PENNY PLAIN

BY O. DOUGLAS

Shopman-"You may have your choice-penny plain or two-pence Solemn Small Boy-"Penny plain, please. It's better value for

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me. It doesn't really mean anything

is going to bring you much happiness,

"Oh yes," Jean assured him. "I'm

going to buy myself a musquash coat

and have luncheon with us, won't

was treated with great respect by

"Something of that kind. I'm go-

She joined Jean after a short delay,

and they walked on together. Jean

asked. "Do you understand about

Jean told of Mr. Dickson's visit.

succeeding in making mischief. It

to let me have that snapshot of him

(To be continued)

A Logical Inference.

Fond Parent-"Yes, Bobby."

Fond Parent-"Right, Bobby."

Bobby-"Pop, does 'missive' mean

Bobby-"And does 'sub' mean un-

Bobby - "Then 'submissive' must

met her at the gate.

CHAPTER XX .- (Cont'd.) "And now may I hear your wishes?" to feel that it is our own."

said Mr. Dickson. 'Can I do just as I like with the money?" asked Jean. "Well, will you posing for an heiress?" please divide it into four parts? That will be a quarter for each of us-David, Jock, Mhor, me."

Jean speke as if the fortune were a lump of dough and Mr. Dickson the baker, but the lawyer did not smile. "I understood you had only two brothers?"

"Yes, David and Jock, but Mhor is an adopted brother. His name's Gervase Taunton." though I doubt if you will keep much

"But-has he any claim on you?" Jean's face got pink. "I should think he has. He's exactly like our own brother." "Then you want him to have a full with a skunk collar. I've always

"Of course. It's odd how people wil assume one is a cad! When Mhor's you? mother died (his father had died before) he came to us-his mother trusted him to us-and people kept saying. 'Why should you take him? He has no claim on you.' As if Mhor wasn't a cave in which he kept Jean's for- When men shall rise and say, "He is word you sing!" the best gift we ever got. . . . And you would take a tenth off each share? any lack of manners on his part might when you have divided it. I wonder if We were brought up to give a tenth. of any money we had to God. I'm almost sure the boys would give it them- that he would look like Ali Baba and I am his friend. And for that cause I haps it would be safer to take it off first and put it aside."

Jean looked very straight at the lawyer. "I wouldn't like any of us to be unjust stewards," she said. "No," said the lawyer-"no."

"And perhaps," Jean went on, "the You look very grave. Are you going GREAT INCREASE boys had better not get their shares until they are twenty-five. David could have it now, so far as sense goes, but ing to see Mr. Macdonald. I've got it's the responsibility I'm thinking something I want to ask him." about."

until they are twenty-five. Their shares will accumulate, of course, and be very much larger when they get I run back and fetch something."

"But I don't want that," said Jean. "I want the interest on the money to explained that she was going to ask be added to the tenths that are laid Mr. Macdonald's advice how best to away. It's better to give more than the strict tenth. It's so horrid to be "Has the lawyer been?" Pamela shabby about giving."

"And what are the 'tenths' to be used for?"

"I'll tell you about that later, if I "It's a fearful lot of money, Pammay. I'm not quite sure myself. I ela. But when it's divided into four, shall have to ask Mr. Macdonald, our that's four people to share the responminister. He'll know. I'm never sibility." quite certain whether the Bible means "And what are you going to do with the tenth to be given in charity, or your share?" kept entirely for churches and mis- "I'll tell you what I'm not going to sions. . . And I want to buy some do. I'm not going to take a house and annuities, if you will tell me how to fill it with guests who will be condo it. Mrs. M'Cosh, our servant-per- sistently unpleasant, as the Benefachaps you noticed her when you came tress did. And I'm not going to build in? I want to make her absolutely se- a sort of fairy palace and commit suicure and comfortable in her old age. cide from the roof like the millionaire I hope she will stay with us for a in that book Midas something or other. long time yet, but it will be nice for And I hope I'm not going to lose my her to feel that she can have a home imagination and forget what it feels of her own whenever she likes. And like to be poor, and send a girl with there are others . . . but I won't a small dress allowance half a dozen worry you with them just now. It was muslin handkerchiefs at Christmas." most awfully kind of you to come all "I suppose you know, Jean-I don't the way from London to explain want to be discouraging-that you things to me, when you must be very will get very little gratitude, that the

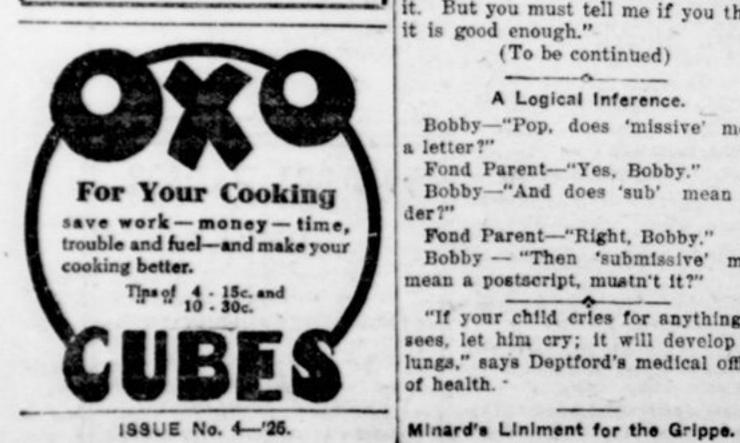
"Coming to see you is part of my your face and blackguard you behind business," Mr. Dickson explained, your back? You will be hurt and dis-"but it has been a great pleasure too appointed times without number. By the way, will you use the You see, my dear, I've had money for house in Prince's Gate or shall we let quite a lot of years, and I know."

"Oh, do anything you like with it. They were crossing the wide bridge I shouldn't think we would ever want over Tweed and she stopped and, leanto live in London, it's such a noisy, ing her arms on the parapet, gazed up overcrowded place, and there are all at Peel Tower. ways hotels. . . . I'm quite content "Let's look at Peel for a little," she

FREE Radio Blue Prints | seems to say, 'Nothing really matters;

Do you want to build your own set? | you'll all be in the tod's hole in less If so, ask your local dealer for a than a hundred years. I remain, and Blueprint, together with Instruction | the river and the hills'." Sheet of the "COMET" Radio Receiver-they are free. If you canyour dealer that he may also obtain restless mortals. . . . Look, Jean, I them as this service is absolutely want you to tell me if you think this free). Comet Tuning Units cut the | miniature is at all like Duncan Maccost of your set in half and give donald. You remember I asked you condenser necessary, and you can receive up to two thousand miles | that you said was so characteristic,

EARLE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. I know who does miniatures well. I 1284 ST. CLAIR AVE. TORONTO | thought his mother would like to have



"I Hear It Said."

Last night my friend-he says he is my friend-Came in and questioned me. it said

You have done this and that. I come to ask Are these things true?"

A glint was in his eve

Of small distrust. His words were crisp and hot, He measured me with anger, and flung

A little heap of facts had come to him. "I hear it said you have done this and with The Rigs. It's such a comfort

"It's a charming cottage," Mr. Dick- Suppose I have? And are you not my

Cadet Lucien Huhert has been

awarded the Audriffred Grand Prix,

Words! Words!

Some very beautiful choral music

little speech Sir Henry Wood once

"Words! Words are your master.

think when you are singing choruses

will be to the public if they hear every

Proved By His Whine.

your whine!"

in France.

son said, "but won't you want something roomier? Something more im- And are you not my friend enough to "I hate imposing things," Jean said, "If it were true, there would be reavery earnestly. "I want to go on just

as we were doing, only with no scrimp- And if I cannot know the how and why, given by the Academic de Sciences et ing, and more treats for the boys. Still I can trust you, waiting for a Morales for the best book of the year We've only got £350 a year now, and the thought of all this money dazes Or for no word, if no word ever

"It will soon. I hope your fortune Is friendship just a thing of afternoons, Of pleasuring one's friend and one's we heard recently reminded us of a made to Sheffield choristers. "Now

Friendship is not so. I am my for your greatest fault!" he exclaimed. And howsoever near my friend may When you go and hear a bad comic

opera and you listen with rapt attenwanted one frightfully. You'll stay Unto my soul, there is a legend hung tion to the principal comedian, what Above a certain strait and narrow way attracts you? You are able without Says, "Dear my friend, ye may not effort to hear every word he sings. At a Husbands and Wives Enter-Mr. Dickson stayed to luncheon, and You forget that he has no voice. Now

Jock and Mhor. The latter had a nowould the time had come—as it has at the next festival what a delight it tion that somewhere the lawyer had

tune, great casks of gold pieces and my friend. trunks of precious stones, and that He has done this? And what is that

lose Jean her inheritance. He was dis- Think you I have a check upon his appointed to find him dressed like any ordinary man. He had had a dim hope Or cast a guiding rein across his neck?

After Mr. Dickson had finished say- Not overclose beside him, leaving still ing all he had come to say, and had Space for his silences, and space for gone to catch his train, Jean started

out to call on her minister. Pamela -Barbara Young, in the New York

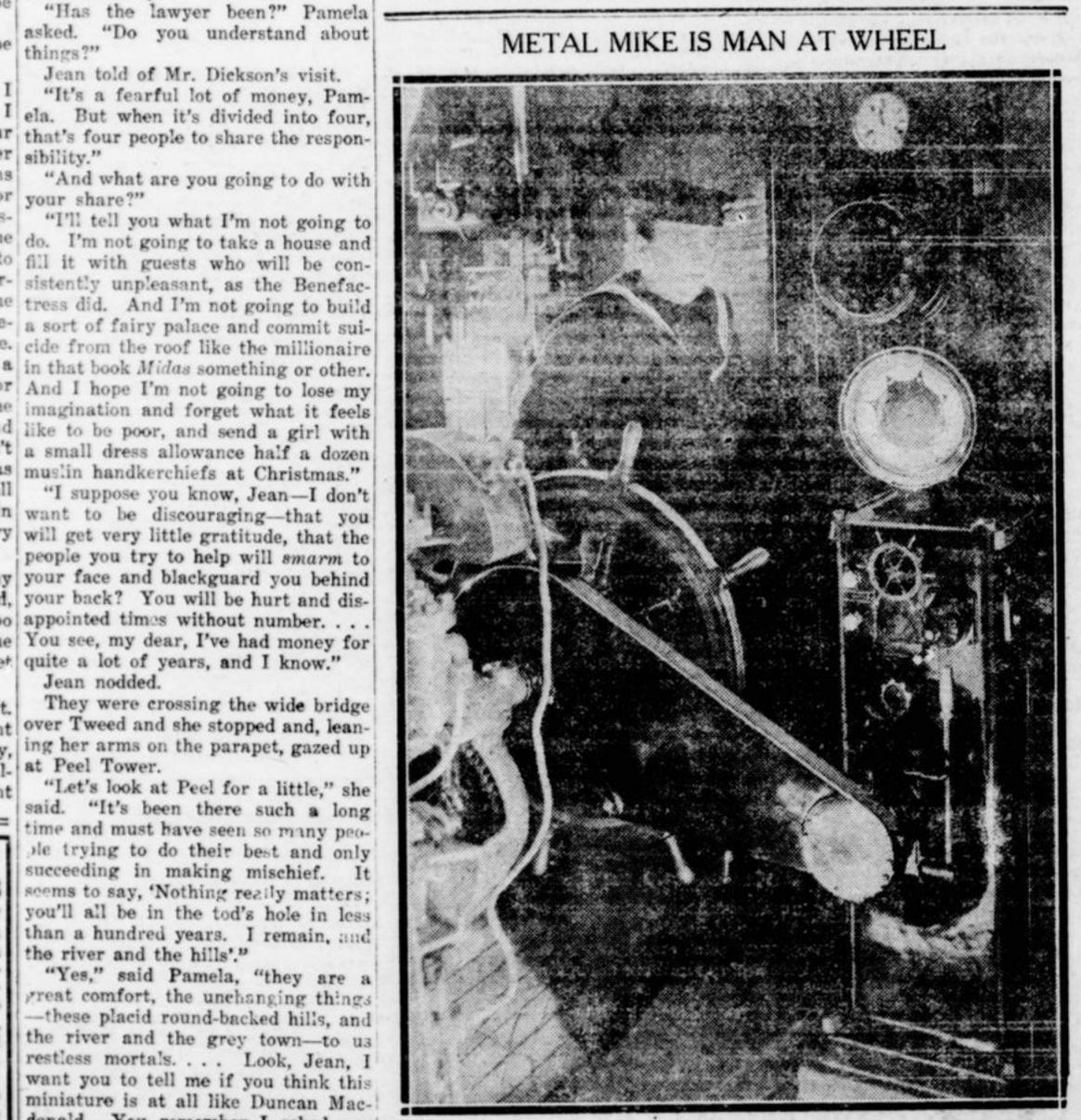
IN TEA CONSUMPTION

The consumption of tea, it is esti-"I suppose you don't want me to go mated, increased in 1924 thirty-nine "I would certainly let them wait with you? I love an excuse to go and million pounds. The price, as a result, see the Macdonalds. Oh, but I have may go to \$1.00 a pound, but even then, ne. Just wait a moment, Jean, while tea is the cheapest beverage in the world-aside from water.

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Making Most of it.

To make the most of the figure 6 Minard's for Sprains and Bruises. turn it upside down.



THE HELMSMAN WITH HIS MECHANICAL ASSISTANT

But science has changed all that. In tion with a view to ensuring the safe Other ideas will come when you beplace of our tried and trusted seaman and rapid transport of passengers gin to look for them, and the real toys we find a trim electric instrument, from one continent to another equals, will prove all the more fascinating which, while not entirely supplanting if it does not transcend, its use in war. ofter a rest. "If your child cries for anything he him, will do the work under his super- The Canadian Pacific were amongst

lungs," says Deptford's medical officer | Watch The Captain decides upon the progressive policy, they were also the his orders to the Officer of the Watch. ship upon the St. Lawrence route.

"The man at the wheel!" Everyone The Officer of the Watch sets the the scissors and you have a new and and I sent it to London to a woman is familiar with the phrase. A certain "Gyro-Pilot" upon the given course, it teresting cut-up picture puzzle which romance weaves its spell about the and the "Gyro-Pilot" does the rest; will be a source of happiness for at the helmsman also receives the course least a little while.

ment of weath. But surely its incepmetic needed in buying and selling.

sees, let him cry; it will develop his vision and that of the Officer of the the first to install the Gyro Compass

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Woman's Sphere

A "NEWLYWED" PARTY.

Write your invitations on correspondence cards, at the top of which paste the heart stickers used for St. Valentine's Day. The invitations thought, a pair of canvas gloves (to might read thus:

Mrs. John Blank requests the plea- sentable hands. sure of Mrs. James Jones's presence tainment (date here) Please bring your matrimonial

exhibit with you.

The "exhibit" naturally is understood to be the "inferior half." Tack up here and there "rules and regulations." Make these something like: "If exhibits are unruly bring them in by the real entrance" or, "Exhibtors must be prepared to take their exhibits with them when leaving."

for husbands and wives, fold papers over, distribute and have guests write answers on the back of the folded pa- waxy form of cream which is an expers without having read the ques-"Does your husband keep his tem-

lect papers and appoint a reader.

Hubby-"I lead a dog's life I'll say!" and ask each woman to describe her Wifie-"Everybody knows that by experiences in learning to cook the dishes "his mother used to make." Serve simple refreshments.

WINTER SEWING HINTS.

Winter is "stock taking" time for both merchant and home-maker. The household linens and the family supply of underwear and every-day cloth-Meantime, the merchant is trying to dispose of odd lots, broken sizes and there are many reductions in price. In making out the list of needfuls, remember the notions and findings which will be needed. Buy muslin, longcloth or cambric by the piece, as it cuts to better advantage. One can also material. Choose material in fast colors for garments which must be laundered often. Avoid flimsy laces and trimmings. For the same price per yard, one can find laces which are both dainty and durable. Tatting, crocheted and knitted laces make popular and pretty trimmings.

HOMEMADE FUN.

When the Christmas toys begin to pall, as they will during the long shutin days, the wise mother will put them out of sight and offer a simple homemade substitute. Many ideas lie ready to hand.

A dozen clean rubber rings, from opened jars of fruit, will provide a jolly game of ring toss, using any convenient hook or peg. If no other is in sight four excellent ones may be obtained by turning a dining-room

chair upside down on the floor. have it, praise God, and value it next The Christmas cards which have clear bright pictures should be slipped into a pigeonhole. Let Billy lay them on a sofa cushion and give him a large-headed pin with which to prick holes around the outlines, and he will be happy for an hour or two making ,______

luminated pictures. Magazine covers or colored advertisements are easily pasted on box lids or other cards. A few snips of

it. But you must tell me if you think personality of the traditional helms- and sees that the Pilot does its duty. A few clean empty cans or cartons, man; -we picture a silent figure with Such is the modern way of steering, such as have contained cocoa, baking eves glued upon the Compass card, the and it may be considered as ranking powder, breakfast food, and the like. light from the binnacle revealing a among the great inventions of the may be set away on a shelf corner. bearded face and gnarled hands grip- 20th century. The principle is not These will stock a grocery store when ping the spokes of the wheel, the only new. For a number of years past tor- the children are longing for a new motion a light sway to the roll of the pedoes have been directed to their game. This can be made a means of vessel and the movement of the wheel mark by means of a gyroscope direct- instruction as well if the little ones as the ship requires belm to keep her ing the steering gear of this instru- ere old enough for the simple arith-

PROTECTING THE SKIN.

course he wishes to steer. He gives first to install the Gyro Pilot in any skin, the face and hands need extra or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton, of the Christian era Rome had a law care and should be protected in every or mixed goods.

way possible. A housewife can "save her hands" in many ways, even though she may own but few of the modern labor-saving devices. A little wear when doing rough work), a dish mop and scraper are great aids to pre-If hard water must be used for

toilet purposes, soften it by means of borax. Another way is to mix a cupful each of oatmeal and cornment, with one-half cupful of almond meal. Place in cheesecloth bags (a tablespoonful fer from those of the pianist. Instead

a basin of hot water. have said before, it is impossible to woman must try these out for herself. music from this instrument. Make up separate lists of questions There are, however, a few toilet preparations which can generally be used. One of these is camphor-ice, a thick

per during the housecleaning season?" There are innumerable uses for "Does your husband object to eating vaseline (petroleum jelly). If the into action upon the brakes. hash?" "Does your wife make you finger nails become brittle, as they An apparatus has been devised that

use sparingly on eyelashes.

leaving the hands clean and smooth. driver. Should the ends of the fingers Experiments have been tried with a ing, repairs or remodels the garments crack in cold weather, try a lotion group of men and women students on hand and carefully makes lists of lotion requires two ounces of commersity, and a number of taxi-drivers. In which is highly recommended. The form the George Washington Univercial (32 per cent.) acetic acid, two the group from the George Washingounces of witch-hazel and two ounces ton University there was very little short lengths, so a trip to town at this fore retiring, wash the hands well and the women, each showing an averof glycerine mixed together. Just be- difference in the reaction of the men with warm water and soap. Rinse off age of about one-half of a second In all soap, then dry the hands lightly, the case of Negro students of the and rub the lotion well into the skin. Howard University, the tests proved It will smart when it gets into the that there is no difference in the races cracks, but the smarting will last but so far as this reaction is concerned. a moment, and the hands will soon be The reaction of the taxi-drivers was well and the skin becomes soft and more prompt, indicating either that economize by making several aprons pliable. Used in the same way, this drivers can be trained to respond more lotion will soften the callous spots quickly or that those with a quick rewhich form on the hands and feet.

Just Try Thinking. Never mind a change of scene

Try a change of thinking. What if things seem sordid, mean, What 's the use of blinking? Life's not always storm and cloud, Same where stars are shining; Try to think your joys out loud; Silence all repining.

By degrees, by thinking light, Thinking glad and sweetly. You'll escape the stress of night, Worry gone completely. Get the habit of looking for Sunbeams pirouetting, Tapping gayly at your door-

Surest cure for fretting. Look to your health; and if you

to a good conscience .-- Isaac Walton. beauty.-Cervantes.

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Musical Hands.

Many teachers, before accepting students for planeforte or violin tuition, make a careful examination of each intending pupil's hands. They know that fingers, wrists, and palms are allimportant in their connection with music, and that the hand which lacks symmetry and good proportion cannot, as a rule, achieve much with the pianoforte or the violin, no matter how great may be its owner's musical appreciation.

When the span between the first finger and thumb is lengthy, the planoforte is the best instrument to learn. Chords and octaves are more easily played on the keyboard, since Nature has arranged for roominess at this particular part of the hand. Octave playing is most laborious to people with short thumbs, since their curtailed length lessens the necessary span.

Contrary to popular belief, long, tapering fingers are undersiable for planoforte work. Skill in this direction is more easily attained when the length of the second finger from the base to the tip is equal to the distance between the base of that finger and the wrist.

Flat palms often prevent an enthusiastic pupil from ever becoming a proficient pianist. Arched palms, on the other hand, are extremely helpful in mastering difficult passages. Pronounced filbert finger tips are not ideal for the planist, despite the poetic exaltation of them. Those subtle changes of tone which make planoforte solos so delightful are drawn from the instrument by finger tips which are moderately domed.

in each) and add one of these bags to of the wide span between first finger. Creams and lotions should be pro- abnormal distance between the third and thumb, there should be rather an vided and used intelligently. As I and little fingers. Width in this direction is also necessary for playing recommend a soap, lotion, cream or the violoncello. Strong but shapely powder that will suit all skins. Every fingers are those which produce good

Novel Time Tests.

When it comes to stopping a motorcellent protection for the lips in cold car quickly, race, sex, color, and edutions. Questions might be something weather. Camphor-ice should be rub- cation do not count. But scientific bed over the lips before going out of tests show that experience and natural quickness affect the amount of time required for a driver to get his feet

ways like your wife's new hats?" Col- line well into the measurement of line well into the nails (especially the time elapsing between the signal around the roots) several times a day to stop and the application of the For an amusing contest ask the men and the last thing at night. Vaseline brakes. When the speedometer registo describe their wives' wedding gowns will both darken and strengthen the ters a certain speed, the examiner fires eyebrows and eyelashes. It may be the first pistol. At this signal the perrubbed freely into the eyebrows, but son being tested immediately removes his foot from the accelerator to the Rub badly-stained hands with vase- brake, automatically discharging a line until it has entered every crevice second pistol. The distance on the of the skin. Rub this off with corn- pavement is measured. This distance, meal, then wash with warm water divided by the speed of driving, will and soap. Every particle of stain or show to a thousandth of a second the latter carefully examines her store of grime can be removed in this way, time required for the response of the

action seek and are selected for such positions as taxi-drivers. One of them, who had been driving for fifteen years without an accident, showed a reaction of one-third of a second.

Red Rays Raise Plants.

The effect of light on plant life has been the subject of many scientific investigations. In 1880 Siemens showed that continuous exposure to arc lamps promoted luxuriance of foliage, greater intensity of coloring, and more rapid ripening of fruit. The extraordinarily rapid growth of vegetation in the Arctic regions during the period of uninterrupted daylight has been the subject of comment; likewise the rapid ripening of corn in regions of -John Kendrick Bangs. Norway and Sweden, where the summer does not exceed two months, but where, during this period, the sun scarcely sets.

It is only within recent years that the great disparity between the inten-Health and cheerfulness make sity of full daylight and artificial light has been properly understood. Some remarkable results were re-

corded by M. Camille Flammarion, who attempted the culture of the sensitive mimosa plant under light of different colors. Plants placed in blue light scarcely gained in growth, and also appeared to be in a comatose state, showing none of the sensibility to touch characteristic of the mimos Plants grown under red light were, the other hand, four times as big as those grown under white light, deguaranteed with veloped well-marked flower balls, and were in an extremely sensitive state.

From these and other experiments the conclusion has been drawn that red, orange, and yellow rays, by building up complex organic chains of molecules, stimulate plant life, whereas blue rays have an arresting effect. Ultra-violet rays, when present in excess, may have a prejudicial effect, causing shrivelling of the leaves and ultimately death of the plant.

Limit on Dress Bills

Two centuries before the beginning to limit the price of women's dresses

Efficien

SHELTER KEEPS TOOLS F A story recently filtered in had been in use for thirty year for \$41. A neighbor of the holding the sale bought the dril had used it and knew that it was

worth the money. That machine had never been the barnyard. It had always kept under cover.

At the same sale, which was h the old family car which had b use for nine years brought \$10

ing material it might not be adv though it might very we., prove fitable investment if there is much machinery to be housed. farm machinery can be shelted just a little thought and consider is given to the problem.

Very few barns are so designed there is absolutely no waste Much of this waste space mig utilized for machinery storage. tle work in preparing the mach for storage may be necessary much can be done along this line

Aisles and alleyways in barn granaries are often used for si a grain drill or a mowing mal Perhaps only one machine is sto a space which might well accome three to four if they were pro stored. It isn't much of a job ! move the tongue from a mower grain drill and then move the closely together. The space take by the tongue of a mower will easily accommodate a grain dril a hay rake. The bolts holding tongues in place can be replace their respective places, the nuts? ed on loosely and a tag, labelling

be a heavy feeder. Endurance is essary to stand up under the l feeding and make a good recor the year. The average hen of heavy breeds goes broody four per year and some may go broods times. A hen loses twenty day about a dozen eggs, every time

The four-finger spread means the ovary of the hen is function The two-finger spread indicates bird is not laying, but may pre laver is flat on top when the bi

viewed from the front. Hens masculine heads should be culled ribs and they are are apt to be late moulters. A her broody period. Up to September you can count the new feather

determine the times the hen has

Crow-headed birds may be d ering chicks, which means low a That means low a weight rapidly, they often lay market value and weighed about ounce each.

A good producing hen will he waxy skin on the face and the ey age of from five to six and a pigment, showing that they at

Peel, air-dry and paint the Dipping in the creosote is held

Artificial light in the hen he teenth century Spanish farmers lantern-light to increase egg pr tion, an American writer for digging into an old Spanish b poultry keeping.