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Ready for Business.

To be diligent in business is commendable, but surely one may err on the side of too great diligence by being ready for a trade at an unsuitable time. A map peddler in pursuance of his vocation chanced to stop at a hotel in a Long Island village. A friend whom he had known elsewhere seeing him at the hotel invited him to a party which he was to give the same evening.

The map peddler came, and when received by his host at the door was found with three maps in his hands.

"How do do?" he said. "Got any nails? I thought as there was to be a good many folks here tonight I'd hang up some of my maps here and let 'em look at 'em. Good chance for business. Maybe some of 'em would like to buy 'em, and I could explain 'em just as well as not."

His host endeavored to persuade him that it would not be a suitable place to urge his business, much to the man's surprise.

"Now, you don't understand," urged the peddler. "I would amuse and interest 'em; they'd be pleased, and besides that, bein visitors, they'd feel sort of 'bliged to buy."

But he was then spoken to so plainly that he was forced to abandon—greatly to his surprise as well as his regret—his project of mixing business with entertainment.—Youth's Companion.

The Sound of Bells.

Bells have always been regarded by the ignorant and superstitious as invested with miraculous powers, and even educated people are often extremely sensitive to their ringing. Although their deep sonorous peals, arousing imaginative effects formerly attributed to them, are no longer believed, there is a certain awe in the solemn peal of the tolling bell. A chime of sweet bells has a weirdly soothing power, and the joyful ringing of a troop of bells makes all who hear it jubilant.

One of the popular beliefs of early days was that bells drove away evil spirits, calmed the sea as far as they could be heard, and if rung during a thunderstorm saved the country from disaster. Strange tales have been told of bells that were rung by unseen hands, which circumstance was always followed by some public calamity.

The subject of bells has always been a most fascinating one. Poets have discoursed upon them in lyric rhymes. Our own Longfellow wrote no less than nine poems on bells, the most famous being his "Bells of Lynn."—Detroit Free Press.

The Smooth Man of Flora.

"There are many ways of turning a penny," soliloquized J. R. Morton. "Some time back a smoothspoken fellow turned up in Flora, Ills. He went to the bank and had an audience with the president and cashier. He had a little story all ready, and it wore the garb of plausibility. Several banks had been robbed recently, and the youngster pretended to possess the confidence of the gang that was doing the deviltry. The next descent, he said, would be made on the Flora bank.

"He, the good young man, would notify the officers of the exact time of the intended raid in order that the robbers might be appropriately rounded up. He was sent to Decatur, the alleged rendevous of the robbers, and there lived in royal style, while the bank officers sat up nights to guard the treasure, and waited in vain for the note of warning. It did not come, and when the good young man had worked the game for all it was worth he folded his tent like the Arabs and made a sneak for green fields and pastures new."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How One Fact Was Discovered.

In the early part of this century an English button maker became famous for the steel waistcoat buttons which he used to manufacture with lines cut upon them for ornament. He gradually put the lines nearer and nearer together, and observed that as he increased the number of lines the buttons became more and more iridescent. He explained his discovery to a scientist who began experimenting upon ruled plates of steel. The result was the wonderful "diffraction grating" which is now used in place of the glass prism upon all great telescopes to break the ordinary ray of light into its primary colors.—Youth's Companion.

Suicide Among Germans.

Self destruction, when considered with regard to race, is found to be a distinctly Teutonic habit, and what makes the German figures so a whole more striking still is the fact that Hebrews, who form so large an element of the German population, seldom or never resort to it. It is your German born and bred who cannot be prevented from laying violent hands upon himself. To the German emperor, therefore, we commend the subject; but it is one which has more or less interest to every civilized community. Dr. Richardson tells us that the rate for the whole world is a good deal higher than most people are probably aware. Of every 1,000 human beings who die five die by their own hand. There is a suicide, as we gather from Dr. Richardson's figures, about every three minutes.—

"AN ATTRACTIVE RESIDENCE."

A Well Arranged House in the Style of Modern American Architecture.

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The style of architecture should be adapted to an American landscape, and some of the neat and attractive composites scattered here and there through our states are preferable for this purpose to any foreign importations. The style should also depend much on the location. There are two methods of making a building beautiful—by the follow and most subtle development of construction requirements, and by the application of forms which accentuate

RIGHT ELEVATION.

ate the organic qualities of the work. The first necessity is stability, which means that all lines should be horizontal or perpendicular, and that the horizon must not be incapable of supporting the top. Home means rest, quiet and simplicity. So that a house must be large and simple in every part, but simplicity must be the keynote. Certain parts, both inside and out, can of course be elaborately treated, but it must seem natural, and not an isolated piece of work, and the reason for the elaboration must be apparent. It must, too, be borne in mind that elaboration to be effectual must be simple, as any rule to its main lines.

I am not saying anything about the convenient arrangement of the house. It goes without saying that a house must be convenient, but mere convenience is not alone sufficient. The arrangement of the kitchen is the point of most importance to every housewife. There is no denying the fact that a majority of the home owners are, to put it in a mild term, negligent and careless as to the convenient arrangement of the kitchen and other back end parts of the house. The obtaining of water for domestic purposes is a source of great trouble and labor to many housewives. The well pump is located out of doors and often some distance from the house, but the water must be had regardless of the inclemency of the weather, and when the pump is out of order and the well deep it entails considerable labor to obtain the required daily supply, and when rain pots and old barrels are deployed upon to catch a supply of soft water from dripping eaves the climax is reached.

LEFT ELEVATION.

Painting the kitchen walls will be found more economical than papering; use some warm tint—do not use white or blue—and if varnished every four or five months you can wash and clean them quite as easily and readily as you do the woodwork.

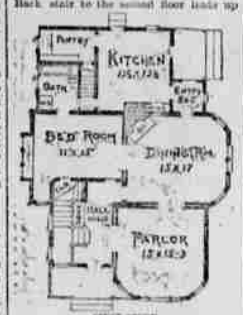
A door should open from the kitchen into the cellarway and the stairs should be lighted by a convenient window. You should not be obliged to leave the door ajar at each trip to and from the cellar, as too many are obliged to do or grope their way in the dark.

The plan here offered is that of a well arranged and neatly designed frame house in the attractive style of modern American architecture.

It has four principal rooms on each floor, besides halls, bathroom, pantry and numerous closets.

The convenience of the interior is apparent on examination of the floor plans. Entering from the front through a state hall of goodly size, connected with the parlor, 12x13-3, the dining room, 13x17, and a bedroom, 11x14. The hall, parlor and dining room are connected by wide sliding doors.

The kitchen and dining room are connected by an entry, 5x8, and by a state panel in wall of china closet. The kitchen might be considerably enlarged by removing the porch and removing the interior wall. Then an entrance could be furnished from a porch placed in the angle of present dining room and entry. The bathroom is well fitted with tub, bowl and closet. Back stair to the second floor leads up



FIRST STORY.

from the kitchen and bathroom. The stairway leads down to cellar under this and from the pantry. In the bedroom is a projecting bracket window, with three drawers under sized.

The chambers on the second floor are earn provided with closet room. A stairway to the attic leads up from the chamber on the left. Balconies open from this chamber and the front hall.

The materials used in construction were of the best throughout. The walls are sheathed, papered and sided on the outside, and plastered three coats on the inside. The house is heated by furnace, and was erected and completed at Carthage, Ills., for $2,800, including the foundation.

R. A. PAYNE.

Slaughter of Small Bass.

Mr. W. L. Powell, treasurer of the Pennsylvania fish commission, sends an account of the depletion of Maidos creek by fishermen, who catch bushels of yearling black bass with small hooks. A veteran angler fished this stream recently with a fly rod, and in the course of a day took sixty bass ranging from 4½ to 8 inches in length. All of them were lip hooked and were liberated alive. The creek was full of yearling bass during July, and newspaper accounts mentioned their capture by the bushel by means of hooks so small as to be readily swallowed by the fish. The absence of big bass even in moderate numbers is notorious, but in the light of this information it is readily explained.—Forest and Stream.

Live Stock Prices.

Almost as great a show as a circus was the advent in New York city of 3,000 unbroken horses from a Montana ranch. They were taken to the big city to be sold, and attracted crowds at the yards where they were corraled in the upper part of the city. It is safe to say that few of the thousands of visitors had ever seen untamed western horses before. To the small boy they were a godsend. They were mostly of the mustang size and build, though there was some Cayuse blood intermixed. Those of mustang kind sold for from twenty to forty dollars apiece. It was fun indeed to see the new owners lassoing off by a rope around his neck a wild horse just purchased. It was more fun yet when they began the breaking in operation. Sometimes a genuine cowboy such as New Yorkers had never seen outside of a Buffalo Bill show went along and gave the new owner the first lesson in handling his purchase. To see a fat new fourth German grocery driving to send and put a wild mustang and horse-like into harness was a sight never to be forgotten.

In making calculations ahead for the live stock feed crop of next year, do not forget to provide for rape for pasture.

In the large cities of the eastern markets the latter part of this summer sound horses five to eight years old, well broken and in good condition, have brought prices as follows: Heavy draffers, weighing 1,600 to 1,700 pounds, $150 to $200; express horses, $150 to $225; "chunks and streaks," weighing 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $90 to $125. Good drivers always sell well at prices higher than those quoted. Poor horses—well, nobody wants poor horses at any price if he can get anything else.

On frosty mornings remember to keep your stock off rape pasture till the sun dries it, so as to avoid bloat. When the cattle and sheep are very hungry keep them off the rape till they have had a bite of something else. Eating too greedily of rape is injurious. Let them have all the salt they want on rape pasture, but they need no grain.

Range horses wholly unbroken sell better in the markets than those half broken.

Many people allow the chickens to pick up their living off manure heaps, and then wonder how it is the birds get gapes, chicken cholera and consumption.

Small flocks and herds usually do better than very large ones.

An Electric Railway in Brussels.

An electric railway is proposed between Antwerp and Brussels, and a document for a concession to construct the line is now before the Belgian government. The average time occupied in making the journey by rail at present is one hour, and it is expected this could be reduced by the installation of an electric system to twenty-five minutes.—Exchange.

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