

He-I hope you don't make a fool of your husband? She-No; I don't have to .- Yonkers

Appropriate.-A Southern cornetist. named Burst, has three children- Alice May Burst, Ja.mes Wood Burst, and Henry Will Burst.

So Natural.-Mrs. Cassidy-'Twas Aye, shure he looked fur all the wurld loke a loive man layin' there dead.

you want eggs to keep you must lay them in a cool place. Bridget-Of'll mintion it to the hens at wanst, mum. His Experience .-

"Regarding a woman," said Henpeck. "To this said conclusion I've come: When man puts a ring on her finger He puts himself under her thumb."

Awful.-Uncle Hiram-They say that the sun never sets on the British Empire. Aunt Hannah-Doesn't it now? And we have such lovely sunsets over here!

Very Likely .- "Have you any taste for Thackeray?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "No, I can't say that I have," replied her hostess; "is that anything like this paprika they're puttin' in everything now?"

Correct .- "Pa," said little Reginald, "what is a bucket shop?" "A bucket lishment to which a man takes a barrel and brings back the bung-hole."

Head Usher-The gentleman at the ligator once and can't bear to see you ishing material of the egg."

The Realist .- Alexis came home one night with his clothes full of holes. All Their Acts Result of Instinct, Says "What has happened to you?" exclaimed his mother. "Oh, we've been playing shop ever since school closed," Alexis replied, "Shop?" echoed his explained. "I was the cheese."

Could Do Without It .- "You rememget along without it."

a car the other days. "Poor dear!" in- was slow in making up her mind. terrupted a good-natured looking woman with a market basket at her feet.

The Secret of Harmony .- Young Mrs. Mead had just engaged two serman. "I hope you are very happy, and that you and your wife never have any difference of opinion." "Faith, ma'am, I couldn't say that," replied the new servant, "for we have a good many; but Of don't let Bridget know of thim, an' so we do be getting along well."

Generals Saved Him.-When General Robert E. Lee was fighting Grant In "the last days" an old darky besieged headquarters with requests to you belong?" demanded General Lee. turned the darky. "No, you don't," How is it that you haven't been?" The darky scratched his head. Then from his twisted mouth came a confidential whisper: "Well, yo' see, gin'ral, it's stays with the gin'rals."

Took It for Granted.

When Lady Davy was advanced in years there came to Rome a very foolish Russian on whose credulity his friends used to practice. Among other price. things they informed him that there had till shortly before been in the city an English lady at whose house her friends used to assemble. After her death they found it so inconvenient to cle. Shall I show it to you?" lose their point of meeting that they had her embalmed and placed every evening on her accustomed ottoman. at one of these strange reunions, some overtook him I heard him say to him- replace the ramshackle frame strucone agreed to take him there. When he arrived, there, sure enough, sat the shriveled old lady. He circumnavigated the ottoman several times, finding all that he had been told was too true, then threw up his arms and with the cry, "It is too horrible!" rushed from the room.-Sir Grant Duff's "Notes from a Diary."

Took It as Personal. Daisy-Why was Maude Oldgirl so

they flatter her?

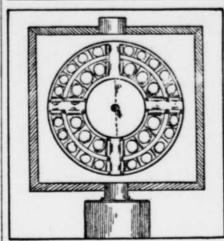
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served."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. There are times when a man doesn't

# NEW INCUBATOR IDEA

a's Effort to Improve on the Hen's

Considering the apparent simplicity of the operations of a setting hen, it s remarkable how complex man's mechanical devices for duplicating this work have become. Thermostats, ventilators, thermometers and a dozen other devices are necessary to replace satisfactorily the simple life processes of the mother hen. Those who know, or, at least, those who endeavor to expiain the failures sometimes recorded with incubators, lay particular stress on the necessity of daily turning the eggs, a manipulation which the faithful hen instinctively performs. A Chieago man, at the expense of considerable complication, proposes to build very natural he looked. Mrs. Casey- incubators, and he has patented his idea, so that the eggs are in continuous rotation during the period of incu-Breaking the News .- Mistress-If bation. To accomplish this he pro-



INCUBATOR IMPROVEMENTS.

shop, my son," said the father, feel- vides within the warmed chamber a ingly, "is a modern cooperage estab- wheel, with peripheral pockets, each large enough to carry an egg. The latter are held in position by inclosing Insinuation,-Patron (in restaurant) bands. As the wheels are balanced, -What are you bothering me for? it takes but comparatively little power to impart a speedy rotary motion to next table wanted me to ask if you the wheel, so that the germ, to quote wouldn't please face the other way, the inventor, "is brought successively He says he was nearly eaten by an a.- in contact with all sorts of the nour-

# ANIMALS SHOW NO REASON Writer.

When a bird selects a site for its nest it seems on first view as if it must actually think, reflect, compare, as you mother. "Yes. We opened a grocery, and I do when we decide where to and everybody was something," Alexis place our house. I saw a little chip ping sparrow trying to decide between two raspberry bushes, says a writer in ber that I gave an order for a pound Outing. She kept going from one to of liver a while ago?" "Yes," was the the other, peering, inspecting and ap reply. "Well, I find that I do not need parently weighing the advantages of it, and you need not send it." Before each. I saw a robin in the woodbine she could put down the telephone re- on the side of the house trying to deceiver she heard the market man say cide which particular place was the to some one in the store: "Take out best site for her nest. She hopped to Mrs. Blank's liver. She says she can this tangle of shoots and sat down ings; there is not an acre of it that has then to that, she turned around, she Recommendable .- "My husband is readjusted herself, she looked about been carved out of it, and the borders so poetic," said one lady to ther in she worked her feet beneath her. She of the brush and timber lands are

think, compare, weigh? I do not be plow. In the near future there will who was seated at the lady's elbow lieve it. When she found the right not be left a single acre of unproductand overheard the remark. "Have you conditions she no doubt felt a pleasure live land, for the gigantic projects of ever tried rubbin' his j'ints with hart- and satisfaction, and that settled the irrigation that the Federal Governshorn liniment, mum? That'll straight- question. An inward, instinctive want ment is undertaking will, within the en him out as quick as anything I was met and satisfied by an outward next decade, transform every arid area material condition. In the same way into a flourishing garden. the hermit crab goes from shell to shell This great Northwest territory comupon the beach, seeking one to its lik- prises fully one-sixth of the entire area ing. Sometimes two crabs fall to fight- of the United States and is now peoglad you are married!" she said to the ling over a shell that each wants. Can pled with 6,000,000 Americans who are we believe that the hermit crab thinks engaged in various industries, the anand reasons? It selects the suitable nual output from which aggregates, shell instinctively, and not by an indi- in value, millions of dollars. vidual act of judgment. Instinct is If there is one thing more than annot always inerrant, though it makes other that has fostered this marvelous fewer mistakes than reason does.

with the least gnawing, but now and and the capital that is represented by then he makes a mistake and strikes the operating plants of all of the railthe edge of the kernel, instead of the way companies serving the people of flat side. The cliff swallow will stick this territory amounts, in round numsee "the gin'ral." "Well, where do its mud nest under the eaves of a barn bers, to over \$2,500,000,000. where the boards are planed so smooth | It is marvelous that such a transfor-"I b'longs to y'r company, gin'ral," re- that the nest sooner or later is bound mation of a wilderness into a flourishto fall. It seems to have no judgment ing home of civilized beings could be declared the General, snarply. "Every- in the matter. Its ancestors built upon effected within the short span of one body in my company has been shot, the face of high cliffs, where the mud human life; yet the progress made adhered more firmly.

An Actor's Pipe-Dream. this a-way. I ain't been shot 'case Majestic Theater in New York, was erection of some of the finest public when dey's a fight goln' on I always walking along Broadway with a theat- buildings to be seen anywhere on the rical friend, when the latter's atten- American continent. tion was attracted by a fine meerschaum pipe in a show window. After admiring it for a time, the actor sug- upward of \$25,000,000. The State of gested that they go inside and ask the Montana, with a population of but

the window?" he asked.

Flaherty, in relating the incident, "for its twin State to the north has already the actor was out of the door and appropriated a million dollars for the strolling down the street. When I erection of a beautiful new capitol to self: "Two weeks' alimony for a pipe? ture that is now used as a State Well, I guess not!"

Accounts for the Mystery.

Great Britain," said Miss Gilligal, to build her present structure that was whom her Uncle Charles had been partially destroyed by fire; and Minreading of Caesar's conquests. "That nesota has just dedicated a \$5,000,000 accounts for it, then."

"Accounts for what?" asked Uncle Charles.

angry about her photographs? Didn't words which resemble our English eler, who comes to St. Paul in the ones. The Romans very naturally future, it will be a source of pleasure Maisie-Oh, they were as pretty as picked up a good many of our expres- and inspiration. the artist could make them, but on sions while in England. Wonder I the back of each one it said, "The orig- never thought of that before."-Bos of the American Institute of Archi-

When every one sees the words it to be the finest structure in Amer-"conscience fund" in a paper, he ica to-day with the exception of the want things to come his way-bills, for wishes that people who owe him national capitol at Washington. Not dad, it's purty large." "How much?" would make him one.

CRAFT IN COURTSHIP.



"Ah, darling," breathed the impassioned wooer, "why do you not say

'Yes?' Can you not say it?" "Dear me, I could say it," responded the honest damsel, "but if I do, then you will immediately stop making all these pretty speeches."-Omaha Bee.

#### PRIDE OF MINNESOTA.

Magnificent New Capitol-One of the World's Finest Buildings.

Fifty years ago "The Great Northwest" was a howling wilderness, peohandful of trappers and French-Canaregion had not been surveyed, and certain sections of it had not even been explored, but to-day behold how different is its aspect! There is not a corner of it that has

not been penetrated by civilized be-



not been charted. A dozen States have repidly receding before the woodman

development, it is the modern rail-The red squirrel usually knows how road. In the great Northwest there to come at the meat in the butternut are over 50,000 miles of railway track

during the last decade is still more remarkable and the most reliable indication of the increasing wealth of this John S. Flaherty, manager of the section of the United States is the

The expenditure involved in the erection of State capitols alone counts 243,400, has just completed a commo-"How much for that carved pipe in dious, new State House that cost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a "Only fifty dollars," said the clerk. million; South Dakota is contemplat-"It's a beauty, and is the genuine arti- ing the expenditure of several thousand dollars in enlarging and embel-"But he did not show the pipe," said lishing its present legislative hall, and House; Wisconsin has recently approved designs for a new capitol that calls for the expenditure of \$10,000,-"And so the Romans once invaded 000; Iowa has spent a vast sum to remarble palace to the use of the people.

In many respects this latter struc-"For there being so many Latin United States, and to the tourist trav- too, I suppose?"

When Glenn Brown, the secretary tects, of Washington, D. C., visited the new capitol of Minnesota, he declared so much money has been spent on it "Twelve children an' a goat, begorra!"

as has been spent upon sindar buildings elsewhere; but, in Mr. Brown's opinion, the artistic effect of the structure is unsurpassed.

til its completion the dome of the Washington is very much larger, but me. And I've seen their ears." that is made of cast iron, painted white. The domes of St. Peter's of Rome and St. Paul's of London, likewise, are larger, but neither of them is constructed of marble.

The interior finishings of the building are magnificent. Marbles from almost every well-known quarry in the world were imported for use in the grand halls and legislative rooms, and beautifully carved woods for the executive offices.

To see such evidences of art and culago, was considered a barbarous fronthe great destiny of the United States in Four-Track News.

### NON-BREAKABLE BAT.

Wound with Wire or Some Other Strengthening Material.

The baseball fan, or, more correcty speaking, the baseball player, will nail the advent of the non-breakable at that has made its appearance. This most desirable and hitherto unknown attribute of a baseball bat is attained by cutting a spiral groove in the wood and inserting therein, flush with the surface of the bat, some strengthening material, such as steel wire or continuous from a point just above Did she make up her mind? Did she with his ax and the farmer with his the handle, so as not to interfere with good comfortable grip, to a point just below where the ball ordinarily



STEEL WIRE ON THE BAT.

strikes. Care has to be exercised, of course, in fastening the ends of the strengthening material wound in the groove to prevent the development of weak spots, particularly at the handle extremity. The groove, of course, is wood of the particular section used.

A family who had struggled the best thing more. Their long-crushed aspi- sparrow and the tomtit. rations revived, and the women of the rious airs and artificialities.

their neighbors with their importance. for some time. They talked constantly of what "people in our position" should and should not do.

Some of their town acquaintances came out to visit them during the summer, and one of the younger members of the family, a little girl of 7 or 8, was showing them about the place. "What nice chickens!" exclaimed

one of the guests when they reached ture is the most remarkable in the the poultry yard. "They lay steadily, "Yes," returned the youthful hos-

tess, who really knew nothing at all have to."

Remarkable Generosity. "You say O'Hannagan leaves the Orphans' Home a large legacy?" "Be-

## SLAMITIS BANGIANA."

When Teresa Howard came up from the country she took a room in a city lodging house. Her plan was to follow a course of reading at the public library. Not long after her arrival she had a slight fever, and during her convalesence she sent for books, and did her reading at home. One day an old friend came to see her.

"Teresa," said the visitor, "you've had a dreadful winter, haven't you? Such a disappointment! But you don't show four-horse power electric locomotive. it You look as serene as-Mercy! What's that?"

A loud bang had resounded through the house.

"It wasn't a gun," said Teresa, gentin this house, Mary, are grievously af- on a large scale rabbit fur may beease Slamitis banglana."

It one person?"

"No, all of them."

"It's like the cannonading at Port skilled hands. Arthur. What makes them do it?"

can," said Teresa, calmly. "I have fluid, and within five minutes gives thought they are in a hurry, they have complete insensibility below the point The predominating feature of the no nerves, they have no manners, they of injection, while the patient does building is the massive marble dome, have no ears. But I find they have lots not lose consciousness. The effects pled only by a few Indians and a the largest in the United States. Un- of time to waste. So it can't be hurry. last for an hour and a half. No unfa-They can't bear the clock round the vorable results have been reported in dian traders; fifty years ago this vast Rhode Island State House at Provi- corner striking the half-hours. So they the numerous tests that have been dence held the distinction of being the must have nerves. They have man- made in France, but fears of lack of greatest. The dome of the capitol at ners, because they've been very kind to

The friend jumped. "My stars!" she said, "there it is again."

"Wait a minute," counseled Teresa. "She's come out of her room. In sixty seconds she'll bang the hall door. There! It's over, till she comes in the film is to seal the surfaces of the again."

"You poor child! How have you borne it?"

"It was intended for my good," sald Teresa, quietly. "At first I didn't see that. At every bang I jumped. I counted between bangs as we count ture in a country that, but a short while between whistles when the fog horn is tooting on board ship. I lay here and tier, is the most satisfying thing that composed letters to them wherein 1 can happen to a man who has faith in told them quiet was a grace and violence a vulgarity. I imagined sending cal writers to the fact that the wheels as the leader of nations.-C. T. Greene, saurical verses to the newspapers from of vehicles intended for driving-roads 'One Slammed Out of Existence,' or 'One Banged Out of Reason.'

"Presently I said to myself, 'Teresa. brace up. What's philosophy good for if it can't rise superior to the bang of a door?' So I arranged a system, gland it has been recommended that When a door slammed below I repeated a serene text from the Bible, heath- tons the width of tire should be about en philosophers, modern or ancient 101/2 inches. Increase of the diameter poets. With Epictetus, I reminded my. of the wheel is said to be more efself that life is a banquet, at which we fective in preventing damage to roadmust help ourselves sparingly and with beds than width of tire. steel tape or sinew. The spiral is made everything I liked, and that must be never before undertaken except in a now they're quite uplifting to me.

Mary jumped. self. "There ' is again."-Youth's spring, as long as the frosts kept the Companion.

A Pleasant Possibility.

A member of the faculty of the Columbian Medical College at Washington is particularly fond of taking his students unawares in his "quizzes." To one student, whom it would not be uncharitable to call a dullard, the professor said one day:

"What quantity constitutes a dose of -," giving the technical name of croton oil.

"A teaspoonful," was the answer. The instructor made no comment; and the student soon realized that he had made a mistake. After a quarter of an hour had elapsed he said:

"Professor, I should like to change my reply to that question."

"I'm afraid it's too late, Mr. Blank, responded the professor, looking at his watch. "Your patient has been dead fourteen minutes."-Collier's.

Early Risers.

not large enough to detract apprecia. small birds wake up and begin to sing. an age of about sixty-two hundred bly from the normal strength of the says that the greenfinch is the earliest years. riser, as it sings about 1:30 o'clock in the morning. The blackcap begins at 2:30 and the quail half an hour later.

portion of the city suddenly came into appears—the merry blackbird. Then cago Record-Herald, and after a landthe possession of a small income, with comes the thrush, followed by the rob- ing for water on the coast of South the prospect in a few years of some- in and the wren; and last, the house America, began a boat-race off shore

Thus it will be seen that the lark's kept muttering to his crew to take it family especially began to assume va- reputation as an early riser is not de- easy. The others jeered him as he served. In fact, he is a very sluggard, fell behind, but he took it cheerfully. They moved to a little place in the for he does not rise until long after country, and tried mightily to impress many hedgerow birds have been about home," he said. He pointed to a little

Cautious.

"And the further question arises." said the earnest and conscientious trustee, "whether we should accept anonymous contributions, or announce that no contributions will be considered unless accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee that the money is not tainted."

"But why not go further " asked another trustee but some folks thought he was trying to be sarcastic-"why not reserve the right to put an expert but in our position they—they don't on the books of any would-be contributor and conduct a rigid investigation into the methods by which he made

bis money ?-Puck. We have an idea that a baby be comes as tired of being kissed as a parrot becomes of being asked the question: "Polly want a cracker?"



in Paris the postoffice department is now using several electric mail wagons which are designed to transport the mail matter in larger quantities and at a greater speed than the cld horsedrawn vehicles,

Salt from the mines at Stassfurt is carried on trains of thirty half-ton trucks, each train having a twenty-No engineer rides on the train, which is stopped and started instantly by an attendant at each of the five stations along the line.

If the industry now being carried on ly, from her sofa. "It wasn't dyna- by a Frenchman at Lons le Saunier mite. It was a door. All the people in the Jura district proves profitable flicted. They have a very serious discome a rival to sheep's wool in the making of clothes generally. The "I hope it's fatal," said her friend, breed utilized is the Angora or "slik grimly. "Mercy! there it is again. Is rabbit," which molts four times a year. The fur, just before it falls off naturally, can be stripped easily by

Stovaine, the new anesthetic of Dr. "I have thought of all the reasons I Fourneau, is injected into the spinal control and danger of blood poisoning have been expressed.

A rubber film glove has been devised for surgeons. The gloves are "put on" by immersing the hands in a weak solution of gutta percha in benzine or acetone. The purpose of hands with an insoluble, impervious and practically imperceptible pellicie, which will not admit blood, pus or secretions. Such a protective measure for surgeons is said to be preferable to working with rubber gloves, inasmuch as the sense of touch or pliability of the skin is not impaired in

Attention has been called by technihave not kept pace in development with the other parts of carriage mechanism. Experiments with heavy vehicles indicate anat wheels should be made both higher and breader. In Enwith a maximum axle load of eight

decorum, and 'behave pretty' when the During the past two years the Dandish passes us by. With Marcus Au ish government has begun a careful torelius I declared that I couldn't have pographical survey of Iceland, a work 'the end on't.' Well, my dear, you few parts of the island. The least wouldn't think it, but I set those bangs known region is the southern coast, so effectually to 'noble words' that which is impassable in the summer time, owing to the immense quicksands and the inland ice masses push-"Mercy!" she cried, in spite of her- ing down from the mountains. Last morasses and streams in a traversable state, the survey was pushed, and one of its results was to show that the highest point of Iceland is not the Oraefa Jokull, as hitherto supposed, but the Hvannadalshnur, the elevation of which is 6,953 feet.

The distinction of being the oldest living thing undoubtedly belongs to some glant tree, and many attempts to locate it and determine its age have been made. A century ago De Candolle found two Yews-one at Fortigal, in Perthshire,, and one at Hedsor, in Buck's-that were estimated to be respectively twenty-five hundred and 3,240 years old. Both are still flourishing, and the older tree has a trunk twenty-seven feet in diameter. A gigantic baobab of Central America, with a trunk twenty-nine feet through was thought by Humboldt to be not less than 5,150 years old. Mexican botanists believe they have now discovered a life span even greater than A student of bird life, who has been this, and from the annual rings a cyinvestigating the question as to the press of Chepultepec, whose trunk is hour in summer when the commonest 118 teet in circumference, is assigned

The Race He Won.

In the old whaling days a New Bed-It is nearly 4 o'clock, and thes un is ford captain fell in with a lot of his part of a lifetime in a poverty-stricken well up, before the first real songster "townies" in the Pacific, says the Chitoward the ships. The old skipper

"The race I'm after is the race bight in the rocks, into which the crew could just see.

"Ever see that rock in there before?" he asked. "No, I guess not. That's a cow whale and her calf up there on the shore. It's her nursery."

When the others were far enough away to give him a clear field he made for the shore. He got the cow and the calf. The others said very little about the race he did not win, for he was the first man back to New Bed-

Mean Dig.

Poeticus-I want to write a poem that will express a universal sentiment something that is felt not only by myself, but by every one that reads it. Criticus-You have already done so. Poeticus-I'm afraid not-when? Criticus-Your latest sonnet begins 'I would that I were dead!"-Cleveland