

Agriculture Department Uses Lots of Space



COVERING nearly six city blocks, the United States Department of Agriculture buildings are the largest group of buildings to house government activities in Washington. This photograph, taken from the Washington monument, shows the administration building (left) where Secretary Wallace and his assistants have their offices, while on the right are the extensible buildings where the many agriculture laboratories are located. The activities of the Agricultural administration are also handled from this building.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

THE TENDER HEART OF FARMER BROWN'S BOY

WHEN Nimble Heels the Jumping Mouse so unexpectedly jumped up inside the trousers' leg of Farmer Brown's boy he probably was more frightened than Farmer Brown's boy himself, and that is saying considerable. You see, for a minute or two Farmer Brown's boy didn't have the least idea whose sharp little claws those were clinging to his leg. He simply knew that there was something alive on his knee and his first thought was of a Snake. Farmer Brown's boy does not like Snakes. If he had done any real thinking he would have known that it couldn't be a Snake, for a Snake would have felt very different.

But Farmer Brown's boy acted first and thought afterwards. In times of real danger this often is the best way of doing. In times of imaginary danger it is often the other way around. Almost without knowing that he was doing it, Farmer Brown's boy brought his hand down heavily at the point where he felt those sharp little claws. Under his hand he felt a soft little body.

"Oh!" cried Farmer Brown's boy. "I'm afraid that that was Danny Meadow Mouse and that I've killed him."

Farmer Brown's boy sat down in the grass, and with his free hand carefully rolled up his trousers' leg until he could take hold of little Nimble Heels. As he drew out the dainty little brown-coated fellow Farmer Brown's boy gave a little whistle of surprise. He had expected to see blunt-headed, stubby-tailed, stout-bodied Danny Meadow Mouse. And here in his hand was the slimmest, trimmest little mouse he ever had seen. And such a tail! He whistled again when he saw the length of that slim, tapering tail. Never before had Farmer Brown's boy seen a Jumping Mouse.

Poor little Nimble Heels lay quite still in Farmer Brown's boy's hands. You see, that had been a very hard blow that Farmer Brown's boy had struck in his surprise. Instantly a look of pity and sorrow swept over the face of Farmer Brown's boy. "You poor little fellow! I'm afraid I have killed you and I wouldn't have done that for the world," he cried.

There were tears in the eyes of Farmer Brown's boy, as he stroked the soft little body with one finger. A leg moved and then kicked feebly. Into the eyes of Farmer Brown's boy crept a look of hope. Without stopping to

turn down the leg of his trousers, Farmer Brown's boy started for the Smiling Pool as fast as he could run. When he got there he dipped a little water up in the hollow of his hand and sprinkled Nimble Heels. Nimble Heels gasped a little and Farmer Brown's boy put a drop or two of water in his mouth. Nimble Heels opened his eyes. You see, he hadn't been dead after all, but he might have died if Farmer Brown's boy hadn't tried to bring him back to life.

"I'm so sorry," murmured Farmer Brown's boy as he stroked the little brown Mouse. "I'm so sorry. I guess now I'd better take you home so as to be sure you quite recover." And so it was that Nimble Heels began a long journey.

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WITTY KITTY

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM



The Girl-Friend says the only thing it seems to be safe to sell short is dresses.

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Mother's Cook Book

CHOICE THINGS TO EAT

A QUICK hot bouillon may be made by using a teaspoonful of the prepared vegetable paste, dissolved in a cupful of hot water. Any other flavor may be added if desired—a slice of lemon or a bit of onion extract.

Tomato Canape.

Cut bread one-fourth inch thick and make into rounds with a cookie cutter. Spread with butter and then with mayonnaise; on this put a slice of peeled tomato the same size, spread with mayonnaise, edge the tomato with a ring of chopped chives inside a ring of chopped egg white and the riced yolk to fill the center. Top with a stuffed olive or a sprig of parsley.

Cider Punch.

Beat up a glass of apple jelly to a froth, add a cupful of boiling water and a quart of cider. Flavor with nutmeg. Fill glasses with shaved ice and pour over this the punch.

Oyster Cocktail in Grapefruit Shells.

Put two tablespoonfuls of catsup, a tablespoonful of chili sauce, a dash of paprika and tabasco into a small glass with one-half dozen oysters for each cocktail. Set into the shell of half a grapefruit, surround with ice on the plate and serve. Horseradish is well liked and may be substituted for the chili sauce.

Almond Paste.

Take half a pound of blanched and ground almonds, the yolks of two eggs,



"When suffering from what is known as spots before the eyes," says diagnostic Dot, "it's time to send the dress to the cleaners."

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the juice of half a lemon and a few drops of almond flavoring. Mix together well, knead with the hands until smooth and pliable and will mold without splitting. Use as filling for dates or prunes, or made into balls and rolled in chocolate, grated.

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Oceans', Continents' Outlines
There have been no major changes in outlines of oceans and continents since earliest times, says the Smithsonian Institution.

DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is jaundice?"
"The yellow peril."

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Learning to Protect Their Homes



ACTING on the suggestion of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the women of Bordentown, N. J., are taking up seriously the study of marksmanship for the protection of their homes and their children from the depredations of burglars and kidnapers. Lieut. Harry W. Barrick, United States army pistol and rifle champion and infantry instructor at the Bordentown Military Institute, has taken the ladies under his tutelage. Two of his promising pupils are here shown, with their children.

MEADOWS OF MEMORY

By ANNE CAMPBELL

ACROSS the meadows of my memory
A collie dog comes running.
The buttercups are growing happily.
The quail are sunning.
A meadow lark is whistling from the fence—

A rail fence sprawling—
And I can hear through thickets green
and dense.
The crickets calling.

The butterflies are wheeling in the sun.
The locust trees are sending
Their perfume to a child—a lonely one—

Whose day is ending.
When in the West the banners of the night
Display their beauty.

A little girl will take her bedtime
sight—
A tiresome duty.

My room still stands with
my memory.
I see each low brown rafter.
Then I remember—though I long to be
Where childish laughter
Made every hour of living a refrain,
Serene and glowing—
The house is tumbled down, and in the lane
The weeds are growing.

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BONERS



A hamlet is an English breakfast dish consisting mainly of eggs and ham cooked together.

BONERS are actual humorous tid-bits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

When you want to make something more than it is you put it on a graph.

Jonah was a man and he swallowed a whale.

When Cromwell ruled England he was so religious he shut up all the movies.

When the Liberal Party split Parnell was left without any supporters.

The Crusades affected the growth of cities because the country all went to weeds while they were away and when they came back they had to move to the city.

The Dardanelles were a low class of people during the war.

Lowest Perpetual Ice Field
The lowest perpetual ice field in the continental United States is the Carbon Glacier in Mt. Ranier National park, with an elevation of 4,000 feet.

Russia Abandons Idea of Communistic "Home"

A law recognizing the family as the unit of legislation in the government of the household has sounded the death knell for the champions of "free union" in Russia. The new Russian marriage law, theoretically as free as formerly, makes divorce practically impossible for the average husband and wife because of the difficulty and expense involved. Men who do not support their children will be arrested.

According to the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, the recent revival of "radicalism," which attempted to abolish the status of the housewife in the industrial productive process and substitute communistic homes with kitchens and dining rooms used "in common," was of no avail against the strength of the family unit, which proved too strong for the communistic ideal to shatter. Under the present law the communistic home was formally abandoned.—Literary Digest.



"Complexion Curse"

She thought she was just unlucky when he called on her once—avoided her thereafter. But so one admires puppy, bleached skin. More and more women are realizing that pimples and blotches are often danger signals of clogged bowels—poisonous wastes ravaging the system. Let DR (Nature's Remedy) afford complete, thorough elimination and promptly ease away beauty-ruining poisonous matter. Fine for sick headache, bilious conditions, dizziness. Try this safe, dependable, all-vegetable corrective. At all drug stores—only 25c.



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Do YOU Know—



That the torch-fish, a very ugly looking specimen of deep-sea fish found off Madeira, carries a luminous bulb above the eyes resembling a torch from which it gets its name.