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# Daddy's Besttime Story

**W**HEN I was a boy," said daddy one evening, beginning his bed time story for Jack and Evelyn. "I was very fond of all animals but I was especially fond of a cat which my mother owned. He was really my mother's pet, but he belonged to me almost as much as he did to mother.

"We called him Tommy. He was born out in the stable, but he did not care to remain there. Perhaps he was afraid some one might take him for a horse. At any rate, when he was quite young he came to the house to live, and he stayed there until he died. When he was quite a wee little kitten he used to follow us about the garden, and when he became bigger and stronger he would run quite a long way after us. When we went for a walk through the fields on summer evenings he used to follow us until he was tired, and then he would sit down and say, 'Mew, mew' which meant: 'Here, you big people, can you see that a little kitten can't walk as far as you can? Pick me up, some one, and carry me.' He was a funny, wise little kitten, was Tommy, and we all liked him. He grew up to be a handsome cat with fine gray fur striped with black and a white spot right in the middle of his back.

"He was a shy fellow sometimes. My aunt lived with us for a time when he had Tommy, and he seemed to like her just a little bit more than he did the rest of us. Cats, you know, never show that they care very much for any one. But Tommy seemed to be really fond of auntie. He liked to sit in her lap and rub his head against her chin, and then he would sing his song, 'Purr, purr.' That meant that he was quite comfortable and contented. At certain times he sat close to auntie's side—he was a well behaved cat—and watched her. When he thought she had been eating long enough he would look up into her face and say, 'Mew, mew.' That meant: 'Don't you think you have been eating long enough? Don't be greedy. It's my turn now.'

"One day Tommy became a thief. It was all owing to his fondness for good things to eat. Cook was preparing some pigeons for dinner, and she was called away for a minute. When she got back to her table one of the pigeons was gone. She guessed at once where to find the thief, for she went straight to the barn, and there, sure enough, she found Tommy just finishing the last of the pigeon. Cook had a rather hasty temper anyway—and he had a little boy as though he was thinking of cookies and jam which he took when he was a little boy—and I am afraid that Tommy got a sound whipping. He seemed to remember it, too, for he was never caught stealing again. I won't say that he never stole again, for he may have been too wise to be caught, but I do know that he was never afterward caught stealing anything.

## IN WOMAN'S REALM

**FOREIGN DISHES.**  
**Cream Coffee Cake.**—Set a sponge with one-half cup of blood sugar, milk, one cake of compressed yeast, dissolved, and enough flour to make a sponge a little thicker than bread. Set in a warm place to rise. When light add one-half cup of sugar and three well beaten eggs and one teaspoon of salt. Beat well and stir into it enough to make a soft dough, just stiff enough to allow handling. Now with the hand knead into the dough about three-fourths cupful of melted butter or butter and lard and when well kneaded set aside to rise. When it has doubled its bulk dip in a well floured board, pat it out and sprinkle over it one-half cupful of sultana raisins, one cupful of chopped dates, and a few currants. Roll up and pat into a large cake pan with a funnel which has been well greased with butter and cover with a layer of light brown sugar and strew with a few shredded almonds. Set aside until light or until almost double its bulk. Put into a moderate oven and bake about three-quarters of an hour, being careful not to burn. An aluminum pan is the best, as it will keep the bottom from burning. Grease the top of the cake before setting in the oven and take it from the pan as soon as taken from the oven, as the brown sugar will harden and then it will be impossible to get it out.

**CROPS FOR EVERYWHERE.**  
For every climate and region there are certain crop-producing crops that may be grown profitably to the end that wherever human life can reasonably exist, the means of its sustenance may likewise be produced. By this it is not meant to convey that while human life may be sustained for a short time at the North Pole or in the Antarctic territory, food may there be produced to sustain it, says an exchange. Far from it. Human beings are not called on to reside permanently in any land of perpetual snow and ice and storm. But wherever the natural resources of the country demand the maintenance of human life, there may also be produced the means of living, if only the most suitable crops be secured. It was for a long time thought that none of the clovers would thrive in any far northern region. Prof. Hansen discovered alfalfa thriving a thousand miles further north than clover had previously been supposed to grow. He discovered likewise many other leguminous and forage plants in Siberia, growing close to the arctic circle and requiring so short a season for their growth that they enabled the native tribes to keep their sheep and ponies and goats no parallel in this country. There is a crop for every spot and place on through winters that for severity have the globe that is worth inhabitation by human beings. The point is to find out just what it is and the best means of growing it to the best advantage. Similarly the same principle holds good in those regions where almost every sort of crop will do well. The nub of the problem is to find out which variety does the best, and under what conditions, then how closely to the line of demonstrated fact. Personal prejudices and opinionated perversity avail little against climatic exigencies. Information is the cheapest thing on earth right now. No one need go it blind. The agricultural colleges and the gov-

**beat well.** Stir into this one and one-half cupful of nut meats of your own choice. (I prefer hickory nuts). Steam the hickory nuts. Serve with a sauce, as follows: One and one-half cupfuls of sugar and three-fourths of a cupful of water, dissolve and boil to a thread as for icing. Have ready the well beaten yolks of three eggs. Then add gradually the hot syrup over the eggs, stirring briskly. Set aside in ice water to cool, stirring constantly. Add flavoring to taste. Before serving on the pudding, beat carefully two cupfuls of whipped cream.

**Prune Pudding.**—Wash one-half pound of prunes, add two cupfuls of cold water and let stand one hour. Let simmer until prunes are soft. Remove stones, obtain meat from the stones, and add to prunes and one-fourth cupful of boiling water and a cupful of sugar; also stick cinnamon to taste. Dissolve one tablespoonful of cornstarch in three tablespoonfuls of cold water, add to prunes, and stir till thick, about five minutes. Remove cinnamon, turn mixture into mold, and chill. Serve with whipped cream.

## COWBOY FIGHTS WOLF PACK

**Wyoming Rancher Attacked by Hungry Animals in Mountain Canyon.**  
Tie Siding, Wyo., April 17.—Chased by a pack of hungry wolves through Cedar Canyon and saved by the accidental presence of a homesteader, with a good team of horses, was the experience yesterday of Al Hinton, a rancher, living just across the state line. In Colorado, Hinton's arms, legs and body bear the marks of the animals' fangs and he is confined to his bed under the care of a surgeon.

Hinton was searching for a bunch of cattle which had strayed into the mountains. He carried a double-barreled shotgun, but had only one round of ammunition.

"Late in the afternoon," he says, "I gave up and turned back. I had gone but a short distance when I heard the howling of wolves. I hurried through the underbrush, but the pack gained on me. I turned and fired when they came in sight and killed the leader. But this did not stop them, and after a sprint of another 100 yards or so I fired again, killing two of the beasts.

"This stopped them for a few minutes. I don't know whether or not they were in sight until they were in sight again. I brained one wolf with the club end of my gun.

"I was almost exhausted when I reached the end of the canyon and ran out onto the prairie. And there, a short distance away, was a man in a shirt, drawn by two horses. I yelled. He waved. I jumped in just as the wolf pack broke from the woods.

"We drove as rapidly as the horse could travel, but the wolves soon caught up with us. They were snapping and biting at the horses. The homesteader had been to town and had a quarter of beef in his buggy. We threw this to the wolves and they stopped to devour it. While they did so we made good our escape."

## TEXAS EXPERIMENTING.

**Loofah, a Gourd Plant, Promises Large Returns if Successful.**  
(Houston, Texas, April 17.—A new industry is being experimented with throughout the Gulf coast territory of Texas this year. It is the loofah, a successful will in the future rival the culture of cotton as a staple of the South. The new commercial plant is called loofah, now grown in Japan and America with its sole market four factories in Germany.

The loofah plant is the product of Albert Schwenke, a German farmer, near Houston, who has crossed the gourd with the loofah plant of the Japanese loofah with great success. In improving the plant, Mr. Schwenke has obtained the coarser texture and greater length demanded by the German manufacturers, and his product has been accepted by the foreign importers.

According to the estimates of the producer, the new plant will return to the farmer from \$500 to \$800 per acre. The profit appears large, when it is considered that cotton, the staple of the South, runs from \$40 to \$50 per acre. But deductions from the figures quoted by the manufacturer prove the \$600 to \$800 estimates are figured on a business basis.

**The Loofah is a Gourd Plant.**  
The loofah plant is a thin shell gourd growing from 12 to 20 inches. The gourd is fibrous, and when dried and baled is baled for shipment. At the German factories the fiber is made into bath sippers, rugs, brushes, rough toweling, mats, sandals, etc.

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## GOLDEN PLOVER'S RANGE.

**One of the Most Wonderful Instances of Bird Migration.**  
Henry Holcomb Bennett, in April St. Nicholas.

One of the most wonderful instances of migration early in the history of the golden plover, which winters in the southern part of South America and nests in the bleak "barren grounds" within the arctic archipelago, even as high as latitude 81° far up in the region of everlasting snow and ice. The plovers arrive in this inhospitable land during the first week of June, when the snow is hardly melted and the little lakes are locked in ice. Here they hurry to make shabby little nests in the moss, only a few inches above the frozen grounds, where they lay their eggs and rear their young as soon as the ground birds can fly. In August, the flocks shift their quarters to Labrador, where they grow fat on the black-crow-berries which cover the ground during the short summer there. Then they are ready for their wonderful flight.

Over Labrador and Nova Scotia they fly, and leaving the coast of the latter country they strike directly southeast through the pathless air above the trackless sea. Over more than 1800 miles of ocean they urge their aerial journey to the eastern-most of the West Indies, where some of them break their flight and rest for a time, though others keep on and on, until the mainland of South America is reached 2400 miles from the Nova Scotia shore.

Even on the north coast of South America the plovers' journey is not ended, for after a brief halt the southern flight is resumed, across the eastern part of Brazil, until the plains of Argentina are reached, almost down to Patagonia, where they remain from September to March. The native birds are busy with their nesting, for this is summer in the southern hemisphere. But the visitors from the North never nest in the South, though the climate is favorable and food is abundant.

When March comes some instinct awakens in the golden plover, some mysterious influence calls it, once more to begin its wanderings. Northward it flies again, but not over the route by which it came south. The course of its return flight, its migration is yet unknown, but in March they appear in Guatemala and Texas. By April the long lines are winging their northward way over the southern limit of their winter home, 8500 miles they will go again when the nesting season is over, and their northern and their southern routes are 3,600 miles apart.

One can hardly just why the golden plover makes this long journey; in fact, no one knows why any of the birds migrate.

## BIG WORK FOR HODGES.

**To Take Place As Immigration Commissioner For Southland.**  
Washington, D. C., April 17.—LeRoy Hodges, at present with the Tariff Board, will in a few months become Commissioner of Immigration of the Southern States. In the interval, he will co-operate with Senator Fletcher and Managing Director Dawe, in organizing to successfully carry out the delicate task thus assigned to him by the Executive Committee. Mr. Hodges is in complete sympathy with the Southern Commercial Congress in its repeated declarations that the lands of the South should be opened to the influx of laborers, who can be relied on, and who will not further complicate our negro problem. It would advocate, however, that the embargo of the Southern Commercial Congress be directed towards turning agriculturalists towards the South. The large tracts of land which are now lying idle throughout the South should be placed in condition to produce not only subsistence for the army of workers who will be attracted to the region in quest of employment as our industrial development continues, but also to furnish the raw cotton, tobacco, sugar cane, and the other commodities which our own mills and factories will require outside the export demands. While this may be made the main work of the congress for the present, it does not mean to say that the demand for industrial laborers and skilled artisans should be overlooked, for I believe that this may be met by an effort should be exerted to supply this need. But as these latter classes are seldom settlers in any one locality, the Southern Commercial Congress can best serve the South by guiding within her boundaries those who will become real factors in the communities in which they take up their residence.

## MONEY IN FLAX RAISING.

**Owing to Great Scarcity It Is Now Selling Above Ordinary.**  
Topeka, Kan., April 17.—Flax averaged one-half a crop in 1909 and one-third in 1910. In the United States, the crop was short in 1910 in the flax-growing sections of the entire world. As early as November Chicago was forced to get flax from Europe and Canada. Flax is now selling at two and a half times the ordinary price, and there is not nearly enough in the world to supply even urgent demands.

"Flax is the best dry-farming crop for the plains whenever the soil in the spring is moist enough to secure rapid growth. When the soil is dry in the spring it is a poor crop, though a favorable summer season may be.

In most sections of Western Texas, Western Oklahoma, Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado, the dry farmers' good condition in regard to moisture, and if the farmers will get good seed, and thoroughly prepare the soil for it, they can probably make large profits with flax this year. The dry farmers' crop in the South can market their crop before the crop from the regular flax-growing sections is ready and should get the cream of the high prices.

Flax, on the plains, will average twelve to eighteen bushels an acre in a favorable season, using good seed and thorough preparation of the soil. Flax in Eastern Colorado commands a premium because of its high percentage of oil.

Flax demands a moist, mellow seed bed that is smooth, with a firm bottom. The same kind of seed bed yields the largest crops of wheat. Plowed ground should be compacted by rains or a sub-surface packer before sowing and be well lined on the surface.

Flax is a good crop, yielding well if the ground is thoroughly prepared, and leaves the ground in the best condition for winter wheat. Soil should be cut up lengthwise with a disk harrow and then smoothed with a spike-tooth harrow. Flax can be seeded on corn ground without plowing.

Bright, plump seeds only should be used. The exception of about four months spent in the Law School in Washington and Lee University, he was a special agent and the geographer of the United States Immigration Commission. Resigning his position with the Immigration Commission, he was appointed commercial geographer of the Tariff Board, November 21, 1910, which position he now holds.

## TEACHING IS POORLY PAID

**Man Who Elects to Teach Never Expect More Than Living Allowance.**  
Pedagogy is advancing to the front among professional activities. As at no previous time, it is studied in colleges and universities, and is more and more enlisting the finest of our graduates. Teaching is slenderly paid. The man who elects to teach, whether in a preparatory school or a university, need never anticipate anything beyond a mere living allowance. For this reason, when the profession is chosen we may take it for granted that the choice was from love. Parents cannot be expected to be unfair to children. This would be extremely censurable. On the other hand, they should not be unfair to the teacher, their aim being to work in harmony with him.

Although I have used the masculine pronoun here I do not forget that the vast majority of teachers are women. This being said, it is not apparent that the mother sex is, on the whole, more successful in dealing with young people than the father sex? We rarely hear stories of dissatisfaction with a teacher's personality when she is a girl only a few years out of college, or a woman who has been consecrating the most fruitful and beautiful years of her life to training girls and boys.—Woman's Home Companion.

## NEW POTATOES IN POTS.

**In the winter sunshine the plants at the window warmed their coarse white flowers.**  
"Potato plants—new potato plants—that's what they are," said the fat man. "I grow my new potatoes in pots, the same as fools grow geraniums and suchlike useless rubbish, and any time I want them I can have a mess of small, nutty, pale-skinned new potatoes for my dinner.

"Hard to raise? No. Easy. I plant three sets in a pot of one foot diameter. The soil has to be rich and the drainage free. First I water them sparingly, then, when the pot is well filled with roots I use liquid manure. "As the potatoes come on I give them all the sunshine and fresh air possible, but I see to it that they run no risk of freezing.

"I had new potatoes for Christmas and New Year and St. Patrick's day."

## IN CASE OF A FAIL.

**Not enough attention is paid to the falls of childhood. Mothers get so used to children tumbling around that they take it quite lightly unless bones are broken.**  
It should be remembered that injuries to the soft bones of a child may do permanent harm, especially if there be a head hurt.

Keep the child quiet for a time who has had a hard fall, bathe the part freely with some soothing lotion, and if there seems to be trouble that does not yield to simple home remedies, send for a doctor at once.

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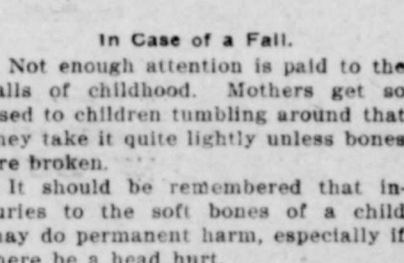
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AN ANSWER IN PERSON

By MARTHA McCULLOCH-WILLIAMS (Copyright, 1911, by Associated Literary Press.)

Christine paced the floor, sobbing stormily. She was tall and twenty—the prettiest girl in Ryegate—and her stepmother had just said she should not go to the Mayhew dance. This after she had counted on it for weeks. She loved to dance, footing it light as thistledown, but it was not for the pleasure of measured motion that she so rebelled. Jimmy Carroll indeed was the head and front of her rebellion. She had not seen him for three months—and she loved him with all her heart. He had left Ryegate for a bigger town, after his father died. He had come to see her upon the eve of going, but again the stepmother had intervened. She hated Jimmy, piously, holding him desperately wicked. She had been full of good counsel to him, so full in fact she had left him no time to talk to Christine—rather, she had given him no opportunity. So the girl and her sweetheart had parted with no more comfort than a handclasp. All through the three months since, Christine had fed her heart with the memory of how his fingers trembled as they touched her own. She had been sure he would write, but not a line had come to her. She knew though, through his cousin, Alice Ware, that he was enchanted with city life, and making good in his new career. The knowledge made his silence hurt the more. But she had been sure things would straighten themselves at the dance. Jimmy had not courted her outright. As long as his invalid father lived he had been too



Peering into the Kind Eyes.

fair-minded to bind her. But there had been looks and lingerings, and once—under the mistletoe—a kiss. Christine had known what was in his heart, and been sure he, likewise, knew what was in her own. She had been high and mighty with young Manning, who was her stepmother's nephew, and would one day be her heir. At first Mrs. Gray had rather resented his enthrallment, but suddenly she changed front, and did all she could to further his suit. If he was a minister, she said, his wife would never have occasion to stint or scant herself, nor to be beholden to the parish in any way. Then John was so good, so high minded and pure—the girl that got him would be lucky indeed. At that, Christine almost flung up her head, saying carelessly that that was a piece of luck she would not envy anybody—not even her secret enemy. Naturally that had been unpleasantness. Yet Mrs. Gray tried hard to smother it—she was indulgent herself to her stepdaughter save in regard to Jimmy Carroll. Though she did not name him outright, he was the text of many a sermon—a wild fellow, godless, unstable and flighty; he was the snare of the evil one which she prayed her Christine might escape. Christine wondered. Not until after her father died had the step-parent been so tender of her. She did not dream the truth—that Mrs. Gray had suddenly found out that her stepdaughter was in a mild way an heiress—coming in her mother's portion, which had been held in trust, under the will of her grandmother, the day she was twenty-one. It was not great fortune, but it was more than Mrs. Gray would be able to leave John Manning. She was a grasping woman and selfish—Christine's happiness weighed nothing in the balance with her, against the aggrandizement of her nephew. Further, she hated to think of Jimmy Carroll getting either the girl or the money. Still she persuaded herself that her sole concern was Christine's good—and that almost any means were lawful to achieve the thing she had decided to be best for the girl. Upon the night of the dance, she gave a select dinner party. There were the rector and his wife, Miss Mann, the missionary, lecturer, John Manning, with two of his seminary colleagues, and Violet More, a young woman who felt a missionary call, which she would answer provided it turned out to include a husband. Christine, very fine and very miser-

JOY FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER

Some of the Delights of Life in the Himalayas Described in Graphic Style.

My housekeeping was a never-ending source of amusement to me, wrote Mary Blair Beebe in Harper's Magazine. Tandook came every morning for the day's orders, saying "Very-well, sir," to all my suggestions, running the words together as though the whole phrase was one, and rolling his r's as sonorously as a Spaniard. Certain, he had no idea of the masculine implied, for he sometimes varied his response by saying, "Yes, madame." One could write a volume on the eccentricities of a Tibetan's English. W— was always making Tandook say "sixteen meeleek," which is, being interpreted, "six tins of milk." We were sometimes lucky enough to be able to buy a chicken from some passing Nepalese hillman. I have an aversion to making the personal acquaintance of my annual food before it is ready for the table, but that I could never make Tandook understand. He always sought me triumphantly with a squawking chicken under each arm. I must look at them, and even lift them to see how heavy they were and how good a bargain he had made.

TESTING THE "YOUNG BUD"

Old Bachelor Turns Into Young Folks' Party and Strays a Neat Compliment.

An old bachelor had somehow strayed into a young people's party, and realizing that he could not hope, among so many handsome youths, to make the heart of a single maiden throb, he said to the nearest girl whose conversation had shown some what more good sense than he had expected: "Look about the ballroom. Notice that the girls who have removed their gloves have well shaped arms. And—ahem!—some have not removed them—" "But neither generalization fits me," answered the girl, "for, you see, I have one arm bare and one gloved—what would you say about me?" "Walk out and let me look at them," said the old bachelor, unfeelingly. The girl took a few steps out, paused, and returned. "Take the other glove off," said the old bachelor. "Brown Bread and Beans." The story of brown bread and baked beans is more interesting and important than local historians appear to think. Perhaps the most incisive record of Boston brown bread is the entry in the selectmen's records, January 7, 1746, or January 18, 1747 (n. s.). It calls brown bread that "which has a good proportion of Indian meal, June 20, 1764, the selectmen ordered that the proportion of Indian meal in brown bread must not exceed one-half. The use of Indian meal in bread is mentioned in the selectmen's order of October 29, 1722. Apparently the use of Indian meal as a substitute for wheat flour was due to poverty. Or is there any evidence to show such a use of Indian meal in the seventeenth century? The term "brown bread" is mediaeval, but had nothing to do with Indian meal, it seems, until Major Thwing acted in 1747. He was a famous man.

GONE TO THE SCRAP HEAP

Some Pet Traditions That Have Been Thoroughly Discredited During the Winter.

This is a hard winter for traditions, for institutions, for ancient landmarks, says a writer in Success. It is an idle and profitless day in which some antique theory is not exploded, some ill-huson shattered. Here are a few of the fatalities of the month: Cheese is not indigestible. It is acquitted of this charge by the department of agriculture after a year's careful experiment in which the subject was confined in a sort of cage and fed on cheese. A bulletin is to be issued upon cheese as a substantial meal. There is no such thing as catching cold. Dr. Brady, who writes on the subject in the Medical Record, does not deny the existence of colds, but maintains that they come not from cold air and draughts, but from excessive heat, bad ventilation, unhygienic clothing and diet. The reader who is careful of his phraseology will no longer "catch cold." The iconoclasts do not stop here. One of them claims that whiskers are no longer a prominent Kansas crop, and displays Gov. Stubbs, Victor Murdock, William Allen White, Wait Mason and Ed Howe as exhibits; the campaign cigar is obsolete, says another, showing that \$679.71 was the total cigar bill in a recent campaign in a third shows that wheelbarrows are going out of style.

A Husband Feeder.

A husband and wife combination in vaudeville, with the husband as the feeder and the wife as the real attraction, worked for Lew Fields in one of his summer shows. The two were very popular and got much newspaper space. Also they had a thousand dollars a week. One day the husband, puffed up by what the newspapers said about the singing of his wife, went to see Fields. "Mr. Fields," he said, "it is twelve hundred a week from now on for us, or we quit right here." "Twelve hundred, eh?" Fields asked with interest. "Yes, sir, twelve hundred a week, or we quit and go out on the big time in the Morris Circuit." "Well, sonny," said Fields, "I think an awful lot of your wife's work, but I don't think she's worth eleven hundred and seventy-five dollars a week for me." —Saturday Evening Post.

Not So Much.

"Those polar expeditions are an immense tax on a man." "Pooh! merely a pole tax."

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# BASEBALL IN JAPAN

### Trip of University of Chicago Team Described.

#### Mainichi Denpo Predicts Pastime Will Become National Game in Mikado's Kingdom and Promise Better Feeling.

Chicago.—Honorable baseball, of all games in the world the most refined, the most highly organized and the most active, is to become the national game of Japan.

Daily newspapers of the island empire, commenting with enthusiasm upon the recent visit of the University of Chicago baseball team, declare this, and then go so far as to predict that the mikado and Uncle Sam, hands clasped as fellow-fans, will never, perhaps, utter a harsh word except, perhaps, at the umpire.

The Mainichi Denpo, according to a translation sent to President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, by Montgomery Schuyler, chargé d'affaires at Tokyo, and published in the current University of Chicago Magazine, had the following to say on the subject:

"The American people's own estimate of baseball may not be quite unreasonable if we take into consideration the fact that of all foreign games adopted by our students—baseball is the most popular and attracts the largest number of spectators, and that several international matches have been held. If baseball makes progress at this rate in this country, and if we do not have any new international game, then baseball will become the national game, as it is in America.

"Without reference to warship teams or professional teams, the contract of American and Japanese teams will, besides promoting the game itself, contribute much to a better understanding between the two nations.

"The University of Chicago team now visiting this country consists of students of good moral standing and excellent scholarship. They are real American gentlemen whose amiability is an object lesson to our students.

We have been told that in the principal American colleges students of inferior scholarship can not join baseball team no matter how good players they may be. Following this example, our schools have adopted a rule whereby those who can not become members of the representative school teams. It will thus be seen that the evils that attend the game of baseball have been prevented.

"If baseball matches can be held by Japanese and American students who cross the ocean, and if thus the students of the two countries cultivate friendship, then international baseball matches between Japanese and American students can no longer be regarded as sport pure and simple.

"We hope that baseball in this country will make sound progress among our students and that we may be able to have more international matches. It is natural to expect in this connection that the graduates of various schools will make it easier to have international matches. America will feel proud if one of her national games becomes an international game, in which the Japanese nation alone can take part. If our people intend to make baseball an international game, the American people will extend to us their most cordial support.

The Japanese newspaper paid a glowing tribute to the exemplary and sportsmanlike behavior of the Chicago students.

"In moments of excitement," it said, "every person is liable to lose control of his temper, and especially is this the case the world over with young men. But in many occasions of thrilling excitement and close contests the Chicago team always maintained calm, gentlemanly attitudes. Not a word of indecent language came out of their lips.

"In the United States, the east claims almost a monopoly of politeness and refinement. The west is generally considered as rough and unrefined. But from this west we had the pleasure and satisfaction of welcoming here a baseball team most exemplary not only in the skill of the art, but also in their conduct on the field.

"They have given us very useful lessons in many ways, and especially to our youths, who rank behind nobody in their tendency to get excited, the Chicago team and their behavior throughout the seven games on the Waseda field stand out very prominently as a model of conduct, and as we record this fact we are simply echoing the unanimous impressions of the tens of thousands who witnessed every match on the Waseda ground.

"We believe and expect that in Osaka also the same thing will be placed to their record, and such happy impressions left behind will doubtless go a long way in keeping up the traditional friendship now happily existing between the United States and our country. It may be said of the Chicago team that they have done a considerable service in the international relations of the country they represent and the country of their visit."

#### Sleeping Sickness in Pond.

London.—A disease long infecting goldfish kept in a pond at Etresse has been established as sleeping sickness. Miss Robinson, who has investigated the matter, has communicated to the Royal Society the discovery that leeches carry the disease to fish as mosquitoes do to animals.

## TELLS OF EVENTS 870 B. C.

### Ancient Hebrew Chronicles Have Been Found in Palestine by Prof. George A. Reisner.

New York.—After spending the last six years excavating among the ancient ruins in Egypt and Palestine, Prof. George A. Reisner, assistant professor of Egyptology at Harvard university, has returned to America with his wife and little daughter. Professor Reisner was assisted in his work by C. S. Bishop, an architect, and Prof. O. Bates, an archaeologist. His return to New York marks the close of 14 years' work in Egypt.

Last year Professor Reisner carried on extensive excavations among the pyramids and was rewarded by the discovery of nine almost perfect examples of statuary of the fourth dynasty. They were portrait statues of King Mycerinos, in whose reign the third pyramid of Giza was built.

"These statues are of alabaster and black slate," said Professor Reisner. "They are splendid examples of portrait statuary and more perfect, I should say, than a great number of modern attempts along these lines. Four of them are at present in the Boston museum and the remaining five are in the museum at Cairo."

Probably the most important discoveries made by Professor Reisner and his party, according to his valuation, are those of ancient Hebrew writings, contemporaneous with the era of Ahab, about 870 B. C., which contain references found in the Bible. These were discovered in excavations made late in 1910 at Samaria in Palestine, which was the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel.

## PUT FALSE RIBS ON HORSE

### Steed Used to Play Role of Rosinante Takes on Altogether Too Much Adipose Tissue.

Paris.—The managers of the Gayety theater have found themselves in a dilemma by the persistency with which a horse continues to put on flesh. The horse at one time was a candidate for the ax, but fate was kind. The managers of the Gayety were about to stage Massenet's new opera "Don Quixote" and they cast about for a horse that could play the role of Rosinante, the hero's charger.

Paris was ransacked for an animal lean and miserable looking enough, and finally they found a worn out and decrepit steed. He duly made his first appearance in the part and was a great success. But the actresses of the Gayety, letting their pity get the better of their discretion, offered the horse food, which he greedily devoured in such quantities and to such good purpose that, to the consternation of the managers, he gradually grew fatter and fatter until he became altogether too sleek and robust for their purpose.

They were in despair, being loath to discard the animal, for he was a good actor. Finally they mastered the difficulty by painting "false ribs on the animal's hide to give him the necessary appearance of sorrowful emaciation.

## TO EXPLORE POLAR REGIONS

### Rudolph Francke Plans Expedition to Push into Arctic to Study Mysteries of Sea.

New York.—An exploring expedition to the polar regions, the first since the return of Peary and Cook which leave this summer under Rudolph Francke who has accompanied nearly a dozen previous expeditions in various capacities. Francke is now in this city purchasing part of his outfit and making various arrangements.

He proposes to lead a party of several scientists and Eskimos from a Etah across Elsmere land, then to Bradley Land, and if conditions are favorable, to push over the ice northward. The first stages of the journey will be made in the auxiliary schooner Polar Star, which is being built at Delfsail in Holland.

The vessel is to cost \$50,000, is of wood and has steel frames of extraordinary strength. The keel was laid last August and by June next should be ready to start on its adventurous journey.

The expedition is to start from Hamburg. Francke's primary purpose is to study the currents and other mysteries of the Polar sea.

### Peculiar Language Discovered.

Portland, Ore.—Prof. Lee Frachtenberg of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, who has just completed a study of the Alesha tribe of Indians in Lincoln county and the Umpqua in Curry county, says the Aleshas have a language distinct from all other of the 57 basic tongues of the American Indians. He says it is one of the 12 known languages using the gender in the verb—that is, the same action by a man and a female is designated by a different term. This peculiarity is shared by certain inhabitants of northern Asia, those of a small section of southern Asia and by the Kafirs of South Africa.

### Owens Scott's Phaeton.

London.—A phaeton which once belonged to Sir Walter Scott is now the property of W. J. Sage, Brixton. It was in this coach that Sir Walter rode when he received King George IV. in Edinburgh in 1822 and used when riding in the district of Abbotsoford. The carriage bears a brass plate on which is engraved:

"This pony phaeton formerly belonged to Sir Walter Scott, Bart., of Abbotsoford."

# WATERS OF PLAINS

### Underground Rivers Are Source of Supply in Texas.

#### Interesting Fact Developed by Dynamite Blast While Driving Well Near Plainview—First Authentic Revelation.

Plainview, Tex.—By accident a matter of great interest and concern in connection with the water situation on the plains has just been cleared up near here. While drilling a well on E. Dowden's place, five miles west of Plainview, the driller struck a big boulder in the 14-inch hole a few feet below the bottom of the dug pit. To get this boulder out of the way it became necessary to put in a heavy dynamite blast. As a result of this blast a large cavity was made in the drilled hole, and as the water cleared within a remarkably short time after the blast, Mr. Dowden decided to make an investigation. With mirrors properly arranged he managed to get an excellent focus on the cavity made by the blast, and to his amazement saw that the water was rushing like a rivulet around the shattered boulder, which had been encountered in the second vein of water. For some time there has been much argument and speculation as to whether the great underground water supply here was a flow or an underground lake. The Dowden discovery certainly tends to substantiate the flow theory. This is the first authentic revelation along the line, and will be followed by more thorough investigation. The water conditions on the plains, and particularly in this immediate section, certainly affords a great field for scientific investigation, practical study and general interest.

The first vein of water here is found at a depth varying from 25 to 40 feet depth, to a great extent, depending upon topography. The first vein of water doesn't receive much consideration here, but in most counties it would be considered a bonanza. It is the vein, however, from which most of the windmill supply water has so far been obtained, but few of the old-time wells going below it, and it has never yet been exhausted. The second vein is found at a uniform depth of 25 feet below the first, and no kind of pump has so far exhausted its supply, but the jumbo vein is found at a depth ranging from 100 to 150 feet. And by reason of common but erroneous phraseology many people draw wrong conclusions as to the depth of wells now being put down for irrigation purposes. A man speaking of a well here, perhaps his own, will say that it is 100 or 150 feet to water, as the case may be when he really means it is that deep to the third or jumbo vein, and as a result of this error the impression is going about the country that it is that depth to the water. If that were true it would make irrigation here impractical, but it is seriously erroneous.

The first vein of water rises about 3 feet, which in a well 25 feet would bring the water to within 22 feet of the surface. When the second vein is struck the water generally rises another foot or two, and this is maintained when the third vein is struck. Take a well, for instance that is 120 feet deep, which is a little above the general average, it would be 25 feet or thereabouts, to the first vein and 95 to the second, and there would be 104 feet of water in the well, standing within 21 feet of the surface, and this is a reasonably fair average upon which the water situation here may be based and calculated.

## DEPOT WAS HER FERRY BOAT

### Iowa Woman Finds Trip From Oakland to San Francisco Takes Much Time—Put Straight.

Oakland, Cal.—Mrs. Millicent Kidd of Keokuk, Ia., arrived at the Oakland mole on an overland train, expecting to be met by relatives with whom she is visiting in San Francisco. Failing to meet them, Mrs. Kidd followed the crowd of weary and confused travelers into the ladies' waiting room at the pier.

"Weary" from her long transcontinental journey, Mrs. Kidd evidently did not notice that her traveling companions left the waiting room and that others were taking their places. After sitting nervously in the waiting room for more than an hour the woman stopped. Depot Master Wagner, who was passing through the waiting room.

"It's a long, tiresome trip, isn't it?" she said. "When are we ever going to get to San Francisco?" "Get to San Francisco?" asked Wagner, puzzled.

"Well," said Mrs. Kidd, "I've been sitting in this ferry boat for at least an hour, and it seems to me we ought to be getting there pretty soon."

Wagner, who is accustomed to the troubles of travelers at the pier, took charge of the confused lady until the arrival of the next ferry boat, when he escorted her to a seat on the upper deck.

## TO LECTURE ON AERONAUTICS

### Eleven German Universities and Technical Institution to Conduct Summer Studies.

Berlin.—It is unofficially announced that not less than seven German universities and technical schools will institute lectures on aeronautics during the summer half year. Special attention will be given to technical problems connected with the flying machine, its structural principles and practical management.

Lectures will be given at Berlin, Breslau, Giessen, Goettigen and Strassburg universities, and at the technical institutes in Charlottenburg, Aachen, Brunswick, Danzig, Stuttgart and Munich. Two professors will deliver such courses of lectures at Charlottenburg and Danzig and three at Munich.

At Charlottenburg Maj. Parseval, the inventor of the first German semi-rigid airship, will give one of the aeronautical courses, while at Strassburg the lecturer will be Prof. Hergesell, president of the International Aeronautical commission, and himself a practical aeronaut, who some years ago conducted the German studies of the higher atmosphere by means of self-registering balloons.

### Pine Is 10,000 Years Old.

Fort Dodge, Ia.—Ninety-foot deep "entry" in a local gypsum mine has given up to miners fully a cord of hard wood which local scientific investigators pronounce to be pine from vegetation on the earth 10,000 years ago, buried at that time by an immense glacial drift a mile thick, which swept down upon ancient Iowa and buried all vegetable life. These Fort Dodge men say that with considerable awe, which they walked, far beneath the earth's surface, on prehistoric ground.

### Hold Meeting by Telephone.

Rochester, N. Y.—By an arrangement of telephones, in which each man at the table used an operator's receiver, the Buffalo and Rochester Ad clubs, each in its own city, held a joint session, with luncheon, the other day.

### Dispute Over Harem Skirt.

Paris.—A war of words is raging over the harem skirt from a hygienic point of view. Dr. Berg is of the opinion that it is health giving, while 'President De Hove' of the Academy of Medicine gravely asserts it is contrary to anatomy.

## FOUR-TOED HORSE IS FOUND

### Philadelphia Scientist Makes What is Believed to Be Important Discovery in Wyoming.

Philadelphia.—Joy over the finding of the skeleton of a four-toed horse believed to represent the very earliest American stage in the evolution of the equine race, pervaded the American Museum of Natural History.

The discovery is the last word in the important researches in which the institution has led the scientific world, and the descent of the horse is now traced down to the hypothetical five-toed animal, from which it is believed that it sprang. It should be found that there is a rudimentary bone or splint in the feet of the skeleton which has been unearthed, the find will be of still greater importance.

The museum authorities received a letter from their expedition in charge of Walter Granger, telling of the finding of the fossil steed in Watach, or lower Eocene formation of the Big Horn valley, in Wyoming, being the first complete skeleton of a horse which that formation has ever yielded. The bones have been uncovered sufficiently to show the four toes on the forefeet, which are the marks of the species. The animal seems to have been about the size of the fox terrier. He is none the less, in the opinion of the scientists, the progenitor of the breed from which came such marvels as Sysonby, slight of frame and swift of limb, and of the ponderous Percheron.

Instructions have been given to have the precious skeleton prepared as quickly as scientific accuracy will permit, and it is expected that before the close of the winter it will be on public view. The museum began the assembling of its fossil horses under the direction of Prof. Henry F. Osborne, now its president, and has today the largest collection of the kind on the globe.

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All of the southeast quarter (1/4) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section fourteen (14), township fifty-six (56), of range thirty-six (36), containing forty (40) acres, more or less.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described; and

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the provisions of said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the Court House in the said County of Buchanan, and State of Missouri, Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1911, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of said trust.

SIMON BINSWANGER, Trustee.

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