The Pothooks and Hangers

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Jimmy had come early. It was regar lesson night, but the Shark milda't appear for perhaps half an w, Plenty of time for Jimmy in wich to learn his fate and-well, he do't decided just what he would do her that; that is, in case she wouldn't

whe sai in the little parlor of any him. wulse's home and waited. Presently would come in briskly, her brown demure, her lips smiling. She mis made you think of a sturdy. the wildflower in the woods in springme And Jimmy, young lawyer bogh he was, knew that his heart neld skip a beat and his ruddy face ale on a still deeper hue as he faced He tried to be patient, and as de minutes passed memories came met and bitter-in their turn.

around that library table in the enter of the room he had sat three apts a week with Louise and-yesfor Gerard, the Shark-who was particular fly in Jimmy's ointwhy did he need a commeral education, anyway-his business adit require it. Jimmy's did; at ust, so he had represented to Louise then he had begged her to teach him ge art of shorthand.

Se ground this table the three had st-Louise and her two mismated puis for they hated each other as much as they loved their teacher. Both ad invented their need of a knowleite of shorthand in order to be near the object of their affections. The all difference in their methods was that while Jimmy didn't try to learn. encealing his indifference to the best this ability, Terry made the most I'm going to-" this lessons and consequently was while to read whole pages of curlicues rithout a break. "Red headed shark," growled Jimm gritting his teeth. He smoothed is own glossy dark hair and scowled. That shark was to be reckoned with, was bright and, yes, good looking, at Louise seemed to like him. Of he had imagined that she prefered him. Only yesterday he had ome upon them talking confidentialhin low tones when no one was mer. Well, the suspense would soon wover. He heard her coming down stairs, and his heart skipped that seconding to prophecy, as Louise gred in anticipated fashion.

ploded. Black despair reigned, but rage gained mastery of his tongue. "I hope you're satisfied," he said thickly. "You've made all kinds of a fool of me-deliberately, too." Louise raised her finger warningly

and listened. "I think Terry's coming," she said. "He's early."

Jimmy swallowed and looked for his hat. He was certain now-the Shark had won. Louise's smile showed that. It was radiant and her face was shining with a glory that only love can bring.

"Can't stay for lesson," he mumbled, cramming the letter into his pocket and making for the door.

"It was a false alarm," said Louise after a moment of looking toward the door.

"That shark-" began Jimmy angrily.

"Isn't he a wonder?" asked Louise, her sparkling eyes upon him. "He can read shorthand like print," Her face was glowing still and Jimmy could stand it no longer.

"Goodnight," he said thickly. "But," said Louise, innocently. "Have you read all the letter, Jimmy?

There are some good phrases there and you should study-" "I know one of them," thundered

Jimmy, "and that's enough. "'I don't love you'-in the first line-that's enough. I can read that."

The doorbell rang jarringly. Jimmy gave a farewell backward look, saw her brandishing another paper before his eyes, felt her hand upon his arm. But he jerked away angrily from those fingers he had so loved to touch, accidentally, of course, at their tasks.

"I'll read no more fool marks," he said.

"But this is a typed transcript of the fool marks, Jimmy," she explained. "I knew you were a fraud and prepared this for you," and suddenly her arm went about his stubborn neck, tightened, and brought his eyes down within range of the typewritten words:

"I don't love you half as much as





In connection with the boy scout cooperation in the national observance of Forest Protection week last May, the state forester of Minnesota wrote as follows to the national council:

"I have always been very much interested in the work of the boy scouts and will gladly avail myself of any opportunity to co-operate with this organization. While in the past there has been a certain amount of co-operation between the scouts and the forest service, I think it is possible to greatly increase this. In my opinion, this is one of the best means of educating the public in regard to the conservation of our natural resources. The boy scout of today is the voter and business man of tomorrow, and his actions in the future will be determined largely by the training and education he receives now.

"The forest officers in the state service are all very much interested in for the purpose of selling, the boy scouts. In fact, some of our men are scoutmasters and others act in an advisory capacity on matters pertaining to woodscraft and forestry. We frequently give talks to scout troops and meetings of scoutmasters. At our recent rangers' meeting we asked some of the scoutmasters to take an active part in the discussion. This packs or brands. they did, and some very valuable ideas were worked out.

"We are furnishing some 1,500 small trees which are to be planted and taken care of by the boys at their summer camps. These plantations will be in the nature of boy scouts forests."

SCOUTS THERE WITH FIRST AID.



Plants Are Thus Held Off Ground and Kept Clean.

In Pruning Remove All Side Shoots and Suckers, Leaving Only Main Stem-Small Saplings Are Good and Inexpensive.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It generally pays to stake and prune the tomatoes grown in the small home garden because by this method the fruit is held off the ground and is clean, a larger number of tomate plants can be grown on a given space and the fruit generally ripens earlier than if the plants are allowed to grow in the natural way. In pruning the plants all side shoots and suckers are removed, leaving only the main stem with its leaves and clusters of fruit. It is easy to determine which are the side shoots and which are the young blossom clusters because the shoots appear directly in the little pocket where the leaf joins the stem, while the fruit clusters appear on the naked side of the stem where there is no



SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS, Clinton.-Congressman Ketchanm, of Michigan, delivered a strong and timely address at the American Le-

gion picnic "here.

**CONDENSED NEWS FROM** 

THE OLD NORTH STATE

Tarboro.-An encampment of local Odd Fellows organized with 28 charter members. The Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degres were were conferred on twenty-five candidates.

Fayetteville .-- A ninety-gallon whiskey still was captured about three miles from McNeill's bridge, in the southern part of Cumberland county by Deputy Sheriff Marshall A. McLean.

Hendersonville .- Fully 300 bankers from South Carolina were present at Kanuga lake when the South Carolina Bankers' convention was called to order.

Rockingham.-Approximately seveneights of all farmers canvassed to date have signed the five-year contract for selling the cotton crop through the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association.

Albemarle .- The mutilated body of E. L. Kirke, merchant of Palestine, small town four miles north of Albemarle, was found by railroad employes after it had been run over by the Winston-Salem southbound train.

Winston - Salem .- Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has accepted an invitation to address the North Carolina Labor Federation at .High Point, August 9, it was announced here.

While he was holding her hand, which had been extended in welcome, biooked at it idiotically, as if he tel never seen it before.

"Why, Jimmy," said Louise, looking athim in surprise: Jamy gulped.

"Tou promised to write my answer 10087."

"And so I have."

"Didn't get it," gasped Jimmy. Mill service punk. Was it yes or

"Silly," she answered, diving into er pocket. "I didn't say I'd mail it <sup>10</sup> Jou. Weren't you to come this "ming to take your lesson? Well!" she handed him a notebook, open, mating to a neat array of pothooks ad hangers that adorned the page. That is my answer," she told him

te looked at it helplessly. "Je-"shaphat!" he exclaimed. For the In time he envied that shark. He wild have read those marks. Poor mmy couldn't, and he didn't know mether to sink with despair or take teacher in his arms!

It was at "recess" the night before at it happened. The Shark had left why. Louise had told him goodnight what seemed to Jimmy a most unmessarily interested fashion, and mmy had forthwith laid his heart tid fortune at his teacher's feet. In sweetly businesslike manner she ad promised to write him her answer. and there it was in his hand and e couldn't read it!

"That is your answer," repeated

"Yes," Jimmy floundered miserably. the was looking out of the window Now, Jimmy set his teeth and began <sup>b</sup> study those awful marks with a engeance.

"Jehoshaphat!" Jimmy waited to read no more, but blinking at the heavenly light that enveloped him, he kissed his teacher, and together they went to the door to let in the Shark.

## GATHER FOR GREAT FESTIVAL

"Devil Dance" Is Important Occasion in Mongolia-Driving Out the Spirits of Evil.

The devil dance is one of the greatest festivals of the Lama church in Mongolia. It takes place each spring, and represents the chasing out of the spirits of evil. The dance is simply a series of posturings of men and boys in rich costumes, wearing fearsome animal masks, accompanied by an impressive chant.

The midsummer festival is also an interesting affair. It is a survival of the primitive nature cult, and attracts crowds of pilgrims. Caravans begin to arrive days in advance. The Living Buddha appears in his fringed orange felt helmet, the abbots in their fat lacquer hats, the lesser lamas in silk or brocade skull caps, and the lay officials in old Manchu hats, topped with colored buttons to denote their rank. The whole company rides out to the monastery gate before dawn to the obo or sacred mount. These are elevations crowned with piles of stones and decorated with prayer banners. They represent the ancient totems to the nature spirits.

The ceremony must be completed by sunrise, when all return to the monastery for a big feast. The ceremony at the obo is a riot of color. A weird service is held in which huge bronze trumpets, six feet long, flutes made life saving. Here is a case in point. from sea shells and libation cups from human skulls, are used.

## A Better World.

Whenever we get the notion in our hoad that the world is no better and life no easier to live than it ever was all we have to do to cheer up again is to reflect back to the old days when house cleaning meant that we used to have to get down on our hands and knees and work the skin off both of them trying to stretch an old carpet back into the space it occupied before mother insisted on it being ripped up. Anyone who has ever laid a carpet in the old way will tell these smart young folks of today who complain about the chores they have to

hat they know nothing whatever



When One of Their Troop Meets With an Accident, the Others Know What to Do.

## SCOUT PREPAREDNESS.

It certainly pays to be prepared. A scout may work his fingers nearly off on first aid practice and never have a chance to put his skill to real, sureenough rescue work, but then againwhen he least expects it the opportunity may be his to do a real job of A boy and his little sister were alone in a house. The little girl, running across the room, slipped and falling forward ran her arm through the window pane, severing an artery. What would the average boy do? Run for help? Telephone for the doctor? Well and good. But, in the meantime, a severed artery means terrific loss of blood, and even death unless it is checked instantly. There isn't time for ordinary precautions. It is a case of instant action. Luckily in the instance here cited, the boy was a boy plus, that is, a boy scout and he took charge of the situation himself, improvised a tourniquet to stop the flow of blood and then sent for the doctor. When the latter arrived he declared that the boy's prompt action undoubt- by fruit and vegetable shippers.

with them when any doubtful points concerning grades were raised. This inspection service gave the bureau of markets an opportunity to deters mine in the field whether the grades as formulated would be practical, at least under Florida conditions.

HIGHER PRICES ARE SECURED

Florida Growers Pack Cucumbers

Through Central Packing House

Thus Insuring Uniformity

of Product.

ment of Agriculture.)

Prepared by the United States Depart-

Growers of fruits and vegetables

are appreciating more and more the

benefits possible through organization

in marketing their products. It is

estimated that there are 14,000

farmers' cooperative buying and sell-

ing associations in the United States

of which about 2,000 represent fruit,

Will Find Bureau Grades Helpful.

Where the association is organized

and vegetable interests.

The association packed all cucum bers through a central packing shed each grower's product thus being graded by a disinterested person. This made for uniformity of the product Every car loaded by the association was approximately 4 to 5 per cent within the grade requirements. Nearly every car inspected outside the central packing house was below grade, rang



Cucumbers Uniform in Size, Share and Coloring Are Much More A tractive Than Defective Speciment,

ing 3 to 20 per cent in excess of the 10 per cent tolerance allowed for de fective or cull stock.

It is interesting to study the price received by association members fit stock packed under Federal grades through their central packing house and prices received by farmers out side the association. Prices given in the accompanying table are f. o. b car lots in bushel hampers.

No straight cars of No. 3 were loaded on the street because it is customary to include a certain portion of such cucumbers in both the No. 1 and No. 2 grade.

Grades Fixed on Some Products The Bureau of Markets has officially recommended grades for potatols. sweet potatoes, strawberries, northefagrown onions, Bermuda onions, and formulated tentative grades barreled apples, cabbage, peaches, jomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, celery, and asparagus. These grades are the lesult of investigations conducted in the leading fruit and vegetable sictions, as well as in primary markets. The adoption of such definite graces Tomato Vines Tied to Stakes Produce **Cleaner Fruit Than Those Permitted** to Trail on the Ground.

leaf. Pinch out the side shoots, but be careful not to injure the blossom or fruit clusters.

Tomato stakes should be from 4 to 6 feet long and 1 to 11/2 inches through at the thickest part. They may be small saplings cut in the woods and sharpened at one end, or they may be split from a log that is free from knots. Sometimes strips of waste material from a sawmill or planing mill, known as edgings, are used. It makes little difference so long as the stakes are strong enough to support the plants and are inexpensive. The stakes should be driven firmly into the ground, one on the north side of each tomato plant, and the plants tied to them once a week during the active growing period with soft cord or narrow strips of muslin. Sometimes the tomato plants will reach the tops of the stakes and then hang over until the tip will touch the ground, clusters of fruits being formed all along the stems.

Twenty-five to 50 tomato plants trained to stakes will supply the average family with all the tomatoes needed for use while fresh, also for eanning. It pays to go to some little trouble to have them early, also to stake and prune them so that the quality will be the best.



Plenty of Good Barnyard Manure Should Be Applied If Soil Lacks Humus and Fertility.

If you are planning a five or tenacre field of alfalfa, and you ought to plan it if you do not already have alfalfa, see that the ground is made ready in good shape. Alfalfa needs a hospitable soil, but it isn't so hard to make a soil pretty fairly hospitable. Apply lime if the soil is acid, and plenty of good barnyard manure if it lacks fertility and humus. Then remember this: You cannot get the seedbed too fine for alfalfa; this crop needs a firm, fine seedbed and to get the very best results, you should see that it gots what it needs

Charlotte.-A camp school for the purpose of teaching cotton grading and stapling opened at Lake Burton in the Blue Ridge mountains, under the auspices of the Charlotte Cotton school, the oldest institution of its kind in the South.

Burlington.-The Southern Hosiery mills, located in the western section of this city has been adjudged in vcluntary bankruptcy. The liabilities were \$63,000, while the assets were appraised at \$34,000, including machinery, building and accounts.

High Point .- The shaving bin of the Snow Lumber company here was practically destroyed by fire entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. The origin of the fire has not been determined. The building is said to have been insured.

Lumberton.-Considerable damage was done at the local substation of the Yadkin River Power company during a severe electric storm.

Raleigh .- Willis W. Edwards, one of the oldest citizens of Wake county, died at the home of his daughter. Mrs. S. A. Powell, near Fuquay Springs. He was 84 years old.

Salisbury .- Joe Dunham, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner E. Dunham, died in a local hospital as a result of injuries received when he was run over by an automobile driven by Mrs. B. W. Means of Concord.

Charlotte.-E. J. Tillman, linotype operator for The Observer and later for The News, who as a former service man is taking tree ont at the Presbyterian hospital, is now suffering from paralysis of his lower limbs and is unable to leave his bed.

Greensboro.-About 5,000 people gathered at the fair grouids here to hera W. J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, discuss the past, the present and the future of the organization. About 225 men clothed in the robes of the order marched in the parade.

Hendersonville .-- S. Y. Bryson, has resigned as postmaster of Hendersonville. The announcement came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky as local citizens were expecting Mr. Bryson to remain as postmaster for the next

gasp escaped him. There was a	of the agonies of house cleaning. In-	eadly saved the child's life.	would assist very materially in in-	that it gets what it needs.	two years. He has held the office, here for the last seven years.	
llar chicken track in that first It was the one phrase he had	cidentally the folks who beat the dust out of the rugs with a stick aren't so	SCOUT TRAINING SAVES LIFE.	creasing returns and no doubt tend toward better understanding between	DISCARD ALL BOARDER HENS	Cedar Grove During nine days cf	0
some time to use it craftily, "I you!" He recognized that when saw it. It was there ! He looked	numerous as they used to beDetroit Free Press. Not a Word.	Little Mildred Cannon, a five-year- old youngster, started a little camp- fire of her own in her back yard. Her clothing caught fire and the child ran	NEAT TRICKS IN GARDENING	In Small Flock Owner Can Determine by Observation Which Fowls Are Layers,	intensive campaigning, Orange cour- ty, signed up approximately 52 per cent of her growers for co-operative marketing of tobatco.	21. 21
that silly little mark preceding word love? It didn't belong! He with his finger to remove it—It at be an eyelash fallen there. But stayed, and Jimmy's brow grew at with the dawning of an awful ight. Suppose that little fool red line should be the negative to sweet phrase! Did she or didn't ? That was the question. It was to use some of that craftiness. Ushing back his damp hair and ing to his aid a sickly smile, he ted to the disturbing curlicue. Teacher," he said in a wheedling the which he	There was nobody who could play the violin like Binks, at least, so he was delighted when asked to play at the local concert. "The instrument I shall use at your concert," he explained to the host, "is over 200 years old." "Oh, that's all right, old chap. Don't worry about that," replied the host. "I shan't tell and no one will ever know the difference." To Be Pitied, Indeed. "I pity poor Alice with such a com- monplace husband."	screaming toward the house. Her brother Eugene, a fourteen-year-old scout, heard the little one's outcry and rushing to the rescue rolled her in the sand, extinguishing the flames, undoubtedly saving the child from be- ing burned to death. Another incl- dent which goes to prove that a scout really is prepared and doesn't lose his head in time of emergency. ASK THE SCOUTS. Two hundred Brooklyn scouts are acting as volunteer police in Prospect mark aiding in the park department's	One of Best is Laying Board O er Row of Seeds to Start Them and Hold Moisture. There are a great many little tri ks that should be learned and practi ed by the gardener. It is not necessary to be a wizard to practice these tricks but just a good, common sense gar- dener. One of the best of these is he use of a board laid over the row of seeds for a few days after planting to hold the moisture and make the se ds start during dry weather. Another is to flood the furrow with water and al- low it to soak into the soil before	WAR ON INSECTS Preventive measures are best against insect enemies. Rotate	Lenoir.—Coupling the Yonahlossee with the Lenoir-Blowing Rock turn-	
That," Answered Louise, turning to a patiently and spelling the word metically, "is 'd-o-n-'t'-half length, limmy star.	dull and uninteresting."-Boston Tran- script. "Many a man." said Jud Tunkins, "inquires about the baseball score not because he's particularly interested,	"Save the Parks" drive. Every year our forests are illegally robbed to obtain Christmas trees, half of which are never sold or used. Dep- uty Forest Supervisor Kirby of Ari- zona enlisted a scout troop's services last winter in preventing the unlawful and vandalistic cutting of trees in the Croak National forest.	dropping the seeds, then cover with dry earth. Slightly packing or fi m- ing the dry soil over the seeds fill help to bring the moisture to the, ur- face and make the seeds grow. Gar- den tricks are easy to perform-iry a few and see the results in the firm of fresh vegetables for the table -it means better living.	the crops, avoid introducing in- sects and diseases, practice fre- quent cultivation, and employ fertilizers to stimulate plant growth. A vigorously growing garden may produce a crop in spite of injurious insects, but in fighting insects be thorough.	Lenoir Arthur Alired, Dewey Post and Paul Rooke were arrested nine miles north of here on the Blowing Rock road on a charge of beating up and seriosuly injuring Jim Norman, of Concord. and robbing him of \$100 cash and taking his automobile, which is undamaged.	