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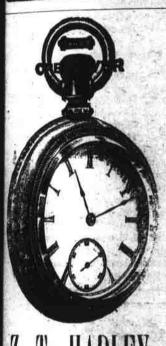
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THE DUKE'S VICTORY

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The Echo building and passed them, with a bright nod at Tom. Tom watched the diminutive figure out of sight and bestowed an envious

giance upon the young man who was doing esport duty before he replied: flowers, as usual."

she-ah-nice?"

er 'nice' when you speak of the Duke!" replied Tom, his eyes flashing angrily, as if he were inclined to begin hostili- cept Knap, and my heart was in my ties without waiting for the rest of the Harry put The Times bulletin be tween them before he stammered: "I

Tom. I don't know her, but I wish I Groups of men came straggling out of the offices of The Times, Herald and made their way to a restaurant around

the corner. who doesn't know the Duke and never worked on The Echo!"

fellow who doesn't know the Duke!" every man settled into his customary attitude for listening to a favorite sto- bricks were fearfully hot toward the ry. Billy sank into a chair with every | end." appearance of extreme exhaustion. Appropriating whatever delicacies the oth- interpolated Larry. ers had not appreciated, he consumed them while waiting for his own order

When the clamor for the story became uproarlous, Billy began: "Once a Knap was the first one back, but you society editor surprised the row by getting married. Then Bessle Wellington low who had bullyragged us so. His appeared on The Echo. She was such little slip of a thing and had such a pathetically frightened look in the eyes new men and had to be taken off the that the boys began to call her the Iron desk and put on editorials. Duke, and the Duke she's been ever

"It was her first job, and she was eager for work. Land knows, she got enough of it! The typewriter bothered her, and punctuation was a pitfall. She did her work over and over again, trying to please Knap, who wouldn't bave been satisfied with an angel from heaven. It used to seem to me he rang her bell every ten minutes. She would come flying down the ball to the local om, her dimples turned inside out and her mouth shut hard so it wouldn't quiver. Then she'd go back pink to alte of conv to her all ready to go up. I fell luto the habit of coleven a wedding now and then, and

reporter for quite awhile." Larry shied a crust of bread at Billy, who deftly caught it and returned the compliment before he continued.

"One Friday night, when she was getting up her Sunday page, I passed the door just as Knap bounded into her fust as Knap bounded into her His beard looked as if he had been clawing out handfuls. 'See here!' be yelled. 'Didn't I tell you to get in the Tubville social before midnight?" 'It's almost ready,' said the Duke and bent over her typewriter in a little

"After the Tubville was in and work slacked up a bit I carried in a sandwich and made her eat it while I ground out some rewrite for her. While I was working the fire gong sounded an alarm, but the presses were going, and I never tried to count it. Anyhow, Bobby always did fires alone unless they were very big ones.

"After awhile Knap bolted into the room. His face was white as chalk. His mouth opened once or twice, but he couldn't speak. At last he gasped: We're cut off! The fire's up to the third story.' I jumped to the window, and there the street was filled with engines and trucks, and we had never beard a thing.

"Miss Wellington turned pretty white, but her voice was steady as she asked, 'Are there many of us up here?' "Three in the telegraph room and four or five in the local, said Knap, moistening his lips. 'We didn't think it was serious, and I forgot your being

"We all went down the hall to the cal room. The fire was belching from the fourth story windows now, and the toke was getting thick. One of the lelegraph men kept his desk and was actually sending an account of the fire over the Associated Press wire. wandered from window to window for ors, it seemed to me, but it could not really have been for many minutes. The smoke was coming in clouds, and

we could bear the fire now.
"At last the crowd in the street saw is. I hope I'll never hear that sound again. My God! I wake up somet low with that moan in my ears, and it nearly drives me mad. It seemed the sence of human misery and made us silize what was before us. We had an stunned before, but then bedlam oke loose. Some mouned and cried. seked and swore. And still man at the key clicked out his message, giving our names, we found afterward. He had a pistol lying beside

"Knap raced from one end of the to the other, shrieking for ut even we could not bear him in the increasing roar of the fire. The strik story was a mass of fiames, and

we were on the eighth. "All at once the little Duke began dragging at our alceves. At last we understood that she wanted us to follow her. She thought she had a chance. We followed her, all has the who shook his head hope

and held up the revolver. "The Duke run to her room and threw open the window. Beyond and extending to the end of the building rus the art runs, which had no win-Co r bet was a o.e a corner of the

building not yet reached by the fire Pointing to an ornamental stone cor nice which ran some six feet below the window, the Duke motioned along it toward the corner farthest from the fire. We caught the idea, but it seemed a slim chance, and no one moved.

"Finally the little Duke screamed, 'You cowards, follow me!' She swung herself carefully over the sill and, hanging by her hands, just touched the cornice with her toes. Getting as "Who is she?" asked Harry Mathews firm a foothold as possible on the naras a woman came down the steps of row ledge, she steadled herself and moved to one side, waiting. We let Knap out next. When he was finally on the cornice, he clung to the wall and refused to move. At last the Duke seized his hand and began feeling her way along the wall, gently pulling him after her. Knap followed somehow, "The Duke, with her arms full of and the rest of us swung out after him "The Duke?" repeated Harry. "Is ing and the smoke was rolling in volin a hurry, for the floors were quiver-"See here, my young friend, if you Just as I swung out I heard a pistol umes from the windows below us don't want all Newspaper row on your shot and knew the telegraph man had cervix don't put any question mark aft- taken the way he thought best.

"We clung to the wall and crept along like flies. We were fairly steady exmouth for fear he would lurch off and carry the Duke with him. But his knees stiffened at last, and he did better, though be never for a moment let didn't mean anything disagreeable, go the girl's hand. The bricks were getting botter and hotter to the touch, and the flames seemed to be sweeping toward our end of the building.

"At last the crowd saw us through a Echo just then and, joining forces, rift in the smoke, and a shout went up that seemed almost to tear us from our perilous hold. The firemen worked When hunger had been satisfied and fast, I suppose, but it seemed ages to cigars lighted. Tom motioned toward us, waiting at the corner of the build-Hurry, saying, "Boys, there's a fellow ing. The fireman first up the ladder was sobbing like a child, but he hadn't lost his nerve for all that. He saw Just then Billy Holliday came in, and Knap's condition and knew he would some one shouted, "Say, Billy, here's fall if forced to loose his hold on the Duke, so he seized them both. The rest "Tell him, Billy," called another, and of us were soon on the ladder, though some were pretty helpless, for the

"Billy's hands were cooked through,"

"It was a good many weeks before some of us were back on The Echo, although the paper was printed next day with borrowed reporters and presses. wouldn't have known him for the felhair was white and his face too, He was so mild he couldn't manage the "Well, it all happened five years ago,

but the Duke is still commander in chief on The Echo," concluded Billy. "But I have a notion she'll some day confine her orders to Billy," whispered Tom as he rose, stein in hand, to pro-

pose the usual toast: "Boys, the Duke!" Every man was on his feet in an in "The Duke, God bless her!"

Old Time Education of Children. Now that there is so much talk about education it is interesting to look back and see what a seventeenth century the ears, and the boys would pound moralist had to say about the teaching their typewriters fit to break. We used of children. "We are in Pain to make them Scholars, but not Men," he wrote; tables in? "to talk rather than to know, which lecting personals and club notes and is true Canting. The first Thing obvious to Children is what is sensible, and Larry, there, was taken for a society that we make no Part of their Rudi-

But what is of most significance to us is the same writer's appeal for technical education. "We press their Memory too soon and puzzle, strain and load them with Words and Rules; to know Grammar and Rhetoric and a strange Tongue or two that it is ten to one may never be useful to them; Leaving their natural Genius to Mechanical and Physical or Natural knowledge uncultivated and neglected which would be of exceeding Use and Pleasure to them through the whole Course of their Life."

After all, it is the reformer rather than the historian who is forced to use vain repetition.-London Chronicle,

The Brave Robins. The most singular instance that I have known of a robin's fearlessness was the kind of military instinct which some years ago led a pair to make their nest at the back of a target at Aldershot! It was in the shooting range of the Fourth battalion of the Sixtleth rifles, and the colonel of the regiment told me of it at the time. The little pair paid not the least attention to the shots thundering on the target just at the back of their nest. The soldiers were careful not to meddle with them, and the young brood hatched and were

brought up in safety.-Cornhill. A Strange Young Man, One of the young men received his segree "Cum Laude," while the other was content with the plain B. L. The newspaper reports giving a list of the graduates read: "John Jones, John Smith, Cum Laude of Worcester." John Jones' uncle picked up the paper and, reading the names, recalled John Smith, but was badly mixed on Cum Laude. Finally, in desperation, he called on John Jones and, pulling out the paper, said: "John, I always knew this Smith boy went to school with you, but I don't seem to know this Cum Laude."— Worcester Spy.

Tailless Cats.

Conditions other than those of mere breeding seem to have much influence on the development of physical character in cats. In one "Refuge" in the picture) which uthenticated case a tabby which had lost her tail by having that appendage run over gave birth in her next litter to three stump tailed kit-tens out of seven. The Manx cat is to D, E and F from the lower building not the only tailless variety. In the to the upper without taking any of Crimes is found another kind of cat which has no tail. The domesticated Malay cat has a tail that is only about one-half the usual length, and very often it is tied by nature in a sort of knot which cannot be straightened out.

The Limit

A young swell wore a new style vening coat at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, the other night. It was a swallowtail, with velvet collar and a pocket for a handker-chief in the left breast. A tiny lace handkerchief peeped from the pockFOR THE LITTLE ONES.

"Whirling Dervishes" Fanatics Who Perform Many Wonderful Tricks.

Every circus or wild west show that comes to town has a "whirling dervish" for one of its attractions, and they are certainly wonderful creatures. They are Mohammedans from Persia, a set of men who devote or are supposed to devote their entire time to religion and are perhaps as nearly like monks as anything else. Fasting for days at a time, with continual prayer, at least affects their minds, and they think they see wonderful visions, which they disclose to their superstitious brothers, over whom they have great influence. They are always miserably poor, living on charity, and carn what little they have by being hired to mourn at funerals or to conduct religious ceremonies.

Some of these men perform wonderful tricks, such as fire eating, juggling and walking on broken glass. How they do them will never be known, but they are supposed to be invested with supernatural power, which is of course untrue. We are all familiar with the "whirling" of the dervishes. This takes years of practice, but finally they become so expert and are so used to it that they can "whirl" for hours without becoming dizzy.

A Hoof Inkstand.

Among Queen Alexandra's most cherished possessions is an odd memento of her mother-in-law, Queen Victoria, in the shape of a gold mounted inkstand. Now, there are inkstands and inkstands, and the peculiar feature about the one I peak of is that it was made from the hoof of the queen's favorite riding horse. Cleansed, polished and artistically mounted in gold, with a chased gold cover and cut glass well, it forms a curio and memento of exceptional interest.

An Experiment. It is very wonderful what effects are produced by different kinds of light. Here is an experiment to try with the help of a "grownup:" Put in a soup plate a few tablespoonfuls of salt, then pour enough alcohol over the salt to thoroughly saturate it. Put the dish in the middle of a table in a perfectly dark room and ask your guests to sit around it. Light the mixture and see how pe-

How Willie Spelled Hash. Teacher-Willie, can you tell us what this spells, r-e-f-r-i-g-e-r-at-o-r?

culiar each person will look.

Willie Starvem (the landlady's son)-Um-m! Why-er-er-Teacher-Come. What does your mother put the cold meat and vege-Willie Starvem (brightening)-

Hash! When Godfrey Grows. I wonder when it is I grow! It's in the night, I guess; My clothes go on so very hard Each morning when I dress.

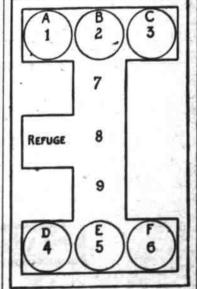
Nurse says they're plenty big enoug It's 'cause I am so slow; But then she never stops to think That children grow and grow.

I wonder when! I can't find out. Why, I watch Tommy Pitt In school for hours, and I can't see Him grow the smallest bit!

I guess that days we stay the same; There's so much else to do In school and play, so I must grow At night, I think; don't you? Lilla Thomas Elder in Youth's Compar

A Tangle of Automobiles.

A man had six automobiles, A. B. C, D, E and F, stored in two buildings connected by a passage, as shown in the picture. Each building could accommodate exactly three vehicles. The passage was just wide enough for one and just



long enough for three, and in th middle of it was a recess (marked would hold one automobile. He succeeded in moving the automobiles so as to bring A, B and C from

did he do it?-New York Herald. He Brought Them. Mrs. Slangay-Surely, John, you haven't brought any one home to

them out of the inclosure.

Mr. Slangay-Sure, I have. Have you not got any grub for 'em?

Mrs. Slangay—Of course not.

You told me you'd bring home a couple of lobsters for dinner.

Mr. Slangay—Well, that's them in the parlor.—Philadelphia Press.

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quires skill, as it has an important effect on the amount and quality of milk given. Dairymen know that there are as great differences between milkers as between cows and that cows will do much better with good milkers than with others. Indeed good cows are of ten almost ruined by poor milkers.

The milker should avoid handling the cow more than is necessary, and he should make it a rule to do his work quickly and thoroughly. He should never go from a sick to a well cow without first cleansing his hands. The habit of wetting the hands with milk is filthy in the extreme and should never be practiced. Some people think it is necessary, but this is a mistake. The hands should be kept dry. If they are not, it is impossible to prevent drops of milk from constantly falling from them into the pail.

The pail should be held close to the udder so as to expose the milk to the air as little as possible. The farther the streams, fall and the more they spray the more dirt and bacteria they collect. Contamination from the fore milk must be avoided by discarding the first few streams drawn, or less than a gill in all. This entails little loss, as the first milk drawn is always poor in butter fat, and if it happens to be badly contaminated, as is frequently the case much injury and trouble may be saved -Farm, Field and Stockman.

Canadian Butter Problem. It is somewhat strange that, although the summer and fall creamery butter of the province of Quebec is of a finer grade than that of the same make of western, yet the winter make of west ern is superior to that of Quebec. We can only account for this on the as sumption that the western farmers feed their cows with more suitable food in the winter than do the farmers of this province, who use turnips and other less desirable feed, or else the western men have superior facilities in their factories during the cold weath er for turning out creamery butter than we have in the province of Que bec; but, whatever may be the cause the fact remains that western made winter creamery is generally finer than Quebec winter creamery, although the case is reversed during summer and fall. In proof of this more money was paid for western creamery the past winter than for Quebec creamery.— Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Dairy Husbandry. A course of study in judging dairy products has just been introduced in the dairy husbandry department of the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois. The course is principally designed for students in general agriculture and includes a brief treatment of the subject of dairy sanitation, the production of milk and the methods employed for the manufacture of common dairy products. Following this, selection of milk and the judging of butter and cheese. In judging the products score cards are used to illustrate the relative importance of each of the points to be considered essential in a standard product. The object of the course is to give the student who specializes in lines of agriculture other than dairying an opportunity to gain a proper conception of the qualities good

dairy products should possess. Mussachusetts Leads. Massachusetts has a new law relating to the Babcock milk test. All persons who use the test to determine the value of milk or cream either to the producer or purchaser are amenable to the law. Since the law went into operation 5,610 pieces of glassware have been inspected by the state authorities, and 5.4 per cent have been found defective. Forty-nine candidates have been examined, and all but two have passed as being fitted to operate the test. Forty machines have been examined, and twenty were found good, eleven partially out of repair, and nine were

The foregoing record gives evidence of the need of such a law in every

state,-Hoard's Dairyman. The Daily Waste. re is one item that is often overlooked in the keeping of cows, and especially so of dairy cows, and that is daily waste. There is practically the same whether the animal is a good milker or a poor one. In all cases the food necessary for the support of ani-mal life and to make up the daily waste must come first, and then the milk or beef comes next after this is taken out. If the animal gives a small amount of milk, the cost of food as waste in proportion to the amount of milk secured is greater than with a large amount of milk, and of course this profit is decreased accordingly. ling poor cows in the dairy is prac tically a waste of feed.-Agricola

What Is a Profitable Hetter? A California reader asks how much milk a beifer should give, and with what average test, to be consid worth keeping.

It is quite impracticable to give a

direct answer to an inquiry of this character, says Hoard's Dairyman, first, because heifers vary so much in first, because helters vary so much in the quantity of milk and its fat con-tent and, second, because it very fre-quently happens that a beifer with first calf, for reasons that cannot be explained, falls to do herself justice. We should hesitate to condemn a well we should nestate to concern a went bred helfer even though she might do very poorly the first year. But ordi-narily we expect our beffers with first calf to give three-fourths to one pound of fat per day and keep this up as an average for several months.

Cost of improved floads.

Three thousand dollars per mile is the standard estimate of the cost of ng macadam roads of first class y. The cost varies, of course, with quality of soil, accessibility of raw material, and so on. Some road

FEATHERED CURIOSITIES.

China Has a Breed of the Longest Tailed Fowls In the World.

An interior province of China has produced one of the most remarkable curiosities in the shape of long tailed fowls in the world. Two specimens, recently brought to light and which were kept in the imperial household gardens, are illustrated. The cock has feathers six feet long and the hen a flowing tail twelve feet long. There are four varieties - white head and body, with feathers and tall black; neck and body feathers, and reddish color mixed with white of body. All of these except the second variety have black tail feathers. As great



length as eighteen feet has been reached. From seven to eleven feet. however, is the usual length. The tail grows about four inches a month and continues to grow while the bird lives, which is eight to ten years. When older, the tall grows about seven inches a month. The hens lay in the spring and autumn, one bird producing thirty eggs yearly, which are hatched by other nens. The tails of the cocks are cut to allow of their walking freely, and their lives are a little longer than that of the ben. The tall feathers are not kept wound up, but are always allowed to hang free. When they touch the ground in the cage, a bamboo is put a little way back, so as to form an arch.

The birds sit all day on a flat perch three inches wide and are only taken out once in two days and allowed to walk for half an hour or so, a man holding their tails to prevent them from getting torn or soiled. Twice a month they are washed in hot water They like plenty of water and are wonderfully tame.

Cowpeas For Chickens. The thing that is most wanted by all who keep chickens is something to try. Great as the consumption is make hens lay in winter: According to the Southern Planter it is to be found in cowpeas. If so, the south should be the great egg producing region. The editor of that paper says: During the past week a subscriber

called on us and in the course of con- somewhat uncomfortable, except in tion said: "I had a wonderful egg yield from my hens last winter, and I want to tell the farmers how I secured it. I had an acre or two of cowpean sowed near the buildings. In consequence of scarceness of labor I was unable to get all the peas gathered-in fact, a large part of them remained. I lecided to let the vines and peas die down on the land and lie there all winter. The hens soon found the peas, and they literally lived on the patch until spring and gave us eggs in quantity all the time." This report as to the value of cowpens as a winter feed is con firmed by a report from a gentleman from Maryland who followed the same plan. His hens harvested the peas from a plot of ground last winter, with the result that he had eggs when none of his neighbors had any. We have before advised the feeding of cowpens to hens as their richness in protein indicate that they should make eggs.

Bran is excellent for poultry, and one point in favor of bran is that it contalus a much larger proportion of lime than any other cheap food derived from grain, and as the shells of eggs are composed of lime it is essential that food rich in lime be provided. It may be urged that the use of oyster shells will provide lime, but it will be found that it is the lime in the food that is most serviceable, because it is in a form that can be better digested and assimilated than carbonate of lime. Clover is also rich in lime, and when mess of cut clover and bran is given the fowls they will need no oyster shells or other mineral matter. Do not forget that in summer, however, all kinds of foods should be used with judgment. If the hens have a free range, give no food at all as long as they are laying, but if they begin to fall off let bran be the leading ingredi ent of the foods allowed. In winter the bran and clover are even more essential, as the fowls cannot then secure green food on the range.-Poultry Keeper.

Regulator For Brooder. brooder with heat regulator is preferable, although your chicks should be watched closely. If they are com-

fortable, they cuddle down contented ly; if too warm, their wings outstretch while if too cold they pile up. Hot all more easily regulated. With hot air on warm days you may turn the flame of the lamp down or even put it out, owing that you can heat the broode to 98 degrees in fifteen or twenty minutes, while with hot water you cannot do this, as it takes several he up beet; consequently bot air takes less stil and labor.

A dispatch from Butte, Montsays a son was born to the wife of W. A. Clark, Jr., Monday night, winning the \$1,000,000 gift Senator W. A. Clark offered to his sons and builders contend that the cost in till builders contend that the cost in till daughters a year ago for the first grandson presented him. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Morris, of New York, recently gave birth to a daughter. Senator Clark, who is in Paris, has been notified by cable of the arrival of the prize winner

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The Trust Cuts Prices to Head Off the Competition of Private Concerns.

The industrial combines are reducing prices in certain lines under the stress of competition from individual firms. A heavy reduction has just been made in "merchant pipe" by the National Tube Company of Pittsburg. The cut is 10 per cent. white all over, with yellow legs; red or more. This makes four distinct articles in steel on which heavy cuts in prices have occurred in the last two months. First the American Sheet Steel Trust cut the price \$5. a ton. Then the American Steel and Wire Trust cuts its products \$4 a ton, and last the American Tinplate Trust cut tinplate 40 cents a box. The object of these reductions is not so much to benefit the consumer as to increase sales, while at the same time fighting small rivals. The United States Steel Trust—to which the companies making sheets, pipe, tinplates and wire products belong-has found that the small mills have been getting many of their orders, and the cuts are sufficient to drive most of the latter out of business. There is in consequence not a little commotion among the smaller producers whose works are less economical in operation than those of the great steel combine. The effect of the cut in 'sheets' and tinplate has already been felt in an increased demand Mills which have been lying idle have resumed activity, or are about to do so. There is no intention, it is believed, to make further reductions of price at present or in the near future. Nor are the reduced prices a sign of decreased consumption. "They are the result," says the Iron Age, "of an increase in productive capacity. The independ-

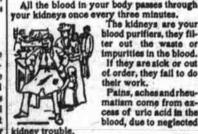
ent producers have not only become more numerous, and have not only enlarged their facilities, but the constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation have also increased their output. The aggregate capacity in each line has therefore been swollen to a point in excess of the requirements of the counat present, the productive facilities have gone beyond it. The position of the independent manufacturers is

the case of those having their own supplies of raw material." A glass or two of water taken hal an hour before breakfast will usual ly keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and in their action. For sale by A. J. Thompson & Co. druggists.

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