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As They All Do. "Of course, the bride's father gave

her away, but didn't any one give away Sciatic the groom?" "Oh, the groom gave himself away. Asked her at the very first dinner at the hotel if she took cream and sugar in her coffee."--Indianapolis Journal.

Candor. "I suppose," said the campaign work-

er, "that you are going to vote the straight ticket?" "No," said the unswerving partisan, "I'm going to keep on voting the same old ticket; I don't care how crooked it

gets."-Washington Star. Some Chinese and Japanese can still draw pictures with their finger nails, an art once held in high esteem. The nails are allowed to grow to a length of eighteen inches and dipped in ver-

uillien or sky-blue ink. The cheapest price for a miserable room in the slums of Paris is 40 cents a week.

WANTED-A PIED PIPER.

San Jose Is Overrun with Huge Rats, Which Defy Extermination. Any one capable of emulating the rat-hypnotizing feat of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, would be a welcome guest, just now, to the municipality of San Jose, the capital city of the Island of Costa Rica. The countless hordes of destructive rodents which infest the town are rapidly assuming the character of a plague that almost threatens to drive the people from their homes. Rat atchers, who know their business thoroughly, would find a veritable Klondike in that pest ridden city, as the municioal authorities, finding themselves unable to abate the evil by ordinary methods, are paying 10 cents for every rat

The houses in San Jose are built entirely on the surface, there being no cellars, and the ground beneath is literally honeycombed with the burrowing places of these rats. Some idea of their number may be obtained from the fact that, within two weeks after the bounty of 10 cents was offered, the city treasurer paid out over \$1,400, showing that at least 14,000 rodents had per-Ished during that period-and without any appreciable diminution of the nuisances. In all cases there has to be a corpus delicti produced before any money is paid, as this bounty scheme has proved a serious drain on the treasary of a city that has only 20,000 inhabitants.

The rat which has caused all this trouble is not a species native to the for himself.—American Cultivator. island, but is an imported article, that arrived several years ago as a stowaway. The rats are big, gray fellows, averaging a couple of pounds each in weight, and as their number increased, gradually wiped out of existence the native rodent, a small, brown rat of conservative temperament, which the San Jose house cats had been able to keep within bounds. But in a short time the cats themselves were put to flight by the newcomers, after a series of pitched battles for the supremacy. The shopkeepers and other residents

of the city then found themselves at the mercy of these big rats, which fairly overran the town, eating their way through everything except stone or metal. It proved almost impossible to keep anything in the way of provisions out of their reach. Food could only be preserved in wire cages, and these ocasionally proved ineffective. Clothing, too, was rendered worthless by the sharp teeth of the hungry destroyers, and many shopkcepers suffered severe losses to their stock. The very foundations of the houses are undermined by these pests, so that many of them have been rendered unsafe. This has been particularly the case in the poorer quarters, where the lower classes live in

adobe huts. The rapidly increasing number of se rats has made it difficult for them to obtain sufficient food, with the result that hunger is making them bolder and carefully watched, or they will be carried off. There are also well-attested nstances where infants and other small children have had bits of flesh nipped from their limbs while asleep in bed,

Some Slipshod English. Carlessness in grammar and rhetthe ineducated

The use of the verb in the plural num-"Neither of the girls are going." "Neither of them were really gay." ers: "We had a real nice time." "Oh,

that's a real good book." To say "the mother insisted on May going," instead of "May's going," is as far from right as to say, "they depend on him going." Yet some of our best writers are guilty of this omission of the possessive case.

"Funny," in the sense of singular or peculiar, is a word that is often heard in connection with very serious matters: "It is funny that no notice was given of the funeral." "It is funny that none of them wore crape."-Harper's

This is an age of progress and the hurch cannot afford to stagnate. The clergyman of to-day takes advantage of modern improvements. He pays pastoral calls on a bicycle; he lights his church by electricity and he is experimenting with the plan of giving his sermons a wider circulation by transmitting them to his parishioners by telephone. The newspaper is by far the most effective aid he can employ. It is the ultimate manifestation of modern progress and energy. The church cannot do without it.

It would keep a half-dozen harvesting machines busy gathering in the er, of wild oats sown by some young

That Everlasting Irritating Itch. That describes Tetter, Eezema and other skin tiseases. 50 cents will cure them—step the itch at once. 50 cents pays for a box of Tetterine at huz stores or postpaid for 50 cents in stamps rom J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

A German professor reports that he has found living bacteria in wine which had been bottled twenty-five years.

Oh, What Splendid Coffee, Mr. Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry costing 15c I grew 200 lbs. of better A package of this coffee and big seed and plant catalogue is sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon-receipt of 15 cents stamps and this notice.

Berlin is to have a combination electric street railway, part of the system being run on the American elevated method.

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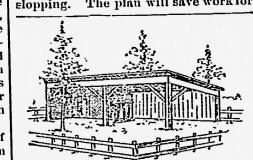
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Protecting Trees From Mice. Young orchards frequently suffer greatly during the winter from the deprodutions of rabbits and mice. Numerous remedies have been recommended, even the use of wire netting bound about the lower part of the trees, but this is not only expensive, but fails to keep out the mice. As animals are not apt to gnaw a tree covered with any substance having an offensive taste or odor, axle grease will be found a remedy at once cheap and efficacious. Apply thickly from the surface of the ground a foot up the trunk of the tree, and you will have little or no trouble with mice or rabbits; one application now will be effective until carly spring .-- Atlanta

Journal. Economy in Hog Killing. As this is the season when hog killing is most common, it is worth while to remind those who have but one or two or even three hogs to kill that it is far cheaper to take these where a larger number are to be slaughtered and where there are all the conveniences, than to kill the hogs at home. Heating the water and getting ready generally takes a good deal of time. When this is done the work of killing and dressing requires comparatively little. It is far better for farmers to co-operate in this work than in any other we know. Each farmer who has only a few hogs to kill can have this job done for him much cheaper, as well as more easily, than he can do it

A Pasture Cow Shed or Stable. On many farms the pasture is a long way from the house and barn. On others it is often desired to pasture cows on another farm a mile or so away, owned, it may be, by the same In either event, the cows must be driven a long way twice a day, to the loss of milk and cream. A better plan is to build a cow shed, with yard attached, in the pasture. Here the cows can be milked, and the milk brought home instead of the cows! The shed may have a box stall built in it for a cow that has a calf while at pasture, and also a couple of stauchious where nervous cows can be confined while milking. The roof and two sides afford protection from rains, either by night or by day when at pasture. One can ride to and from a listant pasture, carrying the milk in oig milkmen's cans, to keep it from slopping. The plan will save work for



PASTURE COW SHELTER.

fiercer day by day. Young chickens the farmer and will increase the profit and other small live stock have to be from the cows.—American Agricul-

The Ice House. The number of farms on which ice houses are to be found and the ice crop is regularly harvested, is increasing, as the farmers become better acquainted with the advantages of hot weather, and the fact that it can the sunlight, as it will sometimes burn is silicate soda. The glass is perfectly oric is not by an means confined to be stored and kept very economically. Last fall we indicated how a cheap "I will try and do you no harm," says | ice house could be made by digging one of the leading characters in "Mar- in the face of a bank, or even on level cella." And again, "You will try and ground, where the subsoil is suffimake him alter his mind." "I will go ciently porous to absorb the water reand see her soon," is another example sulting from the melting of the ice. of making "and" take the place of This plan will not work, however, un-

less the ground is uncommonly porous. In one case where we saw it ber after "neither" is a frequent error: tried, a pump had to be put in to remove the water. A better way is to, if possible, locate the house where it The adjective "real" is often made to can be drained, if necessary. The do duty as an adverb by careless speak- "house" to which we refer, was dug several feet deep, posts were set above and the walls run about four feet above the surface, when a roof of cheap lumber was put on. The thicker the ice the better it will keep, other things being equal, because there will be fewer interstices in the mass. Solidity should be aimed at in packing, the spaces between the blocks being filled with broken ice or snow. Around and over the body of ice at least two feet of sawdust, or somewhat more of chaffy straw, should be used. In cutting ice it pays to measure carefully, as the ice packs much better when the blocks are square and uniform in size. It is well, also, to

> pure ice from foul water.-The Epi-Prevention of Chicken and Hog Cholera. I have a theory about the cholera, both chicken and hog. I shall not discared it, because I observed in the newspaper this morning that a professor in an agricultural college holds one like unto it. My theory is that

remember that men do not gather

cholera is simply a corn and dirt dis-Every one knows that chickens may be too fat to be healthy; I believe the same thing is true about hogs. Hogs need fresh air, pure water, and exereise as much as any animal. Unfortunately the very portly do not crave exercise; they need it, they wax fatter and perish for the lack of it, but they slothfully dread it. Surely there is a touch of tragedy in the lot of the pig. 'Tis a beast that of its

own notion would live cleanly. No beast loves better to bathe. See the poor creatures making desperately for any muddy pool. They bathe in muddy water just as the people of St. Louis bathe in it, arguing that muddy water is better than no water at all! Yet his naturally clean brute is driven to dwell in a filthy pen or a cramped field, and compelled by the hunger that pursues him to feed on food so unclean that it has an opprobrious name of its own. Does any sensible person suppose that he likes it? I

cannot wonder that he dies easily under such circumstances. True, cholera does attack the wild hog, but it is commonly during the dry season when the pools are not so accessible; and will hogs fall victims to base ap- the largest in the world. The origipetites, and feed on carrion in an in- nat breakwater was begun in 1868, explicable but not unpunished way. The fowls are like the beasts-they this was increased to 7600 feetjby the would be clean; they need dust instead of water, but they do not any more than pigs want dirt, especially dirt and water which is called mud. The condition of fowls in most barnyards in the country is enough to now being built will be 12,500 feet long. excite a humane society. They are making a total length of 20,100 feet fed on corn and pickings, the pickings from the light house to Stony Point. being whatever they can forage for The nearest approach to this constructhemselves. They are permitted to tion in length, said Major Symonds, drink out of gutters through which all in a late address before the Buffalo manner of sewage may be making its Real Estate Exchange, is the celeby force into a stifling poultry-house.

Octavo Thanet, in Harper's Magazine. Russia possesse; at least one luxury, in a breed of dogs which are said to that time 11,000,000 oysters are be naturally quite unable to bark. brought to the surface by divers,

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

How to Keep Cat-Tails. Cartails will keep for several years they are hung by the stems, head lown, until thoroughly dry. They nay be dipped, as soon as picked, in weak solution of carbolic acid, to revent insects from destroying them. Ladies' Home Journal.

Finger Marks on Painted Doors. Finger marks on painted doors are great annoyance to a tidy houseceper. These may be removed with soft flannel wrung out in water to vhich a few drops of ammonia have peen added, then rubbed with soap. The spots having been removed, the should be washed with clear vater and thoroughly dried. These narks are the result of carelessness, or the handle is all that need be ouched in opening and closing any

How to Press Embroidery Properly. In all cases of embroidery on linen he work should be carefully pressed when finished, and it is important for wery embroiderer to know how this nay be done in the simplest and safest namer, says the Woman's Home ompaniou.

The proper way to press the finished vork is to lay the embroidery face lown on a clean cloth spread over an roning-blanket or two or three thickresses of flannel; place a thin, dampened cloth on the back of the article to be pressed, and then use a hot iron leftly on the wet surface until it is perfectly dry. A steaming process is hus engendered, whereby the emproidered linen is rendered smooth und the effectiveness of the work nuch enchanced.

If you have any roaches that think hey are going to spend the winter with you, and you want to get rid of hem, try the remedy suggested by an experienced housekeeper to the Wash. ngton Star. "Cucumbers," she says, "are a most effectual destroyer. Simply scatter he peel or trimmings about in the places where the roaches are seen. The reach eats them and thereby ends

To Drive Out Roaches.

his existence. In case the roach does not feel hungry enough the first night and the cucumber is not sufficiently ittractive throw the trimmings into the stove the next morning and set out a resh lot the next night. The green coloring matter that kills the roaches s the same thing that makes cucumpers so annoying at times to the human amily." The Care of House Ferns.

In the house where ferns are kept ng or spraying as much moisture to he air as possible, for they generally lo not successfully withstand a dry, shaded places. It is therefore essential that they be kept in partial shade. It is not wise, however, to sonk the plants daily, whether needed or not. When new fronds are unfurling, avoid placing the plant in a position where with certain chemicals to prevent it having a supply of "hard water" in it will be exposed to the full power of or blast the tender young fronds .--

Woman's Home Companion. Feather Cake-One cup sugar, oneralf cup of butter, one-half cup cornstarch, one cup flour, whites of three eggs, one tenspoon lemon extract, onehalf cup sweet milk and two teaspoons baking powder. Bake in loaf.

Roast Oyster in Shell-Select large, ine, fresh oysters, wash and wipe them, place the deep shell down (to eatch the juice) over or on live coals. When the shells open remove the shallow one, and place the deep shell with its savory morsel on a heated olatter, to be seasoned by the guest at

Beef Rolls-Mince, with a small quantity of its own fat, cold roast or boiled beef tolerably fine. To a pint of the meat add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a teaspoonful of table sauce and season with a small halftenspoonful of salt and four shakes of pepper. Put the whole into a roll of oulf paste and bake for thirty-five minutes on a buttered pan in a brisk

Chestnut Stuffing and Sauce-Boil one and one-half pints of chestnuts intil tender, remove shells and outer skin and mash fine; add cup of butter, teaspoon pepper, saltspoon salt, one fourth cup cream, mix these well and add cup of crumbs mixed with one-fourth cup butter. Use no other easoning. If chestnut gravy is desired, use one cup chestnuts pre-

pared as for the stuffing. Bird's Nest Jelly-Peel and core six nedium-sized, sound apples. They hould be fine-flavored and free from blemish. Fill the cores with sugar and bake until the apples are tender. Prepare gelatine jelly of one-half package soaked one-half hour in onehalf pint water, then one pint of boiling water to dissolve. Sugar to taste. When it begins to thicken, pour over the apples (in a crystal dish) and place in refrigerator. Serve plain or

whipped cream. Potato Beignets-Boil and mash five mealy potatoes with two tablespoonfuls of butter and two well-beaton eggs, rubbing until no bumps remain; turn out on to a floured board, dust with flour and roll out half an inch thick; cut with a cake cutter into any fancy shapes, coat with egg and bread crumbs and dust lightly with grated cheese, using about five tablespoonfuls of the cheese to the five potatoes. Arrange on a buttered tin and bake in the oven to a delicate brown.

A Huge Breakwater. The new breakwater now under

construction by the Government at Buffalo, N. Y., under the charge of Major Thomas W. Symonds, engineer corps, United States Army, will be with a projected length of 4000 feet; project of 1874, and the work was finished in 1894. The inclosed water harbor thus formed by the breakwater and the sand-catch pier was one and a half mileslong. The new breakwater noisome way. And at night they go brated breakwater at Cherbough, France, which is 12,200 feet long, cost Why shouldn't they have cholera? | \$10,000,000, and was seventy years in From "The Blazing Hen-Coop," by building.-Engineering News.

The pearl fishing season in Ceylon only lasts twenty-two days, and during

WOMAN'S WORLD

New Vocation For Women. Another "new vocation" for women has been started by a New York widow, who proposes to make a business of furnishing bachelor apartments But is any business to be encouraged which will make things easier for bachelors? Is not the only furniture with which a widow should furnish a bachelor's apartments a widow?-Lonisville Courier-Journal.

Muking Over Skirts. Skirts that are worn off at the bottom may have the needed length supplied by being mounted at the top on a yoke. These yokes can be made, and are preferably so make, of an entirely different fabric. In the case of slender figures, the joining line may be outlined in fur, but the most satisfactory arrangement is a pointed yoke of cloth in some lighter shade than the dress fabric, which is braided or trimmed with a set of braided pieces that can be bought, points fitting over the hips and in any outline that suits the taste of the wearer.

The Fashionable Colffure. To be strictly up to date, the back hair should be waved in large waves and well combed out, then pushed downward with pompadour-combs made for that purpose. Women with heavy suits of hair wear close knots of braid for the morning, and crimp the front, combing it back plain from the forehead without the exaggerated roll. The part is seldom seen, and never on women who make any pretentions to fashion; but a soft bang, worn very short, is still worn by women who have never given up this style. Side-combs are more worn than ever, and come in sets of three and four. The most stylish ones are hinged together. In sets of four, one goes above the knot, one below, and one on either side. In sets of three, the middle comb is generally used above the knot, and is a trifle higher and more ornate than the two side combs. The teeth of the combs are coarser and placed farther

carved .- Woman's Home Companion. A Hat of Glass.

apart, and curve to fit the head. Many

of them are plain, others are orna-

mented with narrow bands of silver or

gold, and still others are beautifully

A most enterprising milliner has exerted her talents and invented a glass hat. It is gorgeous, with its nodding plumes and wonderful array of trimmings, as the largest and most striking theatre hat that ever obstructed a first-nighter's view, but there is this difference—the new hat obstructs no one's view. You look through it nduce by means of evaporation, syring- as clearly as you would through a plate-glass window. For years the question of the big hat has been a burning issue whereby fashion held

parching atmosphere. For the purpose of retaining a moist air about the The introduction of the glass hat has lant Wardian cases or ferneries are made it possible for women to wear glass bell placed over the plant part | yet be only smiled upon with approval of the time. It is well to bear in mind, by the men who sit behind them. also, that ferns (with the exception of | The new glass theatre hat is almost as the hardy upland sorts) grow in moist, light as a feather. It will not break if you drop it, and it is quite as fashionable as to its style as any theatre hat made of felt or velvet. The hat is made of a very thin preparation of pliable glass, which has been prepared from breaking. Its main ingredient transparent, and makes a most effective foundation for trimmings. The glass can be bought by the yard, if one is fortunate enough to know where it is manufactured.

It is so pliable that it can be easily plaited or ruffled, and under the doft ands of a milliner can be made into very fascinating transparent bows. As pompons and fancy wings it will also be used, but its chief use will be for the foundation of the big theatre hat, for its flaring brim can be easily seen through.

One of the most effective of the new theatre hats is a rather expensive creation in glass and chiffon. The flaring glass brim is cut into a series of tabs, each tab softened by a shirred edge of delicate pink chiffon. The glass bell-shaped crown of the hat is also finished with a shirring of chiffon, and it is admirable for enabling the person behind it to get a view of the stage. Beautiful pink feathers are used for the trimming. There are four of them, and they all have a downward droop. These feathers coil prettily over the hair at the back. They fulfill perfectly their object of being ornamental, and are yet not in

is caught in the centre with an antique silver and rhinestone buckleand there you have the new theatre hat complete. - Kansas City Journal. Fashion Notes. One of the prevailing fashions in full dress is the wearing of exceedingly long, wrinkled sleeves, with low-

the way. Round the base of the crown

a bit of flimsy chiffon is coiled, which

cut or half-low bodices. Gray and green and black have been highly favored colors for seasons past, and now blue is making a bid for marked favor next season.

In baby jewelry one may buy sets of pins with pearls or turquoises set in dulled gold, armlets of old-fashioned coral, and sets of studs linked together by a slender gold chain to serve as buttons for dresses. Blue in many tones and semi-tones will appear among every style of plain

or fancy dress goods and jacketings. It is a beautiful dye in many of its deeper shades, but no color needs more careful selection. The latest design for a finish to the waist of a gown is the closely folded velvet girdle that has a great corsage bow on the left side, drawn through a jeweled buckle. It rivals the jew-

eled belt and the sash in favor. The maiden who has a slim waist may let it be known that she is not averse to sashes when the question of Birthday presents is under discussion. There are uncounted novelties in these graceful dress accessories, and, although gay colors would hardly be becoming worn by a fat or short waisted woman, they are charming additions to the costume of a tall or

slender one. Tiny rings and bracelets and of gold beads are worn by many babies, and rings of polished silver are what the modern baby cuts her pearly teeth upon. Silver rattles are of all shapes and sizes. Some are like miniature tambourines, with many jingling bells; others have dolls' heads on top of an ivory stick, and others have grotesque faces or heads of dogs or cats wearing collars of bells. Among the handsome fabrics that

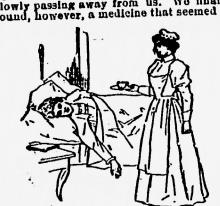
will be highly favored for tailor-made costumes next season are fancy Oxford suitings in tri-color melanges, boucle offorts in French came!'s hair, light as India cashmero and soft as down, numbers of very stylish novelty goods, genuino Scotch cheviots, English nerges and diagonals, and creped cloth in colors modium and dark, and in light spring qualities..

A Benefactress' Kind Act. From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. John Tansoy, of 180 Baker Street Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said: "I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years

ago we had a serious time with my daugh-ter, which began when she was about six-teen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old frish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an old items. odd name, which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter

slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to



Most of the Time She Was Confined to Bed help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have resognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medi-cine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills In the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told many mothers about them and they have effected no woodlerful cures. "Every mother in this land should keep these ping in the house, as they are good for many all cents, particularly those arising from impowerished or diseased blood, and weaken id nerve force.'

WILL NEVER ACIT AGAIN. Mary Anderson Navarro Denies a Re-

port Recently Carculated. With eyes as bright and cheeks as glowing as those of a girl in the first blush of youth, Mary Anderson Navarro laughingly but emphatically denied the report that she contemplated returning to the stage. The report originated in the announcement that Mrs. Navarro was to sing at a charity concert given in the quaint little village of Broadway, Worcestershire, England, where she lives with her husband and little boy.

"The report is wholly without foundation," said she, "and I cannot deny It too emphatically. The announcement of this little charity concert has brought from London results which are very distasteful to me. Only Saturday I received from London two very handsome offers of professional engagements, and I am asked to sing but two songs in an evening. I would not sing professionally if they were to give me £1,600,000 for a song, for you know noney is not everything. I am perfectly happy as I am-I have everything I want, or could wish for. My life lacks nothing, so there is no reason why I should return to the stage. No, whatever may be said to the contrary, I am done forever with public life, and this decision must be accepted

as final.". The Navarro home is perfect in its seclusion, being located on the out-



MES. NAVARRO AND HER HOME. shire town. Mrs. Navarro intends to return to the United States to live cometime, but at present, it is understood, business interests keep her husband in England. The happy wife and mother is evidently determined to live a secluded life. Said she: "I have given orders to the photographers not er reproduce my photographs or to place those they have on sale. I want to get out of the shop windows," she

The Town of Nogood. My friend, have you heard of the town of

added, laughingly.

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It stands at the bottom of Lazy Hill, And is easy to reach, I declare; You've only to fold up your hands and Down the slope of the Weakwill's toboggan slide, To be landed quickly there.

The town is as old as the human race, And it grows with the flight of years; It is wrapped in the fog of Idlers' dreams Its streets are paved with discarded And sprinkled with useless tears.

It is a great advantage to a person t be trustworthy in the midst of a populace which nobody can trust. When Korea was lately torn by contention and the Queen was assassinated, the King shouted for the American missionaries, and when one was admitted, threw his arms about his neck, clung to him like a child, and kept him all night by his side. To affirm that the missionary is without political influence is erroneous. He may have the best sort of Influence.

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"When the potato crop is short," said an old farmer, "I never have any to sell, but when there is a great hue and ery that potatoes are going to be scarce and I plant a lot of them, the bottom drops entirely out of prices. Two or three years ago there was no end to the comments on the decadence of the horse. He was going out of use forthwith, the bicycle was supplanting him for cheap purposes, trolleys and rapid transit had finished him up as a suburban necessity, and the few people who simply wanted him to ride about with were taking their exercise in some other fashion. Of course, as p draft animal he must still be in evidence, but this was about all that was left to him. Horse raisers went out of business or turned their attention in other directions. It didn't pay to grow ordinary animals, and the average hard-headed farmer is not very much given to doing unprofitable things when he knows they do not pay. Even tem effectually, dispels colds, headwith the greatly decreased demand for horses, which is the natural result of electricity and steam, the supply has run very low. Horsemen are beginning to discover that there is a possibility of something not very far from a horse famine. And just here comes a curious working of the law of supply and demand. That which it is difficult to se cure immediately arises in market value, and good horses are growing scarce and expensive. Especially is this the case with saddle horses. It is said that a really first-class saddle and mal will bring almost any price one chooses to ask for him on account of the searcity. One of the most profitable of industries for the next few years where land is cheap and pasture good will be the rasing of horses, and these should be good ones. It costs justs as much to bring up the cheapest kind of colt as to raise a good one, and the wonder is that there is not some con certed action taken toward clearing the country of some of the wretched stock

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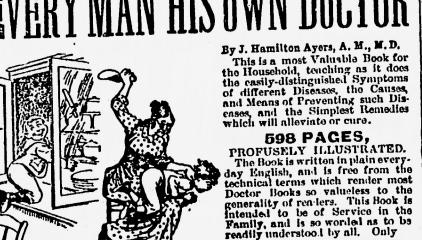
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