

LOVE'S SACRIFICE.

An Engagement Ring Which Amputates a Finger Joint. Ethnologists agree that with most Australian tribes every woman is betrothed in infancy or even in anticipation of her birth.

How Muskrats Are Trapped. Trapping is one of the modes by which muskrats are secured. The traps are made of boards about six inches wide and three feet long.

A Story Told by Diarrhea. Diarrhea once said: "You know I have the honor of being one of the elder brethren of the Trinity House."

The Oldest Epitaph. The oldest epitaph in English, which is found in a churchyard in Oxfordshire and dates from the year 1370.

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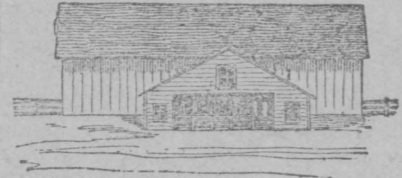
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THE COVERED BARNYARD.

Its Advantages For Wintering Farm Stock—Just the Thing For Sheep. The present time of year should show to the fullest extent whatever benefits may pertain to a covered barnyard.

With a covered barnyard one should simply wheel out the manure daily and throw some litter over it. Thus dealt with, the cattle will run over it and keep it so closely packed that too rapid heating is an impossibility.



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nation. To justify this, however, it is imperative that the barnyard be enclosed all around except that part facing to the south, with feed racks for the animals arranged at the sides.

Have you a barn something like the upright shown in the accompanying illustration? If so, attach on the sunny side of it the addition that is represented, which is in the virtual sense two wings, with a roof spanning both, the roof space to be used as storage for hay, grain or other crops.

The original form of the weighing scale was probably a bar suspended from the middle, with a board or shell suspended from each end, one to contain the weight, the other to contain the matter to be weighed.

Not long ago a hotel was partially burned and was the scene of some sensational escapes as well as of more than one death. A young woman was telling of her experiences on that night, when she and a friend occupied a room on the third floor.

Then we were quit out of our room, and nothing remained for the people on our side but to use the windows. As Kate and I stared out at the red glow in horror one or two people passed the windows, letting themselves down by the ropes.

Methods of forcing asparagus plants into early growth in the spring are suggested by American Gardening. A simple method of forcing enough for family use is to dig some large clumps from the patch, retaining as much soil as possible with the roots and place on a hotbed.

Buff fowls, Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes in particular, are now much talked about.

When compelled to travel all night, the Siberian natives always make a practice of stopping just before sunrise and allowing their dogs to go to sleep. They argue that if the dog goes to sleep while it is yet dark and wakes up in an hour and finds the sun shining he will suppose that he has had a full night's rest and will travel all day without thinking of being tired.

As Representatives. Mrs. Boaster—Henry and I attended the opera last night. We had a box. Mrs. Blount—Caramels, weren't they? I saw you in the gallery eating something.—Richmond Dispatch.

THE HABIT OF GIVING.

Governor E. D. Morgan's First Taste of Real Happiness. To the present generation the name of Governor E. D. Morgan of New York is scarcely more than a dim echo from the pages of history.

Governor Morgan was a very rich man, but until he was seventy years old he never had given away any of his wealth. Then one day he sent for his old friend, Dr. Adams, the president of Union Theological seminary, and told him that he wished to give a large sum of money to the college.

"I am an old man," he said. "I have had a successful life and done about all that I had planned to do, and I supposed that I had been happy. But I know now that until I stood and watched Dr. Adams drift away with these bonds never knowing what happiness was, I cannot regret too deeply that early in life I did not form the habit of giving."—Youth's Companion.

The Wills of Noah and Jacob. The origin of testaments is lost in obscurity, but doubtless they followed soon after the first institution of private property. Eusebius says that Noah made a will soon after the flood when he was disposed of the whole world.

In the forty-eighth chapter of Genesis, however, we do find mention of a will, wherein Jacob bequeathed to his son Joseph twice as much as to his other children. This was not a testament in writing, but a verbal or nuncupative testament, declared by the testator "in extremis" before witnesses and depending upon oral testimony.

Such nuncupative testaments were at one time recognized in English law, but in the eighteenth century, Blackstone says, they had fallen into disuse and were hardly ever heard of.

Weighting Machines. Weighing machines and scales of some kind were in use 1800 B. C. For it is said that Abraham at that time "weighed out" 400 shekels of silver, current money, with the merchant to Ephron, the Hittite, as payment for a piece of land, including the cave and all the standing timber "in the field and in the fence."

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FOREIGN BANK METHODS.

The Undeveloped System in Use in Continental Europe. A bank check is looked upon with suspicion in Italy. Practically no small tradesman would take a check, and none of them keeps a bank account. It was still more surprising to me to find that such a statement would be almost literally true of Paris itself.

"These cages are for our city collectors," I was told. "When a small merchant borrows from the Bank of France, he does not, as with you in America, borrow a bank credit and have his loan merely added to his balance on the books of the bank. With us the merchant, when he makes a loan, gets the actual money and takes it away. He probably has no bank account with us. He writes no checks. When the loan is due, he does not, as would be the case in your banks, come with the cash in your hands, and by his indebtedness with a check; instead of this we send a collector to him, and that collector is repaid the loan in actual currency. Two hundred men start out from the Bank of France every morning to collect matured loans. Several days each month it is necessary to send out 400 men, and on the 1st and 15th of each month 600 collectors go out."

I stood at the paying teller's desk as I went farther along in my tour of the Bank of France. As I halted there the man who happened to be at the window at the moment presented a check for 50,000 francs. The money was counted out and handed over to him, stored away in a big wallet, and he passed on. I asked if it were not unusual for a man to carry out so much currency and was told that it was not. It was but another illustration of how undeveloped is the banking system of continental Europe in its uses by the general public.—Scrivener's Magazine.

FLOWER AND TREE.

Palms and ferns should never be allowed to stand in a draft. When moss is seen on fruit trees, it may be taken as evidence of lack of thrift in the trees.

The ideal soil in which to set a plant is one that is moist, without being water soaked, neither too dry nor too wet. Dust is a great enemy of window plants in connection with dry heat. Care must be taken to keep the air moist.

In India the tea plant is naturally a tree, but by means of pruning it is kept so small that it seems to be only a bush. For setting in a dry soil the plant should be well rooted and stocky, as it must depend on the roots it already has to make a start.

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