

EVERY-DAY PHILOSOPHY.

You can climb to the top of the loftiest hill. If you try.

You can make of yourself whatsover you will.

If you try. A faith you must have, rooted deep in your soul, A purpose unshaken, a firm self-control;

on without ceasing; you'll reach to the goal, If you try.

You can be of some good to yourself and your kind, If you work.

A name and a place in the world you can find.

If you work. Wherever you turn, there is plenty to do, The harvest is great, but the reapers are few.

You'll find opportunities waiting for you, If you work.

You can reach any standard at which you

may aim, If you will. You can find the right road to the Temple

of Fame, If you will. It lies through Endeavor by day and by night,

Through Patience that never abandons a fight; By infinite toil you can climb to the di"ll emerged from the black depths of

height, If you will.

You must meet all reverses and never trough prepared for its reception, give in, If you win.

You must spend little time planning how to begin, If you win.

But take off your coat and go into the

And stay by your task; there is no other

You must wait for no future, but labor to-day,

If you win.

You will find that the tide of misfortune is swift, If you drift.

Don't expect other people to give you a

If you drift. The adage is old that the world gives its

call To the man who keeps striving, whatever befall.

You will find that a wreck is the end of it all.

If you drift.

You will learn that the palsy of life is delay, . If you wait. That Fortune will beckon and then flee,

away, If you wait.

For this is the mystical edict of Fate: But once Opportunity knocks on your gate; And after that call 'tis forever too late, of smoke came reaching out over the

If you wait. -J. A. Edgerton, in Banner of Gold.

Trans-Saharan Station 15-M. CONTRACTOR AND A CONTRACT BY J. E. PEMBER.

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lishing Company. All rights reserved. If LINK-CLANK! clink-clank!"

cathedral organ, filled all the dome of Three men crouched in the heaven. There were sounds of titanic

thusiastic. Colet was a student of the ings. "It will soon be over, me way Technological school, who acted as or the other," he whispered to his ashelper and general utility man. sistant. Towards the middle of the afternoon "Ah, how infernally hot this is!"

I give for a good swim now!"

kicking up this dry sand and it won't

settle again in a dog's age. Don't

knock all our grub over, either. The

Tauregs may stop the supply train, and

vegetables don't grow in this country.

For Colet had given another roll

and dislodged a pile of boxes of pro-

visions which, with a miscellaneous

lot of clothing and instruments, came

their places Belleau awoke from a

troubled slumber. He glanced at his

watch and then, pulling his coat collar

up to shield his neck from the solar

heat, crossed the interval between the

"Four thousand feet," he murmured.

'Decidedly in 48 hours we ought to

By turning a lever he reversed the

electric apparatus rapidly and the drum

began to wind the wire rope. When it

was full another was deftly substituted.

and after that a third. Then the ma-

chinery stopped and the heavy metal

the well, bringing with it a volume of

dark earth, which tumbling down a

poured over the tawny desert sand.

It was a curious contrast of hues.

The engineer fingered the soil. It

was loose and friable. He smelled it

"We have not yet reached the belt

of clay which confines the subterranean

Once more, with a humming sound,

the drill vanished into the depths, the

wire rope rattled furiously as it un-

wound, and then the apparatus re-

When the sun declined it was ob-

"Can it be a thunder-storm?" asked

"Worse," answered the chief; "it is

With incredible swiftness the "Devil

of the Sahara" advanced. Where the

three men stood a deathlike stillness

prevailed. The outlines of the tower

seemed drawn in sepia on a background

Then a wall of gray mist came sweep-

ing over the desert, and the awe-strik-

en beholders saw the sand caught up

in vast, whirling columns. A dull,

booming sound, like that of breakers

was upon them. The atmosphere be-

a sand-storm, the terrible simoon. I

fear we are in great danger."

sky, wriggling fantastically.

the hut and secured the door.

scured by a curious mouse-colored

"Clink-clank! Clink-clank!"

cloud rising from the west.

reach the water-bearing strata."

When they had been restored to

There! you've gone and done it!"

crashing down in a heap.

hut and the tower.

and even tasted it.

reservoirs," he said.

sumed its work.

Littlefield.

Colet collapsed with all the symptoms muttered Colet at last, as he tried vainly to find a place where it was a of violent sunstroke. His face bedegree or two cooler. "What wouldn't came almost black. His pulse beat furiously. "Water!" he muttered, with 'Keep still, there's a good fellow,' cracked lips. His companions turned expostulated Littlefield. "You are away. Then followed delirium. He

murmured of running streams and splashing fountains. Death comes quickly when the thermometer marks 135 degrees on the Sahara. The poor lad suddenly sprang to his feet, and, staggering from the hut, he put his palms together above his head and dived, as one dives from a river bank, headlong into the black shadow of the tower, streaming across the sand. When Littlefield reached him he was dead.

at back. Sills are 2x4-inch oak, caps The sun completed its circuit and sank like a plummet toward the west- 2x4-inch pine. They have one window ern horizon. Belleau and his assistant of six lights 24x30 inches in front, 3 feebly tried the boring again. The feet from the ground; one small window drill was withdrawn with some diffi-

culty. When it came to the surface it was coated with stiff clay, cool to the touch. The old engineer pointed to it. He could not speak. It was a question of a few hours.

Belleau, completely exhausted, threw himself down on the sand at the door of the hut and seemed to sleep. Littlefield, lying flat on his back, tried to gaze through the gray depths of the zenith. Suddenly, far above, he perceived a black spot that hovered and circled in a wide orbit. It seemed to be watching intently. A sickness of utter horror and despair came upon the young man.

answer. He passed his hand over the or dust. temple fringed with gray locks. The had passed away as peacefully as a encircling arms. The drill never

stopped. "Clink-clank! Clink-clank!"

When Littlefield opened his eyes again the lids seemed to grate heavily upon the balls. He looked up. The gray sky was gone and the odious black spot with it. It was night, and over the velvet depths of space the imperial tropic stars were passing in majestic procession. They shone with wonder-

ful brilliancy. The young engineer gazed drowsily at them. He felt strangely comfortable as he lay there upon the sand. The tormenting thirst had ceased. He did not even feel surprised when he found that his limbs had lost the power of motion. Life seemed concentrated in a small area of the brain just behind the eyes. He perceived nothing but those glorious wheeling stars-some red, some blue, some of a yellow lus-

on hidden reefs, smote upon their ears. "Inside and close the door!" shouted ter. Then came fleeting visions of a far Belleau. The engineers hastened into In a moment, it seemed, the storm came black as midnight. A sonorous hum, like the diapason of some mighty shelter of a hut made of sheets of buffetings and demoniac yells. It was up the path. A slight girl stood at the nests are placed.

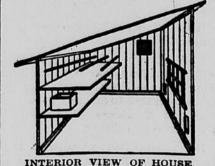


CHEAP POULTRY HOUSES.

Valuable Suggestions from an Illinois Lady Who Has Made Hen-Keeping a Success.

I keep about 300 fowls and have several small houses such as shown in accompanying illustration. The houses are built, some of pine and some of oak lumber. They are 7 feet wide and 10 feet long, 7 feet high in front and 41/2 feet

without glass, but a wooden shutter. 2



feet square, in end opposite door, for He approached his chief and touched air and ventilation; two exits for fowls the shoulder of the still form. There in front. Have platform length of house was no response. "Belleau!" he ex- 3 feet wide under perches to catch dropclaimed, with hoarse emphasis. No pings. This is kept covered with dirt

Between dropping boards and floor is flesh was chill and harsh. The heart a platform for nests. All platforms had ceased to beat. The old engineer and perches are removable. Houses have earth floors. Each house has one large baby goes to sleep within its mother's door placed in the end, close to the front. The exits are 12x16 inches, placed close to the ground. On stormy days the door is kept closed, the fowls going in and out

outside.

and there are no fences between them,



HOUSE FROM THE OUTSIDE.

vet there is little trouble in keeping the flocks separate. Each house shelters 60 hens, and I keep ten cockerels with four flocks. They have unlimited range.

The eggs hatch better than when a cock distant landscape. A New England is kept for every 12 or 15 hens. The house, white clapboarded, with prim interior of the house is also shown. The green shutters-great elm trees over- platform is whitewashed and dust or arching, and the continual gurgle of a sand is sprinkled on it. The perches brook, flowing underneath a plank are 2 or 3 inches in diameter. Between bridge-all the odorous sweets of June the floor and dropping platform is anwere in the air, and he was walking other platform 2 feet wide on which the

METHOD THAT SAVES WORK

Experience of a Farmer Who Keeps His Pcultry House Clean with Little Effort.

I use no droppings boards, and by keeping the floors of the houses well littered with dry leaves, which absorb all the moisture in the droppings, find that I can let the droppings remain for weeks and yet leave the house free from bad smell, and as the droppings are hidden in the leaves, cleaner to look at than half the houses I see that are cleaned daily. In winter I have let my houses go without removing the droppings for several months. I don't advise others either to do without droppings boards or to let their houses go so long uncleaned, unless they are sure they can control the situation. If there is much looseness among the fowls it will not do at all to let droppings accumulate. With some kinds of litter the droppings cannot be allowed to accumulate. Dry leaves I have found better than anything else, if one has them in sufficient quantity to keep the litter always deep on the floor of the houses. In England many farmers use peat moss, and allow droppings to accumulate in it for nearly a year. In Rhode Island the colony plan poultry farmers set a board on edge on the floor just forward of the outer roost, and throw dry earth, a few shovelfuls at a time, from the other side of the floor on the accumulating droppings. This Press. accumulation of earth and droppings is removed once or twice a year. Poultry manure normally is of such character that if one takes proper care of it where it falls in the house it is not necessary that it should be promptly removed; and the small farmer taking advantage of this fact, can arrange his roosts and their surroundings so that he can clean when convenient. He is not required to choose between taking time to clean the houses daily or having houses in condition to be ashamed of.

Poultry keeping ought to be an important feature on every farm, and a pleasant feature of farm work. It may be if the farmer will only study to adapt his stock and his methods to the capacity of the farm under conditions satisfactory to him .- J. H. Robinson, in Farm-Poultry.

DIVIDING HENHOUSE DOOR.

Combination of Especial Value Where Poultry Is Kept in Same Place the Year Round.

The illustration shows a divided door or poultry houses. This is a combination for both summer and winter use. Laths or slats are nailed on lower half extending to top of door. This covers the space filled by the upper half of door so that the latter may be opened at any season for ventilation. When upper half is closed and secured by the button on the lower half the whole becomes a solid door.

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With the Majority.

"Now, gentlemen, do you think this is or is not a case for operation?" asked an eminent surgeon of his class of six students as they walked the wards in a city hospital. One by one the young men diagnosed the case, and all of them answered in the nega-"Well, gentlemen," announced the sur-

"Well, gentlemen, annunced the sur-geon, "you are all wrong, and I shall oper-ate to-morrow." "No, you won't!" exclaimed the patient, as he rose in his bed, "six to one is a good majority. Gimme my clothes."—N. Y.

Always Food for Laughter.

When Johnny was a child they laughed at the ridiculous things he said. When he was a youth they laughed at his half-baked opinions. When he was a man they laughed opinions. When he was a man they laughed at his wisdom because they couldn't grasp it. When he was old they laughed at him for a crank. There is always some one to laugh, and this is a jolly world.—Newark (N. J.) News.

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Not a Hamper.

The Lady-Why are you so melancholy,

The Lady-why are you to metanenoly, my poor man? Gritty George-Ah, lady, it's a sad story. When I was a baby I was left in a basket. "That was sad." "Yee, m:ma'am, and it was a wash basket."-Chicago Daily News.

Her Only Comment.

"Yes," said Dreamy Darius, "I put all my brains into this little poem." "And it's an awfully short poem at that," rejoined Sarcastic Susan.—Cincinnati En-

quirer.

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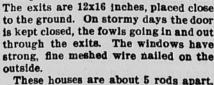
It takes a man with a new-fashioned appetite to bemoan the lack of old-fash-ioned cooking.—Chicago Tribune.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Oh, the wise man and the fool's money are oon united."-Town Topics.



strong, fine meshed wire nailed on the





corrugated iron. They did not stir. They scarcely breathed. The thermometer indicated a temperature of 135 degrees.

Before the door of the hut rose a skeleton tower of iron beams. It resembled the derrick of a Pennsylvania oil well. Over a wheel at the top of this structure ran a wire rope which, descending perpendicularly, disappeared within a well-like cavity some 20 inches in diameter. The other end was coiled around a drum operated by an electric motor which automatically started-stopped-reversed-stoppedstarted. Up and down, up and down, moved the cable with monotonous regularity. "Clink-clank! Clink clank!" It was the only sound that disturbed the intense, suffocating stillness.

Outside, the horizon line receded to the uttermost limit of vision in all directions. A level waste of yellow sand met the eye wherever it turned, reflecting the almost vertical rays of the sun with an indescribable fierceness. The atmosphere swam in shimmering streaks.

The enormous palpitating disc of the desert was bisected by a single line When the pile of supplies had fallen of rails which dwindled to vanishing over, the tap had been knocked open points to the north and to the south. and the thirsty sand had drunk the The rails rested on broad bases of metal precious liquid. like huge, inverted soup plates, which enabled the road to lie firmly upon the treacherous sand. Between the rails was placed the insulated cable which brought the electrical current to the motor. A semaphore signal, planted upright in the sand like a contorted skeleton, a few scattered tools, some bits of piping and abandoned pieces of machinery, completed the catalogue of water." objects of definite outline. The motor buzzed drowsily:

"Clink-clank! clink-clank!" This particularly undesirable spot upon the world's surface was marked on the map of the new Trans-Saharan railway as Station 15-M. The railway was the latest audacious engineering exploit of the French. It connected Algiers in a mathematically straight line with Timbuctoo, and was expected to bring riches of the eastern Soudan to the Mediterranean shores. Station 15-M was full 400 miles north of the southern terminus, in the hottest heart of the great Sahara, just under the line of the tropic. The three men in the hut were drilling an artesian well that, when pierced, would create an artificial oasis. The drilling apparatus was perfectly made and almost human in its intelligence. It would work for hours without Belleau, the chief, touching a lever.

tant, was an American, young and en- At intervals the chief tested the bor- year .-- Vegetarian.

as if all the ancient fiends of the Sahara had gathered to overwhelm its presumptuous invaders. Had not the hut been strongly bolted together it would have been torn to pieces. The fiery particles hissed against its iron sides like a discharge of shot. Sand sifted through the cracks until the three men, their heads wrapped in cloths, were almost stifled.

For a moment it seemed as though they were to be buried deep in a living grave. Then, as quickly as it came, the simoom fled away, and the sun, now red as blood, threw its level beams across the plain. The drilling apparatus was not injured. Its delicate machinery was so protected that the sand could not reach it.

Then a terrible discovery was made Colet, his throat burning with thirst, approached the tank which contained their supply of water. He found the tap open and the tank empty.

The lad gave a cry. His companions rushed to the spot. "All gonewasted!" he moaned.

It was true. Not a drop remained

"If the train doesn't get here to-morrow we shall be in a fix," observed the assistant engineer.

Belleau shook his head. "The sandstorm has blocked the rails," he said. "No engine can pass until the plows have made a path for it. That will take many hours, and a man cannot live many hours in the Sahara without

"Let us walk to the next station," suggested Colet.

It is 200 miles. If one of us tried i he would perish before he had accomplished one quarter of the distance." replied the gray chief. His eyes turned toward the drill.

"There is one hope, then!" cried the American, following the direction of the gaze. "If the drill reaches the water-bearing levels in time we shall be saved.'

The old engineer bowed his head silently.

"Clink-clank! Clink-clank!"

The long night had dragged away and the garish sun shot into view once more. The three men, haggard, gasp- her last illness received 2,000 guineas ing, with parched throats, avoided each; while Dr. Lapponi's skill in remeeting one another's gaze. The drill moving a cyst from the pope's side a had gnawed its way deeper into the few years ago was recompensed with bowels of the earth, but there were no £500. Dr. Dimsdale, for his journey to signs of water. The frightful agonies St. Petersburg and vaccination of the Belleau was an old gray man, wed- of prolonged thirst had set in. The Empress Catherine II., received £10,ded to one idea, the success of the victims neglected to note the passage 000 as his fee, £500 for traveling ex-Trans-Saharan. Littlefield, his assis- of time, but lay in a sort of stupor. penses and a life pension of £500 &

gate and stretched out her hands to silver bell, "you have come at last." Then the light went out like a glowing coal, and only the great calm, desert stars looked down pityingly.

"Clink-clank! Clink-clank!"

But when the day came again the great drill had ceased its clanking. hinges and locks, 40 cents; paper, ce-In those hours of darkness the waters ment and nails, \$7.25; freight on paper under the earth liberated from their and cement, \$1.25; total of \$17.74 for maprison, had burst with impetuous force terial; six days' labor at \$1 per day would through the vent, tossed the machine add \$6, making the total cost \$23.74, or aside, and the first rays of the sun not quite \$12 for each. Two other houses were reflected on the ebullient flood made of new lumber and battens instead that bubbled up from the well, gushed of paper, which cost \$20.25; oil and paint. in rainbow spray around the iron \$1.13; 14 pounds nails, 56 cents; three posts of the tall derrick, filled the holwindows, \$1.05; wire netting, \$1.05; lows beside the track with crystal hinges, locks and hasps, 59 cents; 6 pools, and then hastened by three dark, days' labor, \$6, making the total cost silent forms that heeded it not, before \$31.04, or \$15.52 each.-Mrs. E. E. Datplunging once more into the sands that ton, in Orange Judd Farmer. gave it birth.

A Champion of Women.

The late Nellie Farren, when she Unthreshed Grain Produces Results visited America with the London Gaiety company, danced before a wellknown New York club. At the end of the dance, during an informal supper, Save a small amount of unthreshed someone began to talk about the new grain for the poultry. You will save woman, a burning topic at that time. the thresher's bill on it, and the poul-"Do the English believe in woman's try will even pay you a nice profit for emancipation?" a lawyer said to Miss the privilege of working it over for Farren. "Do they believe in opening their own benefit, by an increased supthe same fields to women as to men and ply of eggs, and thriftiness and growth in paying them at the same rate?" among the flock. Wheat is best for "Oh, yes," said the little actress, "even the English tramps believe all that. A tramp asked a countrywoman of mine one day for assistance, and she said to the man sternly: 'Why don't you go to work?' 'Madam.' said the tramp, '20 years ago I made a vow not to do another stroke of work till women were paid the same wages as men.' "-Detroit Free Press.

Pay of Royal Doctors.

For his four week's attendance at the king from typhoid fever, in 1871, Sir William Gull received £10,000. straw has been thoroughly worked Twice this amount was paid to Sir Morell Mackenzie for his treatment of be all raked up and removed before the late Emperor Frederick. The doctors who attended Queen Victoria in land Farmer.

The nests are sometimes boxes made him, smiling angelically with brown of short pieces of board, but usually are eyes, that looked clearly into his own. small boxes bought at the grocery for "Harry," she said, and her voice 5 cents each. In the corner opposite the sounded like the far-away tinkle of a door is usually a barrel of road dust. The hens use it for a dust bath. and I use it for the dropping boards. They also use it for a nest box, which I disapprove of. The cost of two houses was as follows: Lumber, \$7.85 (the pine lumber was second-hand, and I got it for half price); nails, 30 cents; glass and putty, 69 cents;

FINE FEED FOR THE HENS.

That Will Surprise Those Who

Have Never Fed It.

warm days in winter. Such ventilation with plenty of sunlight to keep the place dry, and litter in which the fowls may scratch for food so as to get exercise, are primary requisites to success with poultry in winter. The house must be kept free from vermin and provided with dry earth for a dust bath .- A. D. Ortley, in Farm and Home. POULTRY BREVITIES.

Never feed damaged grain. Large, uniform eggs hold customers. Green bone will not take the place of

> grit Kafilr corn is an excellent wheat substitute.

The honest poultryman is not afraid to date the eggs he sends out. '

A hen's profitable laying seems to be limited to the first two years of her life.

Statisticians assert that more money is spent in this country for eggs than flour.

Don't hold the eggs longer than a week. Always make it a rule that the product must be fresh.

Oyster shell should always be placed this purpose, but rye and oats are also excellent. If so desired, you can select before the fowls. It furnishes considsome of your poorest grain for this erable lime, invaluable for the manufacture of eggs. But oyster shell will purpose, as the main object is to furnish the poultry with some interesting never do as a substitute for grit; it is employment. Save enough of the untoo soft.

threshed grain to furnish one good-The laying hen is a more hearty sized bundle for every 30 hens in the eater and a heavier drinker than the flock daily. Whole grain can with adone not laying, but it is seldom that vantage be scattered among the straw. her food makes her overfat, as she has It will prevent the greedy ones from a double use for it-she uses it for susglutting themselves, while the small taining the tissues of the body and for Sandringham, prior to the recovery of and weak ones have a chance to get manufacturing eggs.-American Poultheir share of the grain. After the try Journal.

Cure for Egg-Eating Hens.

The following is recommended as a very effective remedy for egg-eating hens: Remove the inside of a number of eggs and fill in with cayenne pep-If unthreshed grain cannot be ob- per and mustard, equal parts. As fast tained, dry fresh straw and chaff will as eaten, replace with more for three be a good substitute to sprinkle the days, at the end of which time you will grain among, if frequently changed, find the hens will leave eggs alone. but it will not give as good results as The egg-eating habit is a very bad the unthreshed grain, owing to the one. The older hens will soon teach amount of healthy exercise which the it to the younger ones. Better take unthreshed grain will furnish .- Mid- the matter in hand before it gets too far along.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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over and all grain picked out, it should bringing in a fresh bundle. If possible, the unthreshed grain should be placed under a shed or in a barn to keep dry.