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TIRED. Tire!-So tire I and weary. Life seems a desert so dreary-Teardrops dry up in its sand. Tired Of loving and hating. Longing for rest, and then waiting For peace in another lan l. Trying To fathom the depth of life's river-To catch the stray sunbeams that quive. And dance on its gleaming breast. Wondering If all sweeping surges Ceaselessly sing Hope's last dirges -Requiem masses of rest. Longing To sleep in the gloaming-

On dreamland's far hills to be roaming. With eyes that will never awake. Waiting To see life's gray dawning Flash in a glorious morning, And the light of Eternity break. -New York Advertiser.

### An Amateur Detective. BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

VIDENTLY Farmer Stillwell was very much surprised when his only son Charles Augustus told () him he was going to the city to "look

Augustus. He had read enough dime literature in his salad days, which were not yet over, to fill his soul with an unequal appreciation of things. For instance, quite unknown to his parents, he vearned to be a detective. Cowboys and raiders were not much to his liking; they lacked the element of respectability. But to be a detective, a sleuth-hound of the law, to rise to the high position of inspector-in-chief of police, to be the terror of small boys and evil doers was to reach the ultimatum of his ambition. When his employer imagined his new clerk at the reading room of the Y. M. C. A. or sound asleep in his boarding house bed, Charles Augustus was hanging around the police station, watching the criminals brought in, and admiring the officer on duty who assigned cach one to a cell with a wave of his baton. He thought he was getting a deep insight into human nature, and that he could tell a criminal from an honest man at the first glance. That was the interesting state of his mind when he reached the hotel with the valuable package in his pocket, the jewels in a satin-lined case, ready to be tempingly displayed before eyes of the fortunate woman for whom they were to be purchased. In answer to his question the boy who

opened the door said that he would see sent up the card of his employer, and walted in the parlor for the lady to see him. When the boy returned he was requested to attend to the lady in her own room.

pistol and popped it under the nose of his captured "villain."

The noise of the two men fighting vigorously in the coupe, both doors of which had flown open, the cries of "police!" "murder !" "stop thief!" which could be heard for a block, finally reached the driver's ears, and brought him to a stand still when, in a twinkling, two policemen were on the spot.

"Hold him. He tried to chloroform me!" yelled Charles Augustus.

"Arrest this man. He's trying to rob and murder me!" shouted the other occupant of the coupe.

The result was that both men were arrested and taken to the station, where they were incarcerated in separate cells and booked as drunk and disorderly, until such time as the law of police officials, which is different from any other kind of law under the sun, should admit of their cases being looked up and the facts of the affair brought out. The diamonds and Mr. ——'s checkbook were taken care of by the same authorities. They were both fined for breaking the peace, but the innocent party of the first part, who bought the diamonds, or tried to, was only kept in jail one night. Then his distracted wife found him, and figuratively warmed the policeman's ears for ever putting him there. The jeweler finally got his money and the lady in the case received her diamonds, but Charles Augustus, the valiant, languished in jail until his father came and bailed him out. He is now running a plow on the home

#### FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

#### PUTTING THE PASTURE IN ORDER.

Can you put that pasture in better shape than it was last year by spreading just a little manure on the burnt out spots and then sowing a handful of grass seed over that. Take a walk all through the pastures as soon as the snow is off and note carefully the condition the grass is in. Take with you some sticks splits from a board and stick them in the ground where the manure is wanted so rou can by this mark find the place again. This work done now will save money to you when labor is pressing as the months come hot and work presses. - American Dairyman.

#### SUNFLOWERS.

Plant sunflower seeds all along the back fences, and in bare, unused corners. All along the side and front of the sheds and barns, put the seeds of these rank and brightly beautiful "growers." They will flourish anywhere, and turn the backgound into a wall of green illuminated by discs of orange, and hiding old weather beaten wood work or fencing. The seeds of the sunflower are in some countries used for fattening lowls. In Russia (and in some of our Western States) they are cultivated for fuel, being harvested in two parts, the seed heads cut off and put away in a corn-crib, and the stalks piled in a shed. When cut in the right time the stalks

dry as hard as oak, and make a good, hot fire, while the seed heads with the seed

active, and makes the glossy plumage that is often such a marked feature in the prize birds at the poultry shows.

With Bordeaux mixture for fungus diseases, arsenical compounds for leafcating insects and oil ones for others. the successful cultivation of many more plants than before is now made possible.

Egg plants require early starting, warm quarters, vigorous plants, rather late transplanting to the field, warm, rich and moist soil, constant attention to potato beetles and frequent cultivation.

That competition affects agricultural industry it would be idle to deny, but this competition does not in the least interfere with the power of the farmer to provide a living for himself and family.

#### RECIPES.

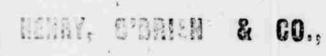
Egg Sauce-Beat together one-half cup butter and one tablespoonful of flour; add a half pint boiling water, stirring constantly, pepper and salt to taste

and when thick like custard add two hard-boiled eggs chopped tine. Serve hot.

Shad Ree-Boil the roe of a shad and two eggs for ten minutes in salted water. Put two heaping tablespoonfuls of butter in your chating dish, together with a tablespoonful of lemon juice or vinegar. Add the roe (breaking it up lightly with a fork) then the yolks of two hardboiled eggs, mashed fine, a small cup of grated bread crumbs, a little chopped parsley, pepper and salt. Stir constantly until all is well mixed, and serve very hot.

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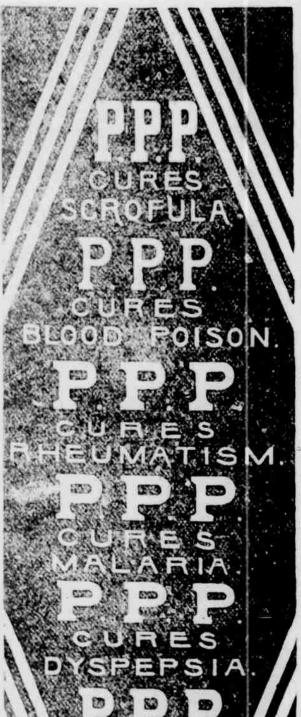
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#### MAIN STREET,

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## DURHAM.





at home and helping me run the 'farm?" asked the old man.

"I want a chance to rise in the world. to show what kind of stuff I am made of," answered the youth.

"I reckon you're made of the same sort of clay as ver mother and me; but yer only about half-baked yet," said the old man with a grin. "This comes of a little learnin'. You'd better tarry at Jericho until yer beard is grown an' you've cut yer wisdom teeth, son."

But the young man persisted. He explained to his father that he wanted to see the world, and make his mark in it. He must have to begin low, but he was bound to rise and be somebody, and he knew enough to keep clear of buncosteerers and all such gentry. So his father gave him his blessing and twentyfive dollars in gold and let him go, with a pardonable desire to gratify his ambition and see him rise in the world.

In due time a letter came from the young may. He bad found employment as a clerk in a jewelry store. It was only a stepping-stone, he said, to the fortune he intended to make, but heshould keep his eyes open and loose no good chance.

The next letter was from the chief ofpolice in the city where the young man was employed. It merely announced the fact that the youth was in jail and wanted his father to come and bail hun out. The consternation which this missive introluced into the farm household can only be imagined. They all loyally chung to the belief that their Charles Augustus was not a criminal in intent, but the fact of his being in jail was a great blow to their pride.

"Let us return," as the novelists sav, to Charles Augustus.

That enterprising young man had won golden opinions from his employers by his steady conduct, his correct business principles, and his devotion to their intcrests. One day, at a time when he was the only clerk in the store, a stranger | an affair of this kind." entered and askel to be shown some diamond carrings. He produced a business card, and the jeweler, who personally attended to him, recognized the name as that of a man recently established in business there, but who was still a stranger to him. The gentleman selected the earrings and asked that they be sent to his hotel for his wife to er-

old gag1?

The lady admired the jewels and told her husband, who was present, that they suited her exactly. Charles Augustus had literally frozen to them; he stood close to the lady while she tried them on and furtively watched her lest she should make a dash for the opposite door, when he would snatch the diamonds and fight the two conspirators single handed, and he pressed something in the breast

pocket of his coat. It was the first purchase he had made out of his father's 1 gold piece-a revolver, which he needed about as much as a cat needs two tails.

"You can leave them," said the gentleman languidly-gentlemanly villains are always languid-"I will call in and pay for them on my way home from the office."

"Ha, the plot thickens," remarked Charles Augustus, mentally. Aloud he said :

"I beg your pardon, sir, but my orders are peremptory. I am not to leave the diamonds without receiving the money."

The gentleman smiled. But a man can smile, and smile, and be a villain still. Charles Augustus stood his guard with a come - one - come - all-this-rock-shall-flyfrom-its - first - base - as-soon-as-I-Fitz-James'--expression that meant business.

"The idea," said his wife indignantly. "to think that you are not good for that amount! They can't know who we are."

"Never mind dear. It's just as well to pay for them now as at any time. I will write out a check and give it to the young man, and you can keep your diamonds." But Charles Augustus saw only a new move in the game in this arrangement.

"I must have a certified check," he said firmly.

"Ring for a coupe," said the gentleman to his wife, "I will go to the bank and get the cash, and see it paid into the hands of the jeweler myself. It's a good idea to deal only with principals in.

This was carrying the war into

"Ha!" he said to himself, "it's the | ranch, but what new turn his genius will

take remains to be seen. For the present he is satisfied to be out of business as an amateur detective. -- Detroit Free Press.

#### To Cook a Steak.

The steak should be purchased from a good butcher. It should be the sirloiu cut, with the bone removed. It should be an inch or an inch and a quarter in thickness, and should weigh from a pound and a half to two pounds, says an exchange.

Two or three hours before cooking the steak mix a tablespoonful of olive oil with a teaspoonful of salt and a quarterteaspoonful of pepper. Rub this mixture thoroughly over both sides of the steak and let it lie on a plate until time to cook

Two objects are attained by this process-the steak is thoroughly seasoned through, without waste of the juices, which are prevented from passing out by the oil, and the oil passes into the fibre Put the steak in a broiler and place the broiler over a fire of bright coals, cook each side of the steak briskly for one minute, then sprinkle a little ashes over the fire to let the steak broil for ten or fifteen minutes.

Finally, serve promptly on a hot. platter with water-cress; put no butter, salt or pepper on the steak. This is the way steaks are prepared by the best cooks.

#### Feminine Trinkets From Africa.

The Englishwoman who lately explored the Kilima-Njaro country in Africa brought out all sorts of interesting specimens with her, many of which the natives would never have surrendered to a man; such as articles of attire that have actually been worn by women, bells worn on the little black babies' ankles to encourage them to walk wigs, rings, flyleaf aprons, bracelets, anklets, belts and girdles of beads, hair ornaments, beautitul spears, shields, poisonel arrows, porabe cups, household utensils, and a aultitude of other strange and curibus things. The traveler was much struck by the intelligence of these races, who have but little pure African blood, and are anything but lazy. Perhaps the most interesting reflection in connection with these people is that they are destined to extermination by vicious indulgences which will be introduced to them in the way of trade. The German potato alcohol is more destructive even than the opium which was forced on the Chinese at the mouths of British cannon, and has been ever since maintained by the same agency .- New York Sun.

in make a better fire than the best hard coal. The seed, being very rich in oil, will burn better and longer, ton for ton, than hard coal .--- Detroit Free Press.

A PERFECT EGG-TESTER FOR NOTHING.

Having one of the lanterns with a reflector and a bull's-eye on one side of the chimney, which are made to put on the dasher of a wagon, as well as for ordinary house use, I made an egg-tester as follows, explains a Cambridge, (Mass.) correspondent . I got a box just big enough to receive the lantern easily, arranged one side of it to swing on leathern hinges as a door, and of another side, just opposite the bull's eye, cut an egg-shaped hole, about a quarter of an inch larger all round than a large egg. Then over this hole I tacked a piece of thin leather, in which was another egg-shaped hole, slightly smaller than an egg. By holding the egg firmly against this opening in the leather, every ray of light is excluded, and the full force of the lantern, reflector and bull'seye are turned on the egg. Of course there must be a sufficient opening in the

top of the box to let off the heated air. With this tester I can plainly see the embryo in a fertile egg forty-eight hours after the beginning of incubation .--Farm an Poultry.

# DEST PLACE FOR BEES.

Bee keeping should have more attention from farmers. In locating the apiary select some cool, shady, quiet spot. The hives should never be placed against the side of a building or close to a fence, but there should always be room to stand on either side of them while working. The south side of a building is also an objectionable place because it is liable -from the intense reflected heat of the sun-to give them the swarming fever. Also avoid placing the bees where cattle or horses constantly pass, as the overturning of a hive by the animals might | lightly with a silver fork; use fine, fresh produce serious results. The orchard is berries, and prepare the cake as quickly, a good place for bees, or an apiary and as possible; it should also be eaten as vineyard may be combined by placing soon as served. Never bruise or "mash" the hives at a good distance apart and the fruit-it ruins the fine flavor and planting a grapevine beside each. Do spoils the dainty appearance of the cake. not tear that the bees will spoil the fruit, This is truly the kind of cake "that for it is a settled fact that they will not mother used to make " puncture a grape in order to get at its juices, but will only feed upon it after the birds have taken a bite. Bees are not at all destructive, and they are especially valuable because they gather up and store away that which would be whomy lost if it were not that they can utilize it .- Chicago Times.

Lettuce Salad-Do not cut, but pull the leaves apart, rejecting all bruised or wilted ones, and place in a salad bowl large enough to dress nicely without scattering over the table. Make a dressing by adding two saltspoonfuls of salt and one of pepper to a tablespoonful of oil; mix thoroughly, then add three tablespoonfuls of oil and one and onehalf tablespoonfuls of best vinegar. Pour over at the table when ready to serve.

Tomato Butter-Choose perfectly ripe, large, red tomatoes, scald them to make it easy to remove the skin, and then weigh them; to each pound of tomatoes allow six ounces of brown sugar and a gill of vinegar; put these ingredients over the fire in a thick kettle, heat them gradually, and boil them gently, stirring them almost constantly to prevent burning, until a little of the tomato butter is as thick as jam when cooled on a saucer: when it is done and quite cold put it up like other preserves.

Strawberry Shortcake-To-a pint of sifted flour add a heaping teaspoon of baking powder; rab into the flour two tablespoonfuls of butter and a little salt, 3 enough sweet milk to make a stiff batter; stir quickly and lightly and spread immediately upon buttered tins of even size, bake in a quick oven, ten minutes should be long enough, but the cakes should be a delicate brown; slip one cake on to a hot plate and spread the berries over it, then put the other cake on top; butter lightly; send to the table as soon as ready. The berries should be pulled with care, and if gritty washed quickly; never wash berries unless it is really necessary. If the berries are large, slice each one once or twice with a silver knife, being careful not to mash the fruit; sprinkle plentifully with sugar, and after standing a few moments turn

of the meat, making it tender and rich.



For Sale, by WAL HAYES.



For Sale by W. A. HAYES. amine before purchasing them. Then he left the store.

Now this business was unbusiness-like and the jeweler cautioned young Stillwell not to leave the diamonds unless they were paid for, as the buyer had said they would be if they suited. So Charles Augustus went up to the hotel with two ideas fixed in his mind. He was to return, like the Spartan hero, with his shield, or upon it -in other words, he was to bring back either the diamonds or their equivalent in cash.

"Know thyself," the motto of the wise men of Greece, was an unknown quantity in the arithmetic of our Charles

the enemy's camp with a vengeance. Charles Augustus felt that he had met a foeman worthy of his steel. These are stock phrases which novelists use, and they were as familiar to Charles Augustus, as they are to the rest of the world, and served to illustrate a crisis. The coupe was announced, and the two men went down and got in together, each visibly shrinking from the other. The fact was the buyer of the diamonds was suffering from a raging toothache, and just as the coupe got well started, he remembered a bottle of ether, and some other mixture which he had bought that morning for that purpose, and fergotten during a lull in the misery. Now he brought it out, removed the cork, and was about to apply it, when the bottle was snatched from his hand, and dashed through the open window of the coupe. "No you don't, I'm onto your little game. You don't chloroform me!" shouted Charles Augustus, as he drew his

Two new occupations have of late been found for dumb and blind persons. One is for the employment of deaf and dumb persons as typewriters, where, as much of the work is written, their deformity does not interfere with its success. The blind women are showing themselves expert and intelligent as massage operators, their delicate sense of touch and deft movements being of special advantage.

#### FARM AND GABDEN NOTES.

A light loam, a porous subsoil, gives the bespresults in the gladiolus.

Guineas are great foragers and destroy many insects that hens will not touch. The great secret in raising young ducks is not to allow them to get wet. Coal ashes should always be sifted before using for the dust bath of the fowls. Make it a rule to clean the hen nests every week and paint them with coal

A little oil meal at the morning or yoon feed about once a week keeps the bowels

#### More Papers Than Ever.

The American Newspaper Directory for 1892, just out, gives a table showing that there are 18,714 newspapers and magazines published in the United States. There are 1759 dailles, 33 triweeklies, 209 semi-weeklies, 13,404 weeklies, 53 bi-monthlies; 224 semimonthlies, 2754 monthlies, 56 bi-monthlies and 192 quarterlies. New York comes first with a total of 1971 periodicals; Illinois is second with 1438 and Pennsylvania third with 1413. Alaska has she least number, 3; Indian Territory is second lowest, with 23, and Arizona third with 32. Canada and Newfoundland have a total of 859 periodicals.

In 1891 there were 18,536 periodicals published in the Unite I States, and the list for 1892 shows a gain of 175 over last year's figures. In Canada and Newfoundland 22 more periodicals are issued this year than in 1891.