

THE MAKING OF MEN.

Courage or lack of it. Work, and the knack of it. Grit, or the need of it. Haste and the speed of it. Purpose or none of it. Life, what is done of it. Wealth, and the fun of it. Mankind a man.

In Search of Local Color.

By Hilda Richmond.

Stoddard. "What would you advise?" "I'd advise you to look over this first," said the painter, handing him a popular magazine with most of the leaves uncut. "How does this strike you?" "That's me," said the author, inelegantly, as he took in a clever little sketch of himself struggling with the scythe. "How in creation! And here I am with the infernal bumble bees about my head! I'll see that man as soon as the world. What do you think of this? A Tenderfoot in Search of Local Color? Who wrote this stuff? There's your uncle's house, too! Mary Perkins! Well, I call that nice! Make fun of a guest like that?"

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HER PROGRESS HAS BEEN AIDED BY DISPENSARY CLINICS. Two English Women Were Pioneers in the Profession in 1847.—Dr. Mary Putnam Jacob's Share in the Work—Unselfish in Securing the Advancement of Her Younger Associates.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A Missouri court decided that "a man who kisses his wife night, noon and morning is a nuisance." The Austrians use a stone blottling pad that never wears out. A Little scraping with a knife cleans it effectively.

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for by the woman physician, but the financial returns were not very satisfactory to build a future upon. "About this time there was scheduled an examination for the position of tenement house inspector under the new Tenement House Commission. Women were eligible, but it was specially desired to have some woman physicians on the staff; the East Side practitioner was urged to take the examination, and about 10 days before the date set she commenced to prepare for it by studying the building laws and technical structural details. Nearly a hundred other women took the examination, most of them fresh from college and with weeks of preparation given to the requirements of the examination. This doctor, who had been highly specialized in medicine through her college course and busy with a general practice, passed near the head of the list, which was a highly creditable performance, but after having been appointed from the eligible list she could not endure the thought of sacrificing her profession, so concluded to resign. About this time she resolved to leave New York city and see if a satisfactory practice could not be secured in a smaller place. Deciding upon a suburb near New York city, where there was hardly a house two years old in a village of 2000 people, she settled down as the only doctor in the place, and the record of her success within two years should inspire other plucky women to go and do likewise.

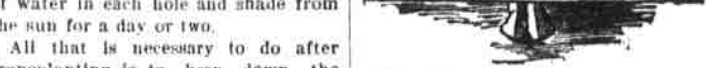
RECLAIMING ARID LAND.

Is Dry Farming the Solution of a Number of Pressing Problems? Contrary to commonly accepted ideas as the statement may be, it is, nevertheless, an amply demonstrated fact that wherever in this great arid empire the annual rainfall averages as high as 12 inches, good crops can be raised without irrigation, with it. This means that almost every acre of the great plains between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains, and most of the inter-mountain parks and plateaus between the Rockies and the Pacific, will produce as abundantly as will the rich prairie lands of Iowa, Missouri and Illinois, and much more abundantly than the richest of the lands in any of the older states along the Atlantic seaboard; that there is enough land now unused, if at all, only for grazing to make possible the feeding of a population of the present farming population of the United States; that out of comparatively small areas in western Texas and in portions of Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota and southern California, there is little arable land in the great west that may not be divided into 40-acre farms, each one of which will be capable of supporting an average of two persons.



UNSATISFACTORY SCPTICISM.

A sceptic air, all rampant, now pervades the atmosphere. And while eyes watch every proceeding, Old-time belief is vanished, relegated to the here. We dubitate o'er everything that's needful to the here.



THE EWES IN SUMMER.

During the summer months, if you are fortunate enough to have good pasturage on your farm, there is little or no need of giving the ewes any grain. If the pasturage is short then they will need some additional food and don't forget to look out for the lambs in this matter. Build a "creep" for them in which they can easily get to feed, but have it so built that the nursing sheep cannot get into it. Inside the "creep" feed a variety of grains, such as ground oats, shorts, old meal, corn meal or bran and feed it to them from a trough.

VITALITY OF ALFAFA SEED.

A remarkable test of the vitality of alfalfa seed is reported in Bulletin No. 110 of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station. It is generally considered that seed must be perfectly new in order to come up freely. In Bulletin No. 25 of the experiment station some tests were given of seeds ranging from one to six years old. Headen has retained samples of the same seed and tests have been again made when the seeds have been from eleven to sixteen years old, and the tests have shown that from eighty-eight to ninety-six per cent germinated. The screenings showed less vitality, the first quality of screenings running from fifty to 75-100 per cent; second quality, thirty-eight per cent, and third quality forty per cent.

FARM NOTES.

Each day brings its duties, each season has its appropriate labors. Success in the poultry business does not depend upon luck; it is pluck that counts. In using manure for a top dressing only, much of the fertility is dissipated into the air. Pure-bred fowls are not always standard-bred, but all standard-bred fowls must necessarily be pure-bred. When desired to fatten rapidly there is nothing better than good cornmeal. Give all they will eat up clean. When the chickens are off their feed and do not eat with an apparent relish increase the exercise and change the bill of fare. A stiff wagon tongue is a boon to the farm or draft horse. It prevents sore necks, because there is no weight to be borne.