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them by name, he ran behind Flynn's saloon, dropped lightly down an overhanging bank, and then scurried through the burning bushes, his feet finding by instinct a trail that led to the swimming-hole, to the massive ledge of rock that leaned far over it.

And now Stelton was absolutely empty, absolutely deserted. The red flames from the forest were hurtling nearer and nearer. On the other side of the creek the burning brush was creeping steadily up. The hotel was a fiery mass. The blacksmith shop was burning. Jerry Flynn's saloon was a smoking ruin. The grinning lions and tigers had shriveled into black and charred scraps. A breath of wind from the sea divided the veil of smoke. The western sun shone for a moment full on the smiling gauze-gowned women. Half through the tissue rings they kissed their fingers once more, and a greedy tongue of flame lapped them from the fence, that burned up fiercely for a few moments, then fell in a smouldering ridge of ashes.

The clown had laughed his last joke; the last 'daring flight' had been run. The audience, tired but blissful, was pouring out through the curtained doorways. The sun had set. The waves were breaking softly, caressingly on the yellow sand.

A long red line stretched across the sky from the hills to the sea horizon. From the canon rose a long black column of smoke.

'Another forest fire!' It was carelessly said by a dweller in the town.

'Stelton! The canon!' It was screamed by a woman, a dweller in the hills.

Instantly there was mad confusion. Most of the people there had come from the hills, lured by the circus that had penetrated to their depths. Horses were seized by any one who could untie them, and the mad race toward the hills began. For the oxteams and the wood-teams there was no hope. But the buggies, the carts, even the lumbering old stage, started back, passing, repassing one and another as the strength of the horses or the craftiness of the drivers permitted.

Jerry Flynn, standing by his high-stepping black mare, caressed her shining neck and spoke to his wife, who had climbed hurriedly into the cart.

'I don't see's there's any use in our gettin' into that gang, old girl. If it's Stelton that's burnin', why, we can't stop it now. An' if it ain't Stelton, why, there ain't no use in wearin' Bess out in that kind of a race.'

As he finished speaking, his eyes fell on the corner of the field where some of the heavier teams had been put, and he saw little Mrs. Alvarado clinging to her husband while their slow, big-eyed oxen looked at them complacently.

'My God! Kid! Herrera's baby's left alone in Stelton and they've only the oxen to take them back!' Jerry Flynn's voice was husky.

In half a moment Kittie Flynn was on the ground, in a whole moment Mrs. Alvarado was in the buggy with Jerry Flynn, and the big black mare was entered for the race up the hills. She seemed to fly over the ground. She passed everything on the road. She was followed by curses from men who were hurryidg to save the property they had neglected. But the curses grew softer when the woman's white face was seen in dim twilight.

'It's not his bar Jerry's tryin' to save,' one screamed to another; 'it's Herrera's baby he's after.'

Once the buggy was flung half over the cliff when Flynn urged the mare past a slow wagon. Mrs. Alvarado gasped with terror.

'Don't be frightened, girl,' he cried. 'Bess'd pull us out o' hell if we'd fell in accidental. An don't be frightened 'bout the kid,' he added more softly. 'We'll find it all safe, sure.'

They reached the outskirts of the brush fire. They drove down the road that was a foot deep in ashes and burned cinders. They came within sight of Stelton; the town lay flat and level, a smoldering hummock here and there showing where a cabin had stood, a tall brick chimney indicating the site of the hotel. The fire had swept on across the upper canon and had died out with the oncoming night.

Overhead the moon swung drowsily in the smoke-filled air.

Flynn, with Mrs. Alvarado cowering by his side, was the first to reach the town. Past the ruins of his own place he went without stopping, past the chimney, down the whole length of the road to the little heap of ashes that had been Mrs. Alvarado's home.

And there, asleep in the moonlight, was Rigo, lying, as usual, flat on the [illegible]

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Save Poultry Droppings.

In fixing up poultry houses for winter the installation of dropping boards is often overlooked, when, if attended to, they would not only add to the farmer's profits, but serve to keep the house in a much more sanitary condition. Dropping boards are inexpensive and if properly arranged can be easily cleaned. All of the droppings should be saved, as they are worth $1 a barrel. Experienced poultry raisers need not be told that their chickens houses should be thoroughly renovated and it is only for the benefit of others that the old warning is repeated. November is practically the last month in which this work can be done, because cold weather is almost certain to come in most sections of the country before Thanksgiving. Poultry must be warmly housed from the beginning of winter until spring if good results are to be attained, and this can only be accomplished by putting in some good hard work.

The Useful Yawn.

The act of yawning is distinctly beneficial in two ways. In the first place it serves the purpose of lung ventilation. The lungs are not filled or exhausted by ordinary respiration. There is a certain quantity of all which physiologists call "residual air" left in the recesses of the lungs after the ordinary respiration. This in time becomes vitiated and effects the blood and through it the nervous centers.

The result is a yawn, which is really a stretching of the respiratory chamber to its fullest capacity and the filling of it with freshly inspired air which drives the vitiated air out. Yawning is also beneficial in so far as it opens, stretches and ventilates the vocal, nasal and auditory chambers in connection with the mouth.

The cracking sound often heard when yawning is due to the stretching and opening of the eustachian tubes from a communication between the middle ear and the back of the throat The deafness which often accompanies a cold is due to the congestion of these tubes.—London Hospital.

Mince Meat.

One pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of moist sugar, one pound of pared apples, half a pound of chopped suet, two ounces of candied orange peel, two of citron, one of lemon, half an ounce of bitter almonds, blanched, one nutmeg, [illegible]

IRISH WIT AND HUMOR.

A raw recruit in the army was given an unbroken pony to ride. After a lively siege of bucking, one of the horse's legs became entangled in the stirrup, causing Mike to remark: 'Faith, if you are thinking of getting up here, 'tis time for me to be getting down.'

An Irishman, who was a guest in a village hotel, was made the butt of some practical jokers who blackened his face while he was asleep. In the morning, when pat was called, he happened to look in the mirror, and, stopping in amazement, said: 'Bedad, that's a good joke on the bellboy; he's called the wrong man.'

A story is told of a prominent clergyman in Ireland who was ashamed of his brogue. Learning that he was a little touchy on the subject, members of his congregation were inclined to poke fun at him about it. One day while speaking to one of the leading parishioners, the parson complained of the injustice done him and asked if, honestly, there was a single trace of brogue to be found in his speech. 'Well,' the friend replied, 'if you are determined to make a denial that you have a brogue I should advise you to do so in writing.'

A valued laborer in the employ of a successful contractor had the one bad habit of coming late every morning to his work. When reproached for his tardiness, the honest fellow said he was perfectly willing to come earlier, but that he just couldn't wake up in time. When the suggestion was made that he buy an alarm clock his face lighted up with pleasure, and he agreed to make the purchase at once and not be tardy thereafter. All went well for a few days, and then Pat was late again. The second-hand clock he had bought at a pawnshop had balked on him. Prompted by curiosity, the Irishman proceeded to take the timepiece apart, and when a defunct cockroach was found curled up in the works Pat exclaimed triumphantly: 'Bedad, no wonder she wouldn't work; the engineer's dead.'

This yarn has been told by many professional story tellers and is always appreciated. It goes like this: Two young fellows who went to war together agreed that whichever was wounded first should be carried to the doctor by the other. While a battle was in progress one of them fell, crying that a bullet had struck him in the thigh and requesting his friend to carry him to the hospital. Pat accordingly shouldered his comrade and started for the rear. On the way a piece of shell cut the wounded man's head off clean at the shoulders. Some one met Pat with his grewsome burden and asked him where he was going with the headless man. Pat looked around in horror and disguest, then exclaimed: 'What a thundering liar that fellow was; he told me he was shot in the leg.'

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Hens that acquire the habit of laying soft shell eggs should be watched very carefully in order to break them of it. There are two causes for soft eggs. One is the feeding of too much stimulating food; the other not enough shell-forming material being furnished. Too much spiced food and meat is generally found to be the chief cause and if that is cut out the evil can generally be overcome. If the hens have been overfed, they will show it by the lack of eagerness with which they eat new food. After you are satisfied that they have been fed too much, reduce the supply and [illegible]

Winter Eggs Profitable.

Everyone knows that there is a greater profit in eggs during the winter than in the summer, so the poultry raiser who does not cater to that class of trade is bound to lose money. To sell winter eggs, one must know how to produce them. To begin with, pullets must be transferred to their winter quarters before cold weather sets in, as the process of transferring retards egg production. The best winter layers are the early-hatched pullets. The breed makes very little difference. After they have been comfortably housed they should be fed a liberal allowance of vegetable and animal foods, such as oyster shells and grit, in addition to the grain and mashes. The pullets are heavier layers during their first year than hens and for that reason should be depended on for the bulk of the winter egg supply. By breeding from the best layers, the average production can be increased every year. The laying ability of each pullet should be noted during the first winter. This can be done either by trap-nests or by observation of each pullet on the nest. By constantly breeding from the heaviest egg-producers, the average yield of the females will not only be increased, but it will establish a heavy laying strain in any variety.

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To one quart of cranberries that have been picked over and washed, add two cupfuls of sugar and one of water, cover and stew until tender, then strain through a sieve, return the pulp to the saucepan and boil for ten minutes. Fill the molds with cold water and when they have become thoroughly chilled, throw out the water, fill with the cranberries and set in a cool place until firm.

Bread Dressing.

Chop finely one-quarter of a pound of suet; mix with it double the quantity of bread crumbs, a large spoonful of chopped parsley, a teaspoonful of thyme and marjoram mixed, one-eighth of a nutmeg, grated lemon peel, salt and pepper, and two eggs. A teaspoonful of finely shredded shallot or onion may be added if desired. This dressing is a good stuffing for any kind of fowl.

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These are the days that girls are crowding No. 6 feet into No. 3 ballroom slippers.

Most girls are also deciding these days what they don't want for Christmas presents.

It is easy enough for a woman to look pleasant if she has anything to look pleasant about.

The favorite girl of the family is the one who can get the most money out of the rich uncle.

No Thanksgiving dinner will be a complete success unless Nora, the hired girl, breaks a few dishes.

Some girls think that the principal purpose of a [illegible] is to prove how [illegible] they are.

It sometimes takes a woman a long time to discover that a cheap [illegible] the dearest thing on earth.

An extensive [illegible] men would [illegible] the prices of [illegible]

It is hard to tell which is the more sensitive—the girl who is getting too thin, or the girl who is getting too fat.

The old-fashioned woman has her inning when she exhibits her preserves and needle-work at the county fair.

What's the use of women taking any interest in the Cuban troubles when that country furnishes us nothing but tobacco.

The appearance of the frost on the pumpkin means the disappearance of the peek-a-boo waist—and the discussion of it.

The girl who says that she's too [illegible] knows that she isn't and she knows that everybody else knows she isn't.

Since the government has begun an investigation of divorces it is noticed that they are fewer in number. Publicity's the thing!

The extent of a woman's sympathy for a newly-made widow largely depends upon the [illegible] mourning costume.

The smartest girls are those who can convince their admirers of the opposite sex that they [illegible] awful [illegible]

The training of the boys is gradually intrusted to women because people doesn't want them to become prize-fighters or politicians.

If it will abolish smoking compartments on the trains women will support Mr. Bryan's government-ownership-of-railroads plan.

The old-fashioned [illegible] crocheted trimmings for [illegible] has gone with the old-fashioned girl who liked to cook the family meals.

It's the strangest thing in the world to some women that the men who never talks while at home [illegible] to the [illegible]

'Coming-out' parties for the girls are generally intended as public announcements that they are willing to go into retirement in a 'cottage built for two.'

It is suspicioned that President Roosevelt's endorsement of the new style of spelling was intended primarily to help girl stenographers who can't spell.

'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all,' must have been written for the consolation of bachelors who lost out in their love affairs.

Some men find the best get-rich-quick scheme to be marrying a wealthy widow.

You never know whether the girl who uses sarcasm is trying to hurt your feelings or her own.

Summer "house parties" are so called because the house is about the only thing that stays on the place.

One of Fashion's decrees is that large hats may be worn this year—that is, if you've got a large head.

Some men can never turn the key of success because they can't get a woman to find the lock for them.

Some girls visit the peach orchard just to see if there is anything there that matches their complexion.

The waist that opens in the back gives the wearer of it a chance to worry her whether it is open or not.

Woman doesn't object to charity beginning at home, but she does object to it beginning and ending with her dress allowance.

Another of the wondrous works of nature is shown in the fact that women's hands are made small enough to get into their husbands pockets.

That [illegible]