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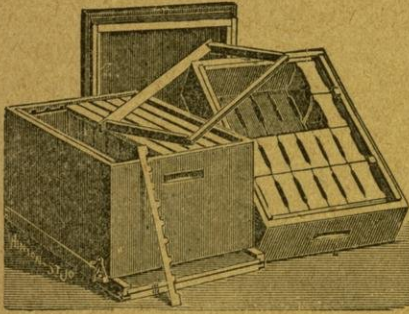
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The super we generally send out has pattern slats $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, in the bottom and two presser boards, one for the side and one for the ends, so that the sections are held snugly in place. No separators are used in this super, and we always recommend the use in it of sections open on four sides. Bees will store more honey where separators are not used than they will if the super is divided up into narrow compartments with no connection between them.

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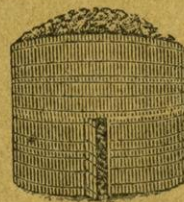
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BLINDNESS.

By Edward Wilbur Mason.

We seek for beauty on the height afar;
But on the earth it glimmers all the while:
'Tis in the garden where the roses are;
'Tis in the glory of a mother's smile.
We seek for wisdom in each solemn book;
But aye beyond the musty page it lies;
'Tis in the script of violets by the brook;
'Tis in the laughter of a baby's eyes.
We seek for God in every distant place;
But lo, besides us He forever stands;
We meet Him guised as sunlight face to face;
We touch Him when we take a brother's hand.
HOUSEKEEPER.

EDITORIAL.

Twenty-five cents, if sent now will pay up all arrears and give you the Modern Farmer until January first, 1907. See statement enclosed.

Now is the time to give the bees a sugar cake, and put a box over them to protect them from the cold winds.

If you want to know how the cow feels during a cold storm, go out and stand in it for half an hour yourself without any protection.

Send us your ad. It will help us and help you, too. The people who read the Modern Farmer have plenty of money to buy what they want.

If your chicken house is not very warm, try a curtain in front of the roost and let it down at night. No: it will *not* deprive them of the fresh air they need.

We drop out some of the departments entirely this month, but they will all appear in January again. We will advance all subscriptions one month to make up for a small paper. Send us your subscription and the name of one entirely new subscriber before Feb. 1, and 25 cents will pay for both of you.

How about the corn, have you gathered it into the crib during these weeks of fine weather, or have you spent the days and part of the nights loafing in town, leaving the corn until you have more time? You know, we do not. We only want to drop the hint that January is not a very pleasant time to gather corn in this part of the country.

Everyone who is enjoying a reasonable degree of health can have a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" if he or she really wants it, so it would be entirely superfluous for us to wish our readers any thing of the kind, as it all rests with them. Those who have read after us during the years that are gone by, we think, will agree with us when we say that our highest ambition is to make life sweeter and better for those who till the soil, and we shall do our best to help make this glad new year the brightest and best for all of our readers.

Do not punish your children for the accidents that may befall them. The accident itself generally hurts and humiliates them more than it does you, and you should try and soothe their wounded feelings rather than to tear them open wider. On the day that this is written we saw a mother jerk and slap a little tot because she fell down while crossing the street. The fall was purely accidental on the part of the child, and we had hard work to keep from telling the mother what we had in our mind. It would have been much more fitting if the mother had kissed away the fast coming tears, and said, "Never mind dear, it will wipe off when it gets dry." You can wipe or wash off dirt, but a wound in the heart is there to stay. So let mothers and fathers beware how they leave these scars on the frail little creatures which a wise providence has committed to their care.

If you have bit off more than you can chew of anything, do not whine or complain about it to others, but chew it the best you can patiently and in silence, and, when you have grown tired of chewing it, silently swallow it, as a cow does her cud, where it will be out of sight and not annoy others. You will find this plan much better and safer than it is to tell others your troubles every time opportunity offers.

Remember we are still offering the Triner scales as a premium for a club of six new subscribers at our special rate. These are good scales, and you are sure to be pleased with them. We will also continue the offer of a set of solid silver teaspoons for twenty new subscribers. This is a bargain, and we only have a few sets left, so if you intend to try for this premium, it will be best to write and tell us, and we will hold a set for you, or tell you they are all gone. We want you to help us, and we are willing to pay you liberally for it. To help you still further we will make each new subscriber you secure a present *free of charge of a yearly subscription* to choice of either the Agricultural Epitomist or the American Truck Farmer. One of these is a 50 cent paper and the other is a 25 cent paper, but the subscriber gets the Modern Farmer at the special rate of 25 cents and the other paper *free*. This should enable you to earn a set of solid silver spoons in a very short time. *The money back to any one who is not fully satisfied.*

We said in the Nov. issue that some unions were good and some bad. For lack of space we neglected to say anything about good unions in that article. Every union is good that has for its aim the promotion of the interests of the entire class of artizans or laborers from whom its membership is drawn. A farmer's union, which proposes to help all farmers to better their condition is good, but a farmer's union which proposes to help its membership only and that belittles and denounces others for not belonging to it is bad, selfish and narrow. This is the policy of the great trusts and combines the world over, that are founded on the idea of doing other people when opportunity offers, and some of them do not hesitate at times to do a brother member, just as a walking delegate does a labor union occasionally. The Grange has done and is doing a great work among farmers on account of its social and moral uplift, and every farming community is benefited wherever there is an active branch of it. It is

true that in some cases where its main efforts have been put forth in an attempt to run stores and furnish its membership with cheap goods it has failed. In the long run the farmer who sticks to his farm work, watches the market, and buys where he can get goods the cheapest for the cash is sure to come out best. Store keeping is a business of itself and it takes a life time to learn it. It will pay in the end to let the other fellow have the profits if he will bear the brunt of the failures. A dollar saved in buying goods is not always a dollar earned if one must take the chances also of losing in one lump much more than he has ever gained. Did the people who are always talking co-operative stores ever stop to think how many merchants fail every year and how many die in poverty and want? Loud co-operative talk generally means a job for the fellow who does the talking. Many of the so-called co-operative institutions are the veriest sham so far as being of any benefit to those who patronize them is concerned. They are like the so-called "pure food" shows which are held in large cities every winter which are gotten up to make money for the people who promote them, and who do not care a fig whether food is pure or not so long as they do not have to eat it.

A New Department. "A Square Deal."

Beginning with the Jannary issue we propose to introduce a new department purely for the benefit of our readers, and the name of this department will be "A Square Deal". We have had it in mind for some time to propose in our columns the formation of a new political party to be known as the square deal party, but we concluded we would first find out how many square deal people there are among our readers. So here is your chance to say anything you please in this department on the following conditions:—What you say must be "on the square"; it must not be personal abuse, it must treat of *things* and not *people*, it must make for the betterment of humanity, the editor to be the judge, it must under no circumstances exceed a column in length, and a half column or less will be better, and must be written by a paid-in-advance subscriber to the Modern Farmer.

Under these limitations you can write anything you please about religion, politics, social life, government, or what not, provided you are willing to sign it by your true name as it appears on our subscription list. No nameless articles

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Special Notice.

Under the new ruling of the Department at Washington a paper, except sample copies, must be paid for in advance in order to secure second class rates. This will compel us in the future to discontinue all papers at the expiration of the time for which they are paid. *We are sending bills to several* hundred people with this issue which will show just how far back each one is. The regular rate for the Modern Farmer is 50 cents per year, but we are making out all of these bills at our special rate of 25 cents per year, and to make it easier for our subscribers who are in arrears, we will up to January 15th accept 25 cents in payment for the Modern Farmer one year and cancel all past claims. Now if you want to help a clean helpful paper and get *square* at a very small cost, please attend to this at once. We have several hundred articles, any one of which would cost in a regular retail way the price we ask for the paper, and to even up we will send one of these to every new subscriber, and to every old subscriber who is not in arrears who renews, one of these, as long as they last. This offer will not hold good after January 15th and we reserve the right to withdraw it at any time our stock of presents is exhausted, so act at once, if you want the benefit of this offer.

Farmer's Week at Missouri Agricultural College

The officers of the State Board of Agriculture and the Agricultural College have completed arrangements for farmers' week to be held in Columbia, January 9-12, 1906. Some of the important features of this meeting will be:

Corn Judging Demonstration conducted by Prof. M. F. Miller. The corn exhibits entered for prizes at the State Corn show will be judged by a class of students under the direction of Prof. Miller, and the reason for the scoring and placing of the various samples will be given. The main idea in this demonstration will be to show in detail just how an exhibit of corn is scored and the features that are considered in determining where each particular exhibit should be placed. The students who have been trained in corn judging will make the marking and give their reasons for so doing before the audience. Time will then be given for a general discussion by the delegates present and to any questions that may be asked.

A Dressed Beef Demonstration will be given

The St. Joseph Poultry Show.

The growth of the Western Poultry Fanciers' Association, since its reorganization, has been a surprise even to those most directly interested. Promises of support have come from many unexpected sources and the result is the management is able to state that, barring the unexpected, the show this year will be the best of the kind ever held in St. Joseph and one of the most important exhibitions of the year west of Chicago. The dates are January 15 to 20, 1906, and the entries close at noon on the first day. The management has announced that this rule will be enforced without exception. The show is to be conducted on President Roosevelt's "square deal" idea and it is believed that a strict adherence to this principal will have a salutary effect not only for the present but the future. Many of the exhibitors at the state show recently held at Kirksville have told members of the association that they will bring their birds here. Letters of inquiry have been received from as far away as Texas and from their tone the management feels justified in saying Nash's skating rink, the largest hall of the kind in the city, will be filled to its capacity during show week. A catalogue containing all needed information may be had upon application to E. L. McDonald, Secretary, St. Joseph, Mo.

by Prof. F. B. Mumford and Prof. E. B. Forbes of the Department of Animal Husbandry. A number of live animals of different grades will be brought into the ring and judged, after which they will be killed and cut up and put on the blocks, and a full demonstration will be given by the professors and by an expert cutter showing how the carcass is butchered, showing how the butcher divides the quarters for his customers, and showing the great importance to the farmers of knowing just what kind of a live animal it takes to kill out to the greatest advantage and to bring the highest market price. This demonstration will be more complete than any previous exhibit of the kind ever made in the Agriculture College, and the different animals to be used are now on the State farm ready for that purpose.

Another demonstration of particular importance just at this time will be the one given by Dr. D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian and Dr. J. W. Connaway, Veterinarian to the Experiment

Station. Healthy looking animals that have reacted to the tuberculin test will be brought into the ring and before the delegates present will be injected with tuberculin, after the temperatures have been taken, then at the proper time reacting temperatures will be taken showing how the temperatures of diseased animals rise and then the animals will be killed, the lesions of the tuberculosis hunted out and shown to the visitors, demonstrating to the farmers and stockmen the reliability of this method of determining when an animal is affected with tuberculosis.

In connection with this demonstration will be shown a number of specimens that have been taken from Missouri cattle that have been killed in slaughter houses, and in which tuberculosis has been found.

Another very important feature of the meeting,

It is estimated by some of the leading agricultural chemists that the world's supply of phosphorous, a very important and essential element of plant food, and without which no plants can be grown, will under our present wasteful system of agriculture, be exhausted within the next fifty years. The stupendous waste of soil fertility that has occurred in this and other countries in the past must be speedily checked. This means that a new system of agriculture which economizes the plant food in the soil without demolishing the yield or the value of the crops produced, is being developed. In other words, this system will take thought of the future as well as of the present productiveness of the land. This means that the farmer of the future must be acquainted with the soil and understand how to manage it so as to secure the largest yield with the least injury to his land.

The University is offering this winter, beginning January 4th, a special course of eight weeks on the subject. The instruction in this course is of such a nature that the boys without high school training will be able to understand the lectures and profit by the instruction. Missouri farms will be very much richer ten years hence if every young man in the State were to avail himself of this course this winter.

Another course, relating to Dairying, a very important and growing industry in this State, is offered, and also a short course in animal feeding, breeding, and animal diseases.

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I shall be pleased to assist any of the students in these courses in securing boarding places, if they so desire.

H. J. Waters,
Dean of the College of Agriculture,
Columbia, Missouri.


will be the banquet to be given in the Agricultural College on Thursday, evening, January 11, at which time all the delegates and speakers, officers of the Agricultural College and Experiment station and Board of Agriculture will be present.

A number of distinguished gentlemen including the Governor of the State, Hon. Jos. W. Folk have been invited to attend this banquet and a royal good time is expected.

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go in the Modern Farmer. The Editor in Chief is responsible for all unsigned articles. We will give a prize of some kind for the best article appearing each month, and there will be nothing in the department unless our subscribers furnish most of it. Let us have the January articles promptly.

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Ksmith: "What did he say?"

Kjones: "Get out of here and don't come back again."

The governess had been reading the story of the discovery of America to her 4-year-old charge, and, closing the book, she said: "Just think, Mabel, all this happened more than 400 years ago."

"Gwacious!" exclaimed the little miss, "ain't it s'pwizin' how time do fly!"

"Now, in order to subtract," explained the teacher to the class in mathematics, "things have to be always of the same denomination. For instance, we could not take three apples from nine hogs."

A hand went up at the back part of the room.

"Teacher, shouted a small boy, "can't you take four quarts of milk from three cows?"

Anyone can breed poultry and pet stock after a fashion of his own, but the number of persons who are recognized as first class breeders, who produce the choicest specimens, which show decidedly high qualities and steady improvement are, so far, in the minority.

A good way of providing lime is by putting a lump in the drinking vessel. Some of the lime will be dissolved in the water and thus drank by the hens. Lime will also assist in preventing the spread of roup through the agency of the water, and it sometimes aids in correcting bowel disorders.

In feeding and managing stock of any kind no set rules can be given as being the best under all circumstances in which one may be situated. The best plan is to do the best you can under the conditions in which you are placed, so as to keep the poultry in a good condition as economically as possible.

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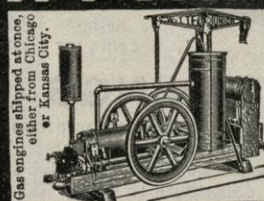
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Somewhere between earth and sky;

Blue eyed grass in the meadow,
And the laden bee's low hum,
Milkweeds all by the roadside,
To tell us summer is come.
—Mary Austin in St. Nicholas.

The Shade.

This tree, which stands with arms out-
spread,
With leaves like fingers tremulous
To seize all coolness overhead
And softly waft it down to us;
This tree—it means a hundred years
Of rain and sun, of drought and dew,
Before this shade, which rests and cheers
Into today's perfection, grew.

Some kindly one, forgotten now,
May thoughtfully have placed the seed,
Foreseeing that each reaching bough
Would satisfy a worn one's need.
Who'er he was, that unknown one,
Who set the seed or sproutlet slim,
He knew not that he had begun
What stands a monument to him.

The trees—the kindly trees—that blaze
With spring's green flame of autumn's
blush,
The sentry fires that line the ways
Into the woodland's peaceful hush—
Through all the years they slowly grow
Until they shield the flowered sod.
The trees—the kindly trees—they show
The patient thoroughness of God.

This tree, which stands with arms out-
spread,
Seems to pronounce while standing thus
A blessing and to gently shed
A benediction over us.
The sunlight shuttles through the leaves,
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For myself I keep the black ones,
Memories of grief and pain;
Keep them hidden, lest their shadow
Fall across your heart again.
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Away with scenes of war! Away with
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Hence from my shuddering sight, to nev-
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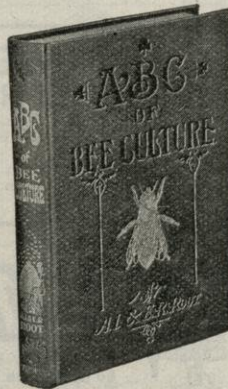
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We say it for an hour or for years;
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tears;
We say it coldly, say it with a kiss,
And yet we have no other word than this—
"Goodby."

We have no dearer word for our heart's
friend,
For him who journeys to the world's far
end,
And scars our soul with going; thus we
say
As unto him who steps but o'er the way,
"Goodby."

Alike to those we love and those we hate,
We say no more in parting. At life's gate
To him who passes out beyond earth's
sight
We cry, as to the wanderer for a night,
"Goodby."
—Grace Denio Litchfield.

He Was Our Father's Darling.

He was our father's darling,
A bright and happy boy;
His life was like a summer's day
Of innocence and joy.
His voice, like singing waters,
Fell softly on the ear,
So sweet that hurrying echo
Might linger long to hear.

He was our mother's cherub,
Her life's untarnish'd light,
Her blessed joy by morning,
Her vision'd hope by night.
His eyes were like the day beams
That brighten all below,
His ringlets like the gather'd gold
Of sunset's gorgeous glow.

He was our sister's plaything,
A happy child of glee,
That frolick'd on the parlor floor,
Scarce higher than our knee.
His joyous bursts of pleasure
Were wild as mountain wind,
His laugh the free unfetter'd laugh
Of childhood's chainless mind.

He was our brothers' treasure,
Their bosoms' only pride;
A fair depending blossom
By their protecting side;
A thing to watch and cherish,
With varying hopes and fears,
To make the slender trembling reed
Their staff for future years.

He is a blessed angel;
His home is in the sky;
He shines among those living lights
Beneath his Maker's eye.
A freshly gather'd lily,
A bud of early doom,
Hath been transplanted from the earth
To bloom beyond the tomb.
—Catherine H. Esling.

Somewhere.

'Tis always morning somewhere, little
heart;
Somewhere the sky is ever fair and blue.
No night can wrap in darkness all the
world.
Some rift the sun is ever shining
through.

There's always happiness somewhere, sad
heart;
Somewhere are always love and hope
and cheer.
No sorrow can forever hide God's smile.
No life is toil and grief from birth to
bier.

Look up and bide with patience, then,
dear heart.
The sacred promise of the dawn is true.
Beyond the cloud a glad new day shall
rise,
And what of joy is yours will come to
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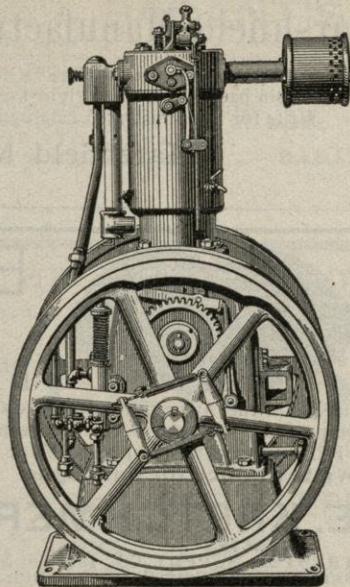
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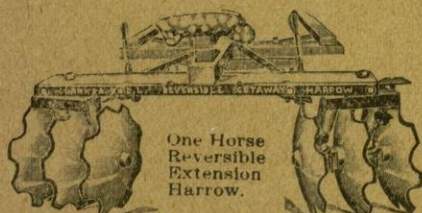
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