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Many brooders have a runway or board in front of them which takes up almost as much floor space as the brooder does. This is a feature which develops into a positive drawback where the brooder has to be used in a small house.

The dread of fire is one which is always present with the man or woman who has dealings with brooders. It is true that the lamp may be of the latest pattern and kept clean and well filled with oil, but accidents do happen, and then away go your building and your insurance.

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FEEDING BEES IN SPRING.

Best Way For the Good of the Bees and Ease of Operator.

Early feeding of bees in spring is very essential to their welfare, and the best methods of doing it so that no openings to the lives are left to let the heat of the bees escape is of much importance.

May Overton's pacer by Bow Bells, dam Rosy Morn, is stepping quarters in 33 1/2 seconds without extending himself.

Straight Ticket, by Baron Wilkes, who took a new record of 2:21 1/4 in a winning race at Bradford, Pa., June 27, is totally blind.

Fellfare, 2:10 1/4, sensational pacer on the Montana circuit several years ago, is at work on the trot at the Cleveland track.

The Canadian pacer Arbutuskan, 2:09 1/4, is good this year. He turned the Hamilton (Ont.) half mile track the other day in 2:10 1/4.

Larbie the Great (3), 2:12 1/4, is great just now. He worked in 2:10 1/4, trotting the last quarter in 31 1/2 seconds at Detroit the other day.

The California filly Enla Mac, 2:27 1/4, by McKinney, 2:11 1/4, now 3, is reported to have recently trotted a half in 1:04 1/4 at Santa Rosa.

Walter S. whom Ed Geers gave a grand circuit trotting record of 2:12 1/4 in 1896, recently took a pacing mark of 2:20 1/4 and third money at Saugus, Mass.

John Penman, formerly driver of Royal Victor, 2:08 1/4, who was reported to have died in South Africa, is said to be alive and well and in the service of the British government.

Friends of C. H. Brosman are anxious to back Imp at weight for age against Ethelbert, Kinley Mack, Jean Beraud and any horse in training, mile and a quarter, for \$5,000 a corner.

TAKING THE REINS.

The promising Pennsylvania pacer Miss E. J. Whitten, of Topsham, Me., was said to have hair eight feet in length.

Marie Antoinette wore a pompadour and rolls thrown back past her ears. Queen Anne wore side curls.

A hair is a succession of cylindrical or elliptical horny cells. Curly or kinky hair is due to sudden "breaks" in the regularity of the cellular succession.

Short hair was the style under the Francis I. regime, but with the court of Louis XIII came long hair as a fashion. Curis, wigs, powders, periwigs and perukes.

Samson's strength was attributed to his long hair, and his fate is charged up to Delilah's shears. Absalom's wealth of tresses was the cause of his own death.

In Egypt long hair was considered an incumbrance. It was a feature of beauty among the Hebrews and Greeks. Roman ladies used artificial hair and so the pace for future coiffures.

Peasant girls in the south of France cultivate and sell their hair as a regular business practice. Traders who attend the fairs purposely to traffic in tresses frequently find hair five feet in length, and hair six feet long is very scarce.

Razors can be conveniently sterilized by a new apparatus which has a tank for heating the water or sterilizing liquid, provided with a hood which confines the steam, slots being cut around the edge of the hood for the insertion of the razor blade.

In Maryland a man has patented a shirt having a detachable bosom, which can be easily removed and a fresh one put in its place when soiled, the shirt having a series of buttons, to which tongues on the edges of the bosom are attached.

For army use a combined shelter tent and cape has been designed, having a canvas cover of pyramidal shape, with a removable cap at the top, which is taken off for the insertion of the head, a telescopic pole being attached at the end of a bayonet to support the device as a shelter tent.

To give an alarm when a door or window is opened a new device is formed of a spring actuated bell secured to a strip of board, with a second piece of board hinged to the first and opened into a wedge for insertion under the door, which when opened closes the wedge and starts the alarm.

Curious African Customs.

Among the human sacrifices of the delta of the Niger, says Count de Cardi, young girls occupy the most honored place. They are at regular periods offered up to the gods, and instead of shrinking from this horrible doom they accept it with pride and gratitude.

Nothing is refused to these girls while they are alive. If one of them sees a handsome dress or ornament on a woman and expresses a desire to have it, the woman must give it to her. Men are also sacrificed, though not for religious reasons, and they welcome death as eagerly as the girls.

Count de Cardi once tried to save one of these victims, but instead of thanking him, the man reviled him so bitterly for interfering and scolded the bystanders so heartily for delaying to carry out the sentence that they promptly stopped his mouth by killing him.

The worst insult which one woman can offer to another is to hold out the right hand in front of her with the index and middle finger forming the letter V. This means, "You will become the mother of twins." When twins are born in this region, they and their mothers are killed, as a rule, and when a mother dies in giving birth to a child the latter is also killed and buried with her.

It is not superstition which impels the negroes to dispose of motherless infants in this heartless fashion, but the great difficulty of rearing them. Altogether, the information which Count de Cardi has gathered during his residence of many years in this portion of Africa is of rare value, especially to anthropologists.

He Remembered Them. "By the way," said the man who had stopped at a farmhouse to water his horse, "15 years ago a poor boy came this way, and you took him in."

"Yes," queried the farmer, somewhat surprised. "You were kind to him," went on the stranger; "you fed him, gave him words of encouragement and an old suit of clothes, put a dollar in his pocket and sent him on his way rejoicing. He told you at the time that he never would forget your kindness. Am I right?"

"I reckon you are," replied the farmer. "He said that if he prospered he would see that you never had occasion to regret your kindness to a poor, struggling lad."

"Land's sakes!" exclaimed the farmer's wife excitedly. "It sounds almost like a fairy tale, don't it? Why, you must have seen him."

"I have," said the stranger, "and he sent a message to you." "What is it?" they both asked expectantly. "He told me to tell you that he is still poor."

MEN OF MARK.

Governor Nash of Ohio will make a visit to the Paris exposition the early fall.

Joseph Flory, the Republican candidate for governor of Missouri, was elected on the Wabash railroad years ago.

Congressman Littlefield of Montana is one of the strongest men in the physically. He exercises with 16 dumbbells every morning.

William S. Jennings, Democratic nominee for governor of Florida, is a native of Illinois.

William Jennings Bryan is a books and has a good sized library, but he cares little for books and rarely visits a picture gallery.

Frederick Winklemann, who was recently selected by the New York public schools of that city, has been all his life.

Henry Graves, the Chicago millionaire says he has lived in Chicago longer than any other man. He went there 40 ago and for 50 years has lived in the same house.

William A. Clark, the copper king of Montana, is an enthusiastic member of the Butte Press club, at the meeting of which he is always called upon to sing, having an excellent voice.

The late Admiral Philip, while a good, religious and conscientious man as a boy not much of a student at the Naval academy, generally managed to pass his examinations.

Major Esterhazy has returned to his home in Hungary, where he is engaged in any business, so rumors that he gets a government pension.

Lord Grimthorpe, the most prominent of English churchmen in spite of years, has resigned the position of censor and vicar general of the diocese of York, which he has held for 22 years.

Advertisement for 'The Watchman-Wahder' newspaper, including text like 'MEN OF MARK', 'BEE BUZZES', 'DON'TS FOR VISITORS', and 'WRITERS AND PAINTERS'.