

A HEN'S SUICIDE.

The Story of a Fowl Who Was Too Conscientious.

"Yas," declared a new man on the country court jury to his companions the other noon, "I maintain that hens has souls jest as does human bein's. Mebbe not all on 'em, but now an then ye strike a bird that has reasonin faculties an feelin an 'motions jest as ye an me. They has their joys an their sorrows. So, I says, they has souls. Now, here's a proof. I had a fine Plymouth Rock what was a master layer. When th' other hens, was takin a vacation, she was 'tendin ter business an layin aigs.

"Well, one day she come out a-cacklin, an I went in ter git th' aig. It 'pears that while she was tellin me about it my boy Willum took th' aig an put a hard boiled one in its place. Did it fer a joke on me, ye know. I noticed the aig looked kinder queer an cracked her open. Well, if ever ye see a hen look dumfounded! She thought she'd laid it. I thought nothin 'bout it till I looked down, an hanged if she wasn't cryin. Big tears was rollin down her furred cheeks, an I tried ter tell her that she was all right, that 'twas some of Willum's horseplay, but she jest sighed kinder human like an walked slowly off.

"Th' next day she didn't lay, but moped round th' yard sad an homesick like. Well, it went on fer a week, an still nary an aig. Then I noticed she was quittin th' feed I was givin her an tryin ter pick up a livin. She had a conscience, ye see, an wouldn't eat boughen food 'less she could repay me in the right kind of aigs. She knowed she wan't looked to ter lay hard boiled aigs as she thought she'd done. 'Father,' says Willum one day, 'I guess we're goin ter loose that hen. She's thinkin up somethin desperate. I just caught her 'xamin a saythe out back of th' barn.'

"Well, we tried our best ter cheer her up, but 'twan't no use. One day I found her in the toolhouse, dead. She had dragged her neck across a scythe, cuttin her throat. Over in one corner was a aig jest left ter show me that she intended ter do what's right. But if ever I see'd a clear case of suicide, her death was one—yes, sir. Killed herself out of remorse. So, I says, some hens has feelin's jest as does a human bein, an therefore I 'low they has souls."

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To Be Sure.

Mistress—And you say your brother choked to death? What on? Maid—On a chair, ma'am. He was eating dinner.

Mildred, aged 4, came up stairs one day and said, "Mamma, cook wants to know what to have for supper." "Tell her to have scrambled eggs, chipped beef, pickles, bread and butter, preserved cherries, tea and cake," was the reply. "Oh, mamma," exclaimed Mildred, "please tell her yourself. I'm afraid I'll lose part of it on the stairs."

The Views of a Stranger.

An English traveler stood looking at the glories of Yosemite for the first time. He had journeyed 3,000 miles to see that wonderful valley. Before him in solemn grandeur rose the Cathedral rock, the Three Brothers and the Sentinel Dome. The Bridal Veil falls, dissolving in a feathery mist as the waters descended the tremendous precipice, lit up with varied tints the somber majesty of the scene, while El Capitan, mighty, overpowering, unapproachable, seemed to frown sternly over all. The traveler became conscious he was not alone. At his side, apparently lost in wonder, stood a stranger, looking at the marvelous scene. He addressed the stranger:

"Is not this stupendous?" The stranger bowed his head as if he felt the inability of words to describe his emotions.

"Do you think," pursued the traveler, "that this terrific gorge was caused by some titanic upheaval from below? Or is it the result of glacial action? What are your views, if any, as to?"

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The golden tint of chestnut is a beautiful shade of brown, and for those who can wear it nothing is more becoming, but the dye is very antagonistic if there is a suspicion of pale yellow in the complexion.

Whatever may appear later on, the skirts of all new Paris made gowns are still absolutely close to the figure, with also the omnipresent flare on the lower portion of the skirt, which may be in circular form or closely gored.

For the mild days of spring the furriers who have warm neck things still on sale are doing many of them up with all sorts of dainty coquilles, jabots, choux and cascades of lace and chiffon, with decorated muffs en suite, to make them look less heavy.

Bands of embroidered velvet, cloth, silk or satin are used to edge boleros, walking jackets, skirt hems and open fronted princess dresses and these strapings in nun's veiling, cashmere, foulard silk, French batiste, organdie, linen lawn, etc., will be seen on summer gowns.

Queen's purple is the name of the very fashionable shade of this royal color which appears among elegant spring millinery in the list of handsome silks, foulards, tailor cloths and the latest importation of crepe de chine, nun's veiling, henrietta cloth, lansdowne and similar silk and wool fabrics.

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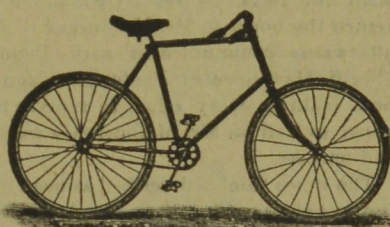
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