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A SONG OF LOVE.

Q, love, love, love!
You ever so school a thing!
Sweeter than lilies the dews on eve,
Or the kiss of morn to a girl's lips, thing!
Sweet is life, when living is love.
But love—O, love is sweeter than that!

Q, love, love, love!
You ever so strong a thing!
Stronger than passion or wind or flame,
Or fortune's greatest king;
Strong is death, when death the lover,
But love—O, love conquers death and the grave!

—Emma C. Dowd in Epworth Herald.

THE HORSE'S HOOF.

What It Is Composed of and How to Improve It.

The external part of the foot consists of three parts—the wall, composed of thinner material so closely fitted together that in a healthy foot which has not been spoiled by foolish horseshoeing or the application of oil or leaf ointments the present a smooth and shining and apparently solid appearance; the sole, which is composed of a softer or fleshy material, which falls off of its own accord when it becomes too thick, and the frog, composed of a thinner substance like India rubber, which, like the sole, falls off of its own accord when it has attained a certain thickness from the surrounding membrane. The wall of course bears a greater share of the weight of the horse, especially toward the toe, where it is the thickest, but the sole and frog are also designed by nature to bear a portion, and in his wild state they are undoubtedly not on the ground. The frog also is of great service, as we have already seen, in diminishing concussion, assuring the powerful flexor tendon in flexing the foot and in preventing slipping.

The wall is firmly attached to the pedal bone by between 600 and 700 horny leaves on its surface, which interlock with a like number of flesh-like leaves, formed by the sensitive covering the bone, being raised in a hundred of pails. Hall further, to strengthen this attachment and to enable the wall to bear the great strain that is upon it, is at its posterior part bent sharply around under the wings of the pedal bone, where it is still provided with laminæ or leaves. It is these that what are called the bars of the hoof are formed. A theory is entertained by some that on account of this interlocking of the bars and the pedal bone, what is called the expansion of the heel is impossible; but any one who has seen a shoe that has been on some time removed will have noticed that the heel has considerable lateral elasticity, as the shoe is glazed at that part, and sometimes even wrought into a groove.

In regard to the material of the hoof, the opinion seems to be generally accepted that black or blue hoofs are composed of tougher horn than white ones, and as the fibers of the wall become softer as they are deeper, it is supposed fully to allow the farrier to rasp and polish the outside of the hoof. All he has to do after the nails are driven is to turn down the points of the nails on the face of the wall. Soil and climate have a good deal to do with the size of the foot. A dry, sandy soil has a tendency to grow feet less circular in form and therefore more concave in the sole than softer clay land, and it is of importance to keep the foot rather soft and flexible than hard and brittle. Where there is a choice of horses in the latter state it is a good plan to stuff the feet, and there is no more effective material for this purpose than cow dung mixed with clay.

A foot defective in substance or form produces the best looking horse of little value for work in the cities. Therefore use a stallion that, whatever his other defects, is right at the ground. If your mares are defective there, by the use of such a horse you may escape that defect in the produce. If you are laying in new mares, have them right at the ground, short in the leg, clean and flat in the bone, sound in joints, deep in rib, long below and short above, and finally bred from a kind of which you know something that is good.

In connection with this it may be stated that the Farrier's company of England give diplomas to working blacksmiths who have attained sufficient proficiency in their business. But Mr. Lupton, of Richmond, England, contends for an advance on that and says that every shoeing smith should learn the anatomy of the horse's foot, and that the knowledge so acquired would be of great value to the police and likely to bring a correspondingly greater return to the smith who owns it.

The Best Sheep to Raise.

If the butchers will pay as much per pound for Hampshire mutton and lamb as for Southdown, we think Hampshires will be the more profitable sheep for a farmer to raise. In the London market Southdown mutton commands a higher price than any other, except the small Welsh mutton. But in the manufacturing districts there is not much difference in the price, and the larger sheep, like the Shropshire, are more popular with the farmers. The real question for us to consider is which breed will best improve our common sheep. In other words, are Southdown grades or Shropshire grades the most profitable for the farmer to keep? Some of our experiment stations should take hold of this question.—Exchange.

Gestation.

The duration of gestation or time the offspring of various animals is carried varies widely. The average duration in the mare is 345 days; cow, nine months; sheep, five months; sow, four months; bitch, two months; cat, 60 days. It is the shortest in the rabbit, requiring only twenty-eight days, and longest in the elephant, covering a period of two years. The male offspring is usually carried longer than the female. The young foals go a longer time than other sires, and will bred females longer than those of enemies.—Epigraphic Breeds.—Field and Farm.

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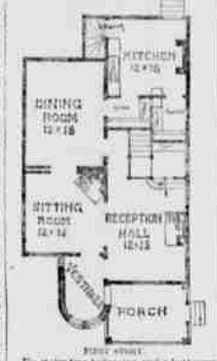
It was only a short time ago that every one thought he must have a house with a reception hall. The reception hall then was overwhelmed. It was worked until it was not a reception hall, but it was simply a large room with a stairway in it, a hatrack and some bric-a-brac—but certainly not the place to receive any one.

Only one thing is necessary to convert such a hall into a very desirable and very satisfactory reception room—a door. The door which goes with this shows how this may be done. The vestibule is built out to one side of the reception hall and

FIRST STORY.

partially in front of the sitting room, the door is placed between the two rooms with a clock over it in the door. There is the vestibule door which can shut more and more of the room, alongside of it a portière, and with the door open to the reception hall. The accompanying floor plans show the arrangement of the rooms and how it is a more room to the sitting room and reception hall.

The use to which the vestibule is put is, of course, the closing room in this plan, and then there is a certain amount of independence in the sitting room which is between sitting room the parlor and the reception hall the sitting room. This is altogether a matter of disposition, probably not one of taste. One may prefer either of these rooms into the dining room without passing into any other, and consequently there is no very good reason for disposing of this one way or another.

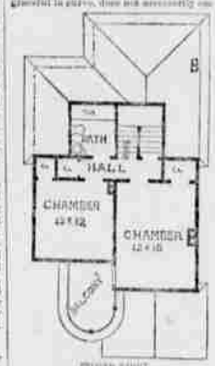


FIRST STORY.

Up stairs two bedrooms and a bathroom only are shown. This added the parlor for conclusions of the people for whom this house was built, but altogether it is not enough for the ordinary household.

The kitchen, pantry, china room, sinks, refrigerator, range space and all that are clearly shown in the plan.

The outside indicates an attempt to get something which is picturesque, interesting and which altogether attractive at a small expenditure of money. Of course, no one ever builds a house with the thought that it is certain to be ugly; every one wants a house to be pretty. Nevertheless the fact remains that most houses are ugly. But it is entirely fair to make the general statement that those in evidence for an ugly house. Good proportion goes a long way, but proportion, ugly details not quite so much as attractive details. A good building of a floor, one carefully designed, one graceful in curve, does not necessarily cost



SECOND STORY.

more nor more labor than one that is crude, coarse and vulgar. So that if we take all of the models of a house cost as time we have say that we strive to obtain good cost and now that so ugly one.

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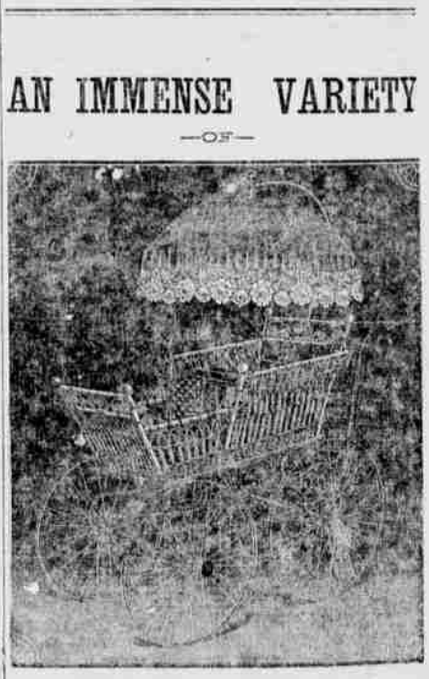

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