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### To Build Home Cheaply, Construct From Material to Be Had on the Site

The way to own a home at a minimum of expense is to build it of material already on the site—earth, for instance.

The requisite earth may be had for the digging, and there is nothing to pay for transportation. In England this idea is being taken up, with the expectation that the building of rammed earth dwelling houses on an extensive scale will help importantly to solve the housing problem, bricks being scarce and expensive.

There are in European countries many such buildings that date actually from prehistoric times. In parts of France and Spain this simplest of all methods of house construction has long been practiced, and recently it has been adopted with great success in South Africa and other British colonies.

Planks are set up on edge to form a mold, and the space between is filled with earth, which is then rammed as tight as possible. The ramming, of course, can be done much more advantageously and cheaply by machine; likewise the digging.

If the subsoil be clay, the latter, mixed with straw and "puddled," furnishes a first class material, utilizable in the same way. This is what is called in England "cob building." The birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh was a cob house, and it is in as good condition as ever today.

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### How Squirrels Earned and Continue to Earn Right to Live and Rejoice in Life.

"In creating the squirrel faculty nature performed one of her most gracious and beneficent acts," writes Arthur F. Rice in an article on "Four-Footed Folk" in *Boys' Life*. "She made, the striped squirrel for the very small boy, the red squirrel for the larger boy and the gray squirrel for the big boy from fifteen to seventy years of age, and threw in flying squirrels and black squirrels and fox squirrels as an evidence of her generous disposition to please everybody. She decorated the stumps and mossy rocks with tiny, beautiful forms and added picturesque life to the fall fences and stone walls with a charming race of busy little creatures whose graceful motions and interesting habits contribute much to the entertainment of all mankind.

"It was in the eternal fitness of things that the squirrels should do something for nature by return for the gift of a joyous existence; so they set about helping her to plant her garden. The chipmunks buried beech nuts and chestnuts and acorns in the ground, and thus did their part in the scheme of scientific forestry. The red squirrels dropped hazelnuts, butternuts, cherry stones and pine cones along the walls and fences and straightway there sprang up along these avenues of squirrel travel fruitful shrubs and lusty trees where other squirrels find a feast, where the birds build their nests and under which the cattle enjoy a grateful shade. So the squirrels earned, and continued to earn the right to live and to rejoice in life."

### Graphic Chart Shows That Human Life Appeared Late in the Quaternary Period

A geologist, writing to the *Scientific American*, describes by means of a graphic chart the comparative lengths of the different periods of the age of the earth. He places the age of the earth arbitrarily at 72,000,000 years, represented by a clock dial of 24 hours—3,000,000 years to each hour.

On the above basis the first six hours of the clock represents Azole time, the earliest conjectural period of the earth's formation—18,000,000 years; the next six hours Eozole and the next eight Paleozole—18,000,000 and 24,000,000 years, respectively—periods of mineral and vegetable formations. In the next three hours animal life developed—Mesozole time, 9,000,000 years—that is, from the twentieth to the twenty-third hour. Thus the first hour of the 24—3,000,000 years of geologic time—represents Neozole time, which includes the appearance of human life in the Quaternary period.

This last division of the 24 hours, the Quaternary period, is shown as only 10 minutes—in other words, 500,000 years. The existence of human life on the earth, therefore, bears the same relation to the age of the earth as 10 minutes does to 24 hours. But since the period of written history is estimated roughly at only 6,000 years, this last division is not shown on the chart, since it would only be 12 seconds in duration.

### THE MIDDLE AGE

Our youth began with tears and sighs,  
With seeking what we could not find,  
Our verses were all throes,  
In elegiacs still we whined.  
Our ears were deaf, our eyes were blind,  
We sought, and knew not what we sought,  
We marvel, now we look behind,  
Life's more amusing than we thought!

Oh, foolish youth, untimely wise!  
Oh, phantoms of the sickly mind!  
What? not content with seas and skies,  
With rainy clouds and southern wind,  
With common cares and faces kind,  
With pains and joys each morning brought?  
Ah, old and worn, and tired we find  
Life's more amusing than we thought!

Though youth 'turns specter thin and does'  
To mourn for youth, we're not inclined,  
We set our souls on salmon flies,  
We chase the wren or dove or sparrow,  
We found the woe of humankind,  
By heaven we're well deceived," I wot:  
Who hum contented and resigned,  
"Life's more amusing than we thought!"

### ENVOY

O mate mine, worn and lined  
Our faces show, but that is naught.  
Our hearts are young 'neath wrinkled skin,  
Life's more amusing than we thought.  
—Andrew Lang.

### Big Men Who Are Unusually Bright Are in the Minority

It is generally accepted that great development of the powers of the brain is usually accompanied by only moderate animal or physical life. In those cases where high development of both is found, it is emphatically marked by shortness of existence or defective vitality in the structures of organic life and low organization. Mental celebrities of large stature have been in a noticeable minority, and the standard of health—very low; in fact, according to John o' London's Weekly, from Alfred the Great to Schiller the physical defects have been painfully apparent, and the roll of deathless names seems to be the list of a gathering of invalids and cripples.

### Care of Toys.

Always examine your children's toys before allowing them to play with them. The paint may come off with sucking, or there may be rusty projecting nails in them.

### Household Budget System Is an Instrument of Home Economy and Aids Thrift

Every well regulated private business has some manner of a budget. Income can not make prosperity unless outgo is kept under control. The budget is a system for the allotment of expenditures. In common sense it can not aggregate a total above total revenue, and it enables the executive to make sure at least that both ends shall meet. The going business house that does not have an item for surplus, or saving, in its budget, is on a mad-house basis.

As an instrument of home economy the budget is most useful. Any level-headed housekeeper can transform a small deficit into a steady saving by employing a budget. It puts a brake on expenditure, discloses leaks and excesses, and in general furnishes the opportunity to keep the business of home-running always in hand. What did you spend last month for this? Too much! Cut it down. What did you spend for that? A little more might be worth while. Something new tries to get into the budget. If you need it, perhaps you can shave elsewhere. If you merely want it, use common sense. You know whether or not you can afford it. The budget tells you.

If you have never worked out a household budget, do it now. One year hence you will wonder how you ever got on without it.

### Favorite Sites for "Paper Towns" Along Great Lakes Were at Mouths of Rivers

Sites of lake cities "located" in the days of wild speculation, before the panic of 1857, were scattered here and there along the shore of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Promoters, encouraged by the sale of lots, would spend a little money in making a small clearing, often many miles from the nearest actual settler, would mark out some streets and put up, in the midst of burned stumps, a hotel and a bank. Favorite sites for "paper towns," according to John Bach McMaster's "History of the People of the United States," were at the mouths of small streams. The buildings of one such town, Port Sheldon, were of large frame construction and well finished, without, but the bank was empty and the hotel tenanted.

Port of Havre was another such "paper town" on Lake Erie, near the mouth of Munsee Bay. But the site chosen was low and marshy, and a score of abandoned cabins were all that marked its streets. Another was "White Rock City," believed to be on the shore of Lake Huron, at the mouth of a fine river. The maps represented a flourishing city on a wide river, with piers running out into a harbor, but one, coasting on a trip along Lake Huron who stopped to see this city, found none.

### OF INTEREST TO POULTRY GROWERS

The greatest food and medicine on earth for baby chicks is sour milk, according to poultry growers. More chicks die during infancy of white diarrhea than perhaps all other disorders combined. The acid in sour milk is a poison to the germs of this dreaded bowel trouble, while the sour milk itself is relished by the young birds, and it is one of the most nourishing of all foods.

Under apparently the most sanitary conditions chicks from the incubator or from hatchlings by hens will contract serious bowel troubles. Clean conditions and careful disinfecting will often check this trouble and lessen danger, but they will not always act as a cure preventive.

Many careful scientific and practical tests have proved beyond doubt that sour milk fed to baby chicks is one of the very best preventives, and even cures, for bowel troubles. It is important to begin feeding the sour milk to the chicks as soon as they will drink anything. It is even recommended to pour a few drops of the sour milk down the throat of each chick as soon as it is placed in the brooder and before it is old enough to drink or eat. The sour milk acts immediately as a bowel disinfectant, thoroughly cleansing the digestive tract and starting the young bird out in life free from bowel disease and vigorous in every way. Chicks in the brooder or with the hen may have sour milk before them all the time to their benefit, the milk serving both as a medicine and a food.

Not only should baby chicks be given all the sour milk they will drink daily, but it is well to use it in mixing their mash feeds. It is as valuable as sweet milk as a food, and much safer to use with chicks. And there is no better food and medicine for growing chicks and laying hens.

### Dugouts in Colombia.

The natives in the interior of Colombia, South America, still use the picturesque dugout, carved from a single log, to convey their produce to market. —Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### Ostrich Farms.

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### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

First Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Jesus is Tempted by the Devil. St. Matt. iv. 1-11.

S. 22 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch, M. 23 St. Peter Damian, B. C. D. T. 24 St. Ethelbert, K. W. 25 St. Mathias, Ap., Ember Day.

Th. 26 St. Felix III, P. C. F. 27 St. Marg. Cor., Pen. Ember Day. S. 28 St. Leander, B. C. Ember Day.

Holy Rosary.

Lenten sermons will be given by Rev. William P. Ryan, assistant rector of the church at 7:45 o'clock on five Wednesday evenings. The first which was held Ash Wednesday evening.

The general topic of the discourses will be "The Ten Commandments of God."

Ash Wednesday evening, the subject of the sermon was: "The Law of God and Man's Irreverences in Word and Worship." Next Wednesday, February 25, the subject will be, "The Law of God and Godless Homes."

Holy Redeemer.

Sunday morning the masses will be at 7, 8:30 children's mass, and at 10:45 o'clock high mass. The requiem masses this week were for: Leonard Streh, George Schicker, Louis Horn, Mrs. Buell, Catherine Kuntz and Mrs. Rein-stadler.

Lenten devotions will be held every Wednesday and Friday evenings during lent.

No Cause for Alarm.

"What's coming off your?" demanded Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, who had been drawn to the door of his domicile by a clamor in the big road. "What's the matter, anyhow?"

"Your burred dog bit me!" answered an angry wayfarer. "I was going along minding my infernal darn business and he snapped my leg. That's what's the by-gosh matter!"

"Well, it hain't nuthin' to yell about. That pertlecker dog has bit all of my fourteen children more or less at one time and another, and none of 'em hain't gone mad yet."—Kansas City Star.

Overheard on the 5:15. "Talk about hard luck! The Joneses certainly had theirs the other night. First the dog ran away, then the cook left, then the baby fell sick and the house caught fire. Can you beat that? And not a soul to help them, either?"

"Great Scott, why didn't they send for help? Haven't the Joneses got a telephone?"

"Sure, they've got a telephone! But you wouldn't want to add to their troubles in a time like that, would you?"—New York Evening Post.

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