

THE FLAG GOES BY.

Note off! Along the street there comes A band of bugles, a rattle of drums, A flash of color beneath the sky! Note off! The day is passing by!

Red and crimson and white it shines, Over the steel-tipped, ordered line. Note off!

Not more than this the day is passing by.

On wings and land fighting grim and great, Fought to make and save the States. War marches' and sinking ships; Powers of victory on dying lips.

Days of plenty and days of peace, March of a strong hand, and increase. Equal rights, rule and law, Glorious honor and reverend awe,

Songs of a Nation, great and strong, And world her people from foreign wrongs. Pride and glory and honor, all Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Note off! Along the street there comes A band of bugles, a rattle of drums, All their hearts are beating high! Note off!

The day is passing by!

FELT MATS FOR RAILS.

The Note of Moving Trains Considerably Alleviated.

Mention has already been made of the invention of a material for the deadening of the sounds produced by moving trains, and was exhibited at Leipzig last summer. The new mat is described as being made of strong wool, which is thoroughly impregnated with resin, which has been rendered adhesived by the addition of sodium bromate and formaldehyde, and then very highly compressed to form plates one-third inch to several inches in thickness and of various sizes. They are especially recommended for crossings and bridges, but are desirable for use all along the track, and it is claimed that they tend to prolong the life of the rail by lessening the wear upon it. The surface of the mat is said to be so hard that a nail may be placed upon such a piece of matting without cutting it. When placed between the girders and foundations of engines it considerably lessens the vibration. Its use in connection with glazed roads in large cities has also been suggested.

Hints for the Kitchen.

An excellent way to serve eggs is hard-boiled, with mayonnaise of cream sauce. By removing from the hands stains made by peeling fruits and vegetables use a cloth.

For hard pudding sauce rub together two ounces of butter, four of sugar and the juice of half a lemon until thoroughly mixed, whereupon keep cold till wanted for use.

Baking water ought never to be poured over testyans, japanned goods and the like. In that it cracks the varnish. Wash father with warm water, a soft sponge and a very little soap. Sweet oil is good for taking out marks made by hot irons. To clarify chocolate add a few drops of milk to a bottle of it half a teacupful of fresh, sweet milk and let the whole stand for twenty-four hours. As the sediment will settle to the bottom with the curdled milk the clear liquid may then be poured off into another bottle.

Turkeys for the Farm.

The common black turkey is as good a general purpose turkey as any, with the possible exception of a cross of American black with the mammoth bronze. Do not attempt to raise the cross of the wild turkey with the tame, for it will only fowl in a half wild bird which can never be kept within proper bounds. Large fields for feeding by day and well-ventilated houses near the fields for roosting by night are necessary to make turkey raising profitable. It is essential that the house for the turkeys be not the hold over house, but the fowl, with no roost between, or the chances are they will roost in the trees instead of in the house. In the winter, houses warmly and feed out of doors, scattering the grain thickly over the ground to make the turkeys take the necessary amount of exercise.

Pratice Farmer.

Wanted to Learn English.

The paper in Canada caught a native countryman who shot him in the moon and arrested him on suspicion. The boy had on the previous evening concealed himself inside the shop, and had remained there until morning in fitting himself with a complete suit of clothes, including a white shirt, with studs and buttons, a red tie, carefully put on black socks, a pair of patent leathers, watch and chain, handkerchief, pocket-knife, straw hat and cane. He even went the length of writing his name inside the hat. On being arrested he was a magic trick, he said that he was going to learn English, as well as a preliminary step thought best to dress like an Englishman.

Squirrels Invade a House.

On recent occasions recently the family of Isaac Hatz, living at Round Top Valley, Bucks County, Pa., have observed rather queer looking flying objects entering through a broken window in the side of their home. For a long time the glass of the house had been used only for storage purposes, and had not been unbroken by anyone in a number of months. Mr. Hatz entered the garret and was accustomed to find the place in possession of a large army of flying squirrels. The animals however were greatly disturbed by the intrusion, and were seen to fly from the place, killed or captured alive. The price of a squirrel is \$2. The finding of such a large number of flying squirrels under the circumstances is considered most extraordinary here.

The Republic of Cuba.

The Cubans have now the New York Press, a regularly organized government. The President is Bartolome Maso and the vice-president Domingo Mandes Capote. They took the oath of office at La Habana October 20, 1897. The Cubans have a constitution, magistrates, a postal and a fiscal system and elections. They levy taxes and exercise all the powers of a state. They have laws and the means of calling together a legislative assembly. But, owing to the war in Cuba, the Government is not concerned with, nor is it known that it is in the choice of the majority of Cubans who wish to be freed from Spanish domination.

Tongue Heals Rapidly.

An injury to the tongue is repaired by sutures with more rapidity than is the case with any other part of the system.

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My First Sweetheart.

She was the fairest, bonniest lass That mortal ever knew;

The rose's blush was on her cheeks,

Her eyes had caught the blue,

June time skies around her head Bright, golden ringlets danced,

And when my sweetheart smiled on me I felt my heart entranced.

I found her sitting 'neath the trees One glorious day in May;

The breeze with her dancing curl

Went round and round,

I looked at her with breakfast gaze,

She turned her eyes on me,

They brimmed with love, our warm lips met In kiss one, two, three.

That day was years and years ago,

But I can never forget

My first sweetheart's bewitching eyes,

And oh! How her eyes yet,

As fervent as in those days

When first I saw her smile;

And she loves me, I know it, for

I am her only child.—

Thomas B. Holmes, in the May Ladies' Home Journal.

Co-operative Agriculture.

Over twenty-eight hundred Ontario farmers have received material and instructions for conducting tests upon their own farms during the present season. These include young men who have attended the Agricultural College, and painstaking farmers who have experimented alone, and others who are undertaking the work for the first time.

About two thousand experiments have conducted satisfactory experimental work within the past ten years. Of this number over two thousand have been reported for at least three different years, and some for five, six, and even nine years. Little extra experiment stations form object lessons in nearly every neighborhood town, the influence of which can never be completely measured. To give an idea of this influence, I quote the following from reports sent in by experimenters:

"I get much benefit from my experiments and my plots are visited by most of my neighbors."

"As a result of my experiments I raise more bushels to the acre and make more money on my farm."

"Looking at it from a financial point of view, my neighbors have received benefit from experiments to the amount of a good many hundred dollars."

This system of co-operative experimental work in agriculture, which centers at the Agricultural College, and operates through the medium of the Experimental Union, is being enlarged and improved year by year. A study of the fertility of the soil on different farms, and of the relative merits of promising varieties of agricultural crops for different sections, are the main subjects under experiment on about one hundred and fifty farms. There are in all nineteen distinct experiments which embrace the agricultural crops grown on about nine tenths of the culti-

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