno es she's got dict. any partickler graounds, 'Spect 1'll be a-goin' over to Miss Athorton's. Wouldn't wonder if her au' mo'd marry 'fore harvest time gets here, "Hey?"

Mr. Benbow stare I with great round eyes, and nearly dropped the pipe he don News. was smoking.

"Whatever air you a-meanin', Jul?

"Jost what I say," retorted Jud, legging forward without another comfortably in a corner, "and I'd ted glanes at the old farmer. "Don't you what I'll do; I'm going into town none of ye be s'prised if ye git invites Tribung.

Origin of the Word "Canard."

What is the origin of the expression that has no foundation in fact is meant ? Even Frenchmen cannot say. It is now claimed that the honor of

sen, a member of the Acadamy of Brussels. He had noticed some wonderful "yaras" in the daily paper to which he subscribed, and in order to satirize the writers, he sent in one

It was about a protended experiment show that ducks are causibuls. He one by one and fed the survivors exclusively on the body, and in course mortem examination made of its body, varcinated. - Atlanta Constitution.

when it was found to be sufferin from certain internal injuries as the supposed consequence of its strange

The paragraph, which the writer break, has just been completed in to America, whence it was constantly. another enhard," or duck, became

He'd Examined Carefully,

"Do you notice any change in Damv ?" asked the tall man. "No, I don't," snapped the other on south.

It was Dumbey's tailor. -Rocklaud

The lard's little mistress screamed, and every one was grievel and aston ished. That Maja should do such a "a canard" when a wonderful story thing as that ! He seemed to have swallowed the bird at a culp.

There his stoud, while one and another upbraided him, till the cat was put out of the room. Then he went up to the mother of the family, pushing his nose against her knee, an i released the canary unburt. - Humane Society Record.

Vaccination and Marriage,

The legislature of Sweden and Norwith twenty-five ducks, and tended to way has taken a rather radical but doubtiess beneficial step in promoting had, he said, killed the ducks one by the safety of the citizen in recogmigrog the public duty of vaccination, by enacting a law that before a couple of time there remained but one dack can be legally married certificates of the whole twenty-five. This last of must be produced showing that both the ducks was said to have had a post- the bride and bridegroom have been

The Longest Telegraph Line.

The longest telegraph line in the world, above ground and without a

never expected to see in print, was Australia, that land of long distances. published and sent the round. It got The line runs from Rockhampton, in Quechsland, to Broome, in western coming back, and the phrase "It is Australis, and crosses about two-thirds of the entire continent. The total common in newspaper offices. - Lon- length is comething over 6,000 miles. -London Globe,

He Needed It.

"Can's I interest you in social at insurance to lat?"

"No sir; I'm in no need of it." "Excuse most understood you were learning to play the violin!"-- Yonkers Statesmau,

With this combined mayy Uncle Sam could at least defend his principal seaports. It is thought that this task would be easy with such powerful aids as the ram Kutardin and the monitor Paritan.

Spared.

gal son, as he made his appearance

"I think Fill lot you live."-Chicago asked. Post

To a farmer, early in the field of to polities and business and lat most worth much more than corn on the work alone. They can't cook worth a blame. The farmer's error differst from a

"Jan't that Miss Smelliev? I thought she was side, some budy total $\,\,{\rm mc}$ $\,$ Dr. Pankey had given her up." "Well; Some farmers are very slow, all he did sort of give her up, but not till though they may have any quantity of after he had tried five or six years. In get her.

Father-Hote is a check, but make good use of it. A fool and his money are soon parted, you know, Son-And therefore you would have me museit though he raises large ones follow your example. I shall endeavor to do it, sin-

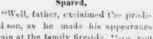
She reasoner at the dying emberstin stock he shouldn't 1-t anything That my commits my of a man in love, whim in an attempt to built the It bucus brightly at first, then prastunly subsides, and nothing remains but sources. He-And yet it will be all right if you feed it regularly. "I weater if this new woman

Web-Ton size Mrs. Browner fact novement will result in the creetion of monuments to women," she said evenine? Husband-Yes, but not to speak to. Wife-Wint a whopper! "It would," he replied rathe. They tell me you were sitting with her because than two hours. Hashard - Inte, but it was she who dad "Discours to me that women have the talk me.

Influenza Among Cats and Dogs.

Montality from raffuenzy agents to "How would a status, with puffer he very common among cats and dogs, It was reported at the annual meeting "I don't see why it wouldn't look of the Glasgow Cat and Dog Home six per cent in the case of dogs and "But how would it look after puffes twenty-four per cent in the case of sheeves had gone out of fashion ?" he cats had occurred by outbreaks of influence was much lower among the "Ineverthought of that," she and stray may than a mong the boarded The Sultan's throne is of beaten wered. "But I do not see why ones. How often, we wonder, could gold, incrusted with thousands of rul they could not change the statue as an attack of the disease on a human hies, emeralds and pearls. Accords the factors changed and I guess they being to traced to infection from a cat ing to an inorigition on it, the throns will do it, too, when women are it or a dor? More frequenty, we sucwas taken by Saltan Solim from the fail control of things." - Chicage peet, than is generally supposed, -Persians in 1514. Post. New York Marcuir.

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again at the family firestde, "are you ready to kill the fatted call? "

"No," replied the old man gramiy.