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GEESSE ON A STRIKE.

They Decided Not to Fill an Order for One Thousand Dozen Eggs.

"I have been having a good deal of trouble lately with the birds on my goose ranch," said Col. Scott-Floyd, of Whithorn, Texas.

"I had an order for a thousand dozen goose eggs, and my trouble arose in trying to fill that order. It is the first time I ever attempted to market any eggs, always heretofore relying on the sale of fatted and live birds for my profit."

"This is the laying and hatching season with us, and I thought I would have no trouble to get eggs enough to fill the order. Now, a hen, you know, will lay her egg right along, just so you leave one egg. It is supposed that a hen has no idea whatever of numbers. But this is not true of Mrs. Goose, as I found out to my sorrow.

"The first two or three days we secured a big batch of fresh eggs, but after that the 'find' began to dwindle down so fast that I determined to make a personal investigation. I went down to the very bottom next day and found that instead of being off attending to business all the geese which were not sitting had 'flocked' and were roving about feeding, just as if they never expected to lay another egg. When I approached them, instead of running away they all sat down and began to hiss at me.

"It was a clear case of strike, and I was at a loss to know how to settle the trouble. I tried putting half a dozen porcelain eggs in each nest, but it would not work. The geese came up, eyed them solemnly and walked off. Then, in despair, I told the boys to put the eggs we had gathered back and see if that would break the strike.

"Well, sir, inside of two hours after the eggs were returned every goose was back on her nest, and for the next four or five days there were more eggs laid on the Floyd ranch than there had been before for years, but I dare not undertake to fill the egg order."—Washington Star.

A Modern Hospital Ship.

The project that has been made within the last decade in military hygiene is well shown in the equipment of the Coromandel, the hospital ship fitted out by the British Government for service with the Ashante expeditionary force. The whole of the outside of the ship is painted white, and the wards inside are colored pale green, so as to mitigate as much as possible the effect of the direct rays of the sun and of the glare from the surface of the sea. The wards are on the upper and main decks, the upper deck being reserved for the worst cases, and fitted with specially long, inclined swinging cots of iron, which can be fixed or allowed to swing freely at will. If desired, they can be unshipped from their supports, and stand on folding feet, like ordinary bedsteads. They can then be carried into the open air, or into the operating room, which consists of a large table is supplied with all the table as the patient lies, a Spanish and a rope and another whereby the patient can raise himself. The wards are beautifully light and airy. They have large square ports on each side, fitted with "chick" or split-oak blinds, which keep out flies and glare, while permitting natural ventilation, which is assisted by a steam spray extracting apparatus, as well as by a steam fan that pumps in an abundant supply of fresh air. The smoking room on the hurricane deck has been made into a small ward for officers, and is very cheerful and airy. A very complete laundry is provided with grooved tiles, as are the water closets, which are so that all foul air or dampness of the decks is avoided. The operating room contains a sterilizer for instruments, glass irrigators and every appliance for the carrying out of all operations under strictly aseptic conditions. Close to the engines is a drying room, fitted with hooks, for the thorough drying of all personal clothing, etc.—a most necessary precaution in the intensely damp climate of West Africa. The ship is fitted with the most improved form of filters, and carries a soda water making machine, whereby any quantity of the condensed water, of which an unlimited supply can be manufactured on board for drinking and cooking purposes, can be aerated and medicated as required. The troop decks for the men are unusually light, roomy and well ventilated, with the quarters for the warrant and non-commissioned officers are most comfortably fitted up. The ventilation, supplemented by the artificial means already described, is perfect, and no expense appears to have been spared, or anything which science or experience could suggest omitted, that would tend to promote the comfort and well-being of the sick and wounded in the trying climate to which the Coromandel is proceeding. The nursing sisters have been supplied with electric furnaces, in which a platinum coil, when connected with an electric light wire, will in a few minutes boil a kettle, or heat up soup, beef tea, etc. This arrangement is not only extremely convenient, but it is much safer than using spirit lamps or open fires.

HER MORNING ROOM.

WHICH IS SIMPLY THE OLD SITTING ROOM IN MODERN GARB.

How It Should Be Furnished to be Up-to-Date—The Materials and the Colors—If Need Not Be Expensive, But It Must Be Tasteful and Nice.

Every well-appointed house nowadays must have a morning room. In olden days we used to say "sitting room," but we have changed all that now; we have glorified the room and placed "morning" where "sitting" had previously stood from time immemorial, says the New York Journal.

The most charming morning room that I know is all done up in soft blue and pale yellow. Blue, indeed, is always a favorite color for a morning room. "Give me plenty of blue, in plates, in hangings, in tiles, and I can make a morning room out of a dry goods box!" one lively girl was heard to exclaim the other day.

Mattings—a pretty China matting—is the most appropriate floor covering, with any number of Japanese rugs, or only one large one, as you please, the trail of blue being over it all. There is a large open fireplace, where wood burns cool mornings and evenings, for this morning room is for a house intended for summer occupancy. The mantel is rather an elaborate affair of whitewood, built up with shelves which reach nearly to the ceiling and glass doors in front, any quantity of pretty bric-a-brac reposing within.

All about the fireplace, above, on either side and on the hearth, are white Minton tiles, those above the fire place being decorated in blue, with a pretty design of broad garlands, laurel and there in graceful loops and knots.

All the windows have fine muslin curtains, caught back, with overdraperies of pale yellow China silk. The same form the portieres at the folding doors leading into the dining-room on one side and the hall on the other. There is a small writing desk in one corner of the room, where the mistress, her family or her guests find everything at hand to answer any letter received in the morning mail. There are two or three book cases of whitewood, with the ends painted in blue, garlands, and an appropriate text, like, "Oh, for a book and a quiet nook!"

A comfortable lounge, with the pillows in shades of blue or yellow, invites to ease, also pretty chairs, of various descriptions, all of willow, as far as the little low rack for newspapers, the magazine table and the table for general use are concerned.

Across one side of the room runs a narrow shelf, about three inches wide, where photographs, vases and various odds and ends most do congregate.

Above hangs a lot of old English sporting prints; quite in keeping with these is a collection of whips, canes and hunting crops, which add a local flavor upon a door leading into a closet. The walls are generously supplied with pictures, engravings, etchings and photographs of Tom in his dog cart, or Harry and his four-in-hand, or Daisy paddling her canoe. Perhaps here and there is a water color, but no oil paintings, as you value your reputation. Just as many odd bits, placed here and there about the room, as you like. Bits picked up during your travels in England, Italy, Egypt, Mexico, or on "bargain day" at a Fifth Avenue shop, but let everything be blue or yellow, for blue is heaven and yellow is sunshine.

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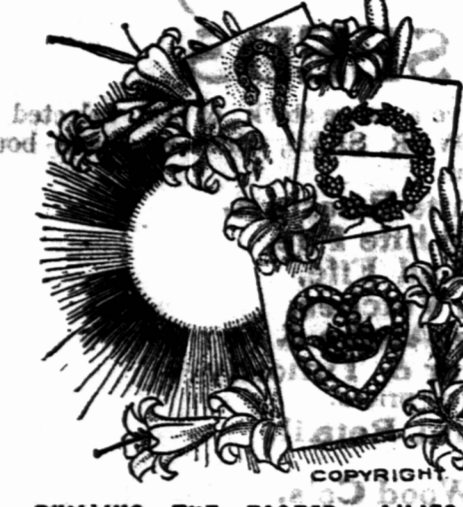
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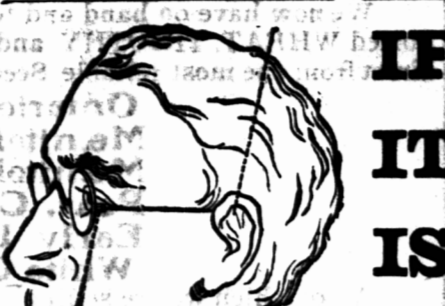
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Daybreak in India.

The dawn in India is made noisy with the notes of birds and the shouts of men and women alike. The daybreak in all the occupations of the peasant is so pregnant that not a moment of it is wasted. Although some artisans, such as wood-carvers and workers in metal, labor in the evening by the light of dim lamps, it is necessary for the farmer and field laborer to rise with the first call of the kingcrow, as the eastern sky begins to whiten. The smoke curls upward from every cottage, while the morning meal is prepared; the cattle are turned out of the yards and driven to the pastures on the hills by a few naked children armed with sticks; figures are seen in the half-light like ghosts, wrapped in white shawls, and gliding about the open ways; and the women are busy with their pots by their hands to the sound of their metal shuttles. Some are standing outside their huts, shading out their mouths with fingers and a piece of bamboo, others smoking, or sitting up their looms, and twisting their spindles before starting out to work.

As the first rays of the sun gild the mango blossoms, all the men are on their way, and unless it be a day for wedding the crops or for gathering the harvest, when their presence is required in the fields, the women begin their daily task of cleaning the house, plastering the floor with cow dung and manure, and the household and cooking with wood, when it is possible to do so. They then busy themselves with the water vessels and the children of the family, for the time of day when they sit wash their bodies and clothes, and carry back water for household wants. Some, if they have leisure and substance, are carrying offerings of fruit and rice to the temple of Devi or Lakshmi, where the bell is ringing out to attract the faithful.