

It should be chopped up for them. As bone is also a necessity to hens, when this head is chopped up bone and flesh together, hens receive two very essential elements of their necessary diet. After the requisite supply of meat is chopped off, the head should be allowed to remain in a convenient corner in the hen house, that the fowls may have an opportunity to pick it over and devour the particles of bone and meat which remain, thus affording them considerable exercise.

THE UNPOPULAR KITCHEN.

Dear old kitchen! We see you denominated unpopular—while every wise house-builder exercises his chief skill to make you convenient and everywhere you are recognized as a household necessity and from you proceeds all the choice viands, puddings and pies. Why then so unpopular? Surely from every direction comes the call for kitchen help. While many needy women seek work in the shop or factory where remuneration is scarcely sufficient to meet daily needs, scorn the idea of becoming the kitchen domestic.

In olden times families in need of help were not perplexed, for an application to some neighbor would secure a daughter who would work with right good will and lost no social advantages by doing service. If we review the pros and cons of domestic life we can but admit that with the luxurious living and fashionable habits and the deep social gulf between the daughters of the family and the servants a quick solution is formed.

When lack of help or choice brings the American housewife into the kitchen it doesn't seem to deteriorate her manners or morals or social standing and why should the housemaid be less favored simply because a just Providence placed her in need of earning her own pecuniary means. Housekeeping duties should be as familiar to every girl as her native language and taking part in their execution from childhood up better prepares one than an elementary school training. When eminently fitted home help is placed upon a proper social standing one ameliorating act in the life of working women will be achieved and one grand step taken toward supplying the demand of kitchen help.

A DOCTOR'S METHOD.

It has been the practice of a Hartford physician, who has raised quite a family of children and never lost one, to restrict their diet, all through the years of early childhood to one dish. Until they reach the age of four years they are kept exclusively on bread and milk. Of that wholesome and substantial nourishment they have enough and only enough. They have not been permitted to eat, even of bread and milk, too heartily.

This method may prove to be, on examination, an excellent one. It is known that milk, the main part of the dish, supplies, more than almost any other food, the elements needed for healthy growth. Bread, if well made, should be another staple article for aiding the growth of blood, brain, bone and muscle. Doubtless it would still better answer that purpose if it were made of unbolted flour, like "Graham bread," which contains some of the sweet and nutritious (or at least beneficial) properties of the wheat that in the superfine modern milling processes are lost, though the flour is finer and whiter. But, with average good bread, this experiment seems to have "panned out" well, in the case of this considerable family of children.

THE CANADA THISTLE.

This "evil weed" is the subject of many dissertations annually. Here is the substance of the last we have seen: "The Canada thistle while subdued somewhat by frequent and repeated mowings is not often destroyed by this means alone. The thistle root has numerous points, each one of which has power to send up a shoot, consequently while the main stalk and its immediate root connections are killed it does not follow that the numerous root points are likewise destroyed. In fact, they seldom are, and herein lies the secret of the plant's irrepressibility. The best results are gained when the thistles are cut in their early bloom and before the seeds have formed. It is also well to cut during or just before a warm rain."

DESTROY THE WHITE BUTTERFLIES.

Cabbage growers soon learn the true character of the white butterfly, which lays the eggs that breed the cabbage worm. These butterflies are easiest caught early in the morning, when chilly with the night's cold. At midday they fly rapidly from plant to plant, and if pursued speedily become so shy that it is impossible to get near them with a net. There are some parasites which prey on the worm, and if the butterflies are thinned out early, when the cabbages are set, the parasites will take care that what few are left do no damage. If the parasite has not appeared in any neighborhood send to some other locality for samples and breed it.

"Wall, maybe I was, but do you know what I was gwine to do, Lucinda? I was gwine to keep one eye shet and repeat the Lawd's Pray'r all de time! We'll hev some lemonade an' peanuts an' go back hum."

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A SECRET.

"Say," said Berkey to his wife yesterday at dinner, "you didn't say anything to anyone about what I was telling you right before last, did you? That's a secret."

"A secret?" Why, I didn't know it was a secret," she replied kind of regretfully. "Well, did you tell it? I want to know."

"Why know I never thought of it since. I didn't know it was a secret." *Kentucky State Journal.*

GREGARIOUS BIRDS.

Town Topics: "Landlord, I thought you said there wasn't a single mosquito in the place."

"Yes, sir. Very true, sir." "Why, confound it, they fairly swarm!" "Yes, sir. That's the way they travel in these parts, sir. You never find 'em alone, sir."

THE NEW EDUCATION.

Smith—I hear your daughter is a very bright young lady. Jones—Yes, we congratulate ourselves that she can shine a little. Smith—Been abroad, I suppose? Jones—No educated at home strictly. Smith—O! Bakes bread, does she, and makes sponge cake? Jones—she couldn't oook an egg. Smith—Music, then; painting, and all that sort of a thing? Jones—Wrong again. She spent a year in Chicago, and no one can beat her on keeping a baseball score. Smith—You don't tell me? Well, well. How the rising generation of women is coming to the front.

THE CONVERSATION LAPSSED.

They were sitting on the front veranda, waiting for the old gentleman to come out and intimate that it was getting along toward tomorrow. "George, wasn't that queer about that woman having a man arrested for putting his arm around her?" she remarked during a lapse in the conversation. "I don't know," replied George. "Seems to me she might have been a little milder." Then there was another pause. At length she interrupted it. "George," she said, softly. "Well." "Papa says the policemen on this beat are too worthless for anything. If I was to scream ever so hard I don't believe any of them would hear it." George pondered a little, and soon the conversation was nothing but a continuous lapse. —*Washington Critic*

TESTING HIS LOVE.

"Clarence, dear, do you love me?" said a Hennepin avenue girl in a soft, cooing tone, that sounded like the musical sighing of the wind in the trees. "Of course I do, my ownest own," replied he, reproachfully. "With your whole heart?" she continued, as she wound her alabaster arms around his neck and toyed with the rear of his 25-cent necktie. "With my whole heart and soul, darling." "Well, then, the next time you come to take me riding you bring a double team. I'm not going to have that hatchet-faced Dolly Stiggins, with her red hair, driving off with that freckle-faced bean of hers with a double team while I ride in a single rig."

HER ESPECIAL CHARGE.

Applicant—I have had considerable experience with children, ma'am, and never have any trouble in making them like me. Mistress—That is very important. Applicant—And I am sure I would get on nicely with your little dog, ma'am. Mistress (stroking the animal)—You would have nothing to do with Fido, dear little fellow! He is my especial charge.

MODERN PREFERENCE.

Professor—Next time, ladies, I will bring to your acquaintance one of the great men of the past. Delightful young lady (to her neighbor)—I should prefer to make the acquaintance of one of the young men who haven't passed yet.

IOWA TRUTH.

The editor wrote. "One thousand women in Iowa own and manage farms," and the preverse types made him declare that "One thousand women in Iowa own and manage farmers." And the funny part of this story is that the paragraph printed is as true as the paragraph written.

HE CAUGHT ON.

A little boy at the opera, who noticed the gentlemen looking through their opera glasses at the ballet dancers, said: "Mamma, buy me one of those things, so I can cover up my eyes with it when those women come on the stage."

A novelty in fur felts shows a watered surface, and on some shapes an underneath facing of plush or moleskin marked with tiger stripes or leopard spotted in imitation of the natural hide.

young lives, with their accompanying portion of this world's goods, that served to make it rather peculiar. The groom, in anticipation of the event, had written some time previously to his father, a venerable down-East minister of Mr. Wesley's church, inviting him to come out and perform the ceremony. While as yet his coming was uncertain the parents of the bride entered into negotiations with their home clergyman—a gentleman of the Universalist faith—who readily consented to do the joiner-work, and, as it seems, forthwith considered himself engaged. In the fullness of time the good Methodist brother announced his intention to be on hand, and on hand he was the day before the wedding was to take place. Half an hour later it became unpleasantly apparent that so far as officiating clergymen were concerned here was indeed an embarrassment of riches. The result was that the Methodist brother called upon the Universalist brother, expressed the natural desire of the paternal heart to officiate at the marriage of his own son, and ventured to hint that the latitudinarian brother give way.

Whether it was a question of pride or the prospective fee may never be known, but the Universalist brother not only stood upon his rights, but, by his learned exposition of the Wisconsin Marriage law, made it as plain as the way to a parish church that if a clergyman wishes to join two people in the bonds of matrimony in the Badger State he must be prepared to show by indubitable testimony that he is a regularly-ordained minister of the Gospel. Now, while the good Methodist brother's good wife had packed everything else into her spouse's valise that could by any possibility minister to his comfort, she had forgotten his credentials. They were at home, and here he was in Wisconsin.

A ray of light pierced the gloom, however, when it was subsequently discovered that in the absence of the credentials themselves, a minister may act if he can succeed in persuading the County Clerk by other evidence properly recorded that he is a bona fide, regularly ordained clergyman. The groom and one other, besides the Methodist brother himself, were quite ready to make affidavit to such a state of facts, and after much telegraphing back and forth and a night ride over to the county seat, all legal obstructions were crushed away, peace spread her wings, and the Methodist brother, in the goodness of his heart actually offered to let his late antagonist officiate with him on the basis of an even divide. The offer was accepted, the allotted parts carefully marked and the "cues" agreed upon, and all promised to go off with the regularity of a new \$4 alarm clock.

But it didn't. The Universalist brother, upon whom devolved the preliminary portion of the ceremony, was apparently minded, like Mr. Tennyson's brook, to go on forever. Instead of following the Shakespearean injunction regarding other clowns to "speak no more than is set down for them," he not only went through his own part of the ceremony but made a generous incursion upon the other's. When at last he finally did let go, it puzzled the Methodist brother, as it might well have puzzled any one else, to know what was left outside the benediction. But the follower of Mr. Wesley proved equal to the occasion. With a neatly-worded introduction and a regret at what might seem to be a repetition of some things that had already been said, he calmly and reverently proceeded to marry the young people over again! It is doubtful whether a couple has been so thoroughly married in Wisconsin or elsewhere for many moons.

Nice Little Parisian Story:

A lady in Paris received permission from her husband to attend the Opera Comique with her cousin on the night of the conflagration. The husband was at his club when the fire broke out. He rushed home, but no wife; he rushed to the theatre and wrung his hands, and at 1 o'clock in the morning went home to find his wife sound asleep. "How did you like the opera?" he said. "It was charming; never enjoyed an opera more in my life." The husband retired and will sue for a divorce.

Preparing to Be a Widow.

The Queen of the Netherlands must be a careful soul, but her economics, it seems, savor of bad taste. For instance for her to countermand the orders for several brilliant gowns because of the indisposition of her three-score-and-ten-year-old husband looks as if she expected his prompt demise and did not mean to start widowhood with any attire on her hands that she could not wear for some time. To let the world know that she had staid the making of the dresses was a mistake; it has certainly caused much ill-dignant comment in the Dutch capital.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE.

Omaha man (in Paris)—Do you do not admire American women? Frenchmen—They are rather pretty to look at, but I do not like their roles.

"What is the matter with them?" "Their voices are harsh." "O, well, you probably heard some of them talking to each other about some other women."

THE LATEST FAD.

The latest fad is for people who have large parties at their summer houses to engage the services of some charming woman who has seen better days and is brimful of accomplishments and a good talker to contribute to the entertainment of the guests. Of course it is not made public that she is paid \$100 for spending a week at the Threestars' charming Newport cottage; but, as a young woman who had formed one of these parties said me the other day, "we treat her nicely, and it is perfectly well understood under what conditions she formed one of the household." —*Town Topics.*

ORATORY APPRECIATED.

Louisville Courier-Journal: While Senator Harris was speaking at Cythiana the other day a half-intoxicated Irishman, who had crawled up on the rear of the platform, interrupted him several times with remarks that were not quite intelligible. Finally Mr. Harris turned to the man and said:

"Please don't interrupt me, my friend. I am not much used to public speaking, and if you want to talk I'll have to quit."

"Bless yez!" said the Irishman "it's not after interruptin' ye I am. I'm only appovin' of what ye say. Faith and I didn't know it was in yez to do as well as yer doin'."

The Senator from Madison was knocked out by this speech, but he bowed his thanks to the Hibernian, and joined heartily in the laughter which the latter's response had caused.

YOUNG-MAN-WITH-THE-GALL.

Texas Siftings: Father of fair one—"We close up here at 10 o'clock." Brass-headed beau—"That's a good idea. It keeps fellows out who don't know enough to get inside earlier."

HOW SHE KNEW.

Fair visitor—"Yes, she is lovely. Mrs. De Claire you say her name is?" Omaha dame—"Yes; we all love her ever so much."

"Her husband must be a very intellectual man."

"He is; he is a great scientist. Don't you know him?"

"No; never heard of him."

"Then how do you know he is intellectual?"

"O, his wife is such a charming little fool."

THE POWER OF HIS EYE.

Paris Letter: A story is told of Van Amburg, the great lion-tamer, now dead. On one occasion, while in a barroom, he was asked how he got his wonderful power over animals. He said:

"It is by showing them that I'm not in the least afraid of them, and by keeping my eye steadily on theirs. I'll give you an example of the power of my eye." Pointing to a loutish fellow who was sitting opposite, Van Amburg said: "You see that fellow? He is a regular clown. I'll make him come across the room to me, and I won't say a word to him. Sitting down he fixed his keen steady eye on the man. Presently the fellow straightened himself gradually, got up, and came across to Van Amburg. When he got close enough he drew back his arm and struck the tamer a tremendous blow, knocking him clear over the chair, with the remark: "You'll stare at me like that again, won't you?"

A NARROW ESCAPE.

An ancient looking-darkey, who had been told that the price of admission to the race-ground was only 10 cents, appeared there yesterday in company with his young wife, who was evidently his second. When informed that it would take a \$2 bill to admit, they fell back across the road and looked at each other for a long minute, before he said: "Dat settles us."

"We might pay just once," she pleaded. "It's impossible. Dat's our rent for half a month."

"But it's gwine to be awful excitin', Moses!"

"Mebbe so, but we shan't see de inside of dat air fence."

"Won't you please go in to please me?" she said as she patted him on the back.

"Lucinda, look yere!" as heelheelp faced her. "In de fust place I ain't got but six bits. In de next place

Shoo..... 3 10 @ 10
Milwaukee, August 20.
WHEAT—
No. 1, Hard, Cash..... 68 @ 68%
Duluth, August 20,
WHEAT—
No. 1, Hard, August..... 71%
A large property is to be sold if found.

LOOKING OVER THE DEPARTMENT
About the first thing he discovered was a gold neck chain belonging to his wife taken from his residence in Watertown about ten days since. At the same time a valuable silver service was taken. The colonel expressed a desire to see a

with a faculty that will inspire confidence prices for products.
MITCHELL UNIVERSITY.
The Dakota university, located at Mitchell, will commence this year's work with a faculty that will inspire confidence

The Western land and loan association has applied to the city of Aberdeen for a perpetual franchise to operate a street railway there. If the request is granted the corporation agrees to begin upon the line immediately.

...the long corridors, where dreams, that ... with gladness, while us to forget ... Here in the sleeping ... into the presence, face to face, ... Here stretch our hands ... speak the words we should have spoke before ... friends passed from us into distant lands. —Chambers' Journal.

SKILLED FARM LABORERS.

No idea has done more to repress ... progress than the idea that a ... need not be skilled—that ... strength is the main requisite. ... was never true, and is less so now ... ever before since improved ... has to be handled. But even ... handling such old-fashioned implements as the ax and the hoe efficiency depends as much upon skill as upon muscle. It is by no means the largest ... strongest hired man who will do ... work in a day. And when help ... hired that is entirely unused to our ... methods of farming its inexperience ... greatly detracts from its value. The ... truth is that farming is a trade that has ... been learned if the workers at it would ... be effective. It requires knowledge ... and skill in a far larger number of ... things than most other kinds of business. In fact, it is never fully learned. ... the oldest and most successful farmer ... generally the most ready to learn ... something new about his business, and it ... usually this habit which he has kept up ... through his life that has given him success. That farmer shows only his limited ... idea of his business who thinks that he ... knows so much about it that he cannot ... learn anything more. And, though ... skill in farm help is desirable, it is ... sometimes better in rough work to ... have a green hand willing to do as he ... is told, and to learn, than one self-conceited with the idea that he knows ... everything already. Much depends upon ... employers. Some are themselves ... conceited that few hired men are ... willing to try to learn from them.

CRIBBING.

This is a disagreeable practice with ... bits or horses, which it is almost ... impossible to cure. It is not a disease for ... which medicines can be applied. When ... horse or colt has been stabled it has been ... recommended to turn them out to pasture ... for five or six months. But this ... will not break them of the practice, as ... soon as they are idle in field or stable, ... will come back. Youatt says the ... only remedy is a muzzle, with bars ... across the bottom, sufficiently wide to ... enable the animal to pick up its oats or ... corn, and pull his hay, but not to grasp ... the edge of the manger. If this is worn ... for a considerable period, the horse may ... be tired of attempting that which it ... cannot accomplish, and for a while forget ... the habit, but in a majority of cases ... the desire for cribbing will return with ... the opportunity of gratifying it. There ... is no accounting for the habit. It is ... sometimes caused by imitation, but more ... frequently by idleness and restlessness. ... spirited horses want to be always doing ... something. It is said that is sometimes ... contracted when grooming the colt or ... horse, feeling so good he catches hold ... of the manger with his teeth.

FATTEN THE HOGS.

The following from an Iowa farmer ... applies to Minnesota, Dakota or Wisconsin, ... as well: The hogs of Iowa is healthy now. ... They may not be three months hence ... the new corn is nearly ready to be fed to ... them. It will never be used to more ... profit than when fed to hogs, commencing ... just as it begins to glaze. Then they ... go to profit both ears and stalk. This is ... probably destined to be the red letter ... year for hogs. Let farmers make most ... of it. If it is thought more profitable ... the ears can be gathered and the stalks ... cut and shocked. But feed the hogs. ... one bushel of corn in August and September ... will make as much pork as two ... will in December and January. When ... feeding be sure that they have a plenty ... of pure, cool water and comfortable ... sleeping places. Liberal feeding will ... not in the least bring on the cholera. ... the cholera seed has to be there as ... much to produce cholera as it does seed ... to produce a crop of corn. Keep your ... hogs as much as possible from all other ... dogs, and especially from stray dogs.

METHODS OF FEEDING MEAT.

It is universally conceded among poultry ... raisers in our country that a supply ... of meat is an absolute necessity to laying ... hens, says a writer in the New England ... Farmer, but as to methods of meeting ... this need diversities of opinion are ... numerous. But not to expatiate upon ... the different modes in which meat is fed ... to hens, I will briefly state my opinions ... on the subject, giving the method which ... my experience, has proved itself most ... satisfactory and profitable. In the summer, when hens are given ... their freedom in roaming about they ... will obtain a sufficient quantity of insects, ... worms, etc., to supply their want ... of animal food. But in the winter, as ... they have no such opportunities, the

Patrick Derkin, a well-to-do farmer ... residing near Cascade, Dubuque ... County left a neighbor's house one ... stormy night last February for ... home. That was the last seen of him. Search ... proved unavailing. Within a day or two ... his headless and dismembered body