

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 41 Cars, 950 Cattle; 27 Cars, 2025 Hogs; 6 Cars, 1500 Sheep.

BIG CATTLE RUN FOR WEEK

More Natives Than for Some Time, Market in Fair Condition for Fat Cattle.

SOME WEAKNESS DEVELOPS

Range Run Still Liberal—Big Week in Cow Trade But Prices Close to Steady—Increased Outgoing Stocker and Feeder Trade—Hogs Finish Steady to Easy, 25 to 30 Cents Lower for Week—Sheep Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1910.

	1910	1909	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	496,534	485,885	2,340
Hogs	1,119,785	1,896,270	286,485
Sheep	478,321	650,610	4,289
Horses	26,940	19,142	1,198

Live Stock in Sight.

	1910	1909	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	1,000	1,000	1,500
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Week's Receipts Heavy and Show Increase in Natives.

A small run of cattle today did not create any change in the condition of the market. Trade has developed a little weakness on closing days but as a rule the business of the week has been fairly good. There is trouble with heavy fed steers reported on the Chicago market and it might be well for feeders to ship this kind sparingly next week, but the few of them here this week have sold quite well.

CATTLE.

Nothing on Sale. Late Arrivals Held Over For Monday's Market. Nothing arrived at the local market during the early hours and trade was at a standstill. Four cars of western offerings were due to arrive but those were late in getting in and will probably be held over for Monday's market. Total count of marketings at the five leading points aggregate 3,500 head as compared with 19,100 a week ago and 267,900 a year ago. Locally the receipts for the week are 20,900 as compared with 19,100 a week ago and 22,700 for the corresponding time a year ago.

The supply of calves has been quite liberal but there is a continued good demand for veals and prices have held steady for the week with top veals selling at \$4.25 and the bulk of fat cows are going at \$3.50 to \$4.00 with canners and cutters ranging down as low as \$3.00 and under.

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HOGS.

Market Close to Steady For Bulk, Weaker in Spots. Final day of the week did not give the selling market much encouragement for higher hog prices to come next week. The supplies were light at all of the leading points, there being but only 15,000 at the five principal points. The supply did not stimulate the buying interests to any appreciable extent.

At the five leading markets the aggregate for the week is 210,000, against 199,400 last week, 153,700 a month ago, 239,000 a year ago, 345,000 two years ago, 144,500 three years ago and 253,800 four years ago.

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The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the stock yards:

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OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 400. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 7000. Best grades strong to 5c higher, others steady. Top \$3.85, bulk \$3.75 to \$3.85. Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market slow steady.

KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 29.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1000. Market nominal. Hogs—Receipts, 1100. Market uneven, mostly steady to strong, extremes 5c higher to 10c lower. Top \$3.80, bulk \$3.25 to \$3.75. Sheep—Receipts, 1500. Market nominal.

SOUTH OMAHA. SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 29.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 200. Market unchanged. Hogs—Receipts, 2400. Market 20¢ to 25¢ lower. Top \$3.45, bulk \$2.90 to \$3.15. Sheep—Receipts, 1200. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS. EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Oct. 29.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1000. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 2500. Market 5c lower. Top \$3.00, bulk \$2.75 to \$2.90. Sheep—Receipts, 700. Market steady.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1905-1908 New Corby-Foresee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yester
WHEAT	92	92 1/2	90 1/2	90 3/4	92 1/2
Dec.	98 1/2	95 1/2	97	97	98 1/2
May	40 1/2	40 3/4	40	40 1/2	40 3/4

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers. The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Dealers and Shippers' Association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers: Timothy—Choice, \$13.50 @ 14; No. 1, \$12.50 @ 13; No. 2, \$11 @ 12; No. 3, \$9 @ 9 1/2. Clover—Choice, \$11.50 @ 12; No. 1, \$10.50 @ 11; No. 2, \$7.50 @ 10; No. 3, \$5 @ 7. Alfalfa—Choice, \$15.50 @ 16; No. 1, \$14 @ 15; No. 2, \$11 @ 13; No. 3, \$8.50 @ 9.50. Packing hay—\$4 @ 5. Straw—\$3.50 @ 4.

JAIL SENTENCES

Nebraska Millionaires Lose Their Last Battle in Supreme Court.

At the Tootle—Thursday night, November 3, Sidney Drew in "Billy" was discharged by telegraph by the Washington authorities, early the next morning.

THEY MAKE HARD FIGHT

Convicted of Taking Thousands of Acres of Government Land Unlawfully.

END OF LONG LAND SCANDAL

Will Break Up Great Ranch Project in Western Nebraska—Convicted Men Are Well Known in West and Are Reputed as Very Wealthy—Many Old Soldiers Testified Against Men in the Trial.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 29.—After a legal fight lasting eight years the United States government has at last got the big land thieves of the west "on the run," and when the Supreme court at Washington this week refused to review the conviction on charges of land fraud of Bartlett Richards and Will G. Comstock, millionaire owners of the famous "Spade" ranch of Nebraska, thereby rendering certain the imprisonment in a Nebraska jail of these two ringleaders of the land-grabbers, the last project which has sustained half a hundred indicted cattle and land kings was swept aside, and another two years were expended in bringing the matter to a "show down."

The decision of the supreme court has caused consternation among a large number of Nebraska and Wyoming ranchmen, some of whom are under indictment, but a vast majority of whom have not yet been investigated. United States secretary of mines estimate that the number of land thieves in Nebraska and Wyoming run far into the thousands.

The great "Spade" ranch, owned by Richards and Comstock, is in western Nebraska, and it was for taking possession of something over 100,000 acres of government land adjoining the ranch that the two men were indicted and convicted. This tract was said to be only one of several appropriated by the combination.

But this system was directly against the laws governing the public lands, and charges of conspiracy to defraud the government were filed against a large number of cattle men. During the grand jury investigation in Omaha, hundreds of old soldiers testified as to the manner of working the "scheme," with the result that a number of indictments were returned.

These old veterans were recruited from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio and other Middle Western states, but in some cases they were brought from as far away as Pennsylvania. Even the national soldiers' homes were invaded by the conspirators in their efforts to secure soldiers to make eye-witnesses.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

W. F. Brand, quite an extensive farmer of Savannah, Mo., had one car of hogs on today's market.

C. Noland, one of the most extensive and most reliable shippers of Forest City, Mo., sent down one car of stock today.

The best place to eat and drink, Hadley's Cafe, 112 South Seventh St.

Finnimore & Landis, big shippers of Peru, Ia., swelled today's receipts with one lot of hogs, arrived early.

Change of management at Transit House. Try our meals.

J. T. Wilson, a warm friend of the market, arrived today from Guilford, Mo., with a shipment of mixed stock.

Resort for men only, Hadley's Cafe and Bar, 112 South Seventh St.

Lettie Brow, big feeder and regular shipper of Amity, Mo., contributed one car of good hogs to today's receipts.

Hilgerts' Cafe, "The Stag," 207 S. 6th St., beats them. Try it.

The First National Bank of St. Joseph, Mo., was represented on St. Joseph market today with one load of hogs.

Champion Feed for results.

PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO., 213 South Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo. Transit House caters to stockmen.

SNOW IN THE EAST.

Regular Winter Weather Comes Many Days Ahead of Average Arrival.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Snow, many days ahead of its average date of appearance, fell yesterday as far south as the north section of the Gulf states and throughout the entire country unseasonably cold weather prevailed. In the east and south the cold wave, which arrived early in the day and the prediction is that the cold will continue in these sections tomorrow to be followed by moderating temperature Sunday.

In all sections east of the Rocky mountains, with the exception of the Great Lake region, where snow furries are predicted, a fair weather is to prevail tomorrow, the rising temperatures to move gradually eastward.

BONANZA IN SWEET POTATO

Fabulous Profits Are Reported on Irrigated Land in California.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 29.—The remarkable success of sweet potato growers in Merced county is attracting attention to this crop in other states. Returns from this year's crop are of almost fabulous value and profits far exceed those made by the celery growers of five-acre tracts in the state. Returns from this year's crop are of almost fabulous value and profits far exceed those made by the celery growers of five-acre tracts in the state.

SNOW FALLS AT NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 29.—A light snow fell here yesterday. The thermometer registered 35 degrees.

ALABAMA HAS GENERAL FALL.

Anniston, Ala., Oct. 29.—A light snow fell here last evening. Reports from the weather bureau indicate that the snow was general, but no damage from the cold has been received.

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DRY WEATHER IN ENGLAND. An English agricultural correspondent writes to the Cincinnati Price Current on Oct. 16: It is curious that while we had wet and cold weather in this country throughout the whole of the period of very dry and hot weather in the United States, since you have had showery conditions we have been subjected to an almost entirely rainless period.

AN ART INSTITUTE. During the past year there has been a great deal of talk heard of the desirability of a museum and art institute for the city of St. Joseph.

IN WOMAN'S REALM. One of the suggestions that have been indulged in during the week has been to the effect that the city be called upon for a bond issue for an adequate amount and that the proceeds be used for the purchase of suitable grounds, and the erection of a building to be used exclusively for museum and art purposes.

DESERTS ARE VANISHING. A quarter of a century ago any mention of the Great American Desert called up visions of a region of limitless extent, sun-baked, parched and desolate. A country associated always with suffering and death, of unfriendly savages, and deadly reptiles, for years it was passed over by Congress as worthless.

VEGETABLE DISHES. Seedless Stewed Tomatoes.—Peel tomatoes cut in half crosswise, so as to expose cells. Remove seeds and juice and cut in small pieces. Season with salt, pepper, and sugar, and stew slowly about fifteen minutes. The tomato pulp contains sufficient juice to cook without adding a drop of water, and yet not enough to necessitate adding anything to thicken it. Much more palatable this way.

Daddy's Bedtime Story The Miller of The Dee

WHAT is the Dee, daddy? was the child's first question when daddy told them the name of this story. Jack and Evelyn, you know, are very fond of asking questions of their daddy. "The Dee," said father, "is the name of a river in England. On its banks lived the miller of whom this story tells. He was the brightest tempered, most jolly man in all England, always busy and always singing from morning to night at his work. He became famous throughout his part of England for his cheerfulness—so much so, in fact, that at length even the king heard of him.

Then the king said: "You are wrong, my friend. I envy you, and although I am the king of all England, I would gladly change places with you." "When the miller saw who his visitor was he was surprised, but he said: "I could not think of changing places with you, your majesty."

"Why not?" asked the king. "Think how rich and powerful I am. But tell me, anyway, are you always light hearted and singing at your work?"

"I have nothing to make me sad," said the jolly miller. "I earn my living at my mill. The river turns my mill wheel and grinds the grain into flour. I love my wife and my children, and they love me. We are all in good health. I have many friends, for I do not cheat any man by charging him too much or by keeping any of his flour. I do not owe any man a penny, so, you see, I have a right to be singing, even if I am not rich or powerful!"

"You are right," said the king. "I trust that you will always be happy." "Then the king turned and walked away, thinking of the jolly, happy miller, and the last thing he heard as he left the river Dee was the miller's song:

"Oh, I'm as happy as can be Singing beside the river Dee!"

found homes and occupations in the cities, towns and villages which have sprung up in the midst of the agricultural areas. Great dams have been constructed to impound the floods and through 70,000 miles of canals and ditches the life-giving water has been turned upon the dusty desert. The streams have been harnessed for power and an area of manufacturing is drawing in which all of the raw products of the farm, the forests and the mines will be prepared for the markets of the world.

PICKLING HELPS. Ginger Peas.—To make this delicious sweetmeat use hard peas, peel, core, and cut into cubes. For every pound of fruit use the same quantity of sugar, one pint of water, the juice of four lemons, and the rinds cut into long, thin slices one-fourth of an inch thick. Place in a porcelain preserving kettle and boil slowly one hour. Pour into glasses and seal. A most delicious sweetmeat.

TO RECLAIM 30,000 ACRES. Sacramento, Calif.—According to information made public here, a number of Chicago capitalists have been quietly buying up land in the Yolo basin in Yolo county, opposite Sacramento, for the purpose of reclaiming a tract of some 30,000 or 35,000 acres on which to establish another colony of small farmers. The holdings already purchased represent a vast tract, and as quickly as possible more will be signed up.

WROG PLASTER DRAWS HIM. Allentown, Pa.—Former District Attorney E. J. Lichtenwaiser is suffering from a double distemper. He went to spend Sunday at the Poconos, where he stumbled over a chair and suffered a cracked rib. The doctor thought and skillfully enough, but instead of adhesive plaster used porous plaster, which almost drew the life out of Mr. Lichtenwaiser until the substitution was discovered. He is now improving at home.

Arkansas Man Finds Pearl. Corning, Ark.—James Grassham, a blacksmith at this place, while fishing in Lake Corning, opened a mussel to get bait and found a 15-grain pearl, which is beautiful, and he is holding it until the pearl buyers come again. This is one of the few pearls found in the lake, and is said by judges to be worth \$200. This find will doubtless start the pearl fishers at work on the lake.

STRANDED IN PARIS

Mishap Often Occurs to Americans in Big French City. Many Tourists Fail to Engage Return Passage and Are Unwilling Prisoners—Steamship Companies Unable to Carry Them.

Paris.—It will come as a surprise to many Americans to hear that every year a few of their compatriots are actually prisoners in Paris and London. There are two classes of prisoners, the willing and the unwilling; neither is to be envied, even though confined in a city of pleasure. There is no doubt that the number of Americans touring in Europe is greater this year than ever before. It is impossible to obtain the exact figures, but one can realize the magnitude of the invasion when it is known that up to date more than 75,000 Americans have attended the passion play at Oberammergau. Furthermore, one must take into consideration the thousands of Americans who couldn't see the passion play if they wanted to.

Every returning steamship now is crowded to the gunwales, and, consequently, the number of stranded Americans is larger than ever. Of those who become prisoners, the unwilling are the tourists who have failed to engage return passage on the steamships. Owing to the general exodus of tourists in the autumn the steamship companies are unable to accommodate these people who have trusted to luck to get tickets at the last moment. Then the money that was set aside for their passage goes to pay for their "prison fare" and for "begging" cables to friends at home.

Occasionally one of these unwilling prisoners degenerates into a willing prisoner. Hopelessly stranded, the latter make desperate attempts to earn a livelihood in Paris, a city that offers employment only to the most Parisian of foreigners. On the boulevards you frequently are accosted by an obvious American, who either sells questionable picture cards, offers to show you what you shouldn't see, or asks you for money that you probably haven't got.

In fact, the begging American is now an institution in Paris. He hails from the same town that you do; he knows of your father; perhaps he once worked on the staff of the leading daily. There is only one dodge to get rid of this "broke" compatriot—give him the address of some one you know or don't know, who you tell him, "will be interested in his case."

Though the willing prisoners are on the increase, it is a fact that this year comparatively few Americans have been stranded in Paris through failing to engage their return passage. The actual number is a record. Nowadays not only do many Americans pay their European hotel bills, railroad fares and steamship tickets before leaving New York, but their expenses are figured so closely that they arrive back in New York with just about uptown carfare in their pockets.

To those who figure too closely the pawnshops of Paris are a boon. A watch often pays for an emphatic cable. Gloucester City, N. J.—Separated for 47 years and reunited through the agency of a realistic dream, Mrs. Louis Corletto, of this city, and her sister, Mrs. Laura Collier, of Newark, N. J., had a joyous feast with a lot of glad tears at the home of Harry Johnson, son-in-law of Mrs. Corletto.

The postmaster happened to know her and her family, and he promptly supplied the necessary information. The happy reunion quickly followed and the aged sisters have been hard at work ever since trying to tell each other all that has happened to them and their children in the years that have intervened since they parted.

FARMER HAS NEW VEGETABLE. Tennessee Says He Has at Last Raised Peppermato—Peculiar Combination.

Humboldt, Tenn.—Henry P. Cole, a prosperous farmer of this vicinity, promises to rival the great Burbank in marvelous feats of plant raising. His latest innovation is a combination tomato and pepper plant, which will enable the lover of the delicious fruit to abandon the antiquated method of using pepper, it being only necessary to slice the new product and it is ready for use.

The tomato patch from which the freak tomato was taken is in close proximity to a field of peppers, and it is supposed by the plant raisers of this section that the pollen of the two was mixed during the blooming season. The physical construction of the "peppermato," as it has been locally dubbed, is peculiarly interesting. As if taking into consideration the tastes of every one, nature so arranged the fruit that the pepper part may be separated from the tomato, and those who fear the ill effects of pepper upon human vitality may raise the fruit for market purposes and at the same time remove the pod from the few which they may personally consume.

The "peppermato" resembles the proverbial Siamese twins, being a perfect specimen of tomato species, to which is grafted a full pod of pepper. It is thought that the new plant involves principles which will be of interest to scientists.

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PAYS A DEBT 42 YEARS OLD

Uncle Sam Hands Over Money, but Without Interest—Was Formerly Postmaster.

Portland, Ore.—J. W. Range, an Alaska miner who is staying at the Perkins hotel, received a check for \$12,000 when he resigned a postmastership at Mill Village, Pa., in the fall of 1867. Although the government has had the use of this \$12,000 for 42 years, Range is allowed no interest. At six per cent, an average legal rate of interest in the United States, the principal and compound interest would amount to \$138,638. In other words, Uncle Sam made \$126,638 on that \$12,000 that belonged to Range, and is still in debt.

But this does not tell all the story. Range was compelled to pay an attorney in Washington, D. C., one-third of the amount he received after waiting more than 42 years to collect it. When the check was received Range sent \$4 to the astute attorney in the national capital for his services. "I served three years in the war," said Range last night, "and when I returned home my friends at Mill Village wanted to do something for me, so they had me appointed postmaster. I resigned in less than a year and came west."

About five years ago I received a letter from an attorney in Washington, D. C., advising me that I had a good and just claim against the government for \$12, and that he would collect it for one-third of the amount as his commission. I did not know the government owed me anything, but I told him if I had anything coming to me he might go after it. I think the claim was for overpayment of postage stamps. I got the check, signed by Secretary MacVeagh, and had to send the attorney \$4 for collecting the claim."

WOMAN'S DREAM COMES TRUE

Saw Her Sister and Happy Family Reunion Follows After Separation of Many Years.

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The sisters, both then married, parted at Baltimore soon after the death of their father and drifted into different parts of the country, and as the years sped on and they heard nothing of each other, they supposed that death had ended all.

Recently, at her Newark home, Mrs. Collier dreamed that her long-lost sister was alive and living in Gloucester. At first she paid no attention to the dream, having not the slightest idea how her mind came to be impressed with Gloucester, as she had never heard of her sister having gone there.

MACHINE TO SEPARATE COINS

Simple Device Invented by Pennsylvania Man Great Convenience In Bank.

Harrisburg, Pa.—At the age of 83 years, Daniel Drawbaugh, the prolific Cumberland county inventor, to whom many people give the credit for being the originator of the modern telephone, is organizing a company and planning to erect a big factory for the manufacture of a coin separator which his brain has recently evolved.

The separator consists of a series of brass plates, one above another, perforated with holes sufficiently large to allow a coin of a certain size to slip through, and so larger. Mr. Drawbaugh's model works to perfection. He dumps in a shovelful or so of dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels and cents, gives the crank a turn and the dollars drop into a tube; another turn and out come the halves, etc. Pressure of a button in the tube separates the coins into piles of five, ten, twenty, etc., for easy rolling into packages.

Mr. Drawbaugh says two sizes of the separator will be marketed, one retelling at \$65 and the other at \$75. The price, he claims, will bring the machine within the reach of every financial institution or counting room which needs one, while previous separators have been so complicated or so expensive, as to be either practically useless or beyond the reach of the average individual or firm.

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The Luck of Larkin

By Stacy E. Baker

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Train 16—pride of the Prather system—left the tracks at the curved entrance to the Moorstown tunnel, and resolutely tried to plow its way through the rock.

Steven Larkin, after extricating himself from the debris of the last Pullman, found himself with a broken wrist and badly damaged side.

"My good fellow," he called. Larkin was an actor. "My good fellow, come here." A bearded rustic, gaping at some little distance away, hurried forward. "Is there a doctor hereabouts?" "None nigher than eight miles." "I can't continue this way," complained Larkin, impatiently. The numbness of the sudden break was commencing to die away, and the deep, throbbing pain substituting itself, brought with it a disgusting nausea. "No, much you can't," contributed the other. "It'll be hours before the track's clear enough for trains to come and go on. Best thing you can do, I reckon, is to stop here, and—"

an avaricious gleam crept into the eyes of the localite—"I'll use you as well as any one, and for as little money. You'll find my house the third on the right hand side of the road, if you want to go down there and stay tonight. Doctors will be in soon from all around. I'll see that you get one. My daughter will come to the door. Tell her who you are, and that I sent you, and for her to give you the spare room." The Moorstown man turned away.

In the gathering dusk of the evening Larkin made a comprehensive survey of the badly dilapidated train, the coaches of which, straggling along the rails were here and there being eaten

into by thin threads of flame. Sweated, grimed employees of the road, and Moorstowners co-operated in rescuing the wounded and dead. It was the most disastrous wreck of the year.

Larkin, weak, limp, and in the throes of an acute pain growing keener each instant, stumbled down the road in the direction given him by the native. At the door of a small, gray house, with a white gravel path leading up to it, a path dividing a spacious yard with the bloom of spring in its sylvan and lilac bushes, it lay the beds of pansies and lilies of the valley; Larkin stopped. He tapped at the door.

The slim girl answering the summons was the very antithesis of the image in the mind of the man. She had dark eyes, keenly sensitive to the predicament of the tall youth with the set jaws. A firm little hand assisted him to enter.

"Your father," gasped Larkin, now well beside himself with the agony of his hurt wrist and wounded side, "your father sent me here."

From the great easy chair in the pretty furnished parlor, the actor, senses self-centered by pain, failed to notice the start of surprise followed by the little smile curving the perfect lips of the girl.

"I will do the best I can for you," said the girl simply. "I am glad you came. Others—and a physician—will be here shortly."

The parlor door closed softly as the girl went to answer the door. The pretty house dress and the firm, easy carriage would have impressed Larkin at any other time.

"Other victims," explained his hostess, returning. "My—or our—house is small. There will be no more patients, but the doctor is here, and he will be in to see you." Larkin accepted a glass of some stimulating beverage and closed his eyes for a brief moment.

The door opened again. Careful fingers touched the broken wrist of the young man. But, supersensitive, the youth instantly came out of his daze and little lines of pain furrowed his strong face.

"Umm," murmured the elderly physician. "Bad break." The doctor clipped his sentences. "Too bad. Careful now." He examined the wrist. Suddenly his two hands closed over the hurt member. There was an audible snap and a smothered scream from Larkin. The wrist was set.

"You must not move for a week," cautioned the medicine man, after an examination. "You have three broken ribs, and, although I have bandaged them neatly, I won't be accountable for what happens if you attempt to go. Your hostess—I can vouch for

this—will be perfectly willing for you to remain, although I should not ask it if there was a hospital, sanitarium or decent hotel in the community."

Larkin, too spent to protest, lay back on his pillow. He had been put to bed by the determined physician. Thanks to sedative, he closed his eyes—and slept.

Before the week was done the house was cleared of patients with the one exception of Larkin. He stayed on. Every day he was fearful lest the physician announce that he was well enough to resume his interrupted journey.

"Where is your father?" asked the actor one morning, gazing at the girl with appreciative eyes. "I haven't seen him since the day of the wreck."

"I—I, why, he isn't here now," stammered the crimson-faced maid. She hurried from the room. Larkin followed her exit with surprised eyes.

"Hm," muttered the man. "I wonder what I've said to hurt her feelings. Come to think of it, the old chap didn't look very honest. Maybe he is in jail!" But when the girl returned to the room the flush was gone from her cheeks, and she was her usual composed self. The subject was not brought up again.

Larkin, by complaining about non-existent pains, kept the doctor from allowing him to leave the house.

He and his nurse became close friends. There was nothing of the rustic about her. Her mind was keen and broad. She was well informed. Larkin delighted in telling her tales of the stage; stories of his own struggles and the conservative success following. Miss Nun—this was her name—followed him with large eyes and a wonderful interest.

"I have always cared for the stage," she said simply, and brought him around to the subject again.

Time went on. The day of Larkin's return to the city could not be postponed much longer. A contract and tiresome rehearsals called him back. With the spirit of his kind, the actor carefully diagnosed his feelings for this simple maid whom he was leaving behind.

"Love," he ruminated, "and me, of all people, to be listed for a part in the skit. The worst of it is I know I'll forget my lines."

"I—I have a confession to make," stammered the girl, her cheeks red. "I don't want to answer you until after you have heard it." Larkin had proposed. "I live here alone, and I willfully led you to believe that the man you saw at the wreck was my father."

"But he told me he was," persisted Larkin.

"He lives in the next house down. I—I wanted you myself. I didn't tell you of your mistake. My father and mother are dead—and I am so lonesome."

Larkin made a move as if to gather her in his one good arm, but she held up a protesting hand.

"One moment. I am not finished." She looked at him half sorrowfully. "I have deceived you even more than that." She stopped for a faltering second and then hurried on. "I am Nancy Nuh, the California actress, now under the management of the Firmans and due to open my season in New York next fall."

"You—Nancy Nuh!" gasped Larkin. The girl flushed. "I loved you," she said simply. "I wanted to be wooed as other girls are wooed. Can you forgive me?"

Larkin did.

RULES FOR THE DOCTORS

Physician at the Beside Must Adopt His Manner to Suit Each Individual Patient.

What is the manner that is most effective for doctors to assume at the bedside?

No general rule can be laid down, for the manner must be adapted to the patient. One thing, however, may be said. You may be rude like Abernathy, genial like Sir Astley Cooper, courtly like Sir Henry Hallford, but, like St. Paul, unless you have charity—that is to say, practical sympathy—you are nothing.

There is nothing the patient resents so much as apparent indifference, or what he calls want of attention, on the part of the doctor. We have known an ill-timed jocularity to shake a laboriously built up edifice of faith to its foundation.

On the other hand gloomy manner has a disastrous effect on a nervous patient. A famous physician of the past used to relate how, when taken to his first important case by a professional patron, he tried to adapt himself to the situation by assuming an aspect befitting the Knight of the Sorrowsful Countenance. The elder physician, observing this, said: "For heaven's sake, man, don't go into the sick room with that long face; they'll think you are the undertaker!"

Of the fashionable physician it is related that when he paid his usual call to a patient one day he was informed, with her ladyship's apologies, that she was too ill to see him that day!

How much should be said to a patient must depend on circumstances, but the doctor should in all cases tell the truth and nothing but the truth. He need not, however, always tell the whole truth for two sufficient reasons: It might not be for the patient's good and, again, he may not be sure about it himself, and he has no right to disturb the mind of one who looks to him for comfort by suspicious which may be unfounded. — British Medical Journal.

The more money a man makes the less his wife spends—if he's a beach-er.

After Fifteen Years

By Clarissa Mackie

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Melvin Taylor and Adella Scott had lived next door to each other all their lives, yet they had not spoken for 15 years.

Adella, forty now, with a powdering of white in her brown hair, was sitting in the old grape vine swing, swaying idly to and fro. Her soft eyes were fixed on the toe of her small shoe as it lightly touched the green turf.

Overhead the April sky was cloudless; around her was growing grass and young springing flowers.

In her heart was a great yearning for happiness—a renewal of the joys that had belonged to her girlhood; the dreams, the ideals that were hers before the awakening.

From the other side of the dividing lilac hedge came the fragrance of tobacco and the sound of men's voices, growing nearer.

"Women are naturally stubborn," Melvin Taylor was saying in a disagreeable tone. "If May has quarreled with you, Walter, you might as well give her up now and be done with it—no matter how deeply you repent. What apologies you may offer however humble yourself, take my assurance she will not forgive you."

"Rubbish!" retorted Walter Stone, laughing. "May and I have had a disagreement, but I know we shall make it up—who knows when—perhaps today! As for the rest of womankind, they are all like May, I do believe—sweet and forgiving—only some clumsy brute of a man like you or me."

"I've had my experience," interrupted Taylor brusquely. "I was engaged to marry what I believe to be



Swaying idly to and fro.

the sweetest girl in the world. We quarreled a week before our wedding day—15 years ago. I wrote a note begging her to forgive me—"

Their voices died away as they passed beyond hearing, and Adella still swayed to and fro in the grape vine. Now her face was white.

So Melvin Taylor had made overtures of peace and she had never known it. She, too, had written a note to him and hidden it in their true lover's postoffice—a cup-like hollow in the old apple tree that grew in the lilac hedge.

Day after day, 15 years ago, she had gone to the hollow—but there was never a letter; and her wedding day had come and gone and she had never recalled, presents returned and bridal garments hidden from sight, while Adella picked up the dull threads of everyday life and learned to meet Melvin Taylor now and then and greet him with a cold little inclination of the head.

With a sudden impulse she left the grape vine swing and sought the old apple tree. The lilac branches had grown upturned until their smooth green stems quite hid the cup-like hollow.

Adella stood on tiptoe and thrust her little hand into the old letter box. The hollow was empty save for a few dead and crumpled leaves and a gathering of moss. Just as she withdrew her hand her fingers were caught in a warm, strong grasp.

With a faint cry of alarm, Adella tried to jerk her hand away, but in vain.

"Who is it?" demanded Melvin Taylor's voice from the other side of the hedge.

"Release me at once," commanded Adella angrily.

"Oh!" There was enlightenment in his tone; but the grasp only tightened its hold.

"If you have the faintest instincts of a gentleman," began Adella after a while.

"I haven't," returned Mr. Taylor coldly.

Adella leaned against the rugged trunk of the old tree, her white, outstretched arm gleaming against the brown bark. Her eyes were shining like twin stars and her breath came in little gasps.

"What—what do you want?" she found courage to ask after another painful silence.

There was a moment's hesitation and then: "I placed a note in here 15 years ago," he began lamely. "Well?"

gruffly, his hold on her hand tightening cruelly.

"You are hurting my hand," she said with a little cry.

"You hurt my heart 15 years ago," retorted Melvin stubbornly.

After a long silence Adella's voice came faintly over the hedge. "I, too, placed a note there—15 years ago and—"

"And?" queried Mr. Taylor.

"I never received a reply to my note."

"The—dickens!" Mr. Taylor whistled softly. "I never got it, Adella! Do you mean to say you never got a note from me the day after—after we quarreled?"

"I never received any word from you," Adella's voice was tremulous now, as she added: "If you will release my hand—"

He relaxed his hold reluctantly, and Adella slipped down in a crumpled heap in the soft turf at the foot of the apple tree.

"Go, Adella," he said gently. It is too late for me to offer you any apology for my long silence; I wrote you a letter, asking your forgiveness and I placed it here in the hollow—I believed you were hard and unforgetting when I did not receive any answer and I grew more angry with you, instead of seeking an explanation. Your little note, as well as mine, was probably taken by some marauding catbird to build his nest in the hedge. I think I shall go away now—I have been such a fool to want to seek the uttermost ends of the earth to try and forget my folly!" His voice regained its bitterness.

There was a long silence after that. "I am here, Melvin," said Adella.

"May I come over?" he asked in a strange voice.

"Yes," she said softly, but not so softly that his eager ears did not catch the longed-for word.

Presently he was beside her, the old boyish smile on his lips, the old lightheartedness in his eyes, the old happiness in his face.

Adella flushing rosily, leaned for support against the apple tree and her downcast eyes dared not meet his questioning ones.

"Will you forgive me, Adella?" he asked holding out his arms.

"If you will forgive me, too," she said sweetly, turning a radiant face up to him.

And then she came to him, all her sorrows stilled, all her happiness restored ten-fold because of the pain she had endured.

Overhead the April sky was cloudless, underneath the green grass was starred with dandelions; there in the shade of the beloved old apple tree, Adella's youth came back to her, with happiness and love and all the old ideals.

GERMAN COURT ETIQUETTE

How All Those Who Wish to Be Presented to Royalty Must Proceed.

A woman of position who wishes to appear at the German court must find a friend who will introduce her officially to the Oberhofmeisterin—a sort of feminine lord chamberlain—who is an arbiter of fate with regard to court presentation. This dignitary holds a reception of her own previous to the court, and would-be presentees must attend, as it were on approval. If all goes well the aspirant is in due course bidden to a court reception. Courts at Berlin begin at nine. Full evening dress must be worn, with trains, but no veils or feathers and black gowns are not permitted. At the beginning of the reception the feminine element is carefully "sorted"—married women in one room and girls and debutantes in another, and in this latter newcomers are placed on one side, and on the other those who have already gone through the ordeal. The throne room is entered between double rows of pages in scarlet, and after deep curtsies to the assembled royalties, the ladies pass onward into the picture gallery, whence they make their way into another fine apartment, where a band plays and the guests are served with light refreshments.

The lady presented has now notified her wish to be invited to some of the court entertainments. A court ball at Berlin is opened with much ceremony. The German emperor and empress enter with their suites, and the ambassadorships stand about the throne in the court circle. Their imperial majesties never dance, but converse with their guests in an amiable manner. By the way, the emperor lays much stress on good dancing, and will allow no one who is not an expert to dance at the palace. A court official sits in a gallery and watches the dancers, and should he detect any errors in either ladies or men he, later on, communicates with the emperor, and the culprit is notified that he or she must become more proficient before being again invited to the palace. Times have changed since the then Lady Randolph Churchill had a visit to Berlin in 1888. In her memoirs she describes life at the German court as extremely modest and simple. But since that time Germany has become more plutocratic. Germans have given up the old traditions of Prussian Einfachheit, and now practice excessive luxury. At least, this is so in the court set and in smart society. The German empress owns diamonds that are priced at two and a half million dollars, besides ropes of pearls and other jewels of inestimable value. And women in the best set dress to perfection, and in a style that would grace New York's "diamond horseshoe" or the glories of Buckingham palace.—Strand Magazine.

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Gabriele d'Annunzio Goes Into Rhapsodies Over Wonderful Achievement of Airmen—Talks of Paulhan's Flight in England.

Paris.—How long will it be before the large cities of the United States catch the aerial navigation craze which already has the chief cities of Europe in its tenacious grasp?

This is a question which has been suggested by several Americans who have been in Paris recently. And as the season progresses the general fever of interest in the daily flights of aeroplanes and dirigibles of all descriptions appears to be continually increasing.

"Why, as far as I can see, this airship business is getting to be to France what baseball is to America!" was the remark made recently by a well-known member of the Chicago board of trade. "The papers are full of it. New records are made every day. My friends tell me the French clerks talk nothing but monoplane and biplane. I am given to understand that the schoolboys have all the data of all the flights ever made, and of all the airships ever manufactured. The parks are full of boys sailing miniature airships, and to see an ordinary balloon float overhead is a sight so common that it has almost ceased to make people stare."

There is little doubt that the above observations accurately describe the present condition in France. The marvelous development of aeroplanes has even more serious aspects. Ministers of war shake their heads gravely as they read of each new triumph of the aeronauts. Sportsmen are deserting other fields to try their hand at guiding winged steeds beneath the skies. Passengers have been carried in heavy-lift machines. The English channel has been crossed several times by aeroplanes. Everyone realizes that if the airship industry continues to grow to the fulfillment of its promise, a European war at the end of another year or so would reveal to the world hitherto undreamed of horrors of human destruction.

It is no doubt hard for Americans to realize to what an extent aerial navigation has progressed. There are already two vast fields on the edge of Paris, entirely devoted to the science of flying, where flights are made every day, at about the time the wind is supposed to go down with the sun.

One of the most striking appreciations of aerial navigation ever uttered was made a few days ago by the Italian poet and novelist, Gabriele d'Annunzio, who is living temporarily in Paris, with the intention, it is said, of getting material for a novel on aerial navigation on which he is working. Speaking of the flight of Paulhan from Manchester to London, he said: "It pleases me to think of him, this marvelous Latin, as a Gallic Mercury with winged feet, who without doubt will one day seek on the summit of the Puy de Dome the ruins of its temple. (It is necessary to explain that a great prize of money has been offered to the aeronaut who first shall fly from the Eiffel tower in Paris to the summit of the Puy de Dome, a mountain in the south of France on whose peak the ruins of an ancient castle stands.)

"To my imagination he was no longer a Frenchman, but the French; he was no longer a Latin, but the Latin; he was no longer a man, but man, man master of the universe, lord of created things, accomplishing the most marvelous dream, lessening infinity itself, chaining the infinite to his wings spread broad beneath the sun. His personality, his bravery, his heroism had disappeared; out of the limits marked by ordinary things had emerged a marvelous adventure, and before my mind, all the horizons were enlarged, the old boundaries of the world were passed, the heavens were conquered, time itself was conquered."

"And what future have you imagined from this conquest?" the poet was asked.

"Everything! I believe it—everything!—with all my heart, and all my soul! Far from the opinion of the skeptics who pretend to consider aviation a bizarre and perilous plaything, void of any practical importance, I am served for aerobics and fools. I am convinced that we are today no longer celebrating a mere show of audacity, but indeed the promise of a profound metamorphosis in civic life, in peace as in war, in beauty as in power."

Halley's Comet Not Yet Due?

Paris.—Colonel Marchand, hero of Pushoda and noted astronomer, does not believe the comet which made its appearance in June was Halley's comet. He believes it is not due until late in September. The Gaulois is trying to identify the comet which Metcalf of Taunton, Mass., recently discovered and since observed at Paris, Lyons and Marseilles as the real comet of Halley.

TRIES TO ADOPT BABY WHALE

Captain Imitates Mother by Attempting to Feed Floating Youngster Milk from Oil Can.

San Francisco.—A little baby whale, only sixteen feet long and of a pale pink complexion, was the cause of much solicitude and sorrow on the part of the captain of the pilot-boat Lady Mine.

At first Captain Pentland, on spying the queer object floating on the waters of Melges wharf, thought it was a boat turned turtle. On nearing the object, however, he discovered it to be a forlorn orphan waif and his soft heart was moved to compassion. He resolved to mother it, but how? That was a new experience in his salty life, and he was stumped. Suddenly he bethought him of a quantity of milk in his messroom. The captain rushed below as one inspired. There was the milk, but where was the waif's bottle? In vain he searched for an appropriate vessel. Then his eyes lit on an oil can.

This he seized, filled with milk and hurried ashore. He was doomed to grievous disappointment. The waif of the ocean had disappeared. The captain clapped loud and long, imitating the mother whale's endearing spout, which he had learned as a child on the great arctic circle, but all in vain. The waif had gone to the depths. With tears in his eyes, sobs in his throat and the milk in the can, Captain Pentland was obliged to pilot the Lady Mine on her way.

FORTUNE IN APPLE APPETITE

Former Hawaiian Island School Teacher Sells His Ohio Orchard for Big Money.

Dayton, Wash.—A craving for apples, possessed from boyhood, led to the making of a fortune by J. L. Dumas, former president of the Washington Horticultural society, who recently sold Pomona fruit ranch, near Dayton, for \$150,000 after he had sold upward of \$125,000 worth of apples from the ranch. Mr. Dumas said: "When I was teaching school in the Hawaiian Islands in the early '90's I frequently had a craving for apples, such as I had been accustomed to eat in the northwest before I went to Honolulu. I often searched through the markets of the tropical city for apples. The best I could find were diminutive and of unsavory flavor. They sold as high as five cents apiece."

"I returned to Dayton and bought a tract of 140 acres, paying for it \$3,050, which represented my earnings from twenty years of school teaching. My appetite was really the making of what of this world's goods I possess."

BIG SOCKEYE SALMON PACK

Yield From Puget Sound and Fraser River Will Total Two Hundred Thousand Cases.

Seattle, Wash.—The sockeye salmon pack on Puget sound this year to date aggregate approximately 190,000 cases. Packers say the pack is practically complete, although they point out that when all the figures are in the season's count will very likely total 200,000 cases. This is the largest sockeye salmon pack on a "lean" year since 1902.

Reports received from Vancouver the other day were to the effect that the pack of sockeyes on the Fraser river has been practically the same as on Puget sound, and that packers there expect to have 200,000 cases of fish when everything is counted. Packers say that the entire season's pack of sockeye salmon has already been sold, subject to approval of opening prices. The largest pack of sockeyes on a "lean" year since 1902, when 339,556 cases were packed on the sound, was in 1908, when the pack aggregated 182,241 cases.

RIVAL KNOT-TYERS HUSTLE

Pennsylvania Justice's Signs Proclaim Their Desire to Marry Stray Couples.

Kittanning.—This town has three justices of the peace, and business has been poor. Their offices are in the same block, and when Justice Isaac Miller, tired of waiting for business, decided to advertise, he put up a sign in his window reading: "You Can Get Married Here." Justice Edward Lee saw the sign and promptly displayed this one: "Married While You Wait." Justice A. D. Mobley, not to be outdone by his competitors, displayed a more commercial bent, with this sign: "Why Wait? Get Married Here." No increase of business at the marriage license office is yet reported.

Will Save Wild Flowers.

Vienna.—To prevent the devastation of the beautiful valleys among the mountains near Vienna, the city council has forbidden the sale in the streets of the rare wild flowers, such as the wood anemone, wild sycamore, all kinds of gentian, narcissus, iris, orchids, lillies and hart's-tongue fern.

Eggs With Handles.

Sharon, Pa.—William Hydeman, a local blacksmith, is the possessor of a hen that lays eggs with handles. A few days ago he discovered one of these freak eggs in the nest and in the morning got another. Projecting from one end is a slender handle about three inches long and about half an inch in diameter.

BERRY CROP SHORT

Cultivated Product and Bad Seasons Reduce Supply

Demand Also Increases Faster Than Supply—This Answer Applies Particularly to Strawberries—Culture Found Profitable.

Bangor, Me.—Years ago during the summer season everybody in Bangor and eastern Maine had plenty of raspberries and blueberries at low prices. Now the berries are scarce and costly, and people are wondering why.

There are undoubtedly many explanations and probably all of them would be true enough, but the real cause of it all is that the demand for berries has increased much faster than the supply. This answer applies in a general way to all berries but is particularly true of strawberries.

The strawberry season is a long one, beginning early in the spring and lasting until nearly the first of August. This was not always the case, however, and the great length of season has been brought about by careful cultivation which has been made profitable by the ever-increasing demand for the product.

Until recent years the wild or field strawberries were the only ones to be found in the market in large quantities, and even then the demand was not so large as to make it profitable to pick and prepare them for the market, and those who did that work were poorly paid for their labor. But the women who live in the berry district are workers and they were glad enough to do the work though the wage was small.

The introduction of the large cultivated berries from other parts tempted the men of the families to try cultivated strawberries and to share with the women the labor and the profit. It was found to be profitable culture, both the demand and the supply increased and each year the selling price was better than that of the year before, showing that the demand was increasing faster than the supply.

Thus it has been up to the present time so far as strawberries are concerned, but with raspberries, blueberries and blackberries conditions have been different. Blueberries have been cultivated without trouble—in fact the only trouble comes from the rapid spread of the bushes after they have once been planted, and those who have taken any pains with blackberry cultivation realize that they are even more profitable to raise than strawberries and just as easy to market.

With raspberries and blueberries the natural supply of wild berries has been depended upon, and this changes from year to year, the demand being entirely dependent upon the supply and the price being made by the pickers.

Raspberries have to be picked one at a time, and it is a smart picker who can pick twenty quarts per day. If the supply be large and the berries plentiful, and these, at an average price of from 12 to 15 cents, would give the picker from two to three dollars per day. But the supply of raspberries does not increase. It seems to decrease. Sheep are kept in the pastures where the berries used to grow, and that spoils the "patch." Then there are a few fires, and locally the supply has fallen off rapidly in the last few years.

In the large raspberry fields the supply is large enough, but few people care to travel any great distance to obtain raspberries as they do blueberries, because of the work of picking them, difficulty of transporting because of the perishable nature of the berries, and the fact of the season coming so close to that of the blueberries.

SLAKES RID SPUDS OF BUGS

Farmer Finds Them Good Workers in Ridding His Potato Vines of Pests.

Cadiz, Ohio.—A new use for snakes was discovered on the farm of Samuel K. McLaughlin, a few miles east of Cadiz, by Charles Albright, a farmer. He saw a garden snake coiled about a potato plant near him and killed it. He was surprised in a few moments to see another snake coiled about the top of a plant in another row, and being curious to know what the snakes could be doing in such a position, he watched for a few moments and was rewarded by seeing the snake gather the potato bugs from all over the plant and eat them with an apparent relish.

He allowed this snake to have its freedom, and he says there would be work for quite a little army of these reptiles in his potato field.

Utilize Steel Waste.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The United States Steel corporation has discovered another by-product in steelmaking that will save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Britain's Rarest Stamp.

London.—An unused copy of the Great Britain 2½ stamp, orange on blue paper, Queen Victoria issue, brought \$915 at a sale. This is Britain's rarest stamp.

BLOWS TOAD FROM HIS HORN

Bass Player in Pennsylvania Band Gives Abundant Evidence of His Lung Power.

Lime Kill, Pa.—When the Liberty cornet band organized here several years ago the manager sought the best lunged musician to play the monster bass horn. Edward Ohlinger, a six-footer, weighing 175 pounds and twenty-three years old, was rightly chosen. His bass horn is one of the largest used by any band in the county, and on a recent test Ohlinger was heard by fellow bandmasters five miles from the spot where he blew.

The other day, however, Ohlinger's lung power was tested in another way to the very limit. The band, while playing at a Sunday school celebration, took a little rest and the instruments were laid under a tree. In the meantime a toad evidently decided that Ohlinger's horn was a fine abiding place, and crawled in.

When finally located and identified, the live obstruction could not by any ordinary means be removed. But Ohlinger rested until his companions had played another selection, when he went at the job for the second time. One master blow sent the toad flying from the horn thirty feet, and a minute later the echo from Ohlinger's instrument was again heard over the distant hills.

SMALL GRAPE CROP IS FEARED

Wet Summer is Cause of Great Devastation in French Vineyards—Prices Raised.

Paris.—These are critical days for the French vineyard. The wet summer has caused devastation in the vineyards amounting to a national disaster. In the Paris wineshops and in certain restaurants prices are being raised. All, however, is not yet lost, and a few days of bright weather would modify the situation favorably.

M. Georges Proust, a former president of the Paris wholesale wine merchants' syndicate, makes the following observations: "Lamentable news comes from Burgundy. There will not be a barrel of wine in the Yonne; notably, there will be no such thing as 1910 Chablis. In Touraine the white vines alone will yield a small harvest."

"In the south the vintage will be fairly good in the Pyrenees-Orientales, mediocre in the Herault and the Gard, and insignificant in the Aude. The maritime climate of Bordeaux has not protected the district. Vine diseases have raged there, and only half an average vintage is expected."

CURE FOR DEADLY DISEASE

Discovery at Rockefeller Institute is Declared Beneficial in Infantile Paralysis.

Philadelphia.—A discovery that may lead to a cure for infantile paralysis, a deadly disease of childhood believed to be epidemic at present, is announced by Dr. Simon Flexner and Paul A. Lewis of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York city.

The announcement appears in the journal of the American Medical association.

As a result of experiments on monkeys inoculated with the virus that causes infantile paralysis, a serum has been found that in some cases prevents the disease from developing and in others cures it soon after it appears.

The investigators also have found it is possible to vaccinate monkeys with an "immune" serum which will prevent them contracting the disease.

Infantile paralysis attacks all classes of children. If a victim does recover it almost invariably is deformed for life.

MILKING HIS COWS TO MUSIC

Boston Millionaire Dairyman Finds Phonograph Increases Yield—Established Fixture.

Boston.—John Munro Longyear, Brookline's greatest millionaire, is milking his celebrated Jersey cows to the accompaniment of a phonograph and the latest popular musical selections. A daily record is kept of the quantity produced at each milking.

The milkers noticed that some of the more irritable cows were quiet when the phonograph was playing. The next night one of the milkers brought the phonograph to the barn, and there was the same increase in the milk yield as on the previous night. Since then the phonograph has been an established fixture in the Longyear dairy.

Orchids at \$1,000 Each.

Cromwell, Conn.—Andrew Benson, a Connecticut farmer, has returned from a seven months' expedition to the United States of Colombia with 85 crates of rare orchids, which he values at more than \$25,000. Among his prizes are four specimens of pure white orchid, so rare that each plant commands a price of \$1,000 in this country.

Japs Learn to Fly.

Berlin.—The Japanese government commission, which has been buying Wright aeroplanes in Germany, has concluded an agreement with the Prussian military authorities under which 25 Japanese officers will be taught to fly in Berlin.

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VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT

United States Wins Suit For Timber Lost by Forest Fires.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 27.—In an action for fire trespass on the Black Hills national forest, brought by the United States government against the Missouri river and Northwestern railroad, the jury has awarded damages to the government for not only for the loss of merchantable timber, but also for the destruction of unmerchantable growth.

This is regarded by government officials as establishing a very important precedent. So far as is known by the United States department of agriculture, it is the first time that a court has recognized what foresters call the "expectation value" of young growth, as furnishing a basis for the award of damages. The difficulty in the way of such an award in the past has been that there was no way to prove to the satisfaction of the courts the money value of the loss suffered.

The award in the South Dakota case followed the presentation of evidence as to the cost of work in reforesting which the government is actually doing in the Black Hills. The amount claimed for the young growth burned was \$12 an acre, and the claim under this item was allowed in full by the jury. The total amount of damages claimed was \$2,728.85, of which \$2,634.45 was for merchantable timber destroyed or injured by the fire.

Use "Yield Tables."

It is recognized by foresters that the cost of artificial reforestation will not always furnish a fair basis for estimating the damage to forest reproduction. Where new growth can be expected by natural sowing from seed trees on the ground within a short time, artificial planting or sowing is an unnecessary expensive method. To meet such cases what are known as "yield tables" are being prepared. By the use of these the loss can be shown in terms of the final crop and the time necessary to produce it.

Thus, if it is known that 10,000 feet of timber per acre be cut in seventy years, it is easy to calculate the value of the crop when it is 10 years old by discounting from its value when mature. In European countries where forestry has been long practiced this method is regularly applied in selling, condemning or estimating damages on forest property. It is also used abroad in insurance, which would be impracticable if there were not both an accepted basis for determining the loss suffered and a reasonably accurate knowledge of the hazard involved.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS \$925,000.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jasac Bros. Company are to erect a modern store and office building of more than six stories at a cost greater than \$600,000. The last 60 feet of ground for the site has just been purchased for \$25,000. The site for the new structure fronts 100 feet on the west side of South Broadway, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and extends back 160 feet to an alley.

BIG LAND DEAL IN IOWA.

Newton, Ia.—The George Lyle farm, known as the Jessie Long farm, of 250 acres, near Monroe, has been sold by Frank Hill, referee, for \$115 per acre to A. L. Johnson of New Sharon. It is the biggest land deal made in this county in many years. Jessie Long and George Lyle both committed suicide while owning the farm. Lyle's will giving all the property to his widow was set aside two years ago.

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