



### TURNING TO INDIANS.

**We Are Growing More Like the Aboriginal American.**

**Foreign Anthropologists Say This Is a Fact, But American Students Enter a Vigorous Protest.**

It is an extraordinary question in anthropological science which has been propounded popularly of late. The influence of environment upon the race resident in the United States must in the course of four centuries produce certain marked and undeniable physical results. It is not generally acknowledged by American anthropologists that there is a tendency of reversion to the type indigenous to the soil. But foreign students of race, with more perspective, have offered interesting food for reflection. A writer in the Chicago Times-Herald, commenting on the assertion of the French authors that on this continent the American white man has varied toward the Indian type offers a supporting study which is curiously fascinating—possibly vastly important.

First, the familiar faces of the caricaturists' creation are called in as witnesses. The Yankee and the Southern, large and loose-limbed of these pictures are types, even as the stout, full-faced John Bull is a type found in another environment. Both American favorites of the cartoonist have high cheek bones, and usually excellent straight noses. These witnesses are not, of course, scientifically admissible. The faces given us by the caricaturists are impressions, not testimony. Scientific, however, is the study offered of the Pennsylvania German—a happy, thrifty, frugal people, who have been subjected to American conditions for nearly two centuries, with very little intermingling with other races, much less than the English people in New England or in Virginia.

It is true that the pervasive and beguiling Irish have intermarried somewhat with these old Pennsylvania settlers, but in the main it is a very exclusive, pure-blooded Palatine stock. Data have been secured relative to a large number of school children, and to adult males from 25 to 50 years of age, and many copies of portraits of original settlers. It appears that stature increases and that other important generalizations may be made, tentatively, of course. The increase of finger reach is marked and the head measures are important.

"The anthropologist places considerable value upon certain proportions or relations between measures," says the student of the subject. "Thus the length of the head and the breadth of the head, when compared, give numerical expression which is called the cephalic index. To find it the length is divided into the breadth and the result multiplied by 100. A head one-half as wide as it is long would have an index of 50; one three-fourths as wide as long would have an index of 75; one as wide as it is long would have an index of 100. There is no race whose head is normally so wide as to have an index of 100, or so narrow as to have one of 50. The higher the index, of course, the broader and sounder the head; the lower the index, the longer and narrower the head. Germans generally are notably round-headed. Topinard gives for some people of Lorraine the index of 85.3. The average index of 100 Pennsylvania Germans is 81.9, which is notably less and narrower. The heads of our northern and eastern Indians are still longer and narrower. We cannot at present make a further comparison with profit. What we have already said may prove erroneous when we learn the actual Palatine type. We assume now that the Palatine Germans were of medium stature, light haired, blue or light eyed, round headed, with a finger reach of 1.043. We find that the Pennsylvania German children are dark in hair and eyes; that the men are probably of increased stature; that heads appear to be lengthening; that arm reach appears to be increasing. In all these respects the Pennsylvania German varies from the assumed Palatine type and in the direction of the Indian. If our assumption proves valid we may claim that our evidence shows change, which, if continued, may form an Indian type from the German."

All this, it must be noted, is absolutely distinct from any of the reasons for discussing the tendency of Americans to revert to original types from the infiltration of the red Indian blood itself in the veins of the white race. From the days of the old French and Indian wars, fraternal tales of New England intermixture of that sort have been common enough. A recent novel has expressed the country knowledge in New England that there is an occasional "streak" from ancestry that approached New England from the west as well as that which approached it from the east across the Atlantic. In the western states and territories the great numbers of half-breeds whose descendants and their way into the life of cities and towns to bear a curious and unreckoned force in the development of the race and sip of the race in North America.—Boston Transcript.

**Peculiar Ways of a Rabbit.**  
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**Penelope, can you tell me where socks are, and could you find wash Nellie and Willie? My two little pigs, and she has no clean aprons, she nearly an hour late, and that—**

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### THE YOUNGEST SOLDIER.

**He Is John Daly and Is Stationed at Willet's Point, L. I.**

John Daly is the youngest soldier in the army of the United States. Daly, or "Johnny" as he is called affectionately by his comrades, is the wee Willie Winkie of the battalion of engineers stationed at Willet's Point, L. I. It may be said of him that he was born a soldier, for his father before him, Michael Daly, was in the service of his country for about 30 years. He was born on the reservation, and his infancy and childhood were spent with the soldiers. He played at soldiers and war with ten pins, and



JOHN DALY. (The Youngest Soldier in the U. S. Army.)

while a very small infant was a great strategist. He was a sapper and miner, and built breastworks of mud and forts of stray bits of brick and stone. He had always a great regard for "Uncle Sam," whom he regarded as a real person and one of his blood relatives.

About a year ago Johnny determined to join the army, and prevailed upon his father to enlist him. Being then under 14, Johnny was enlisted by special order as a drummer boy, and he is now one of the four field musicians at the post. The other three are full grown men. He receives \$13 a month, the same pay that is given to all private soldiers, and draws the same rations, clothing allowances, and everything else to which the largest men in the service are entitled. Like the other buglers Johnny is a mounted orderly every three days. He sounds the reveille at daybreak, the breakfast call, drill call, the fatigue call, guard mount, drill call, dinner call, fatigue call, retreat, supper, attention and taps.

If Johnny lives and continues in the service he will retire before he is 44 years old. There was but one other boy like him in the army. That was Johnny Murphy, also a drummer at the Long Island post, who enlisted when he was 13 and served 12 years as a drummer boy. He took out his discharge about 15 years ago. Murphy's father was likewise a soldier.

### REYNARD'S LITTLE GAME.

**How Two Cute Foxes Baffled Hunters and Enjoyed the Fun.**

In Outing is told the story of a pair of foxes that, for a time, at any rate, enjoyed the sport of a fox hunt. The dogs jumped them, but after awhile the trail ended at a pond. About the center of the pond was a bent tree, the two ends of which were in the water, while the highest point of the curve was perhaps 20 feet above the pond. The dogs were working about the pond, looking for the trail, and the men were looking, too, and they were beginning to feel rather curious, especially as every few moments they would hear a fox yelp sharply. It seemed to be a derisive bark, which it probably was. After awhile a movement in the top of the curve of the tree in the pond attracted attention.

Upon this tree, the account continues, seated comfortably at the point of its highest curve, was an old dog fox. The cunning rascal had trailed across the pond on the log, then scented the bent tree, and while we watched he jerked his godly brush up and down and barked his derision at the whole performance. After awhile we saw his vixen seated on an adjacent log. They were simply watching the futile efforts of our pack to locate them, and likely enough they enjoyed the experience.

One of the men got to wind from the animals and his scent drove them out. The dog took the male fox's tail and drove it at last to a log spanning a ditch on which a man was sitting. The fox did not see the motionless man until close enough to be reached, when, with a frantic leap sideways into the water, he escaped the grab. The race did not last long then. The wet fox gave off a strong, easily followed scent, and the wet brush was like a piece of lead, so the animal was killed by the dogs, while the men rushed in afoot to get a closer view.

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### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

**A notice has been placed at the entrance to the long walk at Windsor park, in London, prohibiting motor cars from passing either up or down the royal avenue.**

**A well-known London horse dealer not long ago died from worry caused by bad debts. There is a likelihood of something like £14,000—out of £27,000—being paid to the widow.**

**Baroness de Hirsch has signified her intention to erect and endow a home for Jewish consumptives. She has, with that object, placed under the control of her relative, Mrs. Bischoffshelm, Sir Edward Sassoon and Frank Lucas a sum between £40,000 and £50,000.**

**The office of librarian at the English house of lords will become vacant in a few weeks by the retirement of Mr. Pulman, who has held this post for 35 years. The salary is £180 a year, with an excellent official residence. The post is in the gift of the lord chancellor.**

**Mrs. Irving, of Shield Burnfoot, near Langholm, England, visited that town to discharge some business. She had just left the shop of a cabinetmaker when a varicose vein in her leg burst, and, though medical aid was at once sent for, she bled to death in a few minutes.**

**At Bloomsbury county court in England before his honor Judge Bacon there were two plaintiffs in an action—husband and wife. When they got into the box it was found that the wife could not talk and the husband was deaf. Judge Bacon's only comment was: "Dear me!"**

**The West Australian gold fields show little difference from the Victorian fields of the '50s in their extravagance and prodigality. At the banquet recently given in Kalgoorlie to celebrate the opening of the railway "champagne flowed in miniature torrents," 1,600 bottles being consumed.**

### WANTED A WIFE.

**Although He Needed One He Was Particular About Quality.**  
A prominent attorney preserves the following document as one of the chief curios of his office.

It bears a recent date and was written from one of the Missouri river towns. The young woman referred to is the presiding genius of the kitchen in the lawyer's home.

Dear Sir: I got acquainted with Miss \_\_\_\_\_ through our corresponding with each other. She wants to marry me. Should she suit, I will not wait her for three or four months yet. Please find out through your wife and let me know by return mail if she is worthy of a good husband.

"Is her character good? How about her honesty and integrity? Does she seem to like children? Is she neat and clean? Is she staid about her dress? Is she gay or frivolous, or what you call sullen?"

"Is she wasteful in her cooking and thinks she is saving or not? Is she strong and healthy? Can she hear and talk good? Is she homely or pretty? Is she smart? To make it short, would she make a good man a good wife?"

"I am a cooper by trade, a widower with five children, and I need a woman that's a good cook, and to look after my children. She has been working for my wife three weeks. You ought to know her pretty good by this time. Anything you may say she won't know if it isn't good, unless you tell her yourself."

"Is she stylish? Has she begun to break or shy edge? Is she steady and does she know how to please?"

"You can do me a great favor if you take five minutes of your valuable time to answer these few questions. Please write at once. I want to know quick. Your obedient servant, \_\_\_\_\_ St. Louis Republic."

### Nevada Cricket Yarn.

"You've heard about clouds of grasshoppers in Kansas and the plague of locusts in Egypt," remarked an old Nevada miner, "but did you ever hear of the cricket pest in the western deserts? No, well, I'll tell you how I ran against it once up in Nevada. I had been prospecting 100 miles from powders and had run short of water. I was nearly dead of thirst, when a couple of miles away, at the foot of a hill, I saw a clump of willows. I knew there must be water near, so I struck out for the willows. When I got there I found a fine spring, but it was filled up with crickets till the pile stuck a foot above the banks. I estimated that there were at least 10 bushels of crickets in that spring."

"Sure that there were not 10 bushels?" inquired one of his hearers.

"Be careful how you come back at me, or I may raise your bet a few crickets. You see the insects start across the desert and naturally get a trifle dry. When they strike water they stampede for it like a herd of cattle. Well, sir, I had to shovel out crickets for half a day before I could get a space clear to get a chance at the water myself."—San Francisco Post.

**New Uses for Sugar.**  
Try adding a scant tablespoonful of sugar to each pint of gravy. It will impart a delicious flavor that cannot be obtained in any other way.

Try adding sugar to meat soups in the same proportion, putting the sugar in just before serving the soup.  
Try adding a little sugar to oatmeal while it is cooking, instead of putting it on when served at the table, and it will be much improved.  
Try adding the sugar to apple sauce after the sauce is nearly done, or just before it is served, as the sugar added while the apples are cooking will make some varieties hard and tough.—N. Y. Recorder.

**As Usual.**  
"What became of your woman's debating club?"  
"We had to disband. We couldn't find a girl who would act as chairman and keep still while the rest of us talked."—The Atlantic Monthly.

### THE GAUDY JACAMAR.

**Its Tail Feathers Are Coveted by Fashionable Women Everywhere.**

So many birds claimed my attention: one spring morning soon after I had made my first camp in Tobago, that beautiful little island in the southern West Indies, where Crusoe had his wonderful experiences, that I hardly knew which way to turn. Doves in the thickets, water wagtails among the rocks of the stream, humming birds darting through the air in every direction, pigeons dropping seeds from the trees overhead, and flocks of parrots fly-



THE JACAMAR.

ing above the tree tops and screaming in noisy chorus, almost made me lose my head.

As I climbed the brookbed, going up the slanting slope of the hill, the ferns met above my head and the sunlight filtered through them in a golden shower, while the water fell from rock to rock with metallic melody, and the birds about seemed ready to burst with melody. Perched upon a dry stick projecting from a steep-sided marl bank was a bird in garb of golden green, with inordinately large beak, but weak little feet. He seemed to regard me with indifference, yet he must have known that I was out hunting for birds with pretty plumage. Perhaps, however, his modesty would not allow him to imagine that he belonged to the class of pretty birds, for he continued to regard me unsuspectingly, unmoved by my presence, even when I was directly beneath him.

Right abreast of him was a small, round hole in the marl bank, the entrance to his domicile, where the cherished partner of his joys and sorrows kept house and home. Just a couple of feet within she sat, brooding over two or three eggs of purest white.

This bird, with iridescent coppery hues, that sat so lazily sunning himself above the stream, was the Jacamar (Galbula viridis), whose name is probably derived from its cry of "jacamar." It is about ten inches in length, but his wings spread 14 inches in his short flights after insects in the air. He is a sweet-tempered, unsuspicious bird, a dweller by the sides of shady paths and river banks, loving to look at passers-by, and doing no harm to anybody. Yet, just because he has a coat of pretty feathers, and because vain women desire those feathers in their hats and bonnets, poor Jacamar's life is in constant jeopardy, and I doubt if the bird hunter I did not harm him, but after greeting him with an imitation of his own cry I passed on.

The longer I lived in the forest the stronger became that spirit of camaraderie between me and the birds, until it became quite repugnant to my feelings to shoot one. I have passed whole days studying their habits and haunts, without a single specimen falling by my gun.—F. A. Ober, in N. Y. Recorder.

### VERY SHY DANCER.

**Stories Told by Westerners of the Antics of the Sandhill Crane.**

The sand hill crane is a very bright bird. A Recreation writer says that its very name is synonymous of vigilance and alertness. It feeds on the treeless plains or in the barren wheat stubble, where it can see a long way beyond gunshot. Or one of a flock is posted as sentinel, and this bird stands with bill half open, ready to give an alarm. It can be killed by decoying it with pasteboard figures, cut to proper size and shape and painted; but mounted birds are better. A pit is dug deep enough to conceal a man, the decoys are put out, and the cranes are shot as they come over. The best region to shoot them is in the Columbia river watershed and south of it in the Pacific coast states.

When one shoots a bird of the size and build of a crane in mid-air it collapses, like a card house or a tent. But such apparent collapses are sometimes deceptive, as for instance: "Before I could reach him he soared off into the air with wheeling flight. Again he hit the ground with fearful violence, but again he got on his feet. Running up, thinking to get him alive for a decoy, I tried to tap him on the head and stun him. He showed fight, and I used my gun as I backed off, and he took to his wings."

The sandhill crane is something of a fighter of men if wounded, and the only safe crane is a dead one. Their bills are long and sharp, and are capable of putting out a man's eye.

The sandhill crane has some curious habits that make him of more than passing interest to the student of birds. Out on the prairie parties of them have balls in the spring to which the select birds seem to be invited. These balls are picturesque affairs, from the human standpoint. There are curious dances, which are sort of solitary waltzes or pretty slow jigs. Sometimes the birds leap over one another's backs and flap their wings, giving their peculiar cry. Rival birds have fierce duels, using their long bills like boxing bats.

### FEMININE FANCIES.

**Dressy Trifles That Are Now Popular with the Ladies.**

The new shade in gloves are pearl, champagne gray, mushroom, and tan, and very light tints of those colors are worn in the evening.  
Repped fabrics in a mixture of silk and wool are among the latest importations of dress goods, and a new material, called poli de chevre, which is very smooth and glossy, is being made up into dressy gowns.

Violets reigned supreme for corsage bouquets at the horse show, and huge bunches of these modest little blossoms were fastened on many a handsome gown. There is a fragrance and a subtle refinement about violets which no other flower possesses, and they are worn in the afternoon and evening with equally good taste.

One of the most luxurious long cloaks yet shown is of dark green velvet, coming to the feet, and with the full sleeves not yet renounced for outdoor wear. It has a deep, fancifully shaped yoke of a delicate green-white satin embroidered with jet and edged with ermine. The same fantastic design runs down the front and finishes the sleeve cuffs. The standing collar flares and is filled in about the throat with lace and ermine.

Velvet sleeve puffs with corselet or high centre to match are worn with gowns of plain cloth, and fancy plaid and striped silk and wool materials are used for the same purpose. Short, fanciful jackets that do not conceal the beaded and embroidered trimmings in shades of light blue, pink, mauve, gold, and green are in greater variety than ever, and appear in various degrees of elegance and extravagance in evening, afternoon, and morning gowns. One of the recent revivals is the bugle bead, which comes in every color, and is a very effective element of the new trimmings. Old-fashioned China ribbon in the narrow wide has come back again, and is used for embroidering sprays with gold and silver thread and Roman pearls.

All sorts of collars, pelerines, and small shoulder capes of fur are worn this season, and they are made of seal, mink, sable, grebe, and chinchilla alone, or in a combination of any two kinds. Grebe or chinchilla is ruffled on to a small collar of sealskin, and all of them have high mediocollars. Extravagant decorations of cream lace—which must be fine to be effective—and beaded passementeries are added to some of these elegant confections. Very fancy little capes are cut in vandyke points on the lower edge and finished all around with lace.—N. Y. Post.

### THE VALUE OF RUBBING.

**An Old-Time Remedy for Various Ailments.**

The old-time remedy, a thorough rubbing, is now a fashionable one under many names, massage being the usual one. A good rubbing is the best remedy for the tired body; but that rubbing must be given evenly and quietly and the patient must not be allowed to talk. To the worn-out girl who cannot sleep a few pennies are well spent when this mode of gaining rest is chosen in preference to opiates. The arms, the back, under the knees and the forehead should all have even rubbing, made smoother by the hands of the rubber having a little cocoa butter or vaseline upon them. If one is fortunate enough to be with one's own people, then a sister, or, better still, the mother, will be the masseuse. In addition to giving one a good rest a rubbing tends to develop the body and to make it more supple. The rubber is advised to cultivate a very even, impressive movement, but while it suggests strength it must not be rough, else sleep or rest will never come, and excitement be the only result.

When the head and eyes are tired a systematic smoothing of the hair, which, of course, must be loosened and have all its pins taken out, is a great relief. The eyes may be rested by being dabbed with hot water—remember, gently dabbed with an old handkerchief, not with the water, and no rubbing. Rubbing will irritate them when the soft pressure of a good dabbling will relieve them very much. As soon as there is the slightest evidence of a weakening on the part of the eyes go to a good oculist. Economize as you will, but if you can, keep your eyesight.—Ladies' Home Journal.

**Best Tea.**  
Chop one pound of lean beef very fine, add to it a pint of cold water, soak two hours, then stand over the fire until it reaches 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Strain through a colander. Add the white of one egg slightly beaten, put it back over the fire for just a moment, strain again, this time through cheese cloth. Season with salt and put at once in a cool place.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Mock Duck.**  
About three pounds of round steak, 2½ inches thick. Cover with bread crumbs and sliced onions, season with a little butter, salt, pepper and allspice and cloves. Roll up and tie securely with cord. Put it in a baking-pan and pour one cupful of boiling water over it. Bake in moderate oven 1½ hours, basting frequently. Serve with brown gravy.—N. Y. Ledger.

**Vegetable Pea Soup.**  
Cook one pint of split peas until dissolved. When nearly done, put to cooking ½ pint of sliced potato and one medium-sized onion, sliced thin. When tender, rub all through a colander, add water to make of the consistency of thin cream, and salt to taste. Reheat and serve.—Albany Journal.

**When a girl acts naughtily in school the rest of the girls pay the cost just as they would in a play.**

## A HELPING HAND.

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## FARMERS AND THE NEW TARIFF.

Dispatches from Washington announce that four schedules of the new Republican tariff bill have been completed by the Ways and Means Committee, and that the most important of these is the rate of duty fixed on various agricultural products. In almost every instance the old McKinley duty has been practically restored, notably in the case of cattle, grain and fruits.

The substantial effect of the Republican party's return to power is thus early to be felt by the American farmers. During the operation of the Wilson law the cattle business of the West was wellnigh ruined by Mexican importations, the barley market passed entirely into the control of Canadians, while the fruit growers of the Pacific Coast and the producers of vegetable and dairy food suffered enormous losses.

A tariff law that gives adequate and effective protection to the agricultural interests of the country will have one strong feature to commend it to the favor of every class and every section.

Topeka, Kansas, February 6.—A bill was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Hanna for letting out all county offices to the lowest bidder.

John Clancy, a discharged employee of the Norfolk county Dairy, which supplies several hundred patrons in Norfolk, has been arrested on the charge of poisoning the cows from which the milk is obtained.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, wants the Major to ride to the inauguration in a trolley car. Allen might have added that out in Nebraska there was a man who would be willing even to walk under the circumstances.

A decision by the Tennessee Supreme Court that Building and Loan Associations doing business in that State cannot sell property upon which they have made loans without first returning the amounts paid in by the borrower has caused all the Loan Associations in that State to wind up and discontinue all business in that commonwealth.

Last week a big deed was recorded in the county office, the fee for which was \$35. It was in printed form and covered 108 pages of a good sized pamphlet. It was a deed of trust for \$5,000,000 from the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company to a trust company. The State tax, which amounted to \$41,874, was paid at Roanoke. It must be recorded in every county in the State through which the road runs.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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## The Clintwood Tragedy.

Particulars of the Murder of Robert L. Baker by E. W. Farmer.

Clintwood, Va., Feb. 3.—Robert L. Baker, who was killed yesterday evening, about 4 o'clock P. M. in R. S. McFall's law office, in this place, by E. W. Farmer, who lives here as a citizen of the county.

They were engaged in a game of cards. The only person that was present and saw the killing was R. S. McFall. McFall says that Farmer won the money, and Baker told him he did not do it fair, and Farmer said he did, and Baker gave him the lie, and got up and put his hand into his hip-pocket, and Farmer rose up and put his hand in his, and Baker told him if he moved or looked cross-eyed, or something to that amount, that he would kill him.

McFall then ordered them out, and Farmer said, "I will show you what I will do for you," and he drew a 32-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol, and shot Baker three shots, and McFall went Baker and said, "Are you hurt?" and Baker put his hand upon his shoulder and said, "I am shot, and I am afraid I am killed." He sunk back on the floor and died in about thirty minutes. Farmer walked out and gave himself up to James Swindall, a deputy Sheriff, who took him to jail. They were both drinking.

Mr. Baker leaves a wife and five children, the oldest about 12 years of age. He was a good citizen, except when he was drinking. He was a brother-in-law to Columbus Phipps and F. P. Phipps, of the place, who are the leading citizens of the town.

Baker has twice been defeated for County Treasurer of this county. He was defeated in 1895 by a small majority. He had a great many friends. There was considerable excitement in that night, as some feared that an attempt would be made to lynch Farmer, but there was no attempt made. The jailer had a guard around the jail.

Farmer is a very fine painter, and has lived here about three years; is about thirty-five years of age, and has a wife and one small child. He was born in Pittsylvania county, Va. His father now lives in Bluefield W. Va.

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It cures a wide range of diseases because of its power as a blood purifier. It acts directly and positively upon the blood, and the blood reaches every nook and corner of the human system. Thus all the nerves, muscles, bones and tissues come under the beneficent influence of

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**COVE PLASTER.**  
Cove plaster in good sacks at Look & Lincoln's at \$6 per ton. Only a few tons left. Closing out at cost in order to save moving it to our new building.

## How to Succeed in Life.

Hon. Garrett A. Hobart, the Vice-President-elect, was sought the other day by a young man who wanted his advice as to "the best thing a young man could do in order to succeed in life," and here is what Mr. Hobart said to him: "Be honest and industrious all through life in whatever you may be engaged, and you need not fail of success." This was good advice and if followed no young man need fear the result. Both are necessary to succeed, even in the smallest degree. While it is true that there have been cases where young men have been both honest and industrious and yet have not succeeded in accumulating wealth, yet it must be remembered that success in life is not entirely measured by the dollars one may have. There are greater and higher aims in life than simply money-getting, though it is unfortunately true that such is the fixed aim of already too many men, both young and old, of this day. A full measure of success in this life is not, nor should it be, estimated by dollars, and yet how often it is that men in their mad haste accumulate wealth forget everything else which go toward making life successful. If a young man is honest, industrious and frugal throughout, success, in all the term implies, is sure to come to him.—Norfolk Virginian.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair-roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

## A Remarkable Negro.

A correspondent at Arcanum, Buckingham county, writes as follows to the Farmville Journal. "The neighborhood of Rock Mills has sustained a great loss in the death of John Seay, colored. He was a natural genius, the brainiest, busiest man around these parts; he had involved out of his brain, and put in successful operation by his own handiwork, a saw mill (buying nothing but the saw; a grist mill (buying nothing but the burrs), had attached a threshing machine to the water wheel; was general machinist and wheel-wright for the community and farmed 100 acres of his own land on Willis' river, and knew not a letter in the alphabet. When I say this community will miss him more than any other man, white or black, that could have died, I but express the sentiments of all my neighbors."

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Thornton's Drug store is the place to buy your family and patent medicine.

**A. P. Pickle,**  
Fine Tobacco, Cigars, etc.

## From St. Clair Bottom.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM, VA.,  
Feb. 9th, 1897.

Messrs. Editors:—Please allow me space in your paper to correct a false report that has been circulated in this community and through Rye Valley in regard to Riverside High School. I learn that the report has been circulated that the school will close when the public school expires the last of this month. This report is not true and those interested in the school will not allow anything of the kind to take place. The school will continue for three months after the public term closes under the present and efficient principal, Prof. Wm. Rouse. We are not able to say whether Mr. Scott, the assistant teacher, will continue to be connected with the school or not, this will depend as to whether his services are demanded. From the present outlook it seems that it will require two instructors to do the work. New pupils are already coming in as the public schools are closing. Young men and ladies who desire to prepare themselves for college can do no better than to patronize Prof. Rouse. Board is cheap and tuition rates reasonable. We trust that all of the patrons will stand together and support their school and that no one will allow a report to be circulated or anything to be done that will injure the bright prospects we have before to maintain and have one of the very best schools in the county. PATRON.

## Accidental Shooting at Wytheville.

Wytheville, Va., February 9.—Tom Bourne, a negro boy about seventeen years of age, who had been a servant at the Hancock House, in Wytheville, for some time, was accidentally shot and killed last night. He had gone to his mother's house in the suburbs of the town with a pistol, which he had carried with him from the hotel. He had laid the pistol to one side and afterwards called for it. A negro girl in the room started to hand it to him, when it was discharged, the ball penetrating his brain just above the eye and killed him instantly.

## LOSS OF VOICE

After Acute Bronchitis CURED BY USING  
**AYER'S Cherry Pectoral.**

## A PREACHER'S EXPERIENCE.

"Three months ago, I took a violent cold which resulted in an attack of acute bronchitis. I put myself under medical treatment, and at the end of two months was no better. I found it very difficult to preach, and concluded to try Ayer's Cherry



Pectoral. The first bottle gave me great relief; the second, which I am now taking, has relieved me almost entirely of all unpleasant symptoms, and I feel sure that one or two bottles more will effect a permanent cure. To all ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.—E. M. BRAWLEY, D. D., Dist. Secretary, Am. Bapt. Publication Society, Petersburg, Va.

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GOLD MEDAL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.  
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City Barber,

Respectfully solicits the patronage of all in search of first-class work in his line. I am now better than ever prepared to furnish excellent service, such as Shaving, Hair Cutting, &c., at prices corresponding with the times. Call on the "Old Reliable."

For every day or Sunday pants go to Weiler's.

# Nervous Debility

Shattered Nerves, Gloomy Depression of Mind,  
Loss of Nerve Power and Physical Strength.

## How to Regain Strong Nerves and Vigorous Bodies.

MANY a person who formerly possessed a powerful physique and strong and steady nerve, wonders at the feeling of exhaustion, lassitude and lack of inclination for physical and mental exertion. Where before there was a feeling of strong and vigorous physical and nerve power, there is now only a sense of weakness, languor, dullness and exhaustion.

Business men and clerks, whose prosperity depends upon their clearness of brain and mind, find their mental strength impaired and their endurance and power to work, read or study diminished. Professional men, women, students and mechanics often find their power of thought decreased, where formerly they could endure many consecutive hours of close application of the mind, they now find that the thoughts wander, and there is inability to fix the mind for any length of time upon one subject; with this there is an extremely nervous and irritable condition, a dull, cloudy sensation, often accompanied by disagreeable feelings in the head and eyes.

As these symptoms increase, there is usually a derangement of the digestive organs, with a gradual failing of strength, and weakness, weariness and pain in the back, especially noticeable in the morning. There is often a bad taste in the mouth mornings, the vision becomes dim, the memory is impaired, and there is frequent dizziness. Persons thus affected are often despondent and suffer from gloom and depression of the mind. The nerves become so weakened after a time that the least excitement or shock will flush the face or bring on a tremor or trembling, often attended by more or less palpitation of the heart.

If you have the above symptoms and feelings, or a portion of them, you are suffering from nervous debility caused by an exhausted condition of nerve and vital power, which is slowly but surely sapping your life and energies, and it is absolutely necessary for you, if you would prevent insanity, or total nervous prostration, to use

## Dr. Greene's Nervura,

The Great Brain and Nerve Invigorator.  
Guaranteed Purely Vegetable and Harmless.

This wonderful restorative of brain and nerve will give back to the weakened and exhausted system the strength that it has lost. It will impart strength and vigor to the brain and nerves, vitalize and invigorate all the physical powers, and restore you again to that grand degree of lusty strength, of bounding pulse and strong physical and nerve power, which by overwork, ignorance or folly you have exhausted. Do not fail to use it if you value life and happiness.

## Dr. Greene's Nervura

Is the Synonym for  
**Power, Vigor and Strength.**

DR. GREENE'S CATHARTIC PILLS should be taken in connection with Dr. Greene's Nervura, in all cases of Constipation, Torpid Liver and Biliousness. These pills act in perfect harmony with the Nervura, and by keeping the bowels regular and the liver active, assist Dr. Greene's Nervura in effecting a cure. Sugar-coated, easy to take and pleasant to act.  
Dr. Greene, 35 West 14th St., New York City, the most successful specialist in curing all forms of nervous and chronic diseases, can be consulted free of charge, by any one, personally or by letter.

## HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand two-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

## WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists price fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, mention The News and send your full post-office address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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## To the Public!

## New Meat Market!

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Marion and vicinity to our new meat market, on corner Main street and Iron alley. We expect to keep on hand first class beef and all kind of meats sold in this market, and in addition we will have fresh oysters every Friday, also will keep on hand eggs, chickens, etc.

Prices, best stake 9c. per lb., roast 8c. and down. We have come to stay and ask a share of your patronage.  
D. ASHBY WILLIAMS,  
J. C. JAMES.

## COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Marion, Smyth County, Va. }  
February, 4th, 1897. }  
To F. W. Leonard, admr. of Samuel Wilkinson, decd. Plaintiff, and R. A. Williams, decd. Defendant, and all claimants of R. A. Williams: You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 4th day of March next, at my Office in Marion, Va., to take and settle the A. C. count of leins against the lands of R. A. Williams in the Bill mentioned, any ascertain what judgements, if and against said land have been paid off and by whom, and if said R. A. Williams is not liable for the whole of said leins what part thereof he should be chargeable with, and who are liable for the remainder. Required to be taken by the decree of Smyth Circuit court, rendered on the 31st day of December 1896 in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which F. W. Leonard admr. of Samuel Wilkinson dec'd. is Plaintiff and R. A. Williams is Defendant, at which time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.  
JNO. R. SEXTON Commissioner.

Tobaccos, cigars, cigarette, etc.,—All prices and the best for the least money at Thornton's drugstore.

IF YOU'VE BACKACHE, or you are all worn out, really good for both. It cures general debility, try BROWN'S KIDNEY PILLS, it will cure you, cleanse your liver, and give you a good appetite.

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MARION, VIRGINIA.  
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**MARION NEWS**

**Local Items.**

Sunday is St. Valentine Day.  
Spring fever will soon be in order.  
Hon. H. E. McCoy came up from Bristol Wednesday.  
Pay us some money on account at once. We are compelled to collect.  
VENABLE & CO.  
A. M. Dickenson and B. F. Buchanan attended Wythe circuit court Monday.  
Our Co. Treasurer, A. F. Stone, spent Tuesday in the Twin City on business.  
For valuable information read the new advertisement of R. F. Nickels in to-day's News.

The man with the grip may not use tobacco, but his favorite exclamation is "a-choo!"

Our friend and popular townsman, W. D. Wilmore, has been quite ill with Lagrippe for the past week.

Mr. Carmel is petitioning for a postoffice. The growing population of that thriving village demand it.

You need Hood's Sarsaparilla to enrich and purify your blood, create an appetite and give sweet, refreshing sleep.

Mrs. John G. White, wife of the Abingdon postmaster, died in that place on last Sunday morning, after a long illness.

Be sure and call on us court day if you need goods. We have in lots of new goods, at prices to suit the times.  
VENABLE & CO.

The queen of night, whose light was long obscured by the scintillating orbs of the street lamps, is again lighting the wayfarer on his way.

The man who gives glowing descriptions of the good old-fashioned winters we used to have is the same fellow who kicks at the first cold snap.

Dr. S. R. Sayers has been re-elected president of the Wytheville Foundry and Machine Works, and Dr. James Aumann secretary and manager.

Rain, mud, slush, groans, cuss words and general low spirits has characterized our beautiful town and happy people for the week. His hogship is a false prophet.

We learn that Prof. M. P. Venable, of Bristol, is seriously sick and the chances are against his recovery. He is a brother, as many know, of our esteemed townsman Jno. R. Venable.

It is reported that a copper mine has been discovered on the land owned by J. W. Keller and Jno. R. Venable near Mt. Carmel. We saw a sample of the ore and it proved to be very rich.

M. Weiler expects to start for the Northern markets next week to purchase a very large stock of clothing, shoes, hats, furnishing, etc. ALL SPECIAL ORDERS WILL HAVE HIS CAREFUL ATTENTION.

A young man in Lowell, Mass. troubled with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

The eye specialist will be at O. C. Sprinkle's Feb. 15 to 17th. Have your eyes examined free of charge.

Rev. S. D. Long stopped off in Marion on his return from Knoxville yesterday. Rev. Long's many friends here extend their sympathy in the heavy loss which he recently experienced by the death of his beloved companion.

Mr. J. T. Henderson, who owns a flint rock quarry near Burke's station, in Fairfax county, has sold 200 tons of the rock to a Northern firm for \$3 a ton, and has received therefrom an Ohio firm for \$3.35 for all the rock in the quarry. The rock is to be used in making concrete.—Free Lance.

Mr. Fred Painter will open a new millinery department, in the store-room by Miss Okie Sprinkle. The new stock. See another column of

Messrs. Nickels, Atkins and Painter are laying the foundation for a large store house on their lot just west of Seaver & Sons' furniture rooms. Marion continues to grow. Success to these enterprising gentlemen.

The Atkins Mining Co. are negotiating for a lease of valuable iron ore near the line of the M. & R. V. R. R., and if a trade is effected we understand the Company will move their machinery from the Tank to a point near Marion.

Mr. M. S. Cassell and Miss Lizzie Kate Wygal were married Wednesday, 10 inst, at 3 p. m. The marriage took place in Mt. Carmel church. Rev. Geo. A. Maiden, of Wytheville, performed the ceremony which made the happy couple one.

C. M. Wolfe made an assignment this week to P. C. March, trustee. We understand that assets are sufficient to cover all liabilities. Mack is a popular merchant and his many friends will regret to learn that it was necessary to take that step.

**Buy Pratt's Food for horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, for sale at**

**GROSECLOSE BROS**  
An exchange says: Bath, Maine, has a thirteen-months-old baby that plays the harmonica. We have them at that age to play something that begins with an "H" but not harmonious, and, strange to say, it is generally mized up with the bath, too.

Mr. Earnest Cole, who has been attending Richmond College for the past five months, returned home last week. He was compelled to leave college on account of sickness. He is, however, improving and we trust will soon be enjoying good health again.

We learn that the Marion Manganes Iron Co. have received a report from the sample ore they shipped some time ago, and that the analysis was such that the Co. has received a contract which will give employment to about two hundred hands for the next twelve months.

The Jewett piano was made to stand the hardest kind of use. There is a large percentage of integrity and intelligence in their construction. The catalogue tells about them. Send for it. Hobbie Piano Co.'s easy payment plan is the simplest and fairest to be found anywhere. Write them and they will explain it to you fully.

Monday is county court and we are going to ask our subscribers again to come in, or see us and settle their subscriptions. This matter is important. We need what is due the office. Don't neglect this notice and force us to put your accounts in the hands of an officer for collection.

Mr. William McCarthy, chief clerk to Supervisor B. F. Stanley, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, Wytheville, has been removed to Vivian, West Virginia, and has been made supervisor of that division of the Norfolk and Western road. Mr. R. E. Wysor, of Dublin, succeeds Mr. McCarthy.

Prof. E. H. Copenhaver delivered a very instructive as well as entertaining lecture at the Lutheran Church last Sunday evening. His subject was the life of Daniel and he pointed out many valuable object lessons we might learn from the good man.—Rural Retreat Times.

We are glad to learn that our friend Eldridge, is not only having having success in his profession as teacher, but also is gaining distinction as a lecturer.

**Examine our line of Toilet Soaps. You will be surprised at the low prices at Thornton's drugstore.**

A telegram received at Tazewell announced the sad and sudden death of John S. Young, at Iaeger, W. Va. on Saturday. He was formerly a resident of Tazewell, and was the son of the late Major A. M. Young, and brother of Mr. William G. Young. He was a very popular man, and his death has cast a gloom over the whole community at Tazewell.

**At Wygal's Boarding House.**

FRESH OYSTERS SERVED IN ANY STYLE AT SHORT NOTICE, 35c. PER QUART, SOLID MEASURE. M. E. M. OYSTERS ORDERED TWICE A WEEK BY MRS. J. WYDAL BOARD VERY REASONABLE. GIVE US A TRIAL.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

**Royal Baking Powder**  
**ABSOLUTELY PURE**

A Sad Death.

Our community was no less grieved than shocked on last Sunday morning by the announcement of the death of Mrs. S. D. Long. The most potent influence for good in every walk of life is that wielded by a consecrated, christian woman. Mrs. Long possessed many of the most elevating and ennobling attributes that so truly characterize the refined, christian lady. She was gentle, amiable, polite and courteous in a marked degree, and won and held the respect and love of all with whom she came in contact. Her stay in our midst though brief was long enough to greatly endear herself to our people. Her remains passed here on Sunday morning enroute to Knoxville for interment.

We must deeply sympathize with the stricken husband and little motherless James in this dark hour of gloom and bereavement. May a realization of the truth that an all-wise and loving Father doeth all things well, support and comfort the sorrowing husband in this sad, sad, hour of affliction.

**THOUSANDS ARE TRYING IT.**  
On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50c.

**ELY BROTHERS,**  
56 Warren St., New York City.  
It is the medicine above all others for catarrh, and is worth its weight in gold. I can use Ely's Cream Balm with safety and it does all that is claimed for it.—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

Horse Loosed and Rode by a Tramp.

On Monday one of Mr. W. E. Copenhaver's sons was in town and hitched his horse near Mr. Hankla's shoe shop. While he was in the shop a tramp loosed the horse and rode him as far as 7 Mile Ford. Mr. Copenhaver, after some trouble, found his horse the next day. Several parties recognized the tramp going down the rock road. This was a bold steal.

**Notice; Stock-Holders Meeting.**

MARION, VA., Feb. 4, 1897.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Building & Loan Association will be held Thursday, March 4th, 1897, at 4 o'clock, P. M. at the office of the association, Merchants & Farmers Bank.  
P. C. MARCH, Sec.

**Diamond Dyes, all colors, at O. C. Sprinkle's drug-store.**

**WANTED** Active, reliable men to solicit orders for **FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL Nursery Stock** Varieties especially adapted to Va. Stock warranted strictly first-class and true to name. Permanent employment; good pay. Business easily learned. State age and occupation. Write at once for terms and territory. Established 32 years  
The R. G. Chase Co., S. Penn Square, Phila., Pa

**To my Friends and Customers:**

Having sold my stock and good will to Mr. Fred Painter, I desire to thank you for past patronage and ask a continuance of the same for him. I will be with Mr. Painter and have charge of Millinery department and will be pleased to wait on all who may so favor me.  
Very Respectfully, OKIE M. SPRINKLE.

I have bought out the stock belonging to Miss Sprinkle, and will occupy the stand she has had. I solicit the patronage and kindness which the people of the town and country have shown her, and will try to please and meet your wants in every line. I will carry the same stock of goods she had, together with a full line of Gents Furnishing goods. While the store is being repaired, Miss Sprinkle will show you any goods you want.  
Respectfully, FRED PAINTER,  
Feb. 11 1897.

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**Dr. Robert J. Preston.**  
The Richmond Times, in speaking of the members of the Virginia Board of Health, has this to say of our honored townsman, Dr. R. J. Preston:

Dr. Robert J. Preston, another Director, was born in Washington county, Va., in 1841. He was educated at Emory and Henry college and graduated an M. D., from the University of Virginia in 1867. In 1871, he was elected fellow, and was president in 1894-95. Dr. Preston was a member of the Board of Medical Examiners from 1884 to 1890, and is a member of the following organizations: Smyth County Medical Society, American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, Honorary Fellow of the Lynchburg Academy of Medicine and of the Boston Psychological Association, American Public Health Association. He has written many papers of value. In 1887 he was elected first assistant physician at the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum, and Superintendent of the same in November, 1888. Dr. Preston was a captain in the Confederate army, Twenty-first Virginia Cavalry.

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**Death of A. N. Venable.**

Mr. A. N. Venable, died at his home in Cascade, Va. on last Saturday night at 10 o'clock. He had been sick a month or so. Mr. Venable was well known in Marion, having resided here for several years. His many friends will be grieved to learn of his demise. He was a brother of Jno. R. Venable and Mrs. Dr. Pendleton of our town. THE NEWS extends its sympathy to friends and bereaved family of the deceased.

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Abingdon, Va., Feb. 8.—Yesterday afternoon in the knobs south of this place occurred a serious shooting scrape, between Alex. and William Carswell and John and Ruben Taylor, in which William Carswell and the two Taylor boys were seriously shot. John Taylor was shot three times and will die, William Carswell was shot in the bowels and will not live, and Ruben Taylor is seriously shot, being shot in the left side about the nipple. The affair occurred over a watch which was pawned to Carswell by the Taylor boys and which they demanded and would not pay for. Alex. Carswell is confined in jail he having given himself up.

Receiver to be Asked for.

Bristol, Tenn., February 9.—At Abingdon today, Judge Sheffield, of the Circuit Court, granted a petition to Pipers Bros. against the New York National Mutual Building and Loan Association, and tomorrow notice will be served the company asking for a receiver.

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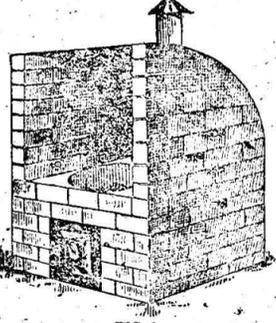


FIG. 1  
A chimney and sheet iron roof. There should be a sheet iron door or shutters inclosing the front. It is always advisable as a matter of economy to have a wooden lid to cover the boiler.

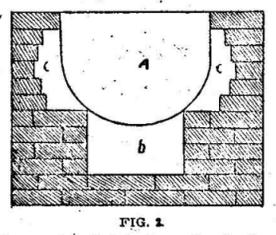


FIG. 2  
An opening is left from the fire box (B) so that the heat and smoke will enter the flue and pass around the boiler before reaching the chimney.

It is better, as a rule, to have a cooking apparatus like this in a house. The boiler should not hold less than 20 gallons, and for large flocks of poultry, and especially where the pigs are to have the benefit of it, it should hold 30 or 40 gallons.

**POULTRY PARASITES.**  
They Can Be Destroyed by Fumigating the Hen House Properly.  
If a henhouse is fumigated with sulphur properly, this is the surest method of killing lice, as well as all kinds of germs, such as cholera and roup.

In order to make sure that nothing can live, while the sulphur is burning the house must be made as tight as possible. This is best done by pasting strips of wrapping paper along the casement of the windows, around the slides and on any other cracks that can be found.

For a henhouse, large enough for 100 hens, five pounds of common stick sulphur is sufficient. Break this up in pieces of about an inch square, put it into two iron or tin vessels that do not leak. Place these on the floor of the henhouse, one at each end; pour over the sulphur somewhat less than a pint of alcohol—wood alcohol is much cheaper than the pure alcohol and just as good for this purpose.

In a short time the air should be so thick that when looking through the window you cannot see over two feet. Leave the henhouse shut up for a couple of hours; then open the doors and ventilate, and in an hour the atmosphere will be perfectly livable.

Using alcohol and sulphur is much cheaper and better than buying sulphur candles, which cost a ridiculous sum and burn so slowly that they are little better than useless.—M. P. Harris, in Country Gentleman.

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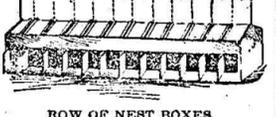
The expert bee-keeper watches his apiary in winter as well as in summer. True, the bees should not be disturbed if they are doing well, for if a strong, healthy colony is rudely disturbed some bees will leave the cluster and, perchance, the hive. If the weather is cold enough to chill them, many of these will perish. Another bad result of such a disturbance is, that from some instinctive cause the bees fill themselves with honey, and if a prolonged period of arctic weather follows and prevents them from taking a cleansing flight, the colony will become unhealthy, which causes its loss entirely.

But these cautionary suggestions do not imply that there is no winter work to be performed in the apiary. The most skillful bee-keeper look after their bees at all seasons. He watches them throughout the year, and is acquainted with the situation and conditions of each colony. It happens sometimes that a colony goes into winter quarters with a large number of old and nearly worn-out bees and but few of younger stock. In very cold weather the older bees succumb and, falling, soon clog the entrance to the hive. Unless they are removed, the entire colony will smother. The entrance must be kept open. This is easily done with a wire hook about a foot long. Sometimes excessive moisture in a hive causes some fatality, often sufficient to block the entrance at the bottom. Thus it is necessary to watch the apiary every day to avoid unnecessary losses. Care is required in removing dead bees in order that the live ones may not be disturbed or aroused to activity.

It sometimes happens, notwithstanding the attention that may have been given to fall-feeding, that a colony may have consumed its supply of honey in midwinter. It must be fed or lost. Methods of feeding are familiar to all, but it is not out of place to state that one of the simplest and easiest is to fill a wide-mouth fruit jar with a sirup made of granulated sugar and water of a consistency thick enough to answer the purpose, and tying cheesecloth tightly over the mouth of the jar. Invert the jar and place it directly over the cluster. The bees soon find it and appease their hunger. Some bee-keepers, however, prefer bee-candy for this purpose. It is made by boiling sugar sirup until it reaches the candy state and then pouring it while hot into pie tins. When cold it is ready for use. It is placed on the frames over the cluster, and does not disturb the bees.—Farmers Voice.

**SPLENDID NEST BOXES.**  
A Row of Them Can Be Made at a Very Small Expense.  
The row of nests shown in the illustration can be made by anyone at all handy with tools. They answer every purpose and are quite inexpensive affairs.

The row of nests is 12 feet long and contains 12 nests to a tier, one tier above the other, 24 in all. The nests are 16 inches from back to front, so that the end boards and partitions between nests are 16 inches wide. The height of nest row from floor to the broad board fastened on top of upper row of boxes measures a little over 30 inches. The lower nests are shown with the doors standing open, while the doors of the upper row are shut. The doors to the



upper row open back or up, and are held open by hooks and staples, the staples being driven into the broad board above. The upper doors will stay closed without fastening, of course, but the lower doors are provided with hooks and staples. Little wooden buttons would answer the same purpose and are less expensive. This 12-foot double row of nests is placed lengthwise of the poultry house in such a way as to make them the partition between the main or roosting-room and the nest room. At each end of this partition there is a tall door frame and screen door, the frame with pickets on top, so that fowls cannot fly over or out. The object in having the upper tier of nests sloping is to prevent the fowls from roosting upon them. They cannot gain a foothold, and are obliged to be content with the regular roosting arrangement of the house. The broad board above the nests is fastened to the door frames, and above this is stretched a 32-inch strip of poultry netting to keep them from flying over this part of the nest box arrangement into or out of the nest room. The nest room is a long, hall-like space three feet wide, and is for the express use of sitting hens. Here are kept feed, water, grit and the dust bath for the broody ones.

When a hen wants to sit a nest and eggs are given her, the door opening into the main room is shut and the door to the nest that opens into the nest room is left open instead, that she may leave her nest for feed at her pleasure. The arrangement is really very complete and worth trying. The expense of such a set of 24 nests should not be heavy, provided they were made at home from cheap material.—Orange Judd Farmer.

**Ground Meats and Fish.**  
If you cannot get fresh meat for your poultry, or if the expense is apparently too great, use the commercial ground meat. Fish is also excellent for ducks if the eggs are to be used for hatching, and ground fish will be very acceptable to them. In the winter season, when grain is largely used, meat or fish will serve to supply the deficiency of nitrogen. One cent a pound is about the cost for ground meat or fish, and they are very cheap, even at double the price.—National Stockman

Selection of a Cockerel.  
While good size is an item in the selection of a male, activity is fully as important. An extra large cockerel is apt to be sluggish and clumsy when matured. The best plan is to choose a male bird of medium size, compact and vigorous, and also to be careful that he was hatched early. If this case he will be reasonably well matured when mated for breeding, and if the flock is largely composed of hens the produce should show an improvement in the flock. If pullets are the mainstay for the coming season, it will be better to secure a two or three-year-old male.—Western Ploverman.

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