

Which Breed is the Best.

Scarcely a mail is taken by us from the post office that does not contain one or more inquiries similar to the above in tenor. Beginners all over the country ask "What shall I commence with?" "What do you consider the best varieties?" "How shall I begin, with a choice of breeds?" &c.

A general answer to this sort of a query can only be given in brief, inasmuch as it depends largely upon what the amateur intends to do, what his facilities may be, what his location is, and whether he purposes to breed as a fancier for the show-rooms; as a farmer for marketings simply; for egg producing mainly, or for eggs and chickens in a general way.

The Asiatics are usually more hardy than the others, and the infusion of this blood with the small breeds not only increases the size of the progeny, but the cross approaches maturity more rapidly if well fed from chickenhood up.

For the show room, as a general thing, the Cochins of different colors, from black to white, and the light and dark Brahmas, taken as a class, have long been foremost in the consideration of American breeders.

We have bred nearly all kinds, first or last, and bringing it down to a fine thing, we have found that, taking the year through, the Asiatics will lay as much in value, on an average, as any of our domestic varieties.

It is very desirable to be a good reader. A clergyman is said to have once read the following passage from the Bible with the emphasis and pause due: "And the old man said unto his sons, saddle me the ass; and they saddled him."

Courtship in Texas.

He sat one side the room in a big white oak rocking chair. She on the other side in a little white oak rocking chair. A long eared red hound, snapping at flies, was by his side, a basket of sewing by hers.

"This is mighty good weather to pick cotton?" "Tis that, if we only had any to pick." The rocking continues. "What's your dog's name?" "Cooney."

"What is he good fur?" "What is who good fur?" said he abstractly.

"Your dog, Cooney." "Fur ketchin' possums." Silence of half an hour. "He looks like a deer dog." "Who looks like a deer dog?" "Cooney."

"He is; but he's kinder bellowed an' gettin' old and slow now. An' he ain't no 'count on a cold trail."

In the quiet ten minutes that ensued, she took two stitches in her quilt. It was a gorgeous affair, that quilt was made by the pattern called "Rose of Sharon." She is very particular about nomenclature of the quilts, and frequently walks fifteen miles to get a new pattern, with a "real putty name."

"Your ma raisin your chickens?" "Forty odd."

Then more rocking, and somehow, after a while, the big rocking chair and the little rocking chair were jammed side by side.

"How many has your ma got?" "How many what?" "Chickens."

"Nigh on to a hunderd." By this time the chairs were so close together that rocking was impossible.

"The minks has eat all ours." Then a long silence reigns. At last he observes:

"Makin' quilts?" "Yes," she replies, brightening up, "I've just finished a 'Roarin' Eadul of Brazel,' a 'Sittin' Sun,' and a 'Nation's pride.' Have you ever saw the Yellow Rose of the Parary?"

"No." More silence; then he says. "Do you love cabbage?" "I do that."

Presently his hand is accidentally placed on hers. She does not know it. Then after a half hour spent in sighs, coughing and clearing of throats, he suddenly says:

"I've a great a mind to bite you." "What you great a mind to bite me fur?"

"Kase you won't have me." "Kase you ain't axed me."

"Well, now, I ax you." "Then, now, I has you."

Then Cooney dreams he hears a sound of kissing.

The next day the young man goes to Tigerville after a marriage licence. Wednesday, the following week. No cards.—St. Louis Republican.

Big cars are now said to denote intelligence. We make this statement solely because we do not desire to see Milwaukee become a deserted city.

A noble Omaha mastiff has saved the lives of three children within a month past, and bitten fourteen men who called to sell a patent clothes-bar.

Columbus discovered America, but when a boy he had as much difficulty in seeing an empty wood box or water pail as any other boy.

You will notice when a boy steps on a Canada thistle, or sticks a splinter into his foot, it's invariably a few seconds before school.

The difference just now between fishes and girls is: The fishes are fin backed and the girls are pinned back.

A good hotel at night is like a railroad bed—full of sleepers.

It would be unjust to suppose that the great body of the Methodists in the country approved the third term manifesto made by Bishop Haven and a small but admiring circle of friends. On the contrary, the denomination so far as it has spoken, resents the attempt to commit it to a movement that is so completely a variance with patriotism and intelligent political ideas.

MEDALS FOR THE MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.—President Grant and Secretary Belknap have ordered Dr. Linderman, Superintendent of the United States Mint, to coin appropriate medals of the cannon captured during the Mexican war for the purpose of presenting one each to the veteran soldiers of the Mexican war who may congregate at Philadelphia at the Centennial celebration, July 4, 1876.

"You see, grandma, we perforate an aperture in the apex, and a corresponding aperture in the base; and by applying the egg to the lips and forcibly inhaling the breath, the egg is entirely discharged of its contents." "Bless my soul," cried the old lady, "what improvements they do make. Now in my young days we just made a hole in both ends and sucked."

Josh Billings says: "You can't change a date by cussing after an edition has been worked off."

Mrs. Partington wants to know why the captain of a vessel can't keep a memorandum of the weight of his anchor instead of weighing it every time it leaves port.

The Dominican Fathers have formed an anti-profanity society in the Eastern District. It is recommended to disappointed politicians.

Whoever it was that called a sausage "a ground hog" has made the best pun of the current month.

Seeing is believing. There are many men you can see and yet cannot believe.

In the journey of this world the man who goes right is not apt to get left.

None but cowards habitually color their beards. The brave dye but once.

Two heads are better than one, from a hatter's point of view.

The first step towards wealth, says an exchange, is the choice of a good wife. And the first step towards securing a wife is the possession of wealth, says another. Here we have one of those good rules which work prettily both ways.

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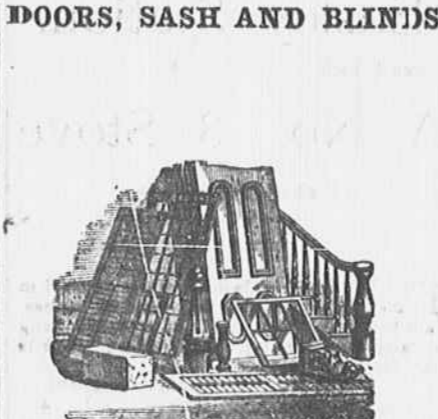
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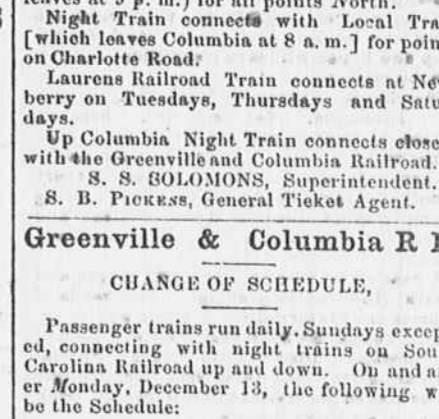
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