

When Women Get Together

What do they talk about? Their ill-health! They tell about their aches and pains, describe their symptoms in detail, endeavoring to prove their point by the most trying and dangerous. Why do they do this? Because they are never known as really healthy women. Many a woman has never known a really healthy hour, yet has kept on her feet and accomplished her daily duties, thinking her condition really meritorious. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred these women become chronic dyspeptics. You can tell that by their lack-lustre eyes, spiritless movements and salivary secretions. They are the forerunners of many fatal disorders; it always precedes consumption. If you are wise, you will take some invigorating herb preparation such as **Karl's Clover Root Tea**, which has been in use for nearly fifty years, and has never been known to fail in curing all bowel and liver troubles. It gently stimulates the whole digestive system so that your food is perfectly assimilated and converted into pure, rich blood, which keeps the nervous system of the body healthy and the muscles firm and strong. Your back-aches, headaches and sleeplessness will all vanish under the influence of this grand remedy, **Karl's Clover Root Tea**.

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THE BEIRA RAILWAY

A Peculiar Line in South Africa—How and Where It Was Built.

The Beira Railway, which is now attracting public attention, was the outcome of an agreement made between Great Britain and Portugal on June 11, 1891, mainly for the purpose of fixing the respective frontiers, following on the taking over of Lobengula's territories by the British South Africa Company, though the final arrangements respecting these frontier questions were not made until a later date. Under the agreement in question, the Portuguese government undertook, among other things, the construction of a line of railway which would connect Rhodesia with the sea, at Beira, and it further guaranteed not to impose any transit duty on goods higher than 3 per cent. The original concession was granted the Mozambique company; but eventually it was transferred, through H. T. Van Laon, to the Beira Railway Company, which was registered in London in July, 1892, with a debenture capital only. The line from Beira to the Portuguese frontier was constructed in sections, and when, in July, 1896, the Mashonaland Field Force passed this way, they were able to use the sections lying between Pontevilla, which is 45 miles up the River Pangwe, to Chimoio, a distance of 150 miles from Beira. The complete line up to New Umtali, the frontier as then fixed upon, was finished by July, 1898. The total length of the Beira line is 203 miles, a greater distance than was originally contemplated, partly because the boundary between the British and the Portuguese spheres of influence had, in the meantime, been moved seventeen miles westward, and partly because of the detours which had to be made owing to the hilly nature of the country. Thus between Pontevilla and Chimoio the distance, as the crow flies, is 75 miles, but the line winds 120, while it rises steadily from Beira until at Umtali it reaches an elevation of 3,450 feet. In the circumstances it is not surprising that the average rate of speed for passenger trains is only twelve miles an hour, and for goods trains ten miles an hour. The complete journey from Beira to Umtali generally takes two days, a night being spent at a stopping place en route.

At Umtali the line connects with that of the Mashonaland Railway Company, which runs thence to Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia, a distance of 170 miles. This Umtali-Salisbury line was constructed under contract with the British South Africa Company, which guaranteed the payment of interest on the debentures. The reason of the whole line from Salisbury to Beira is, of course, the development of Rhodesia, which thus gets a 373-mile railway journey to the sea on the east coast as an alternative to the 1,350 miles from Bulawayo to Cape Town on the south. Eventually the Cape Railway, which now has a continuous railway being available for this purpose. At the present moment, however, there is no railway between Salisbury and Bulawayo, a distance of 280 miles, and the ordinary traveler proceeding from the one place to the other does so either by coach, which accomplishes the journey in five days and costs £12, or by bullock wagon, which is both slower and cheaper. The Beira-Umtali line, which is actually constructed on a two-foot gauge, the carriages overhanging the wheels to about the same extent on each side. The Umtali-Salisbury line, however, was made on the three-foot six-inch standard gauge, the Cape railway system, and the Beira railway is now being re-laid, so that it now corresponds with the same standard, with the exception of some 60 miles, thus avoiding the

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delay, inconvenience and expense of transshipment. Good progress has already been made with this work, but without any interruption in the service, the only difference, until the transformation has been completed, being that the change from the one system to the other is now made before Umtali is reached. The influx into Beira of the considerable body of troops who will form Sir Frederick Carrington's force will naturally tax the resources of a comparatively new line, which has hitherto been used mainly for the conveyance of goods. But the Beira company has 48 engines available, the rolling stock is constantly being increased, and, though the present supply of ordinary railway carriages is limited, there is an abundance of trucks, which, with a covering to protect against the sun, seem to be preferred by the average soldier in his journey across the country. I remember, upon foot-caps paper in what might be called a fine, bold hand—four words to the line—and was illustrated by marginal pen-and-ink sketches by the author. There was a man in it and there was a tiger. I forgot which was the hero, but it blended into one about the time the tiger met the man.

BIRDS THAT ARE FLEET OF WING

Feathered Creatures Cover Long Distances in Incredibly Short Time.

Prof. Goetke delivered an address in Berlin the other day on the results of his experiments upon the speed of birds' flight made in Heligoland last autumn. Now that all birds of passage are again upon the wing these experiments have a general interest. The rooks pass over Heligoland every fall in endless flocks on their way to their winter homes. Goetke found their course direct due west. The first column noted appeared at 8 a.m. and continued until 2 p.m. The head of this line reached the English coast at 11 a.m. and the last at 5 p.m. The birds thus covered the 80 geographical miles between Heligoland and England in three hours, or at a speed of 55 meters (180 feet) per second. More interesting still are the "road-tails." They winter in the Nile country and as far south as the Indies, and, passing over Heligoland on their summer trip to Norway are captured by hundreds. They fly only by night, and are almost unknown in Greece and Germany. Hence it is concluded that they make their journey from the Nile to Norway in a single night. There are 400 long geographical miles between Egypt and Heligoland, and to make the journey in a spring night of nine hours' length would require a speed of 22 meters (392 feet) a second, while carrier pigeons, as is well known, rarely exceed 30 meters per second.

The Call of the Drum.

All faint and far away I hear
The calling of the drum,
Its rhythmic thrumming, drawing near,
Is ever pleading "Come!"
The colors are waving—
My heart throbs with craving—
As nearer
And clearer,
And louder,
And prouder
Its melody grows, as the sound comes
and goes.
"Come! Come!"
Is the call of the drum.
Now brave and grand and near at hand
I hear the calling drum.
The flag, by gallant breezes fanned,
Is beckoning, "O come, come!"
We'll rush to the clamor
Of strife, with its glamour,
And swelling,
And telling,
The story
Of glory
The drum sings in glee as it passes by
me.
"Come! Come!"
Is the song of the drum.
Still faint and far away I hear
The ever-calling drum.
Now singing low, now singing clear,
In its insistent "Come."
With tones sweet and hollow
It lures me to follow.
Far away
Through the day
It calls me—
Enthralls me—
The thrill of its beating my heart is
repeating,
"Come! Come!"
Is the call of the drum.
—Josh Wink.

Profits From Poultry.

Occasionally we are told that profits from poultry breeding are principally on paper, and where one makes a success of the business many fail. It is true that people who engage in the business as a specialty make a failure a great many times, but that is never the fault of the business. The average farm flock is badly managed. In fact, it is not managed at all. It simply drifts along like a log in a stream. Yet it is pretty safe to say that there is not a flock of farm poultry that does not pay.

The majority of the poultry on the farm is fed too much grain. Less grain and more green stuff and meat should be fed. Potatoes, onions, beets, carrots or anything of a vegetable nature is cheaper and tends to keep the fowls much healthier, and that means more eggs and consequently more profit. It never seems to occur to the average farmer that the effect of a long-continued diet of grain is as injurious to fowls as it is to cattle, nor that the concentrated grain food gives the best results when diluted or mixed with some bulky succulent material. Green food and meat are great egg producers in themselves, and keep the system of the hen in a healthy condition no matter what the breed may be. Every poultryman knows how much hens appreciate green food, especially in winter.

Roots and vegetables are easily grown, and they can be kept all winter. When the fowls are to be confined in houses and scratching pens, the hen should be made to exercise also. If she is inactive long enough and fed wholly on grain, she will become fat and certainly cease laying. The successful plan for exercise is to have a cabbage hung up in the hen house just high enough for the hens to jump up and get a good bite, or have a good runway and scatter bright wheat straw over runway, and feed your small grain in this. This will keep the fowls busy scratching to obtain the grain.

CONAN DOYLE

He Began Writing Romances When but Six Years of Age.

I was six years old at the time, writes Dr. A. Conan Doyle, in Success, and have a distinct recollection of the achievement. My first book was written, I remember, upon foolscap paper in what might be called a fine, bold hand—four words to the line—and was illustrated by marginal pen-and-ink sketches by the author. There was a man in it and there was a tiger. I forgot which was the hero, but it blended into one about the time the tiger met the man.

I was a realist in the age of romanticists. I described at some length, both verbally and pictorially, the untimely end of the wayfarer. But when the tiger had absorbed him I found myself slightly embarrassed as to how my story was to go on. "It is very easy to get people into scrapes and very hard to get them out again," I remarked, and I have often had cause to repeat the precocious aphorism of my childhood. On this occasion the situation was beyond me, and my book, like the man, was engulfed in tiger.

There is an old family bureau with secret drawers, in which lie little locks of hair tied up in circles, and black silhouettes, and dim daguerreotypes,

and letters, which seem to have been written in the lightest of straw-colored inks. Somewhere there lies my primitive manuscript, where my tiger, like a many-hooped barrel with a tail to it, still envelops the hapless stranger whom he has taken in.

It may be that my literary experiences would have ended there had not there come a time when that good old harsh-faced schoolmistress, Miss Hard Times, took me by the hand. I wrote, and with amazement I found that my writing was accepted. Fifty little cylinders of manuscript did I send out during eight years, which described irregular orbits among publishers, and usually came back like paper boomerangs, to the place that they had started from. Yet in time they all lodged somewhere or other.

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ROAD PASTURE.—Can the township council lease the pasturing of the sides of the roads by bylaw, with tag, or otherwise, without conflicting with the statutes? Ans.—No. The roads can only be lawfully used as highways, and the council has no jurisdiction over them except as highways.

SIDEWALK.—When the roadway and ditches of the street are impassable for wheeled traffic, can I be fined for riding on the sidewalk? Ans.—No; the law requires the streets to be kept in repair for use by all persons. If the road and ditches were impassable for a team it would be lawful for the

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MOUNT BRYDGES.—Can parties come in front of my farm, dig holes close to my fence in the road, and draw away earth? The road is all graded, but the ground is all needed when I make a straight fence in front of my farm, to make it level for board or wire fence. What steps can I take to stop the parties, or what is the law? Ans.—No; the soil of the highway cannot be lawfully removed, except for the purpose of improving it. Any person making holes in any part of it is acting unlawfully and may be prosecuted by indictment for committing

a common nuisance, or summoned under section 511 of the criminal code for mischief, or under a local bylaw, if any.

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