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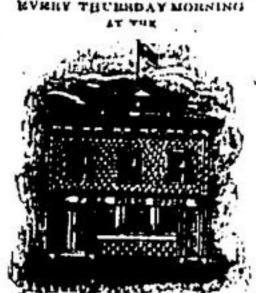
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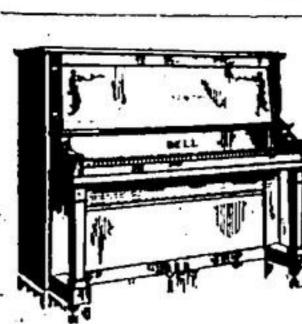
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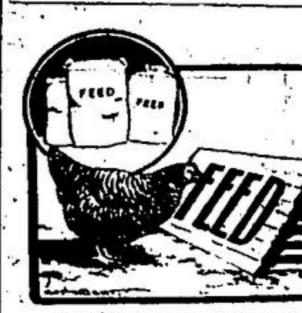
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While you present her tremblic Yes, dear mother, I will west, you, In that fair and happy land," Then she smiled and seemed so happy As she calmly passed away, And her woul went to ber Havlour, In that land of undloss day.

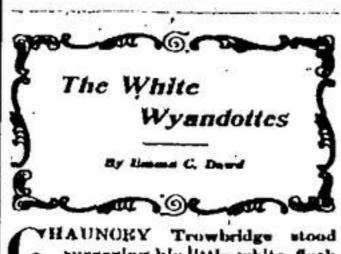
Keep your promise to your mother, Though long years have passed and Since you made that sacred promise, Kneeling at her dying bed.

In those years have you forgotten,

As you've wandered far and wide.

Seeking wealth or worldy pleasure, With commulons at your side, Think again of home and mother --Think of all she bore for you, And remember now her counsels, And her love, so pure and true. That you made in days gone by. And prepare some day to meet ber. In that home beyond the sky.

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surveying his little white flock with proud pleasure. It was no wonder, for every ben was a beauty, and as for the handsome cock -well, he strutted about as if he knew that there was not his like to any other poultry yard on Winslow

Chauncey and his mother were newcomers in the neighborhood, Mrs. Trowbeldge having but recently purchased the "Winslow House," by far the fleest place on the street to which the past owner had given his name The grounds were large, and in the lower part of the big garden som empty chicken coops had proved too tempting for Chauseey. Having had a rather successful experience two years before, with three per hantages he was at ouce reised with a strong desire to go into the poultry business on a larger scale. A small flock of White Wyandottes was the result. and for the last month farm journals and chicken books had been of greater Interest to him than historical dates and arithmetical problems.

Now he stooped to careas one of ble especial favorites, for already he had every fowl tame enough to rat from his hand.

"Princess," he told the pretty cresture, "you must do your very best to build up an extra good laying record for you are to go to the poultry show sure, and I want to be able to tall some blg stories about you."

Princoss cooked up an eye at him. quite as if she understood her important commission, and then slipped

from his flagers to catch a snowy Across the yard, with only a los picket feace between, stood another Glanding up, Chauncey saw him.

"Hullo I" he called cheerily. "Hul-lo!" drawled the other. "What do you think of them? miled the owner of the flock. "Pretty good lot o' benk" was the

niuw answer. "Good I" echoed Chauncey, a little untiled, "I guess they are! Pure breed, straight through! Not an off feather among them! You just walt and see the blue ribbons that Princess here will win at the next poultry shows !"

The boy on the other side of the fence widened his gray eyes. "Goln' to enter her I are you?" he returned Chauncey nodded proudly. "If she holds good, I expect to," he replied "Look at her now! Ahrt she a beauty P"

"She pertainly is," agreed the neigh bor. "Aunt Sarah and I thought some of keepin' a few heas," he con fided, but we figured on it and found It was going to onet on much to get things started that we gave it up." "It pays, though, in the long run,

asserted Chauncey, with the air of a poultry expert. "I dare usy," drawled the other. "and if you've got the cash it's Alright but if you haven't what are you gring to do F

"Well, I suppose you cap't in that case," responded the young poultryman with an easy laugh; "but why don't you start small and work up?" "Couldn't start any other way." the lad began, and then stopped short, for down the slope came the call of "Johnny ! Johnny !" The boys turned to see a woman standing in the door of the little old-fashloged house next to the blg one.

"Aunt Harely wents, ine," was th Johnny walked away in answer to the

Channery warehed him with a half smile. "What a poke he is !"be mut tered to himself. "I wonder, if anything on earth would atir him up." It was in the middle of July that Mrs. Trowbridge's sister invited her and Chauncey for a few days' visit to her country home to Massachusette. "But how can I go?" objected the

"Johnny Bumpus!" cried Chauncey corufully. "Hut why not? He seems like a

quiet, reliable boy." "Hub, he's quiet all right !" retorted Chauncay: "but-ob, you don't know Johnny Bumpus! Why, be wouldn't get round to feeding time till the middle of next week! Hut, I say. what's the matter with Tillie's taking care of them?"

Mrs. Troworldge shook her head. I promised her that if we should go away she could spend the time with her sister, and she is counting on it No. we minun't benck into her plans even for the chickens." "Then I shall have to stay at bome

scowled Chauncey. "I suppose you wouldn't want trust them to Jared," ventured his mather. "Japed! I should say not! He"

pass, on lawns and flower beds, but chickens -- no, sir! He'd be sure to forget to water 'em, or something, and -uh, he wouldn't do at all l" "I think you'd better see Johnny at

once. There's no use of your losing the visit for the sake of a dozen benz. "Ob, dear, you don't understand!" grumbled Chaucoey. - "If anything should happen to Princess or Ulysses why, I don't know what I should do They're just like -friends, you know. "I'm sure Johnny will take good care of them," insisted Mrs. Trow-

"Well," yielded the lad : "but shall worry about them every single minute I'm gone." His mother smiled as she left the

room. She knew Chauncey. It was soon arranged, the neighbo falling into the plan with his neur friendlinees, and the rest of the day was spent by the boys in giving and receiving (instructions, Home lad would have resented so much dictation but Johnny Bumpus, whatever he felt showed only a desire to serve satisfac torily his young employer, even asking a question now and then, to the sur

prise of the owner of the chickens. "We shall not be gone more than three or four days at most," Chaunce assured him when he said good-by the next morning. Then the carriage door shut, the horses started, and the whole flock of Wyandottes was in sole charge of Johnny Bumpus,

For two days Chauncey gave himsalf up to the delights of Aunt Doro thy's beautiful home and the pleasure provided for him, almost losing sigh of the feathered pots be had left be blud. Then he was taken Ill. A plu sician declared the trouble to be the measles, and ordered him to bed. "I'll stay abed to-day," the boy

to go home to morrow—sure !" "All right," sunlied the doctor with whippeical glance towards Mr. Trowbridge. But the next day and the next and the pext Chauncey was too miserable even to think about home, except in vague, worrying way, with an occa-

agreed; "but you must get me wel

sional wonder if the shickens were all For a week the weather had been growing hot and hotter, until from all over the country came reports of the terrible heat.

"Lucky you're up here instead of down in Connecticut," congratulated Uncle George, one sultry morning. "You'd have had to stand one hundred degrees yesterday if you'd have been down home. Five prostrations horses dropped dead in the streets-

they say it was fearful." "Oh, my poor chickens !" groaned Chauncey. "I dare say Johnny'll for get to fill the water dishes, or he won't give them half enough. I don't see

what I had to be sick for P" "Nonsensel" returned his 'You're a deal better off here. ably Johnny will take just as good care of them as you would." "But you don't know what a ho

place our yard is," fretted the boy There is only a very little shade." "You couldn't change the weather I you were there," laughed Unch Goorge ; "wo I'd be sensible, if I were ou, and not worry."

But worry Chauncey certainly did until his aunt, hunting up amusements for him, invited a lad in the neighborhood, who had had the measles, to some in for a little visit. -"It is awfully bard weather for

phickens," innocently agreed stranger in response to the sick boy's confidences. "I beard our man tell father last night, that wa'd lost seven fine hens just from the heat."

Chauncey listened in diamay. Seven up bare in the country, where it was so much cooler than it was at home! Nothing but the presence of his visitor prevented his sobbing out his sorrow in his pillow. It was a relief when the boy went away.

The few more days before the do for would allow Chauncey to take the ourney home seemed almost endless so anxious was he to know the wors or the test-about his precious pets Then, suddenly a heavy thunderstore ended the heat. It grow cold, very oldformideummer, and the lad was selzed with a fresh worry. lest hi chickens-if any had survived the searching weather-might have roup "Johnny Bumpus Is so slow," b

mourned. "He wouldn't find out that they had it until they were doed." Arrived home, Chauncey hurrled to a back window. He glimpeed a bit o be spled Johnny and hailed him.

"Been gone a good spell, have-"Yes," he replied briefly. He was terrible heat?"

gonera by night; but I fixed 'em." "Fixed 'em?" scowled his puzzled

plained Johnny, concisely. "It brought 'em out fine!" His eyes shone. He was actually awake. "Ham Waller up the street aplece," he went on, "lost six hers, and Mrs. Blakesley, down or the corner, three; but I told 'er about putting them in water and they

saved the rest. Myl twould hav

was chipper as a lark the next morn-""Well, I'm thankful !" responded Chauncry. "But who told you to de it?' I never heard of such a thing!" Didn't anybody tell me. I just happened to think of it. I knew I'd got to hustle and help 'em out some way or they'd be pastibelping. Then two or three more of 'em took cold when the thermometer skipped from

"Why, but it's five or six miles. You

"Why not?" interrupted Johnny meter was too boarse to risk waiting KAYS me some capsules to bring home. That fetched 'em. Haven't heard a

Chauncey drew a long glad breath Then he thought of all his slighting opinions about Johnny Bumpus. For a moment he could not speak. After a little the words rame, words that umbled over one another in their

"You shall have half of my bens." or said-"no hear me through!" ar the other started to expostulate. That's small enough return for all you've done for me! You deserve a shicken yard of your own, if ever a fellow did, and you are going to have it. I shall need to take some leasung

"Father, may I have a piece, please? asked Myra at broakfast. Mr. Jones dropped the paper and picked up the carving knife. pardon, my dear, I thought I'd helped

you" sald he, "Hare or well-done "Not a piece of steak !" oried Mrya 'A plece of the newspaper. Give me whichever shalt you're not reading." "Oh," said Mr. Jones, "the news" paper !" Ills nyes twinkled teasingly at his daughter, but just returned from college. "Well, now, I'm afraid I can't spare you what you want. The 'Mon day Bargain Bales' are on the back of the 'Beer War' to-day. But if the 'Sporting Column' will do-"

"Quite well, thanks-since it's on the reverse of the 'Deliate of the Philipplac," rejoined Myrs, promptly. have acquired the newspaper habit, father, and I shall expect you to divide with me every morning." Mrs. Jones looked anxious. "I

he nerveel. And there's a great deal n the papers not worth wasting time over. And the English is so poor. And newspapers are unsociable things Myra coughed wickedly. Mr. Jones coked up defensively, then admitted

ke looking out of the window when one got up-just as natural and pro-"Ho I think !" agreed Myra. "We'll always do it, won't we-both of us?" The pampered dog's behaviour was "Umph I" said Mr. Jones, dublously curious. Gathering himself together But the newspaper habit divided by he refused to enter the dining-room wo has proved quite different from but slowly toiled upstairs again an the newspaper habit confined to one. retired to the wicker basket where be The range of subjects discussed at the

has become always interesting, sometimes positively exciting ! paper as much as I do on the coffee. pot," owned Mrs. Jones recently. Only the news must be poured out not and passed around, likethe coffee." "So father and I think," assented

ALL ABOUT ABIONATURE

Tellers and clerks of savings-banks ave a rare opportunity to study uman nature. All sorts of people with strange notions of the methods and purposes of banks, come before them. A teller of a Boston savingsbank sends a true story of a good Irlshwoman who came to the bank to

"Please write your name on that ine," said the teller, pushing toward the woman a book and a pent "Do yes want me first pame?" she taked, taking the pen in hand "Yes, your full name, and middle

"Yes, his last name, but your own "Oh, me name before I was mar-"No-your given name-klien or

"Do yes want me husband's name ?"

Bridget-"Sure, then, me name is nayther wan o' them.' "Well, what is it, then?" "Buro It's Mary." "Very well. There are others walt-

nitial if you have any."

abead."

TWENTY YEARS AGO Notes from the Free Press of Thurs-

Last week Robert Beattle, of Limeouse, was helping unload oat sheaves | He printed his initials on with the rack lifter at Mr. John Lindsay's, Jr. farm, and sustained serious pinal injuries by falling with some of He thought 'twas gone forever then the sheaves from the top of the lead And he'd see it no more. whichwas suspended about 12 feet from Hut long before the year rolled by

While Mr. Alex. Smith was driving That same one dollar bill, pear Hillsburg last work his horse became frightened at another rig, and turned around, upsetting the buggy on the driver and throwing itself. His injuries necessaltated a few days' sursing in bed.

Last Thursday ovening, when Mr learge Vincent and his bride withhall been married in Eramose on Wednesday, arrived at his home in Acton, grand reception was tendered them when a number of his fellow-employees were present and presented blin with an address and a well-filled purse.

Mr. George Smith, of Milton, who came to attend the Hone of Bootland garden party on Tuesday last week, took ill at the gathering and was Its work of life fulfil: removed to Clark's Hotel, where I received good care, but next evening t was seen that life was obbing away and he died about nine o'clock. Heart discuse was the immediate cause of

Mr. Hamuel Johnson's house was tered last Wednesday afternoon and about \$20 in money and valuables stolen. Mr. Johnson had gone to the returned to the kitchen, mistaken, as he thought, but at the time the burglar was upstairs, and afterwards

A pleasant family reunion took place at the home of Mrs. Royce on Main and they betook themselves to the treet on the 17th, when her four daughters and one son were present on her eightieth birthday.

Miss Jossie McNabb is seriously ill. Mr. Joseph Edge is attending the World's Fair at Chicago. Also Mr. had seen such a thing as a frying-pan. and Mrs. H. P. Moore and Eddis. Miss Dale and Master Johnnie,

Ginnous—In Mesocolog, on August Will, to and Mys. James Gibbons, Jr., a son. Cook-In Bris, on August Bith; to Mr. and Mrs

Vincent Townskip in Eramosa, on August Erd, by Rev. T. J. Habine, Rockwood, My. Geo. Vincent, Asion, to Miss Jule Elizabeth Townsend, of Eramosa.

Fragueor-In Actor, on Abgust 17th Catharin-McDonald, relict of late Donald Fergueon aged 73 years, 7 months.

OFFENDED DIGNITY A clear case of sulks on the part of much-petted and over-indulged dog given here. The more carefully

A dog who had grown old and gra In one family, and had always been used to much kindness, became at last so fat that when the dinner-bell rang -a sound which used to bring him rushing down-stairs-be would sit a the top of the staircase and white

piteously until someone went up and carried blut down. Just at this time a Newloundland puppy was introduced into the family.

On one occasion when the dinner bell rang, the puppy, seeing the oki dog sitting on the top step as usual ran up to him and in clumsy play upset him so completely that the fat fellow rolled to the foot of the stairs. The sight was very ludicrons and nov eral members of the family could not refrain from laughter.

usually passed the night. Humble apologies were made to him, more than one child offering him dainty food, but though he must have been hungry everything was refused and he passed the evening festing. His pride had been too deeply wounded by the unfeeling laughter of

his friends, and it was not until an

the slight. STOOD HIS GROUND "Can you bollowgrind this resor asked a customer who had stepped into a resor-grinding establishment presided over by a hard headed man with briefling hair and an aggressive look on his face.

"You want me to hollowground it, Y child to bed before he drives me mad. suppose ?" he said. "No. sir," rejoined the other. want you to hollowgrind it.'

ground, alr ?" "If you grind it hollow don't you hollowgrind it, sis F' ----"Do you think you can teach me anything about my business. I've been in the hollowgrounding resor business for twenty-five years-

"Do you reckon I don't know what I do for a living?" "I don't care whether you do resor?"

"No you haven't. You've been hol

lowgrinding them.'

The customer reflected a moment. "See here, my friend," he said. Can | functions of the laystom, thereby I have it ground hollow here?" "Cortainly." And they compromised on that basis

TALE OF A DOLLAR BILL farmer went to town to spend some of his hard sarped dough,

And in a merry jest, and just To show his printing skill, A bran new döllar bill. He spent the dollar that same day, Down in the village store, One day he went to fill A neighbor's order, and received Once more he spent that dollar bill In his own neighborhood. Where it would do himself and friends The most amount of good. Four times in two years it came back As some had pennise will, And each time he'd go out and spend This same one dollar bill.

He in town to-day. . But just two years ago He sent it far away. The people who received it then I know have got it still, For 'twee to a mail order house He sont his dollar bill. No more will that marked dollar Come into the farmer's hands, And pover more will it help to pay The taxes on his lands. He brought about the living death

sant discovery. After seeking long for trout streams, he and his companion came upon a lone shanty, where a mock and smoking his pipe. He was a very much carprised man, for as, he told them ne one had intruded upon

"Plenty of fish," he promised them, creek. There they woon filled their baskets, and then, having dressed as many astwo hungry men could eat, On loquiring of our landlord if he

he produced one, and my friend, who prided himself on being a camp expert remarked '4)f course this tramp doesn't know how to cook a trout. I'll The tramp looked on smoking his pipe, but being rather the worse for bur day's travel, it was suggested that before sating we should have a bath : so, adjourning to the creek, we look a

a white cloth and napking. Where they all came from was a mystery, but they were there.

"I'll show you how trout should be But then appeared our landlord bearing a platter filled with nicely browned fish. It was followed by delicious black coffee. Then we rolled up in our blankets, and slept as only tired hunters and fisherman can de Our breakfast was the supper repeated with an addition of fine, white rolls.

landlord would accept no pay, only a few flice, and a line and pocket-knife. Then one of us said with some patron-. age and a desire to please : "My friend, there is the making of a good cook le you. Why don't you go to San Francisco and hire out? No There was a twinkle in the French man's eye as he replied, careleasly :

We lost no time in refilling our

baskets, and prepared to depart. Our

get what you call tired, and come to California to find a leatle rest.' THE SMALL BOY'S QUESTIONS Hmall boy-"What is a roost, pape ?" Parent-"A roost, my son, lathe pole

Delmonico's chaf for ten years, and I

Small boy-"Well, pape, could a chicken roost on a perch ?" Parent-"Why of course." Small boy-"And could they perch on a roost ?" Parent-"Certainly, of course."

Small boy-"But If just after some roost, and some of the chickens would be perchers and the others would be roceters and-"

Parent-"Sulan, Susan I take this

There never was and never will be a universal panaoce in one remedy for all lils to which flesh is heir. What would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the others. We have, how ever, in Quinine Wine, when obtained remedy for many and grievous illa. which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves those to whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which being strongthoning the bealthy, solmal making activity a necessary result strengthening the frame and giving life to the digestive organs which -result, improved appetite. Northto the public their superior Quinine.

day, August 18th, 1903

stealthly departed.

bronto, have been visiting at Mrs. Wm. Smith's. Miss Maggie Matthews is visiting at Bloomfield, N. J.

John Cook, a son

Smith, Milton, aged of years.

dogs are studied the more of what called "human mature" is found in

If it's ground hollow ain't it bollows

"No, alr. I won't. I'll hollowgroup t or I wou't touch it."

each feeling that he was a little bit naturally demand increased substance

ilad he been wise that dollar might He put it where it never can Of that one dollar bill.

UNDEVELOPED TALENT A writer in Forest and Stream tells how he went trout-fishing years ago, in California, and made there a pleadoor thinking he heard some one but Prenchman was swinging in a ham-

> ble solitude for three months. adjourned to the shanty.

show him." refreshing dip. When we returned to the house, we were surprised at seeing a little rude table set out under the trees; on it were casters, china plate-

"Now for the trout," said my friend.

much to the chagrin of the old terrier, doubt you could get a good situation." "Yes, I can cook a leetle. I was

> on which chickens roost at night." Small boy-"And what is a perch papa P" Parent-"A perch is what chickens perch on at night."

Small boy-"But If the chicken perched on a roost, that would make the roost a perch, wouldn't it ?" Parent-"Ob. yes. I suppose so." other day that he seemed to forgive chickens had perched on a roost and made it a perch and some chickens came along and roosted on a perch and made it a roost, than the roost would be a perch and the perch would be

in a wound, unadulterated state By its gradual and judicious use the frallest systems are led into convalescence and strengh by the influence tife is a disease, and by tranquilising not. Will you bollowgrind this the nerves disposes to sound and atimulated, courses through the yelne

Scatter sunshine and you will keep rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given Though we may never have lost any, By the opinion of scientists, the wine most of us are looking for money all approaches nearest perfection of any

made you ache to see l'rincess moping round. I was scared for her, itut she

a hundred down to zero, and I didn't know, what to do. So I want over to Jim Haxon's-you know be's got chicken farm over east-"

didn't walk -" calmly. 'There wasn't any flying machine come along, and that big for 'em to build a trolley. I knew Jim Haxon could tell me if anybody could. His mother and mine were pretty good friends, and he's smart! said the best thing was quinine and

whoese sinor."

of you on what to do in emergencies.

If I'd stayed home, probably I should-

't have had a chicken left-my but

I'm glad you know how to take care

of them." HER NEWSPAPER HABIT

he did want to know what was going on in the world the first thing. Looking over the paper at breakfast was

ly. Father and daughter glance over their papers, read aloud, discuss, draw the rest into conversation; breakfast

white In the chicken yard-it moved At least one of them was alive! Ther "How are they !" he crifd eagerly." n't you P

"All right," was the cheering antoo impatient for news of his pets to talk of himself. "Do you mean to say that they weren't affected by that

"Who will take care of my thought, one noon, that they'd be 'Mre,?"

your name."

mother replied. "I presume Johnny | listener. "What do you mosn ?" "Give "m's cold bath all round,"ex- but you see I can't write."

hope child, you don't read the murders and burglaries-they're so disturbing to

Jones table has broadened amaxing-

Myra demurely.

open an account.

first name."

"No, never mind that. Now Re out the shadow.

ing for you, so please hurry and write

"Ah, sure, minter, I-would honest!

on the market. All druggists sell it.