FOREIGN BELIEFS ARE QUEER

Spanish Wedding Is Ruined if One Person Appears Entirely in Black -Some Other Signs.

In Spain the wedding is spoiled if one of the guests appears entirely in black, or if the bride looks into a mirror after orange blossoms and veil are fast in her headdress.

When a person's hair ends split, it's

taken by the superstitious for a sign that she is either a witch or has been bewitched. As blond hair splits more readily than dark hair, all witches, spirits and sorceresses have blond or red hair, according to the standard of

On the marriage eve there is often much good-natured rivalry between the groom and the bride in the Slav countries as to who shall blow out the candle, for the person who does will be "first to die." It is impossible to trace the origin of this superstition, prevails in aristocrate society as well as in the peasant's hut, even as like this, that "to insure the life and health of the children" the woman must occupy the right side of the bed. In addition, she must not smoke before her forty-fifth year.

There is a superstition in this coun-

try and many others against burning a broom. The bud of birch broom is used in Southern Germany as a pre-ventive against erysipelas. These buds, a piece of yellow wax and some other articles are enclosed in a pink slik bag, secured with red slik and worn on the back of the neck. The person must change his shirt every Friday

Wild Ones.

Charles Graffy, the noted sculptor, was talking at his summer home at Folly Grove, near Gloucester, about the quint humor of the Gloucester fish-

'In Gloucester one day," he said, "as I idled among the shipping, an old salt began to narrate his experiences to

me.
"'Wunst, he said, 'I was wricked in the South sea, and thar I come across a tribe of wild women

"'Wild women without tongues!' said I. 'Goodness! How could they talk?'"

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mary grades. We know what the primary grades are for; they are to educate children

for the grammar grades.

We know what the high school is But what does college fit you for?-

RIGHT HOME Doctor Recommends Postum from Personal Test.

No one is better able to realize the injurious action of caffeine—the drug in coffee—on the heart, than the doc-Tea is just as harmful as coffee because it, too, contains the drug caf-

When the doctor himself has been relieved by simply leaving off coffee and using Postum, he can refer with full conviction to his own case.

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"I was a moderate user of coffee and did not think drinking it hurt me. But on stopping it and using Postum in-stead, my heart has got all right, and I ascribe it to the change from coffee to Postum.

"I am prescribing it now in cases of sickness, especially when coffee does not agree, or affects the heart, nerves

"When made right it has a much better flavor than coffee, and is a vital sustainer of the system. I shall continue to recommend it to our people, and I have my own case to refer to." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

"There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest. Adv.

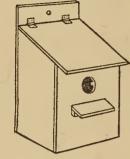
SPARROW IS NUISANCE SUPERIOR BAIT FOR CUTWORM

Much to Be Said About Destructive Little Bird.

Destroys Fruit and Flowers of Cultivated Trees and Devours Many Seeds-Has No Song, but Is Noisy and Vituperative.

(By N. DEARBORN.)

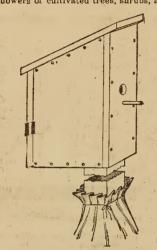
The English sparrow among birds, like the rat among mammals, is cunning, destructive, and filthy. Its nat-ural diet consists of seeds, but it eats a great variety of other foods. While much of its fare consists of waste material from the streets, in autumn and winter it consumes quantities of weed seed and in summer numerous insects. The destruction of weed seed should undeniably count in the sparrow's



Nest Box Opening at Top

lavor. Its record as to insects in most localities is not so clear. In exceptional cases it has been found very useful as a destroyer of insect pests. For example, during a ercent investi-gation of birds that destroy the alfalfa weevil in northern Utah, English sparwere feeding their nestlings largely on weevil larvae and cutworms, both of which are very injur-lous to alfalfa. In this case the spar-rows, attracted by grain in the fields and poultry runs and by the excellent nest sites afforded by the thatched roofs of many farm buildings, had left the city and taken up their abode in the country where the weevil outbreak subsequently occurred. Unfortunately, however, farmers can rarely expect such aid against their insect Wherever this bird proves useful, however, it is entitled to protection and encouragement in proportion to its net value.

On the other hand much is to be said against the bird. It destroys fruit, as cherries, grapes, pears, and peaches. It also destroys buds and flowers of cultivated trees, shrubs, and



Nest-Box Trap.

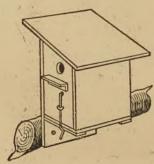
vines. In the garden it eats seeds as for the grammar grades.

We know what the grammar grades are for; they are to educate children for high school.

We know what the high school is we know what the high school is for; it is to educate children for college.

But what does college fit you for?

But what does college fit you for? wheat, the annual loss caused by these birds throughout the country is very great. It reduces the numbers of some of our birds, as bluebirds, house wrens, purple martins, tree swallows, cliff swallows, and barn swallows, by destroying their eggs and young and by usurping nesting places. It attacks other familiar species, as the robin, wren, red-eyed vireo, catbird, and mocking bird, causing them to desert parks and shady streets of towns. Unlike our native birds whose place



Nest Box Opening at Bottom.

It usurps, it has no song, but is noisy and vituperative. It defiles buildings and ornamental trees, shrubs, and vines with its excrement and with its bulky nests.

The evidence against the sparrow is, on the whole, overwhelming,

By concerted and continuous to destroy every nest after the eggs quent upon transplanting than with /are laid, and by trapping the birds ordinary layer plants. Pot-grown and destroying them, the numbers of plants may be set as late as October English sparrows in any locality may be rapidly reduced.

Samples of easily constructed trap nests are here shown.

Bran Mash, Sweetened With Sugar of Molasses, With Paris Green, Will Prove Effective.

(By F. L. WASHBURN.) Cutworms are the larval forms of moths belonging to the family known as Owlet Moths. The first name was given this family because they are particularly night flyers, most of them remaining concealed during the day; and the second name, on account of the fact that their eyes shine at night, in the presence of a light, to which, by the way, many of the species are

Both the moths and their larvae are fond of sweets; and this fact is made use of both by collectors in catching the moths and by the farmer and gardener in killing the "cut-worm" itself. The larvae, when full grown, averages in length about one and onehalf inches, and is as a rule, dull colored, with or without obscure markings. This full-grown larva burrows into the soil a short distance, and turns into a brownish or reddishbrown or mahogany-colored pupa.

These pupae may winter over, when formed late in summer, or give rise to moths in August and Setpember, which lay their eggs at that time on various plants, or on the ground near their food-plants. The larvae, which hatch in late summer or fall, winter over in some concealed situation, and are ready for business in the spring.

While many birds prey upon cut-worms—and although they are eaten by some other insects, and are the victims of parasitic forms, to say nothing of diseases bacterial or fungoid-nevertheless farmers are often obliged to take active means against

them in order to save their crops.

A bait made of bran mash sweet ened with cheap sugar or molasses, and made decidedly green with a liberal application of Paris green, is a tablespoonful of this should be nut at



A Cutworn and Its Work.

frequent intervals among the plants subject to attack; not, however, near er than twelve inches to the plant; for, in case of rain, the Paris green might be washed against the roots, and would injure or kill the plant.
The Paris green should be mixed with the bran when the latter is dry.
Thorough cultivation is an aid. Pieces of shingle or board, placed at intervals over the garden, serve as traps under which the cutworms hide toward morning, when they may be found and killed. Frequently the depredator will be found in the morning, within an inch or so of the plant cut, buried an inch under the soil. Young plants like cabbage, cauliflower, etc., when not too numerous, when first set out in a small garden, should be protected by paper or tin, or a barrier of some sort, which should extend into the ground an inch or so, and two or three inches above the surface. This can be removed when the plant becomes so tough as not to invite attacks from the cutworm. On large acreages, fall plowing and thorough cultivation afford perhaps the most practical treatment.
Cutworms are likely to be especial-

ly troublesome the next year after sod, for it is only natural that, when deprived of sod land by farm cultiva-tion, they should attack the crop im-

mediately following.

This family of moths is an enorfive different species of the group hav- 25 shillings. ing been found in one state. Of this list, something like 45 species typical cutworms

FREE RANGE FOR THE CHICKS

Fowls Will Do Little Damage-Lowers Feed Bill.

Where hens or chicks have been confined in small yards during spring and summer they should be turned out on free range now if pos-A yard which has been in use sible. all the season will by this time need attention. In most cases it is abso-sawed lumber. Britain took over half lutely bare, and well contamniated. Of the amount exported. The chickens in it are not receiving a fair chance.

Gardens are in such shape that the is to turn each flock out at least one or two days a week, or better still a & Dunn Co., Mfrs., Charlotte, N. C. Adv few hours each day. This method will give them all a range without mixing the flocks.

The yards themselves should be plowed or spaded up, and this fall sown to some crop, such as oats, rye or wheat. The crop will purify the break in? soil, as well as furnish green food for the flock. It is only by careful attention to these details that hens can successfully be kept in small

Potted Plants Best.

Potted strawbery plants are best for summer planting, as they enable one to plant in hot, dry weather with with a reasonable hope of a good ber ry crop the following year. The plants should be set before becoming pot bound.

WOMAN WORKS OUT PROBLEM

Mrs. Sarah Erickson Declares the Her Lays an Egg at the Same Hour She Was Born.

What time o' day
Does a hen lay?
That question has puzzled poultry
fanciers for unnumbered decades, but
now, it seems, it has been satisfactoril solved by a woman. She is Mrs. Sarah Erickson of Falconer, N. Y. Having kept chickens for 37 years, she believes she qualifies as an expert

in this line of effort.
"I have worked out the problem," she declares. "By using marked leg-bands, trap nests and alarm clocks at tached to the nests I have determined that a hen lays an egg at the same hour, minute and second that she was born, or, rather, hatched. For in-stance, if the hen happened to be able to peck its way through its shell at 7:43 a. m., she will lay an egg at precisely 7:43 a.m. And she will do this without variation every time she is inclined to lay. I have kept close, systematic watch on my hens for five years, and I have never known the rule to fail."

CRUST COVERED BABY'S HEAD

532 Brunswick St., Baltimore, Md.-"My baby's face broke out in pimples, which after bathing would weep and form scabs until his head and face were completely covered with a crust and his hair all fell out. It was cross and would not sleep. Each day it and would not sleep. Each day it spread until his entire face and head were covered with weeping sores. tried several prescriptions, but did not find any relief. Then I decided to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment.

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Sang for Sultan.

Mulai Hafid, the ex-Sultan of Morocco, while staying at Vichy, in France, made an excursion to Les Ardoisieres, says the "Matin," where Napoleon III. used often to go for rest. Three young girls, sisters, timidly approached the Sultan and asked him to sign post-cards. Mulai Hafid consented on condition that they would each sing a song to him. Two of the girls at once complied, and the delighted Mulai Hafid wrote on their cards words which, translated, mean: "Like Napoleon III., I have visited Les Ardol-sieres, where I have enjoyed, together with the calm and freshness of ture, the grace and charm of voices of Miles. Pauline and Clo-tilde." The third girl did not know how to sing, but one of her sisters having sung for her the Sultan added the name of Gabrielle.

Crime to Kiss.

In Russia it is a crime for lovers to kiss in public, and not very long ago two young men and two young women were arrested in Odessa for having been guilty of this offense. They had all been dining together in a restaurant, and kissed on parting. They were condemned to short terms of imprisonment, and the sentences were confirmed on appeal. The gen eral fine in Russia for a kiss in the open street is 15 shillings, but in a mous one, two hundred and thirty- tramcar it may cost anything up to

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