

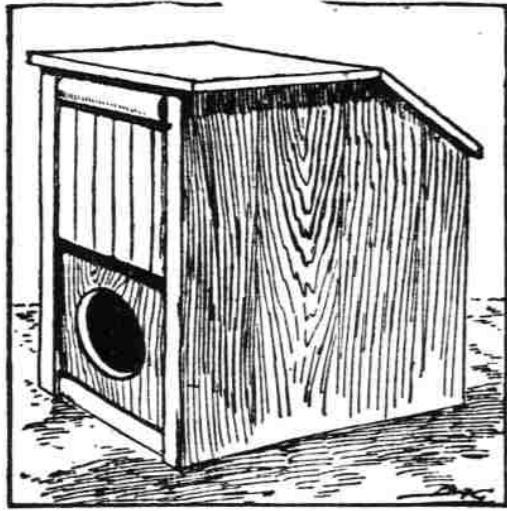
Farm and Garden

TRAP NESTS FOR HENS.

Clever Contrivance Which Gives the Layers Privacy.

The trap nests described in this article are self regulating. When once set they require no more attention through the day. The hen when she wants to lay enters nest at the lower opening. The door closes automatically behind the hen, which prevents any other hen or anything else from bothering her while on the nest.

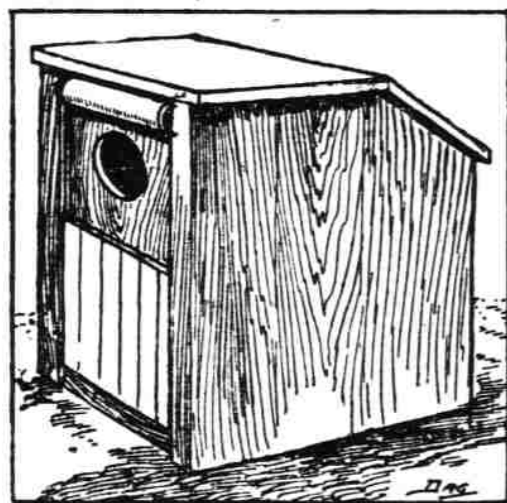
There is a partition about eight inches high which divides the interior into two equal apartments. The hen on entering the box, or reception apartment, the first time in search of a nest is as sure to want to see what is over behind the partition as daylight and dark come. In fact, she is hunting a place of seclusion and a little darkness. On seeing the nest over behind the partition she jumps upon the partition board to get over in the nest, which releases a small spring that holds the shutters in place above the entrance door, when the spring which holds the shutter in place is released



TRAP NEST—ENTRANCE OPEN (PATENT APPLIED FOR).

and the shutter lowers and closes the entrance door. The weight of the shutter in coming down carries an elevator board up in the reception apartment to about on a level with the partition board. This elevator board is always down when the entrance door is open and always up when the entrance door is closed. When the hen has laid and is ready to come off she sees the screened opening above the entrance door as the only place of exit—in fact, thinks she came in at this opening—and when she steps on the elevator board to come out at screened opening, as she thinks she will, her weight carries the elevator down and brings the shutter up, when the little spring catches the shutter and she walks out where she came in, leaving the nest open for the next hen.

The upper opening is screened and serves to give ventilation and light. The nest, or box, is 12 by 24 inches and 24 inches high. The front half of the box is the reception room, and the rear half is the nesting apartment.



TRAP NEST—ENTRANCE CLOSED.

Used as a trap nest, it is like the night watchman's clock—it forces the one who looks after the eggs to be on time or the hen will lay and be gone without his knowing which hen laid the egg.

It is interesting to see how hens take to the nest. Those outside see the hen on through the screened opening and will stand around, sometimes three and four at a time, waiting to gain admittance, not offering to find a nest elsewhere. The box seems to offer just that seclusion and protection that suit their fancy.

Agricultural Legislation in Mississippi.

At a recent session of the Mississippi legislature a number of acts were passed with a view to promoting the agricultural interests of the state. Among these was an act authorizing each county in the state to build an agricultural high school and pledging a state support fund of \$1,000 annually for each school meeting certain specified conditions. Fifteen counties have already located schools. The first of these was Noxubee county, which has voted a tax levy of 1 mill upon the taxable property of the county for the support of its county agricultural high school at Mashulaville, an inland village twelve miles west of Macon. This school will have an income of \$1,000 from the state, \$1,000 from the public schools merged into it and \$5,000 from the county, making an annual income of \$7,000.

The legislature also authorized boards of supervisors to appropriate money for premiums to boys engaged in corn growing contests. Such contests were organized in five counties last year and in twenty-three counties this year, with over 3,000 boys engaged in the work. There are also about 500 girls organized in home culture clubs. Exhibits are first held in the home counties, after which those taking prizes are shown at the state fair.

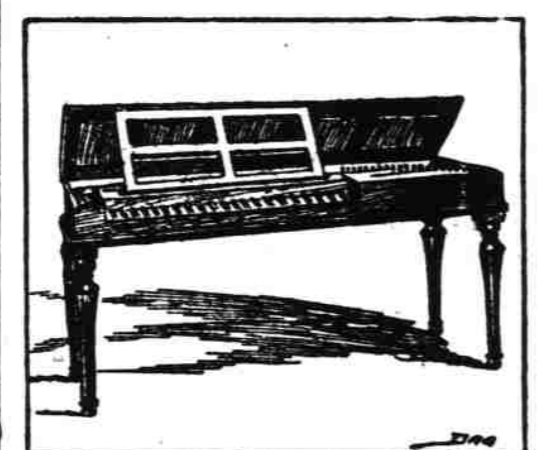
REVIVED MUSICAL ART.

Young Girls Are Now Playing the Harpsichord and Clavichord.

Quaint musical instruments of a period preceding the advent of the grand and upright pianos are being studied now by the young girl who is bent on broadening her knowledge of music and her powers of appreciating the compositions of great masters. Creators having reached the highest point in the perfection of the mechanism and tone of the modern musical instrument and artists having learned how to understand and enjoy masterpieces through this medium, the time seems to have come when real music lovers revert, and willingly, too, to the days of the tinkling harpsichord, the gentle spinet and the well tempered clavichord.

The girl of today studies art, and she learns quite a little about decoration, so that she finds a great deal of pleasure in planning the decoration of her own harpsichord or clavichord if she does not choose one already finished. Genuine antiques are rare, and where special instructions as to color and style of case are not to be considered a regulation style is offered, one that will harmonize in almost any room and one that is specially suited to the study hall or school music room. A plain enamel, not too dark, with gold trimmings, is the most satisfactory for general purposes, but where one presides over a French sitting room and music room combined then the decorations of the musical instrument should by all means follow along the lines of the French instruments.

The harpsichord is somewhat more difficult to master than the clavichord



CLAVICHORD MADE BY SCHIEDMAYER IN NEUSTADT AN DER AISCH, 1789.

or the spinet on account of the double keyboard and the different tones. But a girl who starts with a fair knowledge of piano music and good technique can soon learn to play the harpsichord. The clavichord is simpler. It has a very short keyboard, and this is single, thus obviating the confusion provided by the double one. There are no pedals, and the tones are extremely soft and beautiful.

Fads For Women.

A new design in a bureau or sideboard scarf is of linen, hemstitched all around, then hand embroidered.

The embroidery starts from the four corners and is worked inward, forming two very handsome ends. In the center of the long sides a pretty running design is worked above the hem. It measures 18 by 54 inches and costs \$1.50.

Hemstitched pillowslips similarly embroidered are of Irish linen, measuring 22½ by 36 inches, and may be bought for \$1.65 per pair.

Burlap and craftsman's canvas are much used for cushion covers, and really beautiful effects may be brought out with very little effort. A design, conventional or otherwise, cut from cretonne and employed with an embroidery stitch will make a brave showing at the expense of little time or trouble. Another good design equally simple is of two peacock feathers drawn diagonally across the pillow and worked with mercerized thread in natural colorings.

Where to Put Plate Rail.

Where to put a plate rail in the dining room is not known definitely to many people. It should be placed about seven feet from the floor and should match the woodwork and can be wider or narrower, as it is intended for holding plates or pitchers and tankards.

It is safer to have a grooved ledge for plates, to hold them more firmly in case of sudden jarring.

The fullest effect of a plate rail, says an authority, in the way of decoration is made from a careful selection of what it is to hold. Avoid a jumble of colors and overcrowding.

Blue in rich deep colors is most effective, but with tan or ecru walls, dark reds and ivory colored pottery is lovely. With the brown paper now so much in vogue for dining rooms, plenty of orange and light yellow plates and pitchers on the rail give a needed touch of color.

If possible do not keep articles on the rail that are in frequent use. They are apt to be broken in taking them down.

If Sugar Boils Too Long.

Bolling sugar or water for lees or icing is a somewhat ticklish operation, as every cook knows. If cooked too much it will be sugary and if not enough it will run.

The latter fault can be remedied by returning to the stove for a few minutes.

When the bolting has gone beyond the desired degree the consistency can be reduced by adding a few tablespoonfuls of cold water and bolting again.

If the sugar has been burned the taste will remain, even though sugaring has been prevented.

Never stir sugar and water while bolting if you do not want it to granulate. Watch it carefully and take it off at the critical moment, which in most cases must be decided by experience.

THE TOWN THAT PUSH BUILT

II.—The Sensible Grocery Man



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CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

At Sanitorium Improving. Lady Bitten by Copperhead Snake While in Garden.

Concord Times, July 28th.

Thomas Grier has been elected principal of the public school at Harrisburg, and Miss Mary Gaither assistant. It is expected to operate a nine months school by the help of the local tax.

R. S. Wheeler was taken to Salisbury Friday to have an operation performed for appendicitis. We are glad to note that it is getting along nicely.

Services hereafter will be held at Mt. Harmon church in No. 11 township, on the first Sunday of every month at 8 o'clock p. m., and on the third Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. C. R. Pless is now pastor of the church.

There was a considerable storm on the edge of No. 8 township last Thursday evening about sundown. It covered only a small territory, and lasted only a few minutes. Several trees were blown down, but no serious damage was done.

On last Friday Miss Lydia Winecoff, an aged maiden lady who lives with her brother, Aaron Winecoff, just above town, while pulling up some weeds in the garden was bitten on the hand by a large copperhead snake. A negro man, who works for J. L. Stones, was called and killed the snake. A physician was secured as early as possible, and the usual remedies given. Miss Winecoff has a badly swollen hand, but is getting along as well as could be expected.

The firm of Strickland & Co., composed of G. C. Strickland and W. A. Daniel, has gone into bankruptcy and the business suspended. J. H. Horah, Esq., referee in bankruptcy says the creditors will be given a hearing on Monday, August 9th.

The American Farmobile is the latest invention for farm use. It is a gasoline traction engine for drawing plows, wagons, machines, etc., and for running machinery of all kinds. It will draw ten plows at a time.

CHESTNUT HILL.

Mrs. Lottie Barringer returned home a few days ago from a weeks visit in Asheville.

Thomas B. Shaver, of Piney Woods, was on the Hill a few days ago and spent a night with John I. Shaver. Mr. Shaver is also visiting in Piney Woods at this writing.

Miss Sis Graham has been right sick for the past week.

John Stoker happened with an accident a few days ago at the Salisbury cotton mills. A chisel fell and hit him on the head, which resulted in a bad cut, but he is getting along very well at this writing.

J. A. Jones and wife, of Chestnut Hill, visited kin people down near Dunn's Mountain Sunday, also Misses Minnie and Bertha Leach visited at the same place.

Mrs. James Garwood has been down at Granite Quarry canning fruit.

Miss Ida Cornelison, of this place, who has been at Durham, returned home a few days ago to see her friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. J. N. Wise, has been sick and in bad health for the past few weeks, but her friends hope to see her in good health soon.

Mrs. Shives, who lives near here, is right sick at this writing, her many friends hope to see her restored to her usual health.

There was prayer meeting at N. C. Eagle's Saturday night last.

The writer is contemplating a trip to the country in the near future.

In the last issue Blue Eyes asked if Bobby, was asleep. No indeed I have been as busy as a bee going to preaching and singing. Isn't these good places to spend your time? BOBBY.

FAITH.

July 28—About 14 young men of Faith went to Richmond on the excursion Tuesday night. They are returning to-day.

Mrs. T. M. Keeler and little son, of Salisbury, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lingle.

Charles Deal's little two-months old boy died last night.

Miss Hettie Erhardt is visiting her niece Miss Ollie Wagoner.

There will be preaching at the Faith E. Lutheran church, Sunday morning as usual, and the Woman's Missionary Society will hold its annual missionary meeting at night at 8 o'clock. The address of the occasion will be delivered by Rev. J. A. Linn, of Rockwell. Everybody is invited to come out.

A young farmer arrived to-day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Lyerly's.

Misses Mattie and Bertie Long, of Bethany, are visiting P. A. Peeler's girls this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, of China Grove, and Misses May Lyerly and Emma Stirewalt spent Sunday at P. A. Peeler's.

There are a great many fine peaches in our settlement this year, and they are bringing good prices on the Salisbury market.

Some young granite cutters have gone to Wise, N. C., to cut granite.

Mrs. Zeda Lyerly, of Manchester, Va., and her step-mother, Mrs. Henry Mahalp, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peeler's.

J. T. Wyatt has just received an inquiry for prices on a set of his chillian mills commonly known as granite gold grinders, and are used for grinding gold ores. The last set he made, was some years ago, for the Gold Knob people, they saved a lot of gold with them and sold it at the mint, at Charlotte, N. C., as fast as they ground it out. This is the same old time process that some people made their fortunes with at Gold Hill, this county. VENUS.

GRAHAM X ROADS.

July 24.—The health of this community is about as good as usual, but there is one case of malarial fever in Rev. B. S. Brown's family. Eugene Brown is confined to his room with the fever.

The threshers whistle is a thing of the past. Wheat is all threshed in this community.

Farmers are about through laying by their crops.

A Rowan County schoolmarm has introduced a new feature in her school. When one of the girls misses a word the boy who spells it gets permission to kiss her. As a result the boys are improving rapidly.

Thursday the 22nd about 80 wagons from the neighborhood went down and moved the chain gang to the Lingle Branch on the Sherrill Ford road. I guess we will get a good road.

The farmer that burns much gun-powder will soon find a hole in his pocket book.

If you plant your crop at the village store you will not find much of it at harvest time.

If nine tenths of the dogs tails were cut off to the ears the country would be better off.

If all that is wasted in the kitchen could get back to the farm the farmer would become rich.

Communion at Salem the second Sunday in August.

Preaching Saturday evening before. I think Rev. Goddman, of Spencer will preach on Saturdays. JACK.

GOLD HILL.

July 26.—We are very dry here now. Corn is suffering for rain and unless it comes very soon the crop will be almost a failure hereabouts.

Ed. R. Overman and Ernest Foil visited our town Saturday traveling in an automobile. But when they attempted to return home the auto refused to go, and all efforts to persuade it were unavailing, and they were compelled to leave the machine here and return on the evening train to Salisbury.

Misses Viola and Edie Broad, of Spencer, who have been visiting relatives here, returned to their homes Saturday. Ramon Russel also visited Spencer Sunday.

F. W. Pirie has accepted a position at Spencer with the shop force.

The miners here who sued for their pay have received half of their claims, the balance to be paid in about 80 days.

The men who put the wires on the steel towers for the Southern Power Co., have arrived and located their camp near the Gold Hill depot. They will be here for 80 days or more.

The 10 days' meeting at the Holmes church will commence next Friday.

Children's day will be observed here at the Methodist church on the second Sunday in August.

There will be a show here on the 3rd of August. It is some kind of a circus. It is said they have 10 cars.

James Carter has gone to Concord, where he will be employed on carpenter work in the cotton mill there.

John A. Arey went to the sanitorium at Salisbury last week where he underwent a second operation for appendicitis.

Geo. Morgan and wife are visiting relatives at Granite Quarry.

Mrs. Lottie Weld, of Salisbury, while visiting here was stricken with typhoid fever. She is being attended by Dr. Moorefield and is doing very well.

Frank and Robt. Yancey have returned from a visit up at Old Fort, where they have been visiting their uncle.

Carr Lee Montgomery is visit-

ing friends at Swannanos, N. C.

Little Ruth Marsh is suffering from a strange malady said to be consumption of the knees. She is unable to walk.

Wheat threshing is over about here. Thos. Moyle made the largest crop here. It amounted to 148½ bushels of wheat and 281½ bushels of oats. MIKE.

Life 100,000 Years Ago.

Scientists have found in a cave in Switzerland bones of men, who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. To-day the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown, of Alexander, Me., is largely from deadly disease. "If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me, I could not have lived," he writes, "suffering as I did from a severe lung trouble and stubborn cough." To cure Sore Lungs, Colds, obstinate Coughs and prevent Pneumonia, its the best medicine on earth. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottle free.

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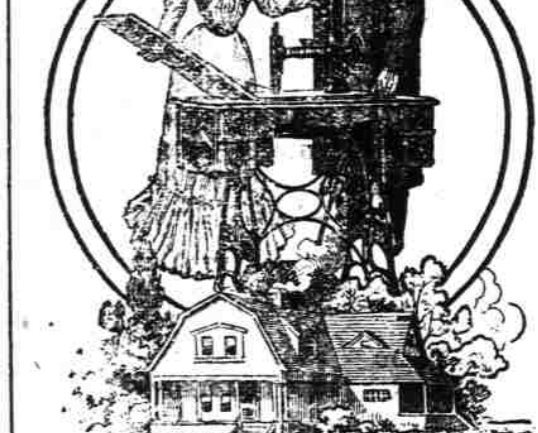
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