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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 14 Cars, 577 Cattle; 46 Cars, 3263 Hogs; No Sheep Reported.

HEAVY BEEVES OFF FOR WEEK

Prices Close a Dime Lower After Recovering Part of Early Loss.

OTHER GRADES ARE STEADY

Butcher Cows Finish Steady to 10c Down—Fat Heifers Show 15c to 20c Break—Bulls and Veal Calves Fully Steady With a Week Ago—Stockers and Feeders Meeting a Good Demand—Hogs Steady to 5c Lower.

Receipts from January 1, 1911. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1911, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1910:

	1911	1910	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	22,423	25,769	8,000	3,346
Hogs	36,621	45,650	10,747	8,955
Sheep	21,929	18,263	8,950	2,950
Horses	1,865	1,928	881	83

Live Stock in Sight.
The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

Market	1911	1910
Chicago	300	12,000
Kansas City	200	8,000
St. Louis	100	5,000
Omaha	100	5,000
St. Joseph	500	3,800
Esst St. Louis	1,000	4,000

Totals: 2,359 27,300 1,000
Yesterday 8,300 34,800 10,900
Week ago 3,100 30,400 4,500
Month ago 2,500 21,000 3,500
Year ago 2,700 26,000 2,300

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

Commodity	1911	1910
C, B & Q, west	1	1
C, B & Q, east	34	34
B. I. E.	1	1
Great Western	8	8
Missouri Pacific	2	2
St. Joseph & Grand Island	16	16
A. T. & S. F.	2	2

Total 66 66 66

CATTLE.

Heavy Steers 10c Lower for Week, Others About Steady.

Only 300 cattle were in sight for this market today and of this number the bulk was stock intended for yesterday's trade but owing to the storm did not register until today. A few loads of quarantine steers were embraced in the offerings. Trade had the usual quiet week-end tone and no change in prices was quotable. The market is closing the week in fairly active tone and with prices somewhat improved over the low point of the week. Under quiet liberal receipts at all leading centers the market has held up well. Local receipts total approximately 13,000 for the week as compared with 1,131 for the first six days last week and 14,818 for the like period a year ago. At the five markets the week's total supply of 161,300 cattle is around 23,000 greater than for the previous week, but 13,000 less than for the corresponding days a year ago. Local arrivals have included a liberal percentage of steer offerings and there has been a good outlet for supplies from day to day at prevailing prices. During first half of the week trade here ruled rather slow and lower in sympathy with conditions elsewhere but the loss on medium and lightweight steers has since been practically all regained and prices on these classes are quotable steady with a week ago. Partial recovery has also been noted on the lightweight, high priced heaves since Wednesday but these are closing around a dime lower than a week ago. Nothing strictly choice or prime in the steer line was available this week but there has been quite a sprinkling of serviceable good kinds on the weighty order, best of these selling at \$6.40 to \$6.60. Most of the medium to fairly good steers offered this week sold at \$5.75 to \$6.35, with the plain short-cut and warmed up kinds ranging on down around the \$5.00 line.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

In the market for butchers' stock today trading was of very limited proportions, receipts being too light to afford a reliable test of prices, so that quotations remain the same as on Friday.

Unconveness has been a prominent feature of the week's trade in butchers' stock. Increased supplies enabled buyers to force concessions during the first three days and while the market has since shown some recovery closing prices on beef and butcher cows and heifers are a little lower all around. Medium cows show the least weakness, closing only a shade lower than a week ago. The good grades of cows are quotable fully a dime off and fat heifers show a break of 15c to 20c generally as compared with the close of last week. Packers have shown a disposition to bear down on the higher priced offerings of both steer and cow stuff this week while taking the medium and cheaper grades with comparative freedom. There was

good demand for canners all week with little or no disturbance in prices. The market for bulls and stags has shown good, active tone this week and last week's prices have been well maintained. Most of the fat bulls are selling at \$4.50 to \$5.00, with a few choice offerings up to \$5.50. There has been no material change in veal prices this week, although the demand has at all times been of an active character.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.
Trade in this division presented the usual Saturday's appearance. Supplies were tight, not enough of this class of stock being offered to put the market on a quotable basis. Yard speculators have few cattle on hand and with a good demand from the country for cattle of all weights moderate supplies would be welcomed by all traders at the start next week.

Trading throughout the week in this division has been active and strong, the result of the good country demand prevalent at all times. There is still a tendency on the part of buyers to buy the heavy and medium weight cattle in preference to the light weight cattle, although the latter are still moving freely at generally steady prices compared with last week's close. Heavy and half fat cattle which are eagerly sought after by all country buyers at the time of the year are closing around a dime higher.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.00 to \$5.75; medium to good grades \$4.25 to \$4.75; good to fancy stock steers \$4.50 to \$5.25, and common to fair \$3.75 to \$4.50; stock heifers \$3.75 to \$4.50 for fair to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$2.00 to \$3.50, and stock calves \$4.25 to \$5.50.

HOGS.

Further Slight Weakening in Prices For Live Pork.

For final day of the week hog prices ranged steady to 5c lower, the market averaging a shade lower than Friday. Range of prices was narrow and bulk of the crop cleared at \$7.75 to \$7.80, with tops reaching \$7.85. Fresh receipts were estimated at 2000 but the market closed yesterday with quite a few hogs in first hands and these were offered today, making a pretty fair week-end run. Advice from outside points were generally of bearish tone and local buyers fell in line with lower bids right from the start. Trade was a little slow rounding into shape on the steady to 5c lower basis but by noon the big end of the fresh arrivals had been run over the scales, but there were still quite a few loads of stale offerings in the pens. Quality was about the same as on previous days of the week. Receipts have shown an increasing tendency this week and general drift of prices has been downward, values today averaging around 20c lower than on last Saturday.

Local receipts aggregate approximately 33,500 for the week as compared with 25,254 the previous week and 36,820 corresponding period a year ago. Combined supplies at the five leading markets for the week total 351,100 and stand 69,000 greater than for the week previous and indicate a gain of 19,700 over the corresponding week a year ago.

Prices ranged from \$7.25 to \$7.85, with the bulk selling at \$7.75 to \$7.80. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.75 to \$7.82 1/2, a week ago at \$7.97 1/2 to \$8.00, a month ago at \$7.50 to \$7.60, a year ago at \$5.50 to \$5.85, two years ago at \$5.45 to \$5.80, three years ago at \$5.20 to \$5.40, and four years ago at \$4.40 to \$4.75.

Heavy and Mixed—200 lbs. and Under.
No. Av. Sh. Price No. Av. Sh. Price
73... 280... 7.85... 263... 123... 7.77 1/2
35... 219... 7.83... 202... 507... 7.77 1/2
29... 251... 7.80... 72... 239... 40... 7.77 1/2
81... 228... 7.89... 60... 255... 7.75
70... 259... 7.80... 59... 232... 7.77 1/2
59... 290... 7.80... 50... 361... 7.75
85... 202... 7.80... 56... 286... 120... 7.75
76... 228... 7.89... 60... 255... 7.75
70... 247... 89... 70... 239... 80... 7.75
79... 228... 7.80... 52... 289... 120... 7.75
70... 233... 240... 7.80... 59... 231... 7.75
85... 201... 7.80... 50... 361... 7.75
84... 205... 7.89... 68... 234... 40... 7.75
35... 219... 7.80... 70... 282... 40... 7.75
72... 252... 7.80... 54... 259... 80... 7.75
81... 228... 7.89... 60... 255... 7.75
70... 205... 7.75... 55... 203... 80... 7.75
70... 257... 80... 7.75... 38... 250... 7.75
60... 209... 7.75... 70... 251... 80... 7.75
75... 205... 7.80... 50... 361... 7.75
65... 241... 160... 7.75... 45... 198... 120... 7.75
82... 217... 7.75... 70... 235... 7.75
80... 206... 7.75... 38... 260... 90... 7.75
70... 273... 7.75... 60... 255... 7.75
60... 292... 7.75... 80... 214... 7.75
77... 243... 120... 7.75... 72... 246... 7.75
64... 242... 7.75... 81... 228... 7.72 1/2
85... 221... 7.75... 70... 284... 7.72 1/2
85... 221... 7.75

Odds, Ends and Wagon Hogs.
12... 208... 7.83... 1... 530... 7.80
3... 350... 7.75... 1... 389... 7.75
4... 437... 7.75... 1... 389... 7.75

Packers' Hog Purchases.
Swift & Co. 2,071
Hammond Packing Co. 1,015
Morris & Co. 1,018
Total 4,094

Range of Prices.
This Week Last Week
Monday... \$7.80 \$8.00 \$7.77 1/2 \$7.90
Tuesday... 7.80 8.00 7.80 8.00
Wednesday... 7.75 8.00 7.80 8.00
Thursday... 7.75 8.00 7.75 8.00
Friday... 7.70 8.00 7.70 8.00
Saturday... 7.72 8.00 7.80 8.00

SHEEP.

Nothing On Sale This Morning, Lambs Lower for the Week.
A barren market in the sheep division this morning left yesterday's list of prices unchanged, lack of supplies making any new developments impossible. Light supplies are looked for at the start next week, the result of the recent storm which has practically tied up all railroads running through the sheep feeding district. Prices are unchanged, lack of supplies for the time being, although early resumption of normal trade conditions are expected as soon as weather permits.

Briefly described trade this week

has been typical of the market this time of the year. Although supplies have shown a substantial increase as compared with last week, this has had no depressing effect on conditions in general. Demand has been broad at all times during the week and daily clearances have been made at an early hour and at the close today pens are practically empty. Fed lambs which have had up the big end of the week's supply sold at steady prices on Monday but with a liberal supply of these kinds here on Tuesday and reports of weak and lower openings at other points on this class of mutton packers started on a campaign for lower cost for these kinds and prices soon felt the full effect of the bearish sentiment. Lambs closed fully a dime lower on Tuesday and sellers were unable to regain the loss and at the close today they are still selling on the same level as Tuesday, although some salesmen were calling them a 15c lower as compared with last week's close.

Best lambs seen here this week arrived on the opening day and changed hands at \$6.30, the top for the week. In the sheep branch of the trade demand has been strong and prices for these kinds show little change compared with last week. Ewes, which made up the bulk of the supply in this division, sold at \$3.75 to \$3.80, while one small bunch of yearlings went to the scales at \$5.50. Wethers landed at \$4.10 and \$4.25.

OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.
Chicago Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 14.—The Live Stock World reports:
Cattle—Receipts, 300. Market steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady. Top heavy \$7.95, light \$8.00; bulk \$7.85 to \$7.90.
Sheep—Receipts, 1500. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:
Cattle—Receipts, 300. Market nominal.
Hogs—Receipts, 3000. Market steady. Top \$7.82 1/2, bulk \$7.72 1/2 to \$7.80.
Sheep—Receipts, none.

SOUTH OMAHA.
South Omaha, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:
Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 4000. Market weak. Top \$7.80, bulk \$7.65 to \$7.75.
Sheep—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS.
East St. Louis, National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 14.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports:
Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 4000. Market weak. Top \$8.00, bulk \$7.85 to \$7.95.
Sheep—Receipts, none.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.
Today's cash values: Receipts wheat, 2 cars; corn, 25 cars; oats, 0 car.

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
No. 2 red	1 02 1/2 @ 1 02 1/2	44 1/2 @ 45	31 1/2 @ 32
No. 3 red	1 00 @ 1 01	44 1/2 @ 45	31 1/2 @ 32
No. 2 hard	97 @ 1 02	44 1/2 @ 45	31 1/2 @ 32
No. 3 hard	95 @ 1 00	44 1/2 @ 45	31 1/2 @ 32

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.
The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options	Open	High	Low	Close	Close Yesterday
WHEAT					
May	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
July	985	985	985	985	985
CORN					
May	49 1/2	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	50
July	50 1/2	51	50 1/2	50 1/2	51
OATS					
May	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
July	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
PORK					
Jan	20.10	20.10	20.00	20.00	20.00
May	19.17	19.12	18.97	18.97	19.00
LARD					
Jan	10.50	10.50	10.45	10.45	10.50
May	10.10	10.12	10.05	10.05	10.12
RIBS					
Jan	10.72	10.82	10.70	10.70	10.75
May	10.40	10.40	10.30	10.30	10.40

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.
Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers Association for the benefit of stock yards Daily Journal readers:
Timothy—Choice, \$14.50; No. 1, \$13.50; No. 2, \$10.50 to \$12.50; No. 3, \$6.50 to \$9.50.
Clover mixed—Choice, \$12.75 to \$13; No. 1, \$12 to \$12.50; No. 2, \$9 to \$10.50; No. 3, \$7.50 to \$9.50.
Clover—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11; No. 1, \$9.50 to \$10; No. 2, \$7.50 to \$9.50.
Prairie—Choice, \$12.50; No. 1, \$11 to \$12; No. 2, \$9 to \$10.50; No. 3, \$6 to \$8.
Alfalfa—Choice, \$15 to \$16; No. 1,

\$13 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$10.50 to \$12.50; No. 3, \$7 to \$10.
Packing hay—\$4 to \$5.
Straw—\$4.75 to \$5.

YANKFOSKI LOVES ANIMALS

But When Wife's Parrot Perched on His Face in Bed He Rebelled.
Yielding to no man in his affection for our dumb friends, Valentine Yankofski of Winsted, Conn., who appeared before Judge William and obtained a decree of separation from Mrs. Yankofski, said he drew the line at trying to dwell in peace and amity with a household of cats, parrots and dogs.

He told Judge Williams he believed in pets when the pets are kept in their proper places, but that he is far from convinced that the cats, parrots and the rest of the menagerie should have carte blanche as to what they may do in a house.
He had stood up as long as he could under the affliction of having his wife's trained animals sit at the table with him, but when he remonstrated she said that not only could they share his board, but that when the time came at night for the Yankofskis to retire this hour was also to be the animals' bedtime.

The plaintiff, who said his wife had gone away leaving no forwarding address, was at a loss to explain her exodus on any ground other than that she had become piqued when he kicked a parrot out of bed simply because the bird had chosen the Valentine Yankofski face as a perch.

Mr. Yankofski said also that the dogs with whom his wife had insisted that he share his couch had developed a fondness for sleeping in the daytime and spending the night roaming over him. Being of an affectionate disposition, Yankofski volunteered to provide separate maintenance for the animal act, but his wife had declined to be separated from her pets and had gone away, taking the pets with her.

ROYAL KINETOSCOPE DEVOTEE

Duke Illustrates His Adventures for Friends by Means of the Moving Picture Machine.

Royalty at the wheel of a moving picture machine will be one feature of the national festivities. The Duke of Montpensier, uncle of the King of Portugal, brother of the Duc d'Orleans, grandson of Louis Philippe, and himself an officer in the Spanish army, is coming a second time to Mexico, armed this time with an action regarding camera as well as guns.

A friend in this city who has received a letter from the royal tourist is authority for the statement that he seldom "does" a region now without being followed by a man carrying the apparatus for catching the record of moving things.
The films secured by the duke are solely for his own use, and for the delectation of his friends. It is said that none he has taken has been or ever will be exhibited before the mere public, but that in both his European homes the duke has thrown them upon the screen in order to illustrate his stories of personal adventure. The duke garnishes his experience with the moving picture camera in the Black forest of Germany.—Mexico Record.

Where Ears Grow Sharp.
A French balloonist has recorded the clearness with which sounds coming from the surface of the ground can be heard at a high altitude.

At the height of 5,000 feet the ringing of horses' hoofs on a hard road was clearly audible. At 4,000 feet the splashing sound made by ducks in a pond was heard. The barking of dogs and the crowing of cocks could be heard at 7,000 or 8,000 feet.

These sounds penetrated through a white floor of cloud that hid the earth from sight. In the perfect silence of the air around the investigator was startled by what seemed stealthy footsteps close at hand. It was ascertained that this noise was caused by the stretching of the ropes and the yielding of the silk as the balloon continued to expand.

Disputation.
Great care must be taken lest your debates break in upon your passions and awaken them to take part in the controversy. When the opponent pushes hard, and gives just and mortal wounds to our own opinions, our passions are very apt to feel the strokes, and to rise in resentment and defense. Self is so mingled with the sentiment which we have chosen, and has such a tender feeling of all the opposition which is made to them, that personal brawls are very ready to come in as seconds to succeed and finish the dispute of opinions. Then noise, and clamor, and folly appear in all their shapes, and chase reason and truth out of sight.

The Point of View.
Have you any privileged class in New York?

"Yes," said Rogers, the motor fiend, "we have—all these people who are walking and prevent auto speeding bills to it."

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WORST OF WINTER

Rain, Sleet and Snow Interfere With Traffic in Large Scope of Country.

ST. JOSEPH IN THE CENTER

Precipitation Amounted to More Than 3 Inches of Water in Twenty-Four Hours.

TEMPERATURE IS MODERATE

And There Was No Suffering From Cold, But Travel To and From Yards Was Difficult—Much Thunder and Lightning Early Yesterday—Storm Spread Over Wide Area of Territory—Cold Wave Headed This Way.

All yesterday St. Joseph and vicinity was in the grip of the worst storm of the winter. Old Boreas, of Medicine Hat, swooped down at an early hour yesterday morning for a return engagement, bringing with him, rain, sleet and snow. The program started with rain which later turned to sleet and still later to snow. On the level the snow, sleet and snow, mixed, averaged 3.3 inches deep but in many places the drifts were 6 to 8 inches in depth.

According to the local weather observer the precipitation was greater here than at any other weather station in the country. The snow and sleet made traveling a difficult task. The undercoating of sleet rendered the ground extremely slippery and walking was much like plowing through coarse loose sand.

Street cars stopped on all of the city lines was badly crippled. For a considerable part of the afternoon the service was practically at a standstill. Snow sweepers were kept busy all day and until late at night, and in addition the company had a large force of men busy with shovels in an effort to keep the cars moving but in spite of all this it was found impossible to maintain anything like a normal schedule. Officials of the St. Joseph Street Railway company state that yesterday's storm was the worst they have had to contend with for a number of years.

With the heavy coating of sleet it was feared there would be many broken telephones, telegraph and trolley wires but little damage on this score has been reported as yet. The snow ceased about dark yesterday evening and was followed by a drop in temperature that froze a crust on the snow sufficient to bear the weight of man, so that traveling was not quite so difficult today. The sky will overcast and the fall of more moisture within the next twenty-four hours is not unlikely. Bitter cold prevails in the northwest and a cold wave is reported to be traveling this way. Prince Albert, Canada, yesterday reported a temperature of 50 degrees below zero, which is the coldest of the winter.

While the sleet was coming down in blinding sheets early yesterday morning, there were brilliant flashes of lightning and loud claps of thunder, something very unusual to accompany a winter's storm in this part of the country.

The heavy fall of snow will do much to relieve the shortage of water that has been quite serious in this section for several weeks and will also prove of great benefit to fall sown wheat.

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WANTS INSIDE INFORMATION.

Western Man Asks Journal What the Pork Market Will Be.

A day or two ago The Journal received a letter from a man in one of the western states asking for information as to the price of pork in March. From the tone of the inquiry it is evident that the man has conceived the idea of taking a flyer at the speculative game and he wants some one to put him next.

He is not the only man who is looking for inside information on a "bot-tled up good thing." There are several millions of mortals who are looking for the same thing. It is not unnatural that this man should appeal to the newspaper for the information that will make life easy for him. The newspaper man is usually a wise guy and is posted on a variety of subjects. He knows a lot that he don't tell, and in this way he is the greatest conservator of the peace of the world contains. But there are some things upon which he is short, and this pork game is one of them. There are three potent factors in the speculative game as relates to the product of the hog, and upon which the newspaper man is not posted any better than any other man; these are: Supply, demand and manipulation. The newspaper editor may be able to get a sort of idea of the supply condition; he may also get in an occasional center shot on the status of the demand. But he is just like any other piker when it comes to the manipulation end of the game.

The newspaper man does not know what the pork market is going to be in March or any other future month, and the only thing he or any other common mortal can do in the matter of pork speculation is to walk up to the bookmaker and bet his money against unknown odds.

An old time market reporter was once asked what the hog market was going to be the next day. The old fellow swelled up bombastically and replied: "Well, sir, if the receipts are small and the packers want the hogs, the chances are the market will be higher." Same way with this pork deal.

TEXAS HOG IMPROVES.

Not Now the Joke He Was in the Days of Bill Nye.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 14.—The late Bill Nye described the Texas hog as an animal with an elongated snout, thin chest, sinuous legs, and having all the qualities indicating it was built for speed. As the famous humorist saw the swine product of this state in his day and generation his description was fairly good. But the Texas hog of today is a much changed animal and represents the very best of the swine family.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

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And it showed that day in the orange belt of Missouri.

Hoop! the crop killer will now slaughter all of the dogged price breaking cattle and sheep there are left on the ranges of the west.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL ON THE FARM If sewage were properly handled, typhoid fever and many other diseases would decrease greatly.

Perhaps the simplest and most common method is by a vault dug in the ground. This has many objectionable features, chief among which is the possibility of spreading disease.

Another method not so common in America but frequently used in England is the cess-pool, usually built with a dry wall of rock or porous brick so that the liquid may seep out into the surrounding soil.

To substitute for these old and unsanitary methods the experiment station has worked out plans for several up-to-date methods of sewage disposal. These are designed to suit the needs of the moderate priced country home whose builder desires convenience and comfort.

The simplest method is one much used in other countries, called "dry cess." Plans are given for a concrete catch basin system which is said to give good results.

The bulletin is entitled "Sanitation and Sewage Disposal for Country Homes," and its author is William C. Davidson. Copies may be had free by sending a request to H. B. Shaw, director of the Engineering Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo.

LIVE STOCK CENSUS. Announcement has recently been made from the main den of advanced farming, which same is located on the banks of the Potomac river, away on the eastern side of the land of Yankee Doodle, Hall Columbia and Dixie, that the annual live stock census of the country will be given to an anxious and befuddled people on the 25th of the current month.

The idea is at once a patriotic and philanthropic one, on its face, should be useful to the farmer who is hunting a market for his future crop of live stock as well as to the ultimate

Daddy's Bedtime Story

Sly Mr. Fox and Foolish Mrs. Crow



I DO NOT think I need to tell you, children," said daddy one evening, "that the fox is a very sly animal and that, like most sly folks and animals, he does not like to work hard for his living. He is happiest when he can steal something to eat or cheat folks or birds or animals out of what they have.

"At first the crow did not seem to hear him, so he repeated it all, adding many other things which he thought would please the bird. He thought, of course, that when she should open her beak to answer him down would fall the cheese and he would get it. But the bird did not answer him, so sly Mr. Fox tried another way.

"Do you know, Mrs. Crow," he said, "all the other birds are jealous of you. Indeed they are. You may believe me or not, as you will, but only last night I overheard two birds talking to each other, and one of them said, 'Why, yes, the crow is certainly a handsome bird, and if she could only sing she would be the finest bird in all the world.'"

"Now, that made the crow jealous. She was anxious to prove to the fox that she could sing as well as any of the other birds, so she opened her beak and let out a loud 'Caw.' Of course when she did so she dropped the cheese. After the fox had grabbed it he said to her, 'Your voice is all right, but you haven't much sense.'"

consumer of the pork chop, the porterhouse steak and the seductive roasting of lamb, to say nothing of the steers from old can-fattened goats that are masqueraded in the markets as prime mutton.

This census is compiled very largely from the assessors' returns taken eight or nine months before and includes all of the cattle, hogs and sheep slaughtered in packing houses and by local butchers between early spring and the time of dating the census. Based upon the 1910 returns at six leading packing points there have been about 24,000,000 of the hogs that will be counted in this forthcoming annual census slaughtered and gone into the channels where the hungry ultimate consumer has put the products out of sight.

WEDDING REFORM IN CHINA

Old Customs and Elaborate Ceremonies Have to a Great Extent Been Done Away With.

Forty years ago it was a very trying ordeal to attend a wedding in China on account of the fearful din made by the band of musicians with their cymbals, flutes, fifes, drums, etc., to say nothing of the loud popping of fire-crackers and skyrockets.

On one particular occasion the spacious hall was tastefully decorated with cedar chains wrapped around the large wooden pillars with strings of colored paper and flowers. A raised platform was at one end of the hall, on which stood a piano and an organ.

The bride was attired in the red silk robe and skirt as was the custom in former days, but it was a relief to her not to be blinded by the heavy red veil. The mother read the marriage ceremony from a paper and placed it on the table, where it was signed by the bridal couple, the two kinsmen and herself. Congratulations were then offered to the bride and bridegroom by formal bows.

Lastly, about twenty little girls from four to eight years of age, ornamented with large satin rosettes, stood in a row before the bride and bridegroom and sang several verses of a kindergarten ballad. The bride and bridegroom, who had stood all this time on the platform, then stepped down to

leave the hall.—Reheboth Sunday Herald.

The Floral Treatment.

She was unquestionably a stout woman. She occupied more than one person's share of space in the street car, and quite overshadowed her trim companion. "You really ought to try something," said her friend, in reply to an aside from the stout lady herself regarding her weight.

"You're very kind," said the stout lady, "but I've quite given up trying to get thin. Oh, I know"—she went on as the other interrupted—"but you cannot induce me to take up any new fads. The last one I tried settled that. They made me imagine that I was a beautiful lily awaying in the summer breeze side to side! I decided that was ridiculous for a woman of my weight, and so—"

"Perhaps you didn't give it a fair trial," suggested her friend. "Perhaps not, my husband came in just when I was being a lily, and he—"

"Men never understand, do they?" said her friend.—Youth's Companion.

Duchess Pays Gambling Debt.

One of the cleverest bridge players and one of the biggest gamblers in a society is a dowager duchess, says a writer in London M. A. P. I have heard it said that she makes \$25,000 a year between her skill at cards and luck on the turf, but her private income is so large that no one could suspect her for a moment of being dependent on her winnings.

By and by he sent around candy, a box a week. The soft voice would always tell him how good it was the next day, and this was compensation enough. But he longed to see the possessor of the voice. He said so, but the owner told him he would have to be satisfied with hearing the voice. It was a mighty soft voice.

The other day the clerk took the attention into his own hands and slipped into the newspaper office. He asked a red-headed, freckled kid at the switchboard who took down the ads? "I do," said Reddy.

And beside all else, the clerk had spent \$6.75 for candy!

Wisdom of a Husband.

A man who lived in a suburban town was asked by his wife to help with the shopping by buying her a shirtwaist while he was in the city. Later a saleslady said to him as she displayed a number: "Here are some very pretty ones. What color do you prefer?"

"It doesn't make any difference," replied the husband. "I believe she would like this one," returned the saleslady. "What size do you want?"

"It doesn't make any difference," was the surprising answer. "Doesn't make any difference?" exclaimed the wondering saleslady. "I should think it would make a whole lot of difference."

"No, no, it doesn't!" insisted the wise husband. "No matter what color I got her or what she got her I would have to come back tomorrow anyhow and have it exchanged."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Webster Pudding.

One cup molasses, one cup of milk, one-half cup melted butter, one-half cup of brandy or wine, one teaspoon of soda, one teaspoon of cinnamon, cloves and a little nutmeg, one pound currants, and a little salt. Mix as soft as pound cake and steam or boil two hours. Hard or wine sauce. Use only half the recipe for small family and currants to suit. What is left over can be steamed over and over.

STORY OF A GOOSE

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE AND REMARKABLE RESCUE.

Fowl Tumbles Down a Well, is Seized by a Snake and Then Gigantic Hawk Appears on Scene.

At Mount Lebanon in Bienville parish, Louisiana, there was maintained during the Civil war a laboratory for the preparation of medicines to be used in the Confederate service. To supply the water needed a deep well was dug. After the war all the buildings connected with the laboratory were destroyed by fire and the well remained yawning and uncurbed.

One day a fine goose which belonged to a well-known man in the vicinity strayed off in the morning and in the evening her brood of goslings came cheeping back without her. It was surmised that the goose might have fallen into the well.

Two days afterward the owner of the goose, rifle in hand, on his way to a hunting party, passed near the old well and noticed that a large hawk appeared to be greatly interested in something that was going on in the well. The hawk circled round and round above the opening, dived into it, reappeared screaming and went down again. After a succession of such movements the hawk finally emerged from the well with a great white load in his talons.

It was the missing goose, and the goose, to its owner's astonishment, had a long black snake hanging from her beak. A shot from the rifle brought the trio to earth and the man set about solving the mystery. The snake appeared to have attempted to swallow the goose, head first, for her beak was sticking in his throat so that he could not get away, nor could she get rid of him. Evidently after her fall down the well the goose had found a foothold on a bit of curbing and had there been attacked by the snake, with the singular result described. In that predicament she had been pronounced upon by the hawk.

The owner killed the snake, bagged the hawk and restored the goose to the bosom of her grateful family, for she was little the worse for her extraordinary series of adventures. The hawk was a pretty big fellow, measuring almost five feet from tip to tip of its outstretched wings.

Can't Judge by the Voice.

One of the duties of a certain clerk in a Philadelphia drug store is to telephone advertisements to a certain newspaper. About the softest voice that the clerk ever heard is always at the other end of the wire.

After he had phoned a dozen times or so he began to get a little more familiar, and after that he carried on quite a flirtation with the stranger in the newspaper office.

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Case of Mistaken Identity.

When Jacob Schmitzler of a city in Ohio read in the evening paper that he was dead, and his body was lying at the morgue, he went at once to the place and sure enough found himself laid out on a slab as dead as any one could be who was not living.

"The face of the corpse was so much like his own that Jacob had to rub his eyes, thinking something must be wrong with his vision; but no, the man's clothing was like his own. Jacob could not see the eyes so he said: 'Vat ish de color of his eyes?'"

"When they raised up the eyelids he saw they were black. He exclaimed, with a sigh of relief: 'Dot ish better I know dot ish not mine poy. Dose eyes are black, and mine are blue. Ach himmel, vot a narrow escape I have had! Vot a glose call dot vas.'"

He Merely Wanted to Know.

"Here," said the girl's father, who had come downstairs after the clock had struck 12, "ain't you goin' pretty soon?" "I—I was just getting ready to start," the young man replied.

"All right. I thought nebby you might have begun a marathon courtin' contest, and I won't allow anything of that kind in my house, with electric light costin' what it does and no high low burner in the parlor."

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at St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, at the close of business, Jan. 7th, 1911.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, and Capital stock.

I, R. T. FORBES, president of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1911.

Correct-Attest: JACOB GEIGER, Notary Public.

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at St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, at the close of business, Jan. 7, 1911.

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Writer Declares That All Fatigue is Brain Fatigue—More Men Rust to Death Than Have Worn Out.

In a recent issue of the London Times a correspondent points out that it is impossible to draw a precise line between mental and manual work. All fatigue is really brain fatigue. In other words, all labor is skilled labor, though in greatly varying degrees. The navy with his pick and shovel has to use skill; so does the dockworker, loading or unloading barrels, cases and bales. There are men who are constantly engaged in carrying out one little process that they do the work instinctively, almost automatically. The exercise of their skill requires little exertion of body or mind. On the other hand, the watchmaker or the engineer has to keep his mind continually on his work, and although he must use his hands all the time, his brain is being exerted more than his body.

Many indoor trades requiring skill need the employment of brains rather than of physical force. But even the hony-handed son of toil, who digs, and delves, and blasts, and the countryman who tills the land, in these days of machinery must use a good deal of intelligent, as well as expend much bodily energy. Indeed, it is obvious that brains are required in all trades and possibly on the whole nearly as much mental power is used by the man who works with his hands as he who mainly uses his brains. The professional man or the business man is generally brought up and educated for his work and thus his brains are trained, while the uneducated individual has, so to speak, to work his brains more, in that they are untrained. Whether it be work of brain or hand, so long as it is not carried to excess, it is healthy.

No healthy man has ever been killed by hard work within reasonable limits, of any kind. More have rusted to death than have been worn out. The work which kills at the present time is the abuse of work, the rush and strain of modern conditions, and, above all, worry, the curse of modern times. The person who works at hard manual labor has several advantages. As a rule, he labors in the open air, and provided that he earns sufficient to support himself and family in comfort he is free from worry and he is free from responsibility which usually brings worry in its train. Nevertheless, the brain worker must not lay the flattering unction to his soul that he possesses a monopoly of mental exertion. Moreover in this as in every case, the personal equation must be considered.

Women Braver Than Men.

It has always been maintained that women were more courageous at standing physical pain than men, but it is a new claim that they are braver, more careless of their own safety, quicker to act than men in an emergency. Yet according to Herbert Longfellow, chief of the United States Volunteer Life-Saving corps, in the Designer, not only women, but children, are braver than men. He is quoted as saying:

"It has been my experience that women and children are more heroic than men. They are more impetuous. A man thinks of his responsibility, of those dependent on him, and of his own personal well-being. Women and children think of nothing but the human life in peril. They act on the moment, so quickly that fear has no chance to sway them at all. It is in the nature of things that men are more frequently at the post of danger. Yet when opportunity presents itself a far larger percentage of women and children will risk their lives. Heroes are not those who deliberate upon their chances. Heroes are those who rush to the rescue without considering themselves at all. This women and children do."

London "Wild, Mad World."

Two priests of Samaria, claiming unbroken descent from Levi, have visited London on a pathetic, but impressive, errand. Their community is threatened with starvation, and the two priests were dispatched to England to see a Pentateuchal manuscript, which has been held one of the most precious possessions of the tribe. It is a manuscript 700 years old, and is written in three languages in parallel columns—Samaritan, Assyrian and Hebrew. The meager baggage of one of the priests was stolen between Jaffa and Marseilles, and as a religious tenet prevents the wearing of garments made by a gentile or an orthodox Jew, the unfortunate man suffered from the cold when he reached London. But for a London rabbi the two priests might have fared ill in the city. When asked the inevitable question "What do you think of London?" one gray-bearded priest answered, mournfully, "A wild, mad world!"

Causes of Things.

Reverend Gentleman—Do you know, my friend, that half the cases of cancer are caused by people smoking those foul, dirty, short, black clay pipes?

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The idea is, of course, fantastic with the fantasy of transatlantic common sense. The hustle of life surely extends to travel in the case of a nation which would consider itself degraded if it spent longer than a week in a complete journey through Europe; and when Americans travel they are the last to deny themselves the luxury of an extra bit of luggage because it happens to be unnecessary. It is common knowledge that they go on loading the liner with trunks until the company's officials say "Stop," if only to collect so many more steamship and hotel labels to add to their already bloated store of these trophies.

No. The walking stick is a matter purely of personal choice. Most Americans chance to feel no need for a walking stick whereas we do. That is how the thing stands. When it comes to a walking stick the world must be considered individually. The physical weakling is quite likely to have a taste for a gigantic club; the enormously powerful man who snaps his Sandow developer before breakfast as though it were a piece of cotton may select for a walking stick the thinnest shred of malacca that money can buy.—London Globe.

St. Cecilia and Muec.

St. Cecilia was made the "patroness" of church music without any apparent reason, for the casual expression "cantantibus organis" in her legend merely refers to the playing of wind instruments at her wedding. Possibly the antiphones of her festival wrought upon the imagination of the middle ages, and so brought about her connection with sacred music. The anniversary of this young Roman prude suddenly sprang into immense popularity toward the close of the seventeenth century, and is associated with the mighty names of Purcell, Pope, Addison and Handel. It has been revived of recent years by the Worshipful Company of Musicians, led by Sir Frederick Bridge. A "lost chord" of our national music suggests a subtle harmony, for Sir Arthur Sullivan—felix opportunitate mortis—died upon St. Cecilia's day.—London Chronicle.

Cure for Toothache.

Mention of superstitions reminds a correspondent that in some parts of the country the fact that one always gets into the same trouser leg, sock, etc., in every case a matter of unconscious habit. Some people always dress and undress the left leg and foot before the right for a deliberate purpose. It is an infallible specific against toothache. An alternative is constantly to wear a cord tied around the loins. These are comparatively easy things to do. The cure of hysteria or epilepsy in a young girl strikes one as very hard. She must wear on the fourth finger of the left hand a ring made of nine sixpences begged from as many unmarried men, who must not be told what they are wanted for. What are the odds against nine blind-benevolent bachelors being found in a village?—London Chronicle.

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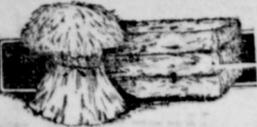
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The Skeleton in His Closet

By Stacy E. Baker

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The soul-racking tale poured into the ears of little Ethel Murray could result only in one thing—a missive promptly penned to the profligate Emory Jarvis, assuring him that she had learned all, and asking to be released from the engagement.

"I know of the skeleton in your closet, wrote Ethel (here she applied a dainty bit of cambric to streaming eyes ordinarily as sunshiny and blue as the sky of a June morning). "I am surprised at you! Had you come to me and told me all, I feel that I could have forgiven you—but never, now that I find the truth through other people. I return herewith your ring."

The rest of the letter was a rambling plaint, save on one subject—the engagement existing between these two must be considered past history. That was plain.

For more than a year the daughter of Burgess Murray, the biggest man politically in the community, and Emory Jarvis, a clerk in Glisson's drug store, had been making plans for a future that would embrace them both. Jarvis was an ambitious young fellow, well liked by every one, and seemingly having the best of habits.

Ethel had believed in him thoroughly until the gossipping tongue of old Mrs. Pollet had disclosed certain things that no girl of spirit could tolerate in her fiance. Therefore the return of the handsome suitcases that she had so proudly worn and the letter to her betrothed asking for her release.

Jarvis read the lines in the seclusion of the little prescription room in the rear of the drug shop and his dark eyes clouded as he vainly strove to solve the cause of the maiden's anger.

"She couldn't be cross about a little thing like this," he mused. "I wonder how she found it out, anyway?"

That evening Jarvis called up the girl. She was not at home. During the ensuing week he made several other fruitless attempts to see her.

It was after this that the ire of the youth assumed significant proportions. "My dear Ethel," wrote Jarvis, "I know, and you have not been at home."



"I know of the Skeleton in Your Closet," wrote Ethel.

Patience has ceased to be the proverbial virtue, and I shall not try to see you again. I am done. I release you from the engagement, as you ask. I also acknowledge the skeleton in my closet, but why a normal-minded maid should take this amiss is beyond me. If anything, my dear, I am rather proud of it."

Ethel positively stormed when she read this communication. She clinched her fists until the nails bit cruelly into the tender flesh and angrily tossed her little blonde head.

"I shall never, never have anything more to do with men," she complained bitterly. "The very brazenness of that Emory Jarvis—to say that a 'normal-minded' girl shouldn't take such things amiss. I'm sure no girl with common sense would allow her fiance to act in that scandalous manner. Anyway, I'm glad it's all over." To prove this, Ethel burst into convulsive sobs and hid a flushed and tear-wet face in a convenient pillow.

Weeks passed, but the two erst-while lovers seemed hopelessly estranged. Ethel made no attempt to save the wound caused by her letter, nor did Jarvis try to explain away the misunderstanding.

Gradually the gossips in the little town—and there were many—grew accustomed to the new order of things, and everybody ceased to interest themselves in the affairs of the young couple.

It was a month after this that old Pollet (he was a portly butcher, owning the meat shop next to the drug emporium) ventured to incorporate something of a remark that caught the youth's puzzled interest.

"What was that?" demanded Jarvis, ears metaphorically a-cock. "Just repeat that last sentence."

"I said," came from the butcher, "that that book I've been reading—'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'—reminds me of your doings." He poked a pudgy forefinger playfully into the ribs of the youth.

"You'll have to be more explicit," snapped the drug clerk. "I can't understand. What are you driving at?" "Can't understand, eh?" commented the other, sourly. He was angry at the tone of the lad. "Well, I guess I can put it plainer, all right. I mean that you tried to play double just like that Jekyll-Hyde fellow did. Every evening after you called on the girl you was engaged to, you went straight to the house of old Doc Blyly to see his daughter. My wife she seen you do it time and again, she did."

The dull red stained the face of the angry butcher. "She's the one that put a crimp in you, too. Ethel Murray is too fine a girl to be galavanting around with a young fellow that she thinks thinks a heap of her, and all the while he don't, but is making her out a fool by sneaking away from her house to call on another girl."

"So it was your wife that caused this trouble between Ethel and me, was it? Pity she can't learn to attend to her own affairs, isn't it?"

The butcher, his mind relieved, stamped heavily out of the drug store, but he left a knowing youth behind him. Mrs. Pollet was a gossip monger of some notoriety in the community. She resided just opposite the Blyly home, and now that the grate meat man had given him his cue, Jarvis could understand many things.

That evening, his heavy jaws set firmly and his broad shoulders thrown defiantly back, the drug clerk mounted the steps to the Murray home and rang the bell.

Ethel answered the summons. An angry flush dotted her cheeks when she saw who her visitor was, but Emory ignored these trouble signs, and pushed by her and into the familiar parlor.

"I am here to explain," began Jarvis. "Mrs. Pollet's inquisitive husband has just told things, and I think I understand."

"I don't care for explanation," interrupted little Miss Murray formally. "Nevertheless," persisted Jarvis, patiently, "you are about to receive them."

"Listen, dear, I have never called on Millie Blyly in my life—let alone after I left here. When you referred to the skeleton in my closet, I took the phrase literally. There is a skeleton in my closet—a six-foot skeleton of a man that Dr. Blyly loaned me to aid me in my studies, because—well, I'm studying medicine with him, you see. I don't want to be a drug clerk all my life. I—"

But here his late fiancee, face ashen, interrupted his sentence in a very pleasing way.

FASHIONS IN WEST AFRICA

Natives Used the Telegraph Wires for Necklaces and the White China Insulators for Earrings.

The aesthetic and decorative uses to which barbarians will turn objects which to civilized races are things of the humblest utility are amusingly illustrated by this "fashion note" from West Africa:

For some time the officials of the German colony in Southwest Africa noticed that the telephone wires and other accessories of the electrical plant disappeared as by magic immediately after they had been put up. The most diligent inquiries remained fruitless.

From other parts of the German predilections for articles of strange and grotesque designs for German commerce, as, for example, rubber heels, garters, buckles, and so forth, things which the natives of those countries do not generally use.

The governor of the colony gave an entertainment one year in honor of the emperor's birthday, and invited the chiefs of the different tribes to it. What was his surprise when he saw these native gentlemen appear with his stolen telegraph wire twisted round their illustrious necks. The higher the dignity the more rings of the wire were round the neck.

Inquiries were soon started in the outlying villages and it came to light that the white china insulators of the telegraph poles had become earrings. A young lady of the highest distinction in native society wore a rubber heel hanging from her nose, and a young man who was a well-known dandy wore dangling from his ears a pair of beautiful pink silk garters.

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Sweet little Frances and her mother long have had an understanding that, father being the completing member of the loving trio, he shall never be left alone upon the comparatively few and rare occasions when business permits him to share the delights of the pretty suburban home. Not long since, however, a neighbor invited mother and child to go motoring with her; father was not included in the invitation for lack of room. The choice of motoring or staying behind with father was offered Frances, who pondered in silence for some time.

"Course, father's too dear for anything," she said, at last, "and we never do leave him alone on Saturday evenings. But," with a wistful glance at the snorting car, "he wouldn't want us to miss such a pleasure, and," tossing all thoughts of self-denial lightly to the winds, "everything has to have a first time!"

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