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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 71 Cars, 1958
Cattle; 72 Cars, 4576 Hogs;
12 Cars, 3312 Sheep.

CATTLE SHOW WEAKNESS

Steer Trade Slow With Prices
Unevenly Steady to 10c
Lower—Close Dull.

BEST STEERS WENT AT \$6.30

Nothing Choice in Heavy Line Here—
Butcher Market Shows Easier
Trend in Prices—Stocker Trade Was
of Small Volume—Hogs Got Another
5 to 10 Cent Advance—Sheep
Steady, Lambs Higher.

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	62,868	75,474	3,611	...
Hogs	210,082	212,618	618	...
Sheep	84,788	71,888	13,445	...
Horses	8,838	4,398	...	...

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	5,500	13,600	12,000
Kansas City	5,500	5,000	6,000
St. Louis	2,500	7,500	4,000
St. Joseph	2,000	4,000	3,000
East St. Louis	2,000	5,500	3,000

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Total	15,500	38,600	28,300
Yesterday	27,500	52,000	32,400
Week ago	21,500	70,000	30,000
Month ago	22,100	52,700	42,400
Year ago	17,100	49,900	17,800

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
U. S. & Q. west	99	...	...
C. B. & Q. east	16	...	...
G. B. & E. west	17	...	...
Great Western	17	...	...
Missouri Pacific	19	...	...
St. Joseph & Grand Island	18	...	...
A. T. & S. F.	6	...	...
Total	171	...	...

CATTLE

Market Flattens Out After Making
Favorable Start.
Strength shown in the fat cattle
market yesterday proved to be only a
flash in the pan, trade today, in the
main, exhibiting slow tone with a
weaker trend of prices. Receipts
were moderate all around but demand
was simply lacking.

Steeves formed about half of the
general marketing trade today here,
today and the life shown in yesterday's
session was completely lacking. Opening
reports from other centers were
fairly encouraging and salesmen
started out asking stronger prices.
Buyers, however, were bulky and
while taking a few medium priced
steers at the opening at about steady
rates on buying the bulk of their
day's purchases on a weaker
basis, as compared with Wednesday.
Business lagged, wet weather adding
to the slowness of the trade. The
market closed dull with prices around
a dime lower.

Few really good steers were at
hand this morning which precluded
much activity on the part of eastern
buyers in the trade. Quality has been
rather disappointing all week. Order
buyers have not been able to secure
nearly enough of the big, well finished
steers the eastern trade demands. The
local market is in position to care for
larger supplies of good, thick steers
than have been coming the past week
or two.

Best steers offered this morning
brought \$6.30, with the bulk of the
crop consisting of the grades selling
from \$6.10 down to around \$5.50, with
a few common short feds below the
latter figure.

Late reports from other markets
indicated the same condition of affairs
noted in the local trade.

WEEKLY BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
14881249	8.20	18	10.05
1205	6.20	4	10.20
1880	6.15	2	13.25
8081468	6.10	2	11.20
25081267	6.00	8	10.45
29	11.75	10	11.02
12845	6.00	8	8.95
1138	5.90	4	7.70
1012	5.90	7	8.15
1117	5.85	4	9.85
1115	5.85	9	10.65
1098	5.85	4	8.25
1190	5.85	6	9.10
1303	5.75	1	8.80
1073	5.75	8	10.60
1085	5.75	...	...

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Cow and heifer trade was rather
lacking in the snap that characterized
Wednesday's market. Salesmen started
out with intentions of further elevating
prices but had to modify their
views materially before much business
was done. The rain tended to restrict
operations of operators and order
buyers in the market and packers had
a freer hand in regulating prices. Bidding
at the start was not better than
steady at yesterday's former level.
Opening sales looked about steady
but the market developed into a weak
to 10c lower affair before much business
was done. The close was dull
with full decline, buyers especially
proving hard to turn. Late sales of
heifer steers were quoted 10 to 15c
lower than yesterday's best time.
Bulls and stags moved with comparative
freedom at prices not quot-

ably different from yesterday, while
there was a good call for calves at un-

HEIFERS.

18	875	5	60	3	972	5	00
1	870	6	00	2	870	5	00
1	850	5	55	1	860	5	00
4	1205	5	50	2	880	3	00
15	622	5	50	2	950	4	85
2	930	5	50	4	842	4	80
2	535	5	35	3	886	4	75
1	858	5	25	6	436	4	75
1	1025	4	25	1	986	3	50
3	770	5	25	18	1062	5	00
13	704	5	15	8	504	5	00
1	1190	5	15	1	910	4	75
7	845	5	10	3	890	4	60
6	845	5	10	1	720	4	50
1	850	5	10	...	...	...

COWS.

1	1500	5	00	2	1340	4	50
1	1140	5	25	10	1022	4	50
1	1230	5	00	1	1500	4	50
1	1050	5	25	2	1175	4	50
2	1525	5	25	6	1078	4	35
1	1400	5	10	13	1082	4	35
1	1430	5	10	1	950	4	25
12	830	5	00	1	1500	4	75
2	860	5	00	2	867	4	75
1	910	5	00	7	623	4	75

BULLS AND STAGS.

1	2000	5	00	1	1140	4	65
1	2090	5	00	1	1240	4	75
1	1390	4	25	1	1000	4	50
1	1540	4	85	4	1617	4	50
1	1610	4	85	3	1303	3	60
1	1230	4	85	32	1402	4	50
1	1280	4	75	4	1332	4	50
1	1290	4	75	1	1320	4	25
1	1720	4	75	1	1260	4	25
1	1540	4	75	1	760	4	50
1	1680	4	75	1	1150	4	25
1	1380	4	75	2	1215	4	00
1	1350	4	75	...	...	...

VEAL CALVES.

1	160	8	25	1	220	7	00
1	130	8	25	1	100	6	50
1	140	8	25	1	280	6	00
1	160	8	25	3	106	6	00
3	203	8	25	1	350	5	50
3	163	8	25	2	110	6	00
2	175	8	25	1	300	5	75
2	140	8	25	1	421	6	00
2	210	8	25	1	450	5	00
1	140	8	25	1	360	5	00
4	135	8	00	2	385	4	75
2	120	7	50	6	475	4	50
6	125	7	50	1	450	4	50
1	150	7	00	1	380	4	75
4	142	6	50	2	330	4	50
5	126	6	00	2	285	4	25

MARKET RESPONDS READILY TO LIGHT RECEIPTS, SHEEP STEADY, LAMBS HIGHER.

A slight increase in the sheep supply
at this point failed in depressing
trade to any noticeable extent; in fact,
today's trade was a repetition of yesterday's;
that is, the market displayed
plenty of activity and movement to-
ward the scales was started at a com-
paratively early hour. Inquiry for all
classes of mutton was keen, and with
a supply of 2500 on sale buyers did
not waste much time and bought up
the bulk of the lamb supply at prices
that were fully a dime higher as com-
pared with yesterday. Supply was
practically all western fed stock and
included some of the best, extremely dis-
agreeable to get around. Buyers were
very bearish in their views on account
of the slack country demand and the
large assortment of cattle accumulated
on hand and directed their efforts
from the start in establishing a lower
market. However, cattle of all weights
showing plenty of quality found a
ready outlet at prices that showed in-
steadily division for the bulk of the week's
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STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Unfavorable weather conditions,
fairly liberal supplies, competition with
a slow uneven trade in the fat cattle
department were all potent factors in
depressing trade in the stocker and
feeder business. Stock buyers were
the chief characteristic of the trade,
but this was only natural, the heavy
rain during the greater part of the
morning putting the yards in such
condition that it was extremely dis-
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GOOD TO CHOICE FEEDING STEERS ARE QUOTABLE AT \$5.25 TO \$5.80; MEDIUM TO GOOD GRADES AT \$4.50 TO \$5.25; GOOD TO FANCY STOCK STEERS AT \$4.75 TO \$5.50, AND COMMON TO FAIR \$3.75 TO \$4.50; STOCK HEIFERS AT \$4.00 TO \$4.50 FOR FAIR TO STRICTLY GOOD KINDS, STOCK COWS AT \$3.25 TO \$3.75, AND STOCK CALVES AT \$2.25 TO \$3.00.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

7	888	5	35	2	780	5	25
1	905	5	25	1	1010	5	00
2	735	5	20	3	703	4	50
2	835	5	10	...	...	...

YEARLINGS AND CALVES.

19	625	5	25	2	680	5	00
6	620	5	20	10	588	4	75
7	677	5	20	1	560	5	25
2	540	5	10	13	385	4	75
4	622	5	10	16	370	4	75
2	660	5	00	11	387	4	75

FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

17	901	4	75	1	740	3	80
20	757	4	65	7	878	3	65
2	605	4	50	3	803	3	50
1	560	4	50	1	970	3	90
1	820	4	50	1	790	3	75
249	810	4	50	5	711	3	75
1	680	4	45	8	830	3	60
2	835	4	25	1	750	3	35
15	880	4	20	...	...	...
7	720	4	00	4	865	3	50

FEEDING BULLS AND STAGS.

1	1110	4	55	1	1010	4	00
1	920	4	50	

PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES.

Swift & Co.	700
Morris & Co.	600
Hammond Packing Co.	600
Total	1,600

HOGS.

More Bloom in Hog Trade, Prices Up
5 to 10 Cents.

Additional shrinkage in supplies of
hogs at the leading market centers
gave the trade a strong undertone to-
day, and further strength in prices
was reported. The live market was
quoted a total of 40,800 hogs in sight

this morning as against 70,400 a week
ago and 49,900 corresponding day of
a year ago. This market drew approx-
imately 4500 hogs for the day.

THE LOCAL TRADE HAD FAIRLY ACTIVE TONE WITH PRICES 5 TO 10c HIGHER THAN YESTERDAY'S RANGE BASIS.

As a rule the light and light mixed hogs were favored in the bidding and these showed the greatest strength. A nickel advance was about the extent of appreciation on the bulk of the heavy offerings, although an occasional sale of weighty stuff got the full strength. Best action was obtained during the early and middle part of the session, the late trade displaying quieter tone. Quality of the day's drove was of good average.

Few pigs are coming forward at this time and the market for this class of stuff is very irregular. Prices ranged from \$7.00 to \$7.40, with the bulk selling at \$7.15 to \$7.30. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.05 to \$7.20, a week ago at \$7.30 to \$7.50, a month ago at \$7.40 to \$7.55, a year ago at \$8.85 to \$9.10, two years ago at \$5.75 to \$6.35, three years ago at \$4.30 to \$4.45, four years ago at \$5.85 to \$5.95.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1007 New Corby-Borwick Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
					Yes
WHEAT	91%	92%	91%	91%	91%
July	90%	91%	90%	90%	90%
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ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

Timothy	Choice, \$13.50 @ 14; No. 1, \$11.50 @ 13; No. 2, \$9.99 @ 11; No. 3, \$5.50 @ 8.50.
Clover mixed	Choice, \$11.50 @ 12; No. 1, \$9.50 @ 11; No. 2, \$7.50 @ 9; No. 3, \$5.75 @ 7.
Clover	Choice, \$8.50 @ 9; No. 1, \$7 @ 8; No. 2, \$5 @ 6.50.
Prairie	Choice, \$12; No. 1, \$10.50 @ 11.50; No. 2, \$8 @ 10; No. 3, \$5.50 @ 7.50.
Alfalfa	Choice, \$14.50 @ 15.50; No. 1, \$11.50 @ 14; No. 2, \$8 @ 11; No. 3, \$5.50 @ 7.50.
Straw	\$4.50 @ 5.

SHEEP.

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Prairie	Choice, \$12; No. 1, \$10.50 @ 11.50; No. 2, \$8 @ 10; No. 3, \$5.50 @ 7.50.
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Was it Brown?

By Nellie Cravey Gilmore

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As long as she lived Sylvia would never forget that dizzy walk home from the hospital in the stinging, pouring rain; the savage pleasure she experienced in the cruel way it whipped her hot cheeks and half froze the angry blood curdling fiercely through her rebellious little body.

She had been a fool to go there, of course. And she faced the verdict of her own common sense with the keenest sense of humiliation she had ever known. To be refused admittance to the room where her lover presumably lay dying because she could not give an affirmative answer to the attendant's inquiry as to whether she were "anything to the patient," was bitter enough of itself, but to come face to face with Chalmers' mother and Alaine Bester, about to enter where she had been denied, and to be met by a haughty stare of surprise from each, made her young blood boil.

As a matter of fact they were everything to each other. Both she and Chalmers knew that far better than any spoken word or circle of gold could signify, but no formal engagement existed between them, and she could not be the first to proclaim their love.

They told her at the hospital that if he lived through the night the chances were he would recover. The following day a paragraph in the paper stated that young Chalmers was pronounced comparatively out of danger. A succeeding item hinted at his approaching betrothal to Alaine Bester. And within a week the young fullback was on the rapid road to recovery.

The day before Chalmers was discharged from the hospital Sylvia, her mother and father sailed for Japan.

"Listen, Dear," he began excitedly.

Nine weeks later Sylvia sat reading with overbright, indignant eyes the following letter from her lover.

"Boston, Mass., December 3.

"Dear Little Girl--Why did you run away without one word of farewell? Is it possible that, after everything, you can still be in the dark about how I feel toward you? Have I been mistaken in assuming that you felt the same?"

"My last conscious thought before that frightful accident was of you; my first on reawakening to the rational world was of you. My very first act on being released from the crucible of nurses and doctors was to hasten to Wildmere, only to find you thousands of miles away--and not one word or line of explanation!"

"The governor and my mother were so cut up about the accident that I have concluded to retire from the gridiron for the present. Thus you see, everything considered, I return to college a very dejected and gloomy soul. Will you not drop me a line from the far off orient that life may seem something less than a blank, dear, and the world a habitable place instead of one vast, aching wilderness?"

"As always,

"Billy."



Sylvia read the letter several times with a variety of emotions. Then she crumpled it and tossed it into the trash basket. Afterward, she went over to her writing desk and penned a cloudy polite little note in reply that effectually shut off any possible excuse for further correspondence. When the letter was sealed, the little resolute line of her lips relaxed into quivering and she broke into a storm of tears.

Early in the following autumn the Marburys returned to America.

It was on a glorious November morning that Sylvia came in, flushed, from a downtown expedition, and hurried straight to the little white sitting room in their new apartments at a fashionable New York hotel.

Without stopping to remove her hat, she turned her bag upside down, emptying the contents on a small, ornate table. There were several new post-cards, half a dozen newspaper clippings, a few half-tones--of Brown. She opened her scrapbook and patted them all in with painstaking fingers. Never had there been a man like Brown on the Yale gridiron. Every day added fresh laurels to his already brilliant record. He was worshipped by his classmates, mollified by his team and adored by the girls.

From the wreck of her shattered hopes, Sylvia had risen to join in the universal hero worship. On her mantle was a panel of the invincible

SCOLDING FOR SUMMER GIRLS

Irate Vicar in England Denounces Their Costumes as Mussed and Immodest, and Blames Motor Cars.

"For some weeks past we have enjoyed the presence of summer visitors. But who derides their clothing?" Thus writes the vicar of Carlsbrook, Isle of Wight, in his parish magazine, says a recent London dispatch to the New York Tribune. He continues: "We can remember a time when the English girl was a most attractive creature. Look at Leech's pictures in the old numbers of Punch--pretty, tasteful and bright, they were a pleasure to look at."

"But the 1910 female seems either to be wrapped up in a bundle of rags, with the least clean one spread over her hat and tied under her chin, or else she discards as much of her clothing as she can--leaves her hat at home and gets her head full of dust; exposes her chest to every wind that blows, displays ankles that show the solidity of her understanding, runs about the island half-dressed, crumpled and dust-laden. Is it to convey the impression that they have all traveled in motors?"

"But the motorist deserves a line to himself. He represents the last arrogance of wealth. He comes hooting, squeaking, bellowing, tinkling, roaring or whistling with a piercing scream, to tell everybody to get out of the way."

WAS NOT A BEAUTY LECTURE

Timid Little Woman Found Herself Seeking Dress Hints at Federation of Club Women.

"The conservation of the natural resources of this country is one of the paramount issues before the American people today and--"

The speaker adjusted her nose glasses, raised her eyes confidently from her manuscript to meet the expressions of approval from the thirty or more clubwomen of Iowa, says the Des Moines Register and Leader. It was a stupendous statement and well worth recollection of one's pose for the dramatic effect. The speaker, who stopped now and then to look up from the script, was neatly but severely tailored, her hair was brushed carefully and not unbecomingly from her high brow. There was not a curl nor a ripple of a marcel wave. Higher education was writ large.

A little woman on the back seat in common clothes, seamed face and hard hands fidgeted and looked startled at such an intellectual outburst.

"Excuse me, mum," she ventured timidly, as she nudged her neighbor. "Is this Mrs. X's beauty lecture?"

"It is not," was the grim rejoinder. "It is the annual meeting of the official board and chairman of standing committees of the Iowa Federation of Club Women."

"Mercy!" ejaculated the woman out of place. Then she "scouted."

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"But he bore it well, and when we reached Father Point he said to me: 'Captain, I think I'll go straight back with you!'"

"Why," said I, "I thought you were going to make an extensive tour?"

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FACTOR IN AGRICULTURE.
The season of the renter movement is coming on and it is not improbable that the channels of live stock supplies will be visibly distended for a period, says the Sioux City Live Stock Record. The renter unfortunately is a considerable factor in the agricultural states and the annual migration something to be reckoned with. It is unfortunate that it must be reckoned with in the future more unprofitably than at the present time for the renter is by the force of circumstances likely to be an improvident farmer so far as the land is concerned. He is apt to have very little interest in the perpetuation of the intrinsic value of the farm. He is by virtue of the common situation which requires movement, a rather migratory farmer, and the migratory farmer is not an agriculturist. He is more likely to skim off the cream and leave the skim milk to the owner, largely through the owner's attempt to make the contrary bargain.

CHANGED SYSTEMS.
That stock-feeding systems are changing in the great corn belt of the United States is evidenced by the demand for cattle at the leading stock yards which are relied upon to furnish many farmers with the cattle they feed for the beef markets. There was a time when every farmer in the country believed that the winter was the season when cattle should be ready for the markets, and upon this belief he based his principal operations, buying his young cattle in the summer and early fall so that he might have them ready for the market during the winter. Of late years there has been an increasing tendency on the part of the farmer to change this and he is now found on the market at this time of the year looking for cattle to put on grass when spring comes and feed to a market finish during the summer. Refrigeration has been a big factor in bringing this about, as it has been active in creating a market in warm weather as well as in the winter time for fresh meats. Farmers are finding they have as good markets for the fat stock in summer as in winter and there is less trouble to feed in summer than in winter. As a result of this it is now found that there is a lively demand at the local market for young cattle to be taken back to the country at a time of year when formerly the stocker and feeder trade would have been a drag. In this connection it is noted that there is a tendency to increase in the number of farmers coming here for cattle to take back to the country.

BREEDING MULES IN SOUTH.
After this spring the south will breed many more of the mules it uses than it ever has before. Hitherto it has been the custom of the professional mule-feeders to purchase their supplies of weanling or other young hybrids in the border states, grow and fit them along the northern border of the southland and, when ready, market them in the cottonfields and sugar-lands, say in the exchange. In the meantime most of the mares used on southern plantations were of the saddle or business type, very useful for light work, but not suited for breeding.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Three Axes



HERE is a story of a time when it paid a man to tell the truth without hesitation," said daddy one evening to Jack and Evelyn. "It is about a poor woodman who lived in a country far across the ocean. He was a very poor man, but he was not unhappy, for he had work enough to keep him busy, a wife and children who loved him and good health. "One day the woodman was cutting down trees at the side of a brook. He was happy and sang at his work, but all at once a sad thing happened. The ax slipped out of his hand as he was swinging it to cut down a tree, and splash, it fell into the water of the brook and sank! Then the poor woodman sat down by the side of the water and bowed his head between his hands, for it was the only ax he owned. "But as he sat there he heard a sweet voice saying, 'What is the trouble, my poor man?' And, looking up, he saw the most beautiful fairy in the world. It was the water fairy who lived in the brook. "My ax has fallen into the water, and I do not know what I shall do without it," said the woodman. "I will get it back for you," said the fairy. Diving into the water, she brought up an ax, but it was an ax of pure gold. "Is this your ax?" asked the fairy. "No," said the man. "That is not my ax." "Then the fairy dived into the water and brought out an ax all of pure silver. "Is this your ax?" she asked again. "No," said the man again. "Then the fairy dived into the water the third time and brought out the woodman's own ax. He said it was his, and the fairy gave it to him. Then she said that as he had been so truthful about the other two axes he might have them for his very own. After thanking her the woodman hurried home to tell his family the good news. "On his way he met a neighbor who asked him where he had got the two splendid axes. The woodman told the story and hurried on. The other man, however, went to the brook to the same place in which the first man had been, and threw his ax into the water. Then he began to cry. "Soon the fairy appeared again and asked him why he was crying. When he told her she said, 'Do not cry. I will get your ax for you.' "She dived into the water and brought out a gold ax. "Is this your ax?" she asked, and the greedy man answered, 'Yes.' "No," answered the fairy. "It is not. You shall not have it. And as you are so greedy you may dive into the water yourself for your own ax."

weight or conformation to produce the mules required for the heavy work of the plantation. Mares of the types mentioned are cheap now, and mules of the heavy sorts, dear. The progeny of the cheap mares is naturally cheap also, when a market can be found for it. Hence, many medium-weight farm mares of draft type are going into southern territory for the first time this spring. This looks like a wise move. There is no reason why these 1,250 to 1,450 lb mares of Percheron, Shire, Clydesdale or Belgian blood should not produce just as fine mules in the south as in Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois or Texas. The balmy climate of the southern states permits early foaling to the very best advantage, and the prevalence of succulent forage practically all the year around insures a much greater percentage of prolificacy than in the north, where the long cold months of winter must be encountered. This beginning of the effort to breed their own mules looks like a mighty wise move on the part of southern farmers. In the Chicago market every week, fresh, young, draft mares are sold that are splendidly equipped in every way to bring forth the highest-class mules, and they sell at very moderate prices.

SAYS THE GROUCH.

What's the use of being a grouch, do you ask? Say, you shriveled shrimp, I wasn't born in the bean patches of New England, but I ain't warring an' sure I'm down the front of my anatomy, and am here to ask, what's the use of not being a grouch? About the neatest thing for you to do right now is to let the wobbly trail that leads to the deep, dark, dense timber, cause why, there is a brain cyclone brewing. How the—well, anyway, and avoiding combinations starting the case works is ready for tub roses and tear-stained resolutions. He's a dead one, and there certainly are a lot of ghostly, spookey corpses walking around, posing on the curb to save the expense of a parade to Tombstoneville. "Oh, to the bally bonnyard with dead ones! Let the band foot the dismal dirge! Bury the cadavers face down, so they can't come back! This is the sentiment that is doing the surging billow stant in the breast-works of yours eaters just now. Stiffs never get anywhere but to the dissecting board and the graveyard, where marble slabs and home-made epitaphs tell fearful tales of wantness to the whinnies. No sir, you don't have to follow the trail to the morgue, or out to the musty mausoleum on the side-hill to locate the corpse deficit, as the court might say. You have got to keep dodging to miss a collision with the cold, clammy thing. What's the drift? Say, you have got a legislature down here on the banks of the Missouri river, where Providence started the fire-works a short time ago, haven't you? Got a bunch of five-dollar-per-diem statesmen down there, haven't you? Seen anything coming this way from that bunch? Think they can stare into the cold, expressionless, steel-work of the sculptor's hand and read the mind of a marble statue? You want things here, don't you, that you have got no other way to get than through the acts, edicts and orations of the statesman? Have you informed any of these that you are on the map and need attention? "Say, you, down there where the muddy river rolls by the smoldering ruins, one of your statesmen looked into a meeting the other day where a lot of lobbyists and statesmen were having a pow-wow with a bunch of mugs and other coupon clippers, about a certain bill that has to do

IN WOMAN'S REALM

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Colonial Fare.—One large cupful of seeded chopped raisins or candied cherries, the juice and grated rind of one lemon, the white of two eggs, and a pinch of salt-MIX together well, and put some of the mixture on rounds of pie crust from six to seven inches in diameter, and fold together from three sides, so that the shape will resemble a "George Washington" hat. Press the edges firmly together to hold the mixture in well, put into a baking pan, brush with egg and sweetened milk and bake a nice brown.

George Washington Dessert.—Make a large, red candy cocktail hat and fill it with vanilla ice cream or chocolate sauce, garnish the top with red cherries, either crystallized or maraschino cherries. Serve with little square cakes decorated with a bunch of cherries or little United States flags. To raise it from the platter and from the hands of the guests, as it is to be a creamy one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar may be added just before taking from the stove. One teaspoonful of glycerine also gives a sheen to the candy, and favoring and coloring if desired before pouring out. Grease platter with almond oil, pour the candy out, and as it cools begin to raise it from the platter and form it in the shape of a hat. Keep moving the candy around to keep it from sticking and turn up three sides of the hat to resemble a "George Washington" hat. As much as possible before the candy gets too brittle to turn up.

THE SEWING ROOM. Plain Helps.—After the skirt is completed turn it wrong side out and sew a tiny seam down the center of each slit within an inch of the bottom of the skirt as shown in diagram. The plaits will always hang straight and require one-half the pressing. This is a great help in such dresses, as it is the ironing of the plaits very easy, as they will be perfectly straight and easily put in.

Skirt Helps.—When making a child's long dress or even your own dress, make the skirt longer than required, to allow for lengthening. Make a deep hem, take up what you allow for lengthening by small tucks, or one or two large ones, on under side of hem. When your skirt is too short let a tuck or two out. Your skirt is longer with small labor and you won't be able to see there had been a tuck, which is the case when tucks are placed above the hem and let out.

Buttons in Lace.—The owner of a white waist with a lace yoke is sometimes at a loss to know how to fasten the yoke, as it is so prepared to pin her own yoke in the back. Baste small squares of lawn underneath each place where you wish to make a buttonhole, then cut the buttonhole and work it. Cut away the surplus lawn around the buttonholes, leaving them firm and strong. Also put tiny squares of the lawn under the yoke as you sew the buttons on.

PIMENTOS.—Boil a large cauliflower until tender. When done, separate into sections. Place each in a small leaf of head lettuce. Arrange five or six on a platter for each individual salad. The dressing is the ordinary French dressing oil, vinegar, or lemon juice, salt, pepper, and paprika, with a touch of catsup. Cheese crackers, pimentos, chopped, or strips of toast may be served with this salad.

Pimento Sandwiches.—Take one pound of boiled ham or scraps of cold pork roast this may be left over and chop fine. Mix with one 10 cent can of pimentos chopped fine. Season with salt and pepper. This makes one dozen and a half sandwiches.

TWO CHEESE DISHES. Cheese Cakes.—Stir a cup and a half of cottage cheese; add one-third of a cup of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of cream, one tablespoonful of melted butter, the grated rind and juice of a lemon and three beaten eggs; beat until smooth and light. Bake in small fancy shaped tins lined with pastry until the mixture is set like custard. Serve cold.

POSSE IS AFTER KIDNAPERS. Commissioner is Spirited Away in County Seat Contest.

Indianna, Okla., Feb. 15.—Up to a late hour no report has been received from the posse trailing the men who kidnaped C. E. Bull, chairman of the board of county commissioners last night after fatally shooting James Smith, a hired man employed by Bull about his place at Snyder, Swanson county. The men are heavily armed and have a pack of well trained bloodhounds with them. Bull is supposed to have been spirited away by men from Mountain Park, a town in Swanson county, that is engaged in a county seat war with Snyder.

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"Most of what we know about the stars," he said, "we have learned quite recently. We know them now as well as though we had scratched them with a nail."

"On no other theory that mathematicians ever could evolve would the solar system work," he said. "Change it a hair's breadth, and there would be a wreck on the main line past all untangling."

"About when will that happen, professor?" "O say in twenty or thirty million years. It isn't anything new for a sun to go out. The sky is full of extinct suns."

"Well, it's possible, but more likely the moon, the earth and all the planets were born of a tremendous collision between our sun and another sun."

"This collision theory is the basis of the new hypothesis of the creation of our universe, that is displacing the nebular theory. According to the new theory the earth never was a molten mass. It was built cold."

"The sun is nothing except a reservoir of energy, and it is sending it out and taking none in. I do not say that this energy is ending, it still will be in the universe, but no longer in the sun, and when it ceases to come from the sun that will be the end of the earth so far as life is concerned."

DEACON'S CARD GAMES OVER

Friendship Snaps Over Squabbles About Pinocchio and Flock of An-onying Guinea Fowls.

New York.—Two deacons sat on a Sunday morn, with their faces and their smiles forlorn, and the words of grace on their fevered lips were drowned by the clash of the dwindling chips, for the words of grace that the deacons use are the same as those of the men who lose. And this, though known some decades back, has caused surprise in Hackensack.

To think that the man who can pass the plate, with a scowling face if his brother's late, and can even quote what the preacher say, would open a pot on the Sabbath day and start a raid on his neighbor's stack, is most too much for Hackensack.

A careful study of the foregoing, will in some measure explain the intensity of Hackensack's amazement, when John V. Roscoe, a deacon, appeared in the Bergen county court to sue John H. Demarest, another deacon, for \$10,000 damages, because of harsh words uttered by the latter when their friendship snapped in the Dutch Reformed church, Mr. Roscoe being superintendent of the Sunday school. Yet some time ago, Mr. Demarest became displeased at Mr. Roscoe's guinea fowl and told the department of health about them, since when there have been cool words, which shocked Mr. Roscoe's sensibilities \$10,000 worth.

Both men are prominent in Hackensack and both are still deacons in the church. The jury in Judge Black's court looked Mr. Demarest over and failed to see how he could utter \$10,000 worth of biting English, but they did think that Mr. Roscoe had been damaged about six cents' worth, which was awarded. This will make up for what the deacon lost the last time his brother meddled doubled pinocchio, but didn't soothe his feelings, as he must pay about \$30 in court costs.

NO 400 ANY MORE, SAYS MAN

Frederick Townsend Martin Declares There is Now No Smart Set in New York.

New York.—It is no secret that there has been no "four hundred" for years, but Frederick Townsend Martin, who in some measure succeeded to the social leadership of the late Ward McAllister, says in an interview that there is no longer even "a smart set" of the "best people."

"Society in New York," says Mr. Martin, "is the truest democracy in the world. It has no dictator, no queen, not even a constitutional ruler. There are only the countless small cliques. There is not even a central figure around which the cliques gather. There has not been such a figure since the death of Mrs. Astor."

"In the old days not to be asked to certain houses was social death. Today no one laments for the invitation he doesn't receive. "Good family and money are advantages, but not necessities. The thing that society now demands is personality—a combination of brains and charm."

REPTILES FREEZE TO DEATH

Boa Constrictor and Python Create Much Excitement and Meet Un- timely End in Cold.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Strong shudders, figuratively speaking, ran up and down Homestead's backbone when residents of the steel town learned that a six-foot boa constrictor and a ten-foot python were in large in the streets. The snakes escaped from a theater the other night by squeezing through a crevice in the lid of their cage. All but the more venturesome of Homestead's youth stayed within doors, while police and citizens hunted the snakes. Two boys saw them curled up against a background of snow several squares from the theater, and the boys never stopped running and yelling until they dropped exhausted in the police station. Heavily armed police went after the snakes and, after much shooting and poking, they discovered that the serpents had been frozen stiff.

HOUSE FOR FELINES

Latest Luxury Is Boarding Place for Stylish Cats.

Buffalo Woman Makes Specialty of Caring for Handsome Persian and Short-haired Angoras—A Beautiful Animal.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Greenhouses for cats are the latest thing in winter quarters supplied by the mistress of the cats' boarding house on Hoyt street, who believes in furnishing her boarders with a sun parlor as well as with sleeping and eating apartments. Heavy builder's paper and tar paper line the rear wall and part of the roof of this new winter runway, but the remainder is glass, secured from a florist, who has retired from business. Those interested in improving the coats of their prize Angoras should see these fourteen good-tempered cats frisking around in the almost wintry sunshine, their fur growing thicker and finer and glossier every day.

Whenever the wind blows too nippingly, every cat retreats to the shelter of the house, which has been freshly lined with builder's paper, and has piles of straw to burrow in. Every cat in the establishment is a handsome Persian except the four short-haired cats, who have traveled from the ends of the earth, and who will leave the boarding house to resume their travels shortly. Although the Angoras are a lordly lot, and come to the boarding house loaded down with prejudices about what they should eat and how warm an atmosphere they should be allowed to breathe, gradually the little lady of the house discourages these views until the kittens come to enjoy plain food and blasts of fresh air. Just at present she is working hard with a small Angora and her two kittens. They were very feeble on arrival, their eyes closed with hard colds and their bodies limp with weakness. Beauty, the mother cat, has had about \$50 spent upon her for doctor bills, and all three cats have to be fed goats' milk from a medicine dropper. The milk costs thirty cents per pint.

Although the three kittens have been at the house only a month, they have grown immensely and have such high spirits that the other Persians are beginning to wonder if they have not some low-bred, short-haired blood in their furry bodies. "Taking care of such a lot of valuable," said the woman of the house, "is a great responsibility. A few weeks ago one of my most distinguished boarders undertook to walk out alone, through a door which I had left open just for a minute. Well, he didn't come back. I spent a lot of money advertising, and did everything to find that cat. At last a woman who sometimes works here saw a cat which looked like Smoke in a neighboring house, and we went after him and brought him home in triumph."

One of the most beautiful cats in the house is Cinders, whose velvety coat shows all the colors of the less brilliant leaves. When the air is not too chilly, Cinders loves to squirm among the leaves which fall from the trees into the open runway, and to dash out when another cat ambles by, unconscious of his presence.

GERMAN HAS A TALKING DOG

Animal Asks for Cakes When Hungry and Alarms Servant When It Enters Kitchen.

Berlin.—The German public has lately been regaled with tales of the increased accomplishments of Don, a talking dog. For five years Don, who is the property of Herr Ebers, a gamekeeper of the royal hunting preserves of Kolbitz-Letzlinger, near Hamburg, has been noted for his powers of speech. He began to learn at the age of 6 months, and now has a useful, if limited, vocabulary.

When the puppy Don was standing by his master's side at dinner time one day Herr Ebers said, "You want something, do you?" To every one's amazement Don replied in a deep, but clear tone, "Haben, haben!" ("Want, want!") The gamekeeper at once started to develop the dog's talent. In reply to "What is your name?" he learnt to say "Don," and to "What's the matter?" he answers "Hunger. He came to say "Kuchen" (cakes) with particular distinctness. "When cakes are in view he repeats, "Kuchen, haben, haben!" any number of times and if his plea is unheeded he adds "Hunger!" with a long drawn emphasis on the last syllable.

Those who hear the dog talk for the first time are often half-frightened so the infancy is the impression. One day Don wandered into the kitchen of a working woman who was slicing sausages. He exclaimed, "Don—hunger—want!" The housewife, after a moment's stupefaction, dashed from the room in a fright, leaving the sausages for Don. Need Not Be Old Maid.

New York.—Miss Anna Cabwell, author of "The Nest Egg," a play portraying an old maid, said no woman need be an old maid in New York, because there are so many frank men here that she can marry at least one of them.

HOUSE CAT BESTS BEAR CUB

Exciting Encounter in Candy Store at St. Paul Witnessed by Many Stenographers.

St. Paul, Minn.—A fight between a cat and a black bear cub took place in full view of several hundred employees of the Great Northern general office, and but for the timely arrival of the keeper the bear would have got the worst of the "scraps." The fight started when an employee of one of the express companies playfully took the bear cub out of its crate, in which it was being shipped from Duluth to Chicago, and started out to find something to eat for the animal. The expressman, who had constituted himself keeper of the animal, took the cub, on the end of a leash, to a confectionery store on Rosabel street, near Third, and just as soon as Bruin, Jr., entered the place the leash slipped and the bear became the possessor of the little store.

The proprietor, a well-known small merchant, was behind the counter when the visitors entered, but, upon looking up, he made for the back exit, leaving the bear to do his best to devour the array of pies and cakes upon the showcase. The cat in the meantime escaped the bear's observation for a few minutes, and soon the cub saw it and playfully slapped her under the ear. The cat as playfully slapped back and evidently got her paws tangled up in the cub's whiskers, for he grew mad and cuffed the cat a jab that sent it into the street. The bear followed up its advantage and the two were having the "go" of their lives when the expressman managed to grab the cub and attach the leash just in time to save many of the stenographers of the big office building from hysterics. The merchant said later that he thought the cat would have licked the bear if it had had a fair chance.

PIGEONS ON HORSE'S BACK

Unique Spectacle Is Witnessed by Wayfarer on Down-Town Corner in Busy Chicago.

Chicago.—Pedestrians in Wabash avenue at Washington street paused the other day and watched with interest the spectacle of pigeons—almost a dozen of them—walking on a horse's back. It was a unique sight. There are a number of cabmen who make their stand at the northeast corner of Washington street and Wabash avenue and one of them, perhaps because he is more kind-hearted than the others, always saves a cob of the corn which he feeds his horse for the innumerable pigeons which make their nests in the cornice of the Chicago public library, half a block distant. The pigeons have learned this and have grown to accept the daily "treat."

On the day in question a fellow jehu suggested that the corn be sprinkled on the horse's back instead of over the cobstones, as usual, to the animal and gather the few grains at a time which they were allowed. The cabman acted upon the suggestion. He shelled off a handful of the corn and scattered it on the horse's back, from its ears to its tail. In a trice a dozen pigeons, which had sat on a building across Washington street and watched their benefactor's movements, whirred down and planted their feet lightly on the horse. They pecked away, one grain of corn disappearing with each peck, just as much at home as if they had been gleaming their noonday meal from the more familiar cobstones. The horse never winked an eye when the birds alighted on his back. He was having a "bite to eat" himself, and nothing else mattered.

LONE MULE CLEARS \$928.10

Alabama Farmer Demonstrates What He Could Raise With Aid of One Animal.

Tuscumbia, Ala.—A striking illustration of what can be done with one mule in farming during a "short crop" year is shown in figures furnished by L. A. Ford, living near Leighton. This mule enabled him to raise: Seven bales of cotton weighing 502 pounds each; value at 14 cents, \$491.96. Seven thousand pounds of cottonseed, at \$1.25 a hundredweight, \$87.50. Remnant of seed cotton, \$37.14. Two tons of pea vine hay, \$36. Thirty-two gallons sorghum, \$16. Three hundred and fifty bushels corn, at 75 cents, \$262.50. Total value, \$929.60. The hired labor employed in producing this crop cost \$150. The net profit was \$928.10.

HELD FOR WIFE MURDER.

Springfield, Mo. Who Fleed After Discovery He Captured.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 15.—Jack Bass, charged with killing his wife near here recently, has been captured at Brinkley, Ark., according to information received here today. He will be returned tomorrow. Following the burning of the Bass residence, Mrs. Bass was found dead in the ruins. Subsequent investigation developed the fact that she had been shot in the heart with a shotgun. Bass disappeared soon after the house was destroyed.

FUND FOR GOOD FOOD.

Williamstown, Mass.—An unusual gift to William's college is announced here. A fund of \$10,500 has been deposited with the officials, the income of which is to be devoted to improving the quality of the dairy products served to the students at the college dining hall.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

Received by Dr. M. L. Kullman 1107 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, Mo. Guaranteed Cure—Piles, Nervous and Chronic Diseases

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 14, 1910 Dr. Kullman: I have had the piles for something like 15 years and have tried all kinds of salves and suppositories and doctors that claimed they would cure, but I gradually got worse until I was not able to do any farm work, so sent my farm and moved to town. I took a course with your treatment and today I feel as stout and well in those parts as I ever did and think I am permanently cured. You certainly understand your business when it comes to curing piles. Barney Leava.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 30, 1907 To whom it may concern: After suffering for 18 years with blind and protruding piles I commenced a trial of your treatment on Oct. 1, 1908 and was pronounced cured Oct. 30, 1908. I have never had an ache or pain in my rectum since. His treatment is mild and easy as I did not lose a day's work while taking treatment although my work requires me to be on my feet from 8 1/2 to 9 hours each day. Thos. H. Richie, Jr. Mailing Clerk, St. Joseph, Mo. Post Office.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 17, 1910 To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have had the piles for the past ten years and have tried almost every remedy that I could get up to the first of this year, at which time I commenced to take treatment of Dr. M. L. Kullman and I am glad to state that after a few months treatment I am as well as I ever was in my life. W. J. Meek, 1419 Olive

St. Joseph, Mo., March 2, 1909 To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I was afflicted with a very severe case of constipation and piles. I had been afflicted with piles for years, and constipation almost from childhood. I had become so nervous I could hardly get any sleep. In fact life was thoroughly miserable. I took Dr. Kullman's treatment last summer and am completely cured of both ailments, a thing that I thought impossible in my case. I can truthfully recommend Dr. Kullman to any one afflicted with the same. The German American Sanitarium is fortunate indeed in securing Dr. Kullman's services, as he is a very pains-taking and conscientious physician. Mrs. C. L. Zeiler, 1808 Holman Street.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 12, 1910 I suffered with piles for ten years and tried all kinds of medicine which gave me only temporary relief. Each attack got worse and at last resort I went to Dr. Kullman. After taking a course of his treatment I would gladly recommend him to all sufferers of piles. Yours very truly, Chas. F. Reichen, With the News-Press.

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