

DON'T MIND ME.

"Don't mind me," he told the woman: "If you want to raise your price, man. Go ahead and put it higher, and I will not say a word."

SLAVE TRADE BOOMS.

There is but little doubt that he would have succeeded. That was the end of my race against time. My success in recovering the money, added to Mr. Winter's kind intercession on my behalf, saved me from dismissal, and the promotion, though delayed, came at last.

BURNING TROLLEY CARS.

The Right and the Wrong Way Motormen to Act. It is not an uncommon experience for a motorman to see an overheat his machinery with an excess of current as to burn out a fuse.

THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS SENT FROM PORTUGUESE AFRICA.

To Work in the Cocoa Fields of San Thome and Principe Islands—Held on Alleged Five Year Contracts—None is Allowed to Return—\$150 for Grown Slaves.

WHAT IS A HOME?

Does Your Idea Agree With Any of These? Sometime ago when the Brown Book asked for some original definitions of home, it received among others the following answers:



ORCHARD and GARDEN.

Potatoes to Pigs. Potatoes which are damaged by rot or other causes may be fed to pigs with good results. The pig, so far as its relish for the potato is concerned, seems indifferent as to whether it is diseased or not, and experience shows that swine thrive well on potatoes showing considerable disease and without injury to the health of the animals.

To Protect Corn From Birds.

A young Vermont farmer has successfully used the following method to get rid of crows and blackbirds, which were destroying his corn crop: Take a mixing spoon full of liquid sal tar, have it warm, then mix it with about one-half bushel of seed corn.

Don't Lend Without Pay.

The day of borrowing and lending tools without making a charge for the use of the same passes away. We can remember when no man thought of charging a neighbor for the use of a tool, not even to a corn planter to plant a hundred acres with. Now a price is affixed, and there has to be one. A man cannot afford to buy machinery for others to wear out without getting the cost price back.

To Fight Weeds.

Rules for keeping weeds from multiplying. 1st. Practice weeding often and early. 2nd. Change the method of cultivating. Plow deeper or shallower, or use a different harrow or cultivator.

Give Your Horse More Water.

Water should be before horses at all times when indoors, and at least one meal should ever be offered and night feed turned out until every animal has had his chance at as many brimming buckets as he will take.

The Great American Hog.

The possible profit that may result from intelligent hog breeding on a large scale is worthy of serious thought on the part of farmers, says Farming.

Strengthening the Nerves.

The nerves are strengthened, first, by being regular in all things, especially in systematic change between work and recreation.

Jersey Cow's Better Record.

Probably the blood of the Jersey is more generally diffused and more highly prized in the butter-producing districts of the United States, as well as among family cows in the country at large, than that of any other breed, says Farming.

Centenary of Steamships.

Next year will witness the centenary of steam navigation, which France proposes to commemorate by an international exhibition. The exhibition will be strictly appropriate. It will embrace everything relating to war and sea as the great highway of commerce.

The Old Maid Aunts.

If you want to be interested, visit a family where there is not one but two or three old maid aunts. Sisters always love each other in a way to attract admiration, and an old maid loves her sister's baby almost as much as the mother.

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FLED TO LAND OF PLENTY.

Doukhobors, Penniless Six Years Ago, Now Wealthy Community. Six years ago the Doukhobors were exiled from Russia, their houses and lands were confiscated, and many of them were sent to the Siberian mines on account of their religious beliefs.

The leadership of Peter Verigin, who spent sixteen years in the Siberian mines, they have proved the success of communism. Their various villages, each ruled by an overseer, have supplies enough for three years. They own twenty-three complete threshing outfits, fifteen steam ploughs, six flour mills, seven saw-mills and large herds of cattle, horses and sheep.

She has an extremely long period of usefulness in the dairy. Five years covers the profitable work of the average cow. The Jersey is generally vigorous and at work when twelve to fifteen years old. Many are profitable when eighteen to twenty-one years old.

She gives the richest milk, as nearly three thousand standard tests have proved. The recent demonstration at the St. Louis Exposition is a notable illustration of this superiority.

Almost all this butter fat can be recovered in butter or cheese. The practical value of this advantage is most appreciated by the dairy farmer. This larger yield of butter and cheese is of the highest grade of commercial excellence. It tops the market.

These traits of superiority are so firmly fixed in her breeding that if fairly mated she can be relied upon to transmit them to her descendants.

The value of birds to the farmer has only begun to be appreciated. Nineteenth of the land owners and gardeners do nothing to attract the birds or to feed them. Some of them are ready for a law to permit the killing of robins. However, a better sentiment is steadily growing.

As those who own shootings are aware, it sometimes happens that in spite of alluring advertisements they do not succeed in letting them. Farmer Partridge was in this enviable position, and after much consideration he decided to let it out by the day to whatever chance sportsman came his way.

"Hello!" said the farmer. "Shot all the birds?" "Er—no," said the sportsman. "Been going for the rabbits, eh? Any luck?"

"Well, not exactly," said the other. "What have you come back for, then?" "Er—well, we want to know if you can let us have some more dogs and ferrets, we've used them all up."

The farmer had ceased to let shooting by the day.—The Tatler.

He invited the newspaper humorists to his home in Cleveland and joined their jokemath' union. He walked barefoot on the dewy grass before breakfast.

He found a reporter in church one Sunday and sat down beside him and whispered to the scribe for five minutes, telling him that posterity would render justice to him.

He took to wearing a newspaper inside his waistcoat to keep him warm. In the Fifth Avenue church, after service, he stopped in the lobby and advised his friends to eat cheese.

He stuffed potatoes with \$5 gold pieces and sent a basket full to his Cleveland pastor, Dr. Eaton.—New York World.

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A RACE AGAINST TIME.

By George C. Wallis.

At the time of the incident I am about to relate occurred, I was a clerk in a prominent bank in a certain northern city, fairly industrious, I believe, and with strong hopes of early promotion. I was also in love with a charming girl whose position in life made my aspiration to her hand appear foolish and presumptuous.

Allowing a quarter of an hour to get down to the docks at the other end, we must be in Liverpool by 7.39. "Seventy-five miles to do in 70 minutes," I said to the driver. "Can you manage it?"

"Just try her, sir," he said; winking at the freeman. "We'll get you there, you'll see. No. 149 is a flyer, you bet."

"An inn, where love is landlord and contentment chief guest. The place where one is treated best troubles most."

Home is a corporation, a fortified stock exchange, a place where the heart is sent. Here is the sculptor's workshop to shape men's destiny.

Home is where we express our worst and best selves. Where we keep everything but our temper, criticisms and advice.

Home is love's bank, and our account is never overdrawn. God's thought—childhood's refuge—maturity's dream—woman's heaven—man's inspiration.

Home is God, father, mother, babies, love, education, meals on time. None scrappy—all happy.

Home is where love rules, unselfishness, tact and harmony exist. Home—"the centre of gravity in the sphere of life."

Home is the result of learning to bear and forbear. Bright and cheerful place, pleasant wife, kids at the door.

Home is where the heart finds its greatest content. Where loved ones "bunk" together. The best school for making true men and women.

Where love reigns supreme, and filth and dirt is never seen. Strengthening the Nerves. The nerves are strengthened, first, by being regular in all things, especially in systematic change between work and recreation.

Second, by providing enough rest and sleep, which not alone strengthens the nervous system, but also refreshes the entire body.

Third, to eat and drink moderately, also leave these so-called friends who only pleasure in life consists in late hours, and who are themselves physical wrecks.

Last of all, and most important of all is the will power, which is the chief aid in restoring health.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

About two hundred systems would be required daily to supply sufficient nourishment for one person.

The stork retains its affection for its parents to the close of life. After the relation of the nest are broken up it will feed and protect them in old age, as it was protected and fed by them in its youth.

Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke discovered that the Metropolitan Museum of New York City possesses one of the most complete collections of antique laces in existence. The laces had been placed in a store room and forgotten.

The manor house at Saltfleet, Lincolnshire, England, has what is said to be the first wall paper, which is like blotting paper in texture and has a cream colored ground and chocolate design, is fastened to the wall with small tacks.

If two kernels were added to each ear of corn grown in Missouri last year \$200,000 would be added to the value of the Missouri corn crop. This statement was made recently by Geo. B. Ellis, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

One of the largest fines ever imposed for attempted smuggling was recently put on record in New York City. The smuggler tried to bribe a Customs official to admit \$2700 worth of suits, hats and haberdashery without duty; and his fine amounted to \$7000.

Great quantities of cartridges were wanted by Russian soldiers in the recent war. A single regiment at Liao-yang used 1,200,000 cartridges. An average of 640 for each man, or about 50 percent more than the maximum allowance of a French infantry soldier.

The world's most remarkable book, at least so far as its appearance is concerned, is in the National Library of Paris. The letters are cut out of tissue paper with a pair of scissors. Each sheet of nine tissues, out of which the letters are cut, is placed between two pages of white and so the matter is easily read.

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