









SHOOTING ROCKS.

Cheap and Simple Way of Ridding the Farm of Them.

This special line of economics did not take place on my farm, says a writer in a farm journal, for I have been fortunate enough to have the rocks removed by former generations...

Often a small rock, say three or four feet in diameter, will be turned out of the hole but not broken, then a stick or two is laid on the top of the rock, and a bucket of mud (with all the small stones carefully taken from it) is placed on the dynamite, the charge fired as before, and a broken stone is the result...

Chemicals for Weeds.

Prof. L. R. Jones, of the Vermont Experiment Station, has investigated the matter of destroying weeds on roads and gravel walks by means of chemicals, considerably, and says that the following chemicals seem most useful: Salt, sulphate of copper, sulphuric acid, carbolic acid, kerosene, and arsenic...

Our Clover Seed Abroad.

The attack of Germany and England upon American apples and meat has been followed by an attack of Austria, Hungary on American clover-seed. It is claimed that to allow our clover-seed to be imported will greatly deteriorate the quality of Hungarian clover, and damage agriculture.

Bright Spars Disappearing.

Bright spars, that is to say, unpainted spars of wood, are fast disappearing from the deep-water ships of the world, for the reason that such ships are no longer built of wood, but of steel, as are also their lower masts, and their yards, too, up to and including their topgallant yards, and these are always painted.

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IN THE SHADOW.

"But you know," said Kate Howard, with an air of saucy frankness that would have been intolerable insolence in any one less piquantly beautiful than herself, "you're only the village schoolmaster, Mr. Fairgrove!"

"Yes," he said quietly, "I know I am only the village schoolmaster, but what of that? Am I never to advance any further in the world, or does the fact deter me from aspiring to any of the gentler feelings of humanity?"

"No," said Kate, "but village schoolmasters can't give their brides brown-stone houses and carriages and cashmere shawls, and those are precisely the things that are essential to my happiness."

"I did like him a little," she said, half aloud, as she rose up finally, and if he had only been rich—but what nonsense! I thought I was too practical to spend my time in foolish dreams like this!"

"I will live this down!" he muttered to himself. "I will rise above it—but, oh! if she had only given me a word of hope!"

"All right!" And Mr. Fairgrove took up the evening paper and began to glance carelessly up and down its columns.

"Here's them shoes as was left to be mended," observed a leather-aproned youth, rising out of a trap-door like a demon on the stage, "and if they's sent to be mended many more times there won't be much of the 'riginal material left to work on."

"We don't generally do this kind of work, sir," observed the man, as he saw Fairgrove's glance; "but it's for a young 'ooman as binds shoes for us, and has pretty hard work to get along, because of a bed-ridden father."

"You remember me, Kate?" "Oh, Mr. Fairgrove, I could not blame you if you had forgotten me."

"Do you love me still, Herbert?" or is it only pity that prompts your words?" "Do you love me still, Herbert?" or is it only pity that prompts your words?"

WEARERS OF CELLULOSE HAIR COMBS EXPOSED TO ACCIDENTS.

One Who Caught Fire From a Hot Curling Iron Emitted Dense Fumes Producing Severe Burns and Destroying the Hair—Celluloid is Combustible.

Many, indeed most, of the combs and hairpins worn by women of the present day are of celluloid. Indeed, so excellent an imitation is it of shell that in the finer grades the only infallible test is that of fire, a test injurious to shell and destructive to celluloid.

The London Lancet, that staid and sober journal which has never been accused of sensationalism, warns its readers of the dangers of a new comb which has recently been patented in London and New York. It is double, being two combs which are joined by a hinge, and which, when closed, hold the hair tightly in position.

The explosive and combustible properties of celluloid are undoubted, and it would be well that women should bear them in mind. The heat of a curling iron at the point requisite to curl the hair is quite sufficient to ignite the celluloid, and the Lancet asserts that the material burns much more readily in hair than when out of it, as was proven by experiments with a wig.

Under ordinary circumstances celluloid may be used with safety, but care should be taken to keep it, like other inflammable substances, at a safe distance from fire, and also from concussion, while ladies who make use of curling irons must be careful not to bring them in contact with celluloid hairpins or combs.

Understanding a Looking-Glass. Every woman who is dissatisfied with herself should remember that she is better looking than most kinds of looking-glasses bid her believe. A mirror, it is contended, cannot flatter a face that is in its natural state—that is, not "made-up."

A Bright Colorado Woman. Miss Grace Espy Patton, state superintendent of public instruction in Colorado, is a brilliant and remarkable young woman. She was a professor of sociology and English literature in a Colorado college, although she is now only a little past 30.

For Women Who Ride the Wheel. Comfort and conveniences for the bicycle multiply with the months, until now the cyclist can go forth armed cap-a-pie for every contingency. A basket resembling the fishing basket, which may be fastened to the handlebar, and will contain several additions to the wardrobe, is already much in evidence.

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Wederly—"Do you know, my dear, I dreamed of your mother last night. I thought she was an angel."

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FRAUD ON THE KENNEBEC.

Skippers Who Reaped Harvests With Goods Not in the Manifest.

The recent discovery of finding goods on American fishing vessels not on the manifest calls to mind an incident that happened years ago, the truth of which the writer and some others as well can vouch.

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Francis Sarcey, the French critic, who is as democratic as he is courtly, and as courtly as he is brilliant, was at Monte Carlo a few weeks ago, whether he had been called to give a series of lectures under the patronage of the Prince of Monaco, says the Chicago Record.

Prospects of Wool Market. Wool growers generally express confidence that higher prices will prevail. Clips are slow in reaching market, and there is a general feeling that money will be made by holding the wool.

At that Sarcey's escort, who was in fact Prince Charles, burst into laughter and introduced himself. "Ah, Prince," exclaimed the critic, who was in no wise discomfited, "this is treason! You know I am nearly blind. Why did you come to the mountain when the mountain was ready to come to you?"

The oldest of Virginia watering places, the Sweet Springs, was a select and well known resort before the White Sulphur had become famous. In "the old times" the beauty and fashion of the far south thronged to drink of the sparkling spring, and bathe in its limpid pool.

Blue Mountain Express, (Patrol Car) leaves Baltimore, daily except Sunday, 5:27 p. m., stopping at Westminster, New Windsor, Union Bridge, Bruceville (connection for Frederick), Thurmont, Ridge, Blue Ridge, Blue Vista Spring, Blue Mountain, Southport, Hagerstown, leaving Hagerstown 6:45 a. m., daily, except Sunday.

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EQUIPPING THE ARMY MULE.

Packing is a Science and the Man Who is an Expert Can Make Money.

Most of the army mules in Cuba were fitted with the Mexican aparejo, which is to be preferred to the saddle with "tree and sawbuck."

"Packing" is a science, and as such commands good wages. I have known a "chief packer" to be paid a salary of \$150 per month on the frontier, and his services were worth the money paid.

Each man with the train carries a diamond-shaped leather blind with leather cords attached to the ends and knotted together. If a pack becomes disarranged two of the men lead the mule out of the trail, blindfold him with this blind, rearrange his load, remove the leather and allow him to rejoin the felloes.

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