

We leave the poor out of our calculations until all others have been provided for, and the result is too often, as your case, that they must go empty-handed. What a mockery it is to say, "God pity the poor," as I have heard it said, when my spirit burned within me to retaliate, "God, pity them yourself."

The simple truth is that Judge Lynch is not, after all, a reformer. He is not even a revolutionist, any more than he is a house-breaker or highway robber. He is a lawless murderer, pure and simple; and he confesses the fact by usually seeking the night season for his crime, and concealing his identity under a disguise.—New York Independent.

It was his first letter home from boarding-school, and it read as follows: DEAR FATHER—I write you before I write ma becoz I know you like to see ma mad. I think I will get along with my lessons first-rate. The garden here is full of chickens, which makes the walking bad. In history I've got as far as Alexander the Great. He carried a sword to cut knots with. There is an apple orchard half a mile off. The boys play ball in it; after that there ain't much apples. The minister's son was licked this morning for going a fishing on Sunday. He caught lots of fish, and says he is going again next Sunday. I think I like the minister's boy a good deal. Send me some marbles as soon as you can, also a jack-knife and a top. Two of us boys left a piece of wet soap at the head of the stairs just before day-break, and by the time the cook got to the bottom she was too sick to get breakfast. We have prayers reglar every day, and the teacher reads out of the Bible, but I don't think it's so badly as playing tag in a hay loft.

From your affectionate son, SAMUEL.—Brooklyn Eagle.

About Camels.

A writer says: "The camel is the most perfect machine on four legs that we have any knowledge of." A sacred treasure, indeed, to the Arab is this "padding-footed pride of the desert." The expression on the face of a camel is rather pathetic. His eyes are large and liquid, and above them are deep cavities large enough to hold a hen's egg. The aquiline nose, with long, slanting nostrils that he can close tightly against the sand storms and hot, burning winds of the desert, give a very sorrowful expression to the face. The under lip is pouting and puckering, and you are not at all surprised when the poor beast bursts into tears and cries long and loud like a vexed child.

The feet of the camel are of very singular construction, with a tough, elastic sole, soft and spongy as they fall noiselessly on the earth and spread out under his tottering weight. This form of the foot prevents the animal from sinking in the sand, and he is very sure-footed on all sorts of ground.

The average rate of travel for a caravan is between two and three miles an hour; and the camel jogs on, hour after hour, at the same pace, and seems to be almost as fresh at night as in the morning when he started on his travels. The Arabians say of the camel: "Job's beast is a monument of God's mercy."

The camel sheds his hair regularly once a year, and carpets and tent-cloths are made from it; it is also woven into cloth. Some of it is exceedingly fine and soft, though it is usually coarse and rough, and is used for making coats for the shepherds and camel-drivers; and huge water bottles, leather sacks, and sandals, ropes, and thongs are made of its skin.

The high, stiff-backed sofas are gone entirely out of fashion. They are now made with soft, curving, comfortable backs. The handsomest sofas are covered with plush in artistic blues and reds, and are made either of ebony or rosewood.

Black kid gloves are sometimes a source of annoyance on account of little white streaks at the seams. This trouble may be diminished by coloring a little salad oil with black ink, then rub this over white places with a feather; dry quickly outside the window.

A GREAT return for a small investment is realized by purchasing a small soldering outfit for a boy. He becomes at once a useful member of the family: old basins and pans become as new after the transforming touch of his soldering iron, and there are great possibilities in tin cans, and small pieces of tin; sugar sifters and funnels are among them.

WHEN using lemons for any purpose, it will be found an economical plan to grate the yellow rind off, mix it with an equal quantity of sugar, and put it up in an empty box with a tight cover. This will be delicious for flavoring custards, molasses-cake and anything else where lemon extract is used. It retains the strength of the lemon while cooking and is much more delicate to the taste than the oil or extract of lemon.

A SMALL economy, but one not to be despised, especially in large families, is to save bits of toilet soap when they begin to waste. When a pint or even half a pint is collected, put in a bowl, add boiling water and stir. Set away, and as it evaporates add a little boiling water and stir well. Do this every day till all the lumps have disappeared. Then add a few drops of oil of cinnamon or oil of cologne. Wet a deep narrow pan in cold water, pour in the soap and leave it to mold. After two or three days turn it out and leave to dry. The result will be an acceptable toilet soap.

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A VERY nice way to make a corn-starch pudding is to put half a peach in the bottom of a cup and then pour corn-starch blanc mange over it. When ready to serve, turn from the cup into a saucer. Slices or quarters of oranges may be used in place of the peach. A thin custard for sauce is recommended to go with the pudding.

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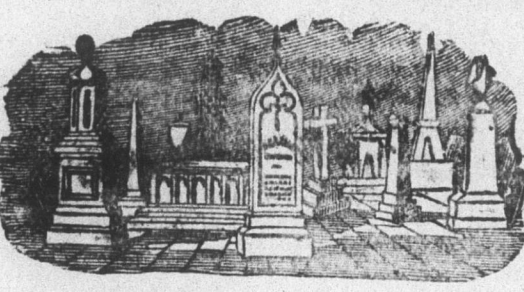
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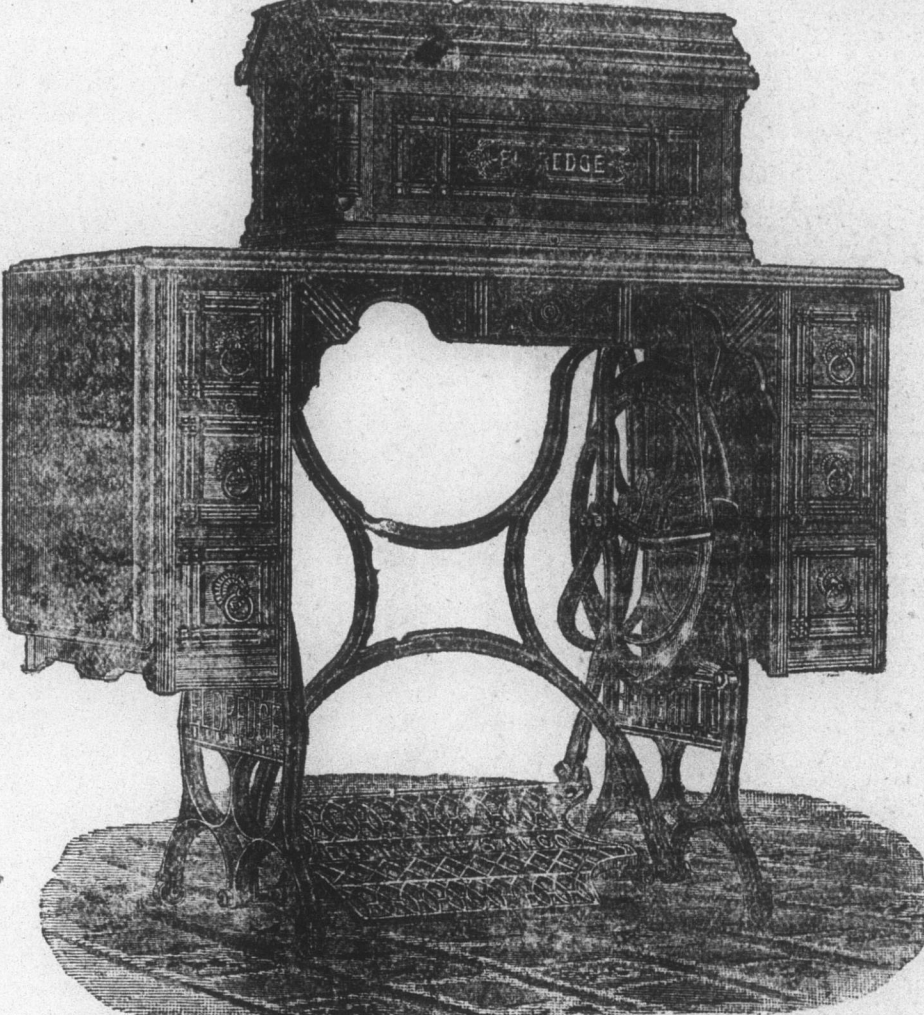
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