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Fools And Children Often Ask Questions Nobody Can Answer.

Son. Pa, what is the war debt? Father. It is a part of the cost of the war, my son, that has not been paid.

S. Who paid for the war? F. The government, my child.

S. Where did the government get the money to pay for it? F. Borrowed some of it from the bankers and made some of it.

S. How much did the government borrow of the bankers? F. About \$150,000,000.

S. Was this all gold, Pa? F. No, my son, about seventy million dollars of it was gold and silver, the balance was paper money.

S. How much did the war cost, Pa? F. Nearly four thousand million dollars.

S. Then, where did the government get the rest of the money to pay for the war? F. It made it, my son. The greenbacks which you see are government money.

S. Who did the government pay the greenbacks to? F. To the soldiers and sailors and the men who furnished them with provisions, clothes and guns.

S. Does the government owe the soldier and other men anything? F. No, my son, it paid them in greenbacks.

Items For The Farmer.

A crop of sugar beets provides one of the best of foods for swine in combination with more concentrated food. It can be cheaply grown if planted in rows far enough apart to allow of horse culture.

Irrigation is causing many a hitherto arid wilderness to "bud and blossom," and bear fruit in a way to rejoice the farmer's heart and enrich the State.

Trial has been made of an electric plow at the Kansas sorghum experiment station. The motor developed ample power to turn a deep furrow, and do it quickly; but it became evident that rheostat, or resistance coil, such as is used in starting electric cars, is also necessary with the electric plow.

The peculiar advance of depending for the water supply upon a well-devised system of irrigation is that, provided, of course, the source is permanent and ample, the water can always be had when wanted.

It seems to be an open question—very wide open, in fact—whether the removal of the tassels from a part of the growing corn is wise or otherwise.

The "farming of the future" is going to be a good deal more scientific than it is today, and a good deal less laborious. A much larger yield will be obtained from a given area of soil, one cow will produce what two or three now give, and in all lines of agriculture the ratio of cost in labor and money to value produced will be largely diminished.

The demand for "economy" is often nothing but the white of close-fisted stinginess. The man who objects to expenditure for good country costs, for example, on the ground of economy, is anything but an economist, in the true sense of the term.

Got Ahead of the Mobster. Lord Charles Hamilton used to go about Naples attended by a large, ferocious bulldog. Having decided to go to Rome, he proceeded to the station, and took his place in a first-class carriage, the "dawg," taking a position on a seat opposite his master.

In vain the official expostulated. He merely reiterated his former reply, a piece of advice, it is needless to say, which was not followed, and Lord Charles, apparently master of the situation, threw himself back in his seat and calmly lighted a cigar.

In a Phix. An editor of a newspaper in one of the western States called the Rocky Mountain Cyclone, opened the first article of its first number as follows: "We begin the publication of the Rocky Mountain Cyclone with some few duplicities in the way. The type plougher whom we bought the outfit for this printing orphis phailed to supply any spurs or axes, and it will be phor or phive weex before we can get any."

A Man in the House.

He was Jim among the boys, Jeems to his grandfather, Jimmy to his mother, James to his father and "Dab" to his sisters.

The family were seated at the breakfast table when James plunged down stairs, opened the door of the breakfast room, and threw this boom in among them: "There's a man in the house!"

Meanwhile James had kept on to the kitchen, where he continued shouting: "There's a man in the house!" "Laid a massy, we'se be killed dead!" quavered the cook.

It is estimated that fully 60,000 Americans will visit Europe during the present year. The passage money for the round trip will amount to some \$18,000,000.

Many will be surprised to learn that the largest university in the world is at Cairo, Egypt, and has eleven thousand students.

He Had Been in Prison.

A case was on trial in a Kentucky court room, says the Youth's Companion. An old man of somewhat disreputable appearance had just given important testimony, and the lawyer, whose case suffered by his statements, strove in every way to confuse and trip him, but in vain.

Finally, in the hope of breaking down the credibility of the witness, the lawyer as a venture asked, "Have you ever been in prison?" "I have," replied the witness.

The present legislature of Louisiana is composed of 62 farmers, 21 lawyers, 12 merchants, 6 manufacturers and 33 of promiscuous occupations.

The old maids of New England, and the young maids who are in danger of becoming the same, may be interested to know that there is a surplus of only thirty-nine women in Virginia.

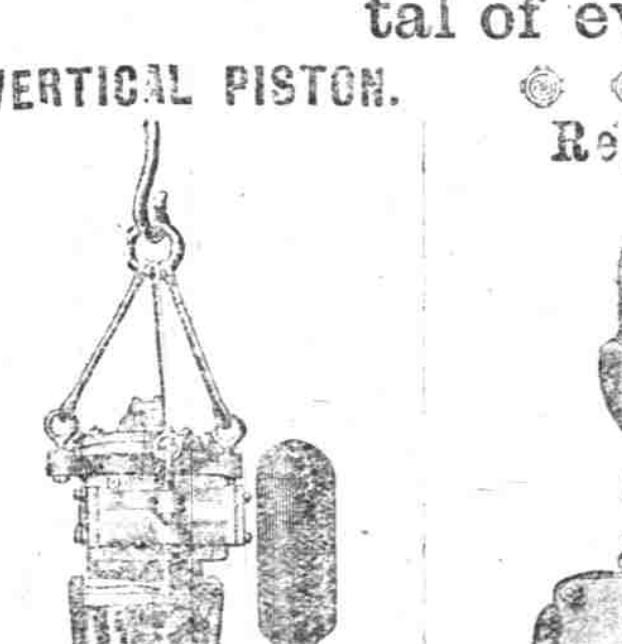
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