### The Gentle Voice

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If a man will accept the opportunity, he may have every animal about the farm, except the mice and rats, making friends with him. Some people think a cow is too stupid to know good treatment from bad. Such people are stupid. A cow, a calf, a sheep, even a pig, will show their pleasure at being talked to in a gentle voice, almost as much as will a horse.

One of the most pleasant memories of my boy life on a farm is that of the Poland china pigs coming along and lying down by my feet to have me and lying down by my feet to have me curry them with a corn cob, or poke them with my shoe; and the particularly pretty Shorthorn calves, that had petted, coming up for their rub, and petted, coming up for their rub, and petted, coming up for their rub, and the particularly pretty Shorthorn calves, that had petted, coming up for their rub, and the pettern of the p

calming to the mind than the other. It each The gentle voice in the house is taken even yet more of a success than it is at the barn. The soft answer that turneth away wrath; the quiet voice that speaks of self command, and good will, and patience—all these go to make for peace. Mother and the girls with the gentle voice can tame father and the boys before they know what has happened to them. You can have them all coming your way if and, fit tather and the boys before they know what has happened to them. You can have them all coming your way if you will use them as wisely as the wise farmer uses his barn friends. Maybe you knew this long ago and have practiced it to perfection; but it does good to talk it over, anyhow.

—Frank N. Milton, Leeds Co., Ont.

#### Cleaning helps

All white boards, those not varnish-ed, require a soap and water wash, if one wishes to keep them in proper

if one wishes to keep them in proper condition.

The choice of a scrubbing pail seems a very small detail in this work, but if one of the paper fibre buckets is selected, the work will be lighter, for the galvanied pails—and, inched, those a large—floor space has the gone over, so much lifting will

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cloths for the final finish. Wool does not give so good a gloss as the latter, for it usually leaves lint. For scrubbing, a hair bristle brush should be provided, and soap containing naphtha is perhaps the best kind for this purpose. Use only warm water, not hot, and thus avoid "washerewoman's hands," that are the result

strength of the arm in rubbing. Now wet the brush and rub soap on it. Scrub the boards by the grain of the wood and where there are spots to be removed, by a rotary niotion also. Partly wring the woolen cloth and wipe off the dirty water. Then wring dry, wiping out every trace of soil, and, finally, rub with the dry cloth.

#### A Broiling Success Mary B. Keech

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The sirioin and porterhouse cuts
are the most desirable for broiling.
The meat should be of a bright red
color, dry and elastic. The fat anould
be yellow and firm. If the steak is
kept on ice for 24 hours, it will be
much more tender.
Do not wash the see cloth. Have
plenty of bright, live coals, and never
broil until the meal is just ready to
serve.

soon tire the worker. Again, pails other than the fibre, are apt to leave a denued ring on the floor.

For mopping, woolen is the best fabric, and old winter underwear is aplendid for this purpose. Summer underwear makes excellent rubbing clicths for the final finish. Wool does not give so good a gloss as the latter, but the state of the sta the gravy cannot be made.

Garnish with sprigs of parsley, thin

slices of lemon, tomatoes or toasted bread.

#### Plan for Summer Flowers

It is time to be looking over flow er seed collections and planning what to plant to beautify the home yards to plant to beautify the home yards the coming summer, no matter how humble they may be—indeed, the more humble and plain they are, the more need of embowering it with flowers. The sod house and the prairie shack can even be planted all about with seed of climbing, running vines

with seed of climbing, running vines that will with a little care soon conceal even their ough outlines with a wealth of foliage and blossoms. Plant vines also about the outbuild-ings and every unsightly object, and in bedn, or rows, or corner, especially prepared for them, grow some of the prepared for them, grow some of the more beautiful flowers to delight the eye, not only where they grow, but also to cut for indoor enjoyment in vases and bowls, on the dining table and a stand or shelf in the living

Give the children flower bed to be cared for entirely alone by each small individual, and their delight and pride in their work and flowers will know no bounds.

The garden should be planned now The garden should be planned now also, and seeds of some varieties of both flowers and vegetables sown indoors to grow plants that may be ready to set out by the time the ground is warm enough, and which will bloom and ripen early. Send for seed catalogs, advertised in our re-Do not wash the steak, but wipe it carefully with a wet cloth. Have plenty of bright, live coals, and never broil until the meal is just ready to arreve as the steak ahould be cut from % to 1% inches thick, and all of an equal thickness. Have the skillet or wire spring work when her creative for the putting in the meal, rip it with a pitter of such as the properties of the properties

# Our Girls and Boys

We are glad to have a column once more for our girls and boys. Some of you have missed the department no doubt, but now we shall try and have a column for our young people in every issue, and the editor trusts that you will send in your letters as formerly. The letters regarding the Winter was contest at estill coming in, and the property of the contest are still coming in, and the property of t in all the photographs you can. The more the better. Letters will be re-ceived until the end of March.

PRIZES FOR BOYS

Boys who would like to earn a set Boys who would like to earn a set-ting of eggs, or a pure bred pig, cannot do better than to send to us for sample copies of the paper, and try and secure new subscribers for us in their neighborhood. Every boy who sends us 4 new subscriptions at \$1 each, will be given a setting of eggs; and for 7 new subscriptions be can secure a pure bred pig, either Berkshire, Yorkshire, or Tamworth. Who will be the first boy to send us subscriptions to secure these premiums? See our offer in last week's issue.

#### A Good Bargain

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A very poor sportsaman, who had
gone out for a day's shooting, was returning in the evening with an empty
bag, when he saw a man, aparently
a farmer, leaning over a gate, gazing
at some ducks in a pond.

"What will you take for a shot at
those ducks!" asked the Nimrod.

"Wall balf-a-crown sative rep!"

The countryman nodded, and poc
keted the coin gleefully.

Bang, went our friend's gun, and
immediately after, six of the ducks
had ceased to find any pleasure in
life, think I have

had ceased to find any pleasure in life.

"I think I have made a good bar-gain." said the man with the gun, as he packed the bodies of his victims in his bag.

"So have I." said the countryman dryly, "for them there ducks ain't mine."

# Wise on Poultry

The boy who wrote the following composition is evidently of an observing turn of mind, and may one day become a noted poultryman. "Hens is curios animals. They don't have no nose, flor teeth, nor

don't have no nose. Hor teeth, nor no ears.

"The outside of hens is generally put into pillars and feather dusters. The inside of the hen is sometimes filled up with marbles and shirt buttons and sich.

"A hen is very much smaller than a good many other animals; but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen.
"Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum pudding. I like plum pudding. Skinny Bates eat so much plum pudding once that it set him into the collery.

lery.

"Hens has got wings and can fly
when they are scart. I cut my Uncle
William's hen's neck off with a hatchet and it scart her to death.

"Hens sometimes make very fine spring chickens."

# Was the Boy Cured

An elderly gentleman was riding on a street car the other day. A boy be-gan to laugh, and laughed so he couldn't stop. The old gentleman told his mother that the boy needed a spanking, and she replied that she ddn't believe in spanking on an ddn't selieve in spanking on an and: "Neither do I; turn him over."



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