

However, the moon can come back all right every time.

The problem of making it rain is no more vexatious than that of making it stop.

"It is an author's privilege to be inaccurate," says a noted writer. Privilege? It's a habit.

After the surgeons take a man and make him over they regard him as worth talking about.

Ohio man killed while on his way to return a borrowed umbrella. Probably insane, anyhow.

The feminine airship has materialized. It may be depended upon to have its wings on straight.

A woman doctor advises polygamy as a cure for our social evils. Is the lady married, may we ask?

Paris will have to train its river to stay out in the country if it insists on acting so foolishly in town.

According to a Harvard professor, it is not a cat's nature to kill a mouse. Unnatural brutes, cats!

The sky pilot is no longer a theory, but a visible fact; visible, at least, until he vanishes in the blue dome.

A Chicago young man has spent over \$300,000 in two years. This high-flying record, however, was made without a barograph.

As illustrating the dangers of getting up too early in the morning, a New York man was run over by a milk wagon.

It is true that a man has flown from the deck of a ship to the shore, but the day of the airplane lifeboat is not yet in sight.

The horse may have to go in order to satisfy a school of prophets, but the hay and oats crop are still large and in good demand.

Aviators, like other experimenters, are learning by their mistakes, but in their case the trouble is the mistakes are such costly ones.

Chicagoans are threatened with a coal shortage. Not to be able to buy fuel will be a highly unsatisfactory way of saving money.

Columbus did after all bring upon this once happy country the peach-basket hat. He led up to it. He made it possible here.

A sea-going ship went to the rescue of an airship, and it is now the turn of an airship to repay the effort. Turn about is fair play.

An Austrian specialist has found a form of idiocy that is infectious. You may have noticed yourself how infectious is the pun-making habit.

The typewriting championship has just been decided in New York again. This is the first time it has been decided since day before yesterday.

Silly to get an injunction to keep a woman from going to a ball. Keeping her dress from getting home in time would be infinitely more effective.

The prophets were right. Two months ago they predicted that the hobble skirt would not hold favor in the shape it had then. It is now growing worse.

That an insane asylum inmate who won a prize for magazine poetry should not occasion surprise or even amusement, considering most magazine poetry.

The aviation fashions will probably soon appear. The public may be devoutly thankful if feminine admirers of the bird men do not take to wearing biplanes and Antoinettes for headgear.

A New York husband has asked the Supreme Court to affirm the binding nature of the wife's marriage promise to "obey." This is a dangerous precedent for a wife may retaliate by asking a legal enforcement of the husband's promise to "endow with all his worldly goods."

Stealing a red-hot stove has long figured as "the limit" of predatory daring, if not an impossible feat. But something closely akin to it is reported from Hoboken, N. J., where a man under arrest charged with having carried off a stove in which a fire was burning. And to make the affair seem bolder the stove was taken from a police station.

In discussing the relative merits of new style and old style cooking those who cling to the latter should remember that they formed their opinion of it when they were blessed with old-style appetites.

A New York minister declares that drinking is decreasing among men, but increasing among women. This latter charge periodically breaks out, but its injustice to women as a general thing has too firm a hold on the public mind for the charge to be seriously entertained.

A woman has built the most bird-like of the flying machines. But then, women always have been credited by gallant public opinion as a race of beings possessing wings ready made.

No one will grudge San Francisco her pride in a population of 416,812. Any city that can grow 21 per cent. in ten years despite an earthquake and a fire deserves all the credit that is coming. Furthermore, Director Durand says that the Golden Gate sound was honest.

"OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"



Crown the Christ Child King

At Christmas time we celebrate the birthday of our King. The wise men came from the far east, attracted by the light of the star, to find and worship the King. This blessed day is lighted by a star that ought to attract our attention and lead us in the same direction and to the same end. This time of music and glad festivities should lay especial emphasis on the kinship of Jesus of Nazareth. It is our privilege to see, in the Babe of Bethlehem, the King of kings and Lord of lords. That vision should be more clear to us than to the wise men of old. They had none of the helps that quicken our eyesight. We may remember the life he lived, the work he did, the sacrifices he made, and the influence he has exerted and is exerting to this very hour. "Never man spake like this man," concerning God, man, sin, life, death, truth, immortality, and "the vast forever." He has drawn the intellect of the world to himself. His ideas have inspired civilizations and turned the currents of history into new channels. He has compelled the world to accept his ideas of greatness and the value of human life. He has drawn the art of the world to himself, for the greatest paintings of the ages reflect his glory. He has drawn the music of the world to himself, for the mighty masterpieces of this realm tell the story of his work and influence. He has drawn the thought of the world to himself, for there never was one about whom so many books have been written. His life and words have been the inspiration of the modern altruism that is doing so much to lift humanity to higher and better levels. He is rapidly drawing the heart of the world to himself — drawing the lives of men to himself. He shall reign, "King of kings and Lord of lords." Because he humbled himself and made himself of no reputation, and took on him the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, therefore God hath highly exalted him and given him a name that is above every name. If we will not crown him Lord of all in our hearts here, we shall yet be called upon to crown him King of eternity. Let us crown the Christ Child our King in the here and now.

The New Way.
Nellee—I don't like the man who invented airships.
Jack—Why?
Nellee—Cause papa says they can't carry very much, and if Santa Claus uses one he can't bring all the things I want.



Our early days will not, indeed, come back, yet in Christmas an Indian summer evening to the venerable—reviving reminiscence of youth.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

By JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

"What means this glory round our feet,"
The Magi mused, "more bright than morn?"
And voices chanted clear and sweet,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born."

"What means that star, the shepherds said,
That brightens through the rocky glen?"
And angels, answering overhead,
Sang, "Peace on earth, good-will to men."

And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel's song,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

The Way

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."
For men in banked cabins in the arctic snows and men in the wind beaten ships on remote seas, for men in tropic jungles and men in forgotten wastes, this day is Christmas. We who spend the day in the friendly security of cities and draw about us the familiar intimacies of home and daily friendships are apt to forget the wonder of this, and the significance. But whether they realize it or not, men draw together during these hours. And this is to follow the star the wise men saw over Bethlehem.

Christmas for most of us is given to the closest of ties and the spirit of it is only a warmer glow of well used affections. But the deepest and mightiest things are the nearest, and in the heart of this day is the hope of the race. Two thousand years ago there was one who spoke from a mountain. His message was the brotherhood of all men. Another time he said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." To day men follow the way though they do not know, and obey the truth though they do not see, and live the life though they are unconscious of its pulse beat through the world. For the way is the way of the race marching painfully to its far goal.

The life of the individual and the lives of nations are borne upon the bosom of a great tide. Wise men call it by different names, but no man lives effectually save in its full current. Whether we state it in terms of religion, or of philosophy, or policy, its law is but the divine platitude of the brotherhood of man.

Keeping Christmas Joy
Christmas is a day of joy, but joy should not be allowed to die out of our lives next morning. It should stay with us ever after. We should sing the Christmas songs all the new year. We should carry the peace of God in our hearts continually hereafter. We should learn from this time to find the beauty and the good will in all things, and to show the world that we believe what we say we believe—that since God loves us, and Jesus Christ is our friend, "all's well with the world." They who receive and tell of God's unspeakable gift of Christ as a Redeemer may carry the gladdest sort of Christmas around with them all the year in their hearts.

SUPERIOR PEKIN DUCK FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES

Valuable for Raising on Large Scale, But Is Very Timid and Must Be Handled Carefully—Among Best of Table Fowls.

(By RUDOLPH B. NEALON.)
Of all ducks for farm and practical purposes none stands higher in popular esteem than the White Pekin. It is valuable for raising on a large scale and is the most easily raised of all. It is a very timid bird and must be handled quite carefully. It was imported from China in the early seventies, and has steadily grown in popularity since its introduction into this country.

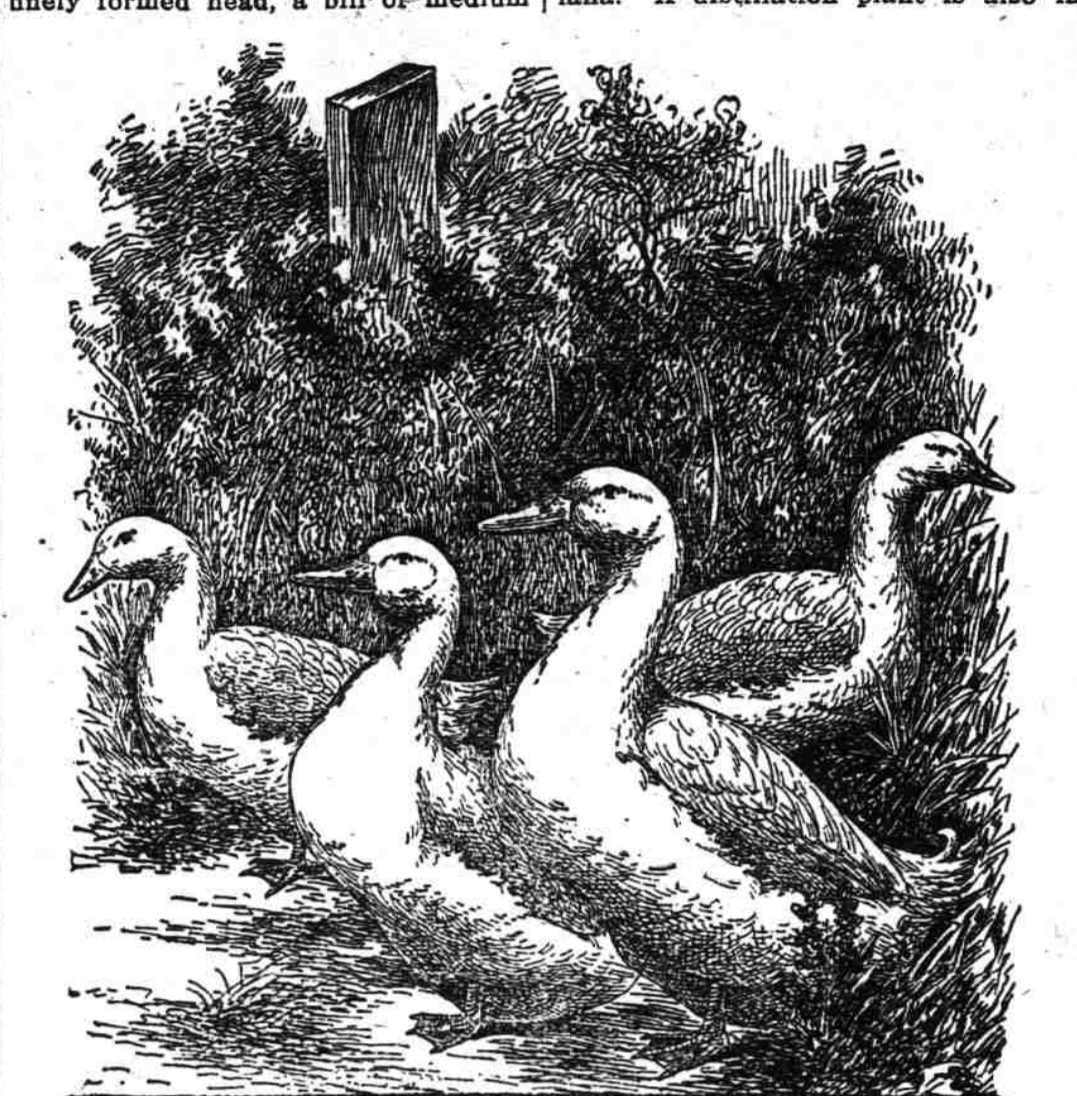
The Pekin duck has a distinct type of its own and differs from all others in the shape and carriage of its body. In size these ducks are very large, some reaching as high as 20 pounds to the pair. Their flesh is very delicate and free from grossness, and they are considered among the best of table fowls.

The standard-bred Pekin has a long, finely formed head, a bill of medium

drake are hard and stiff. The thighs are short and large; shanks short and strong, and in color are a reddish orange; toes straight, connected by a web and reddish orange in color. The plumage is downy, and of a faint creamy white throughout. Recently it has been noticed that preference in the show room is being given to birds of white plumage. The breeders are selecting as their show birds those that have the snow-white plumage instead of the creamy-white.

The standard weight of the adult drake is eight pounds; adult duck seven pounds; young drake, seven pounds, and young duck, six pounds.

New Peppermint Industry. Peppermint growing is a new industry on the reclaimed lands of Louisiana. A distillation plant is also in



Group of White Pekin Ducks.

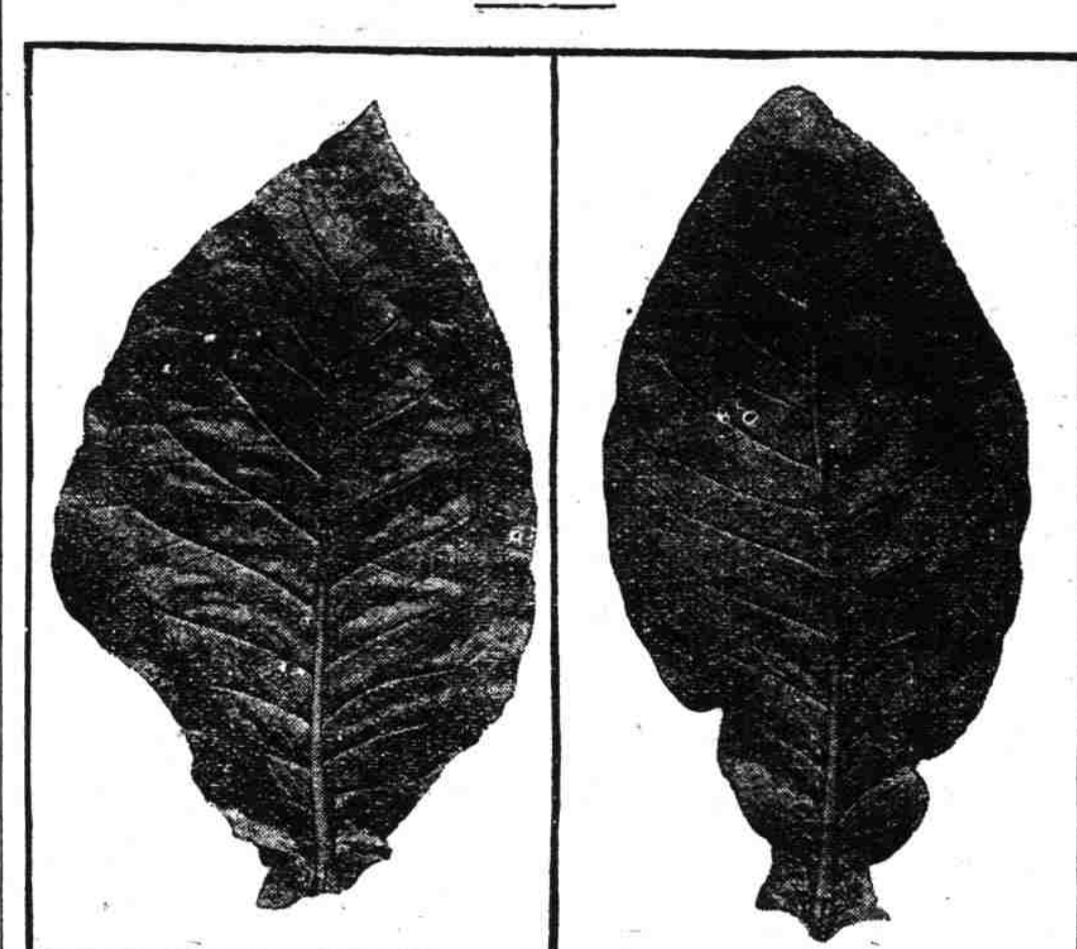
size, of an orange color, that is perfectly free from any mark or color other than yellow. The color of the bill is very important for exhibition birds, and not infrequently one of the best drakes is disqualified for having a faint tracing of black in the bill. The eyes are of a deep leaden-blue color. The neck of a Pekin should be neatly curved; in the drake it should be large and rather long, while that of the duck is of medium length. The back is long and broad; breast is round, full, and very prominent. The body is long and deep, and the standard describes the carriage of the body as elevated in front, sloping downward toward the rear. The wings are short, carried closely and smoothly against the body. The birds can not sustain flight, a two-foot fencing being ample to restrain them in an inclosure. The tail is erect, more so than in any other duck. The curled feathers in the tail of the

operation. A party of expert agriculturists recently inspecting the region were convinced that this crop can be grown in limited quantities at a good profit. Peppermint oil was imported into the United States during the fiscal year to the extent of 1,238 pounds, worth \$6,416, while the exports of American peppermint oil amounted to 161,811 pounds, worth \$288,313.

Feeding Fowls. Feed your fowls in such a way that they will get exercise in obtaining it. Exercise increases the appetite, aids digestion and promotes a healthy condition generally.

Bits of meat carried out with brine from the barrel and left on the ground will give hens serious bowel trouble. Don't risk it.

HAVANA AND HALLADAY LEAF



The above illustration shows two types of tobacco grown in the Connecticut river valley, says the Orange Judd Farmer. On the left is the Halladay leaf, which is a cross between

Havana and Sumatra, a leaf growing in popularity. On the left is the Havana, with which most growers of cigar leaf are more or less familiar. It is not as broad or has not as rounded a tip as Halladay.

LEAD VICIOUS FARM ANIMALS

Parents Should Teach Children How to Properly Handle Horses and Cattle—Many Accidents Happen.

(By M. TYLER IRONS.)
Every boy and girl on every farm in the country should be taught very early in life that under no circumstances should they undertake to lead an animal of any kind by tying the lead strap around the wrist or around the body, or fastening it to themselves in any way. There is hardly a week that the papers do not contain a report of some child or some young man or girl being dragged to death by a frightened or angry animal. From the time he is big enough to work around stock the child should be taught how to lead an animal and he should be so repeatedly warned against tying the lead strap to him-

self in any way that he will not afterward, under any circumstances, think of doing it. The weight of the body can be thrown against the lead strap without fastening it. The man who is dragged around by an animal and has his legs broken or possibly is dragged to death because he has been so foolish as to fasten a strap to himself has only himself to blame for his foolishness. But the child who has been killed in this way is often a sacrifice to the carelessness of the parents in not teaching him how to lead stock.

Breeding Geese. Breeding geese must not be fat. They should have corn in limited quantity only during cold weather and then at night. Oats steeped in warm water makes a better feed. It should be fed in V-shaped troughs. Plenty of vegetable food, such as cabbage, boiled potatoes and clover should be supplied until the grass begins to grow and the birds go to pasture.

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Why Kick? Louis Wisna, the Newark artist, wore a gloomy look on his usually cheerful face.

"It has just struck me," he said to Charles Stasse, "that my shoes don't cost me as much as my youngster's."

"Then what are you complaining about?" asked Stasse.

Progress in Railroad. "Yes," says the lady whose dress case is covered with strange foreign labels, "the way railroads are run nowadays is a great improvement over what they were 50 years ago."

"But surely you had no experience as a traveler 50 years ago," says her friend.

"I don't mean that. But nowadays, don't you notice, when there is a wreck it is always had at some point convenient to a cluster of farm houses where the victims can go for coffee and to get warm?"

Tribute to Painter's Skill. One of the still life paintings by Jan van Huysen in the museum at The Hague was recently injured, but it is believed the perpetrator was neither vandal nor thief.

The picture represents a basket of fruit on which a number of insects have gathered. On a pale yellow apple, which is the "centerpiece in the cluster of fruit, is a large fly, painted so true to nature, so say the officials of the gallery, that the canvas was injured by some one who endeavored to "shoo" it and brought his cane or hand too close to the canvas. "A tribute to the painter's genius," says the letter recording the fact, "for which the work had to suffer."

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