

NO JOBS FOR PLAIN GIRLS.

St. Petersburg Postoffice Service Attractive, but Not Efficient.

The Slovo of St. Petersburg recently asked its readers: "Have you ever noticed that the lady assistants in the general post office at St. Petersburg are almost without exception good looking?" Most people might consider this a mere coincidence, but that this is not the case is shown by Miss Petrova, who writes to the newspaper to tell how two friends of hers recently applied for clerkships in the general post office. After a time, the application papers were returned with a formal note to the effect that at present there were no vacancies. The returned documents, however, revealed marginal notes which had been imperfectly obliterated with rubber. One read: "She looks to be over 30, is small, plain and flabby." On the other paper in microscopical characters were the words: "Old maid, tall, bony." The Slovo asks what might have been the marginal notes on the papers of successful candidates and who are responsible for them. It adds that the selection of youth and beauty for this branch of the public service has by no means improved the unsatisfactory condition of the general post office.

KNOW BETTER THAN THAT.

City Youth Could Believe Much but There Was a Limit.

The younger son of a well-known politician of Chicago has spent pretty much all of his life in the big city by the lake, and, consequently, knows little of country ways and things. Not long ago he visited a man he had met in Chicago, and who maintains a big farm near Cairo, whither he had insisted the youngster come for a lengthy stay. One day the Chicago youth was wandering about the farm, closely examining the top, ends and sides of a certain trip, well-made object fenced round in the paddock. "What are you searching for, Jimmy?" asked the owner of the place, with a quizzical smile. "Where are the doors and windows?" asked Jimmy. "Doors and windows! Why, Jimmy, that's a haystack. Look here, old man," exclaimed Jimmy; "I may be only a green person from the city, but you can't bluff me that way. Hay doesn't grow in lumps like that!"—Harper's Weekly.

Real Forbidden Fruit.

In some countries there grows a kind of fruit belonging to the shaddock family and which is commonly called "forbidden fruit." It is similar to grape fruit, but is larger and the inside is somewhat coarser than the delicious acid delicacy of which we are so fond. The name forbidden fruit was given on account of three dark brown stains, like finger marks, which invariably show on this variety of the shaddock. The stains are close together on one side and are believed to be the marks of Eve's fingers left as a brand on the apple whose eating caused so much trouble in the world. Forbidden fruit is much liked by people who are able to get it fresh, but so far it has not been shipped abroad as extensively as its cousin, the grape fruit and shaddock.

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