

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 64 Cars, 1894 Cattle; 83 Cars, 6014 Hogs; 15 Cars, 3363 Sheep.

FAT STEER RUN FALLS OFF

Trade Shows Firm Tone With Strong Spots in Prices, But Bulk Steady.

SOME OKLAHOMAS HERE

Supply of Shee Light and the Market in Active Tone With Prices Steady to Firm—Active Demand for the Few Stock Cattle Offered—Hogs Mostly Steady, Spots Shade Lower—Sheep Steady to Weak.

Receipts from January 1, 1911. Table showing receipts for various livestock types (Cattle, Hogs, Sheep) from January 1, 1911, to the current date.

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

Table showing live stock in sight at five principal western markets (Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, St. Joseph, East St. Louis) for various dates.

CATTLE

Moderate Supply of Steers Met Active Demand at Firm Prices. Firmness characterized the trade in fat steers at the local market today.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 100... 13.19... 6 10... 14.90... 5 70...

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED

With an absence of grass snows and heifers on the quarantine side the light crop of native butcher stock met a pretty favorable reception this morning.

HOGS

Packers Attempt to Cut Prices But Without Material Success. Although receipts of hogs at the leading markets of the west were not above normal this morning, buyers made an attempt to effect a break in price but failed to establish the market locally on a materially lower level.

with more activity than on early and middle days of the week. Prices were generally steady with the end of the week. Tops made \$7.50.

Table showing market prices for various livestock types including Heifers, Cows, and Bulls and Steers.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS

Another corking hog session was registered in the stockyard as a fever trade today when buyers took the moderate crop on display at figures that averaged from 10 to 15 cents above last week's closing quotations.

Table showing market prices for various livestock types including Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1003 New Corby-Forshee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Table showing grain and provision market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET

The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers Association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers.

Table showing St. Joseph Hay Market prices for various hay types.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company:

Table showing wholesale beef prices for various cuts of meat.

Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 5900. Market slow to 10c lower.

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Hottest yet Breeze Brought Little Relief to This City and Vicinity for Sunday Crowds.

SOUTH'ST HEAVY SUFFERER

Much Crop Damage Is Reported in Southern Kansas and Oklahoma.

RAINS FURNISHED RELIEF

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WOMAN TO HUNT LIONS. Will Invade Jungles at African Equator.

Items in Brief. Henry Whitaker, Mayville, Mo., arrived today with one load of cattle.

Items in Brief. E. C. Anderson of Hildreth, Neb., a regular patron of this market, was here today with two cars of hogs.

Items in Brief. Geo. Nichols, who operates around DeWitt, Neb., was here today with a one-car consignment of mixed stock.

Items in Brief. Webb Bros., big feeders and shippers of Adlington, Okla., were here today with twelve cars of cattle.

Items in Brief. H. Price & Co., located at Adlington, Okla., marketed four cars of cattle here today.

Items in Brief. J. A. Slatner of Rush Springs, Okla., was here today with three cars of cattle.

Items in Brief. G. H. Hill of Rush Springs, Okla., sent in two cars of cattle for today's market.

Items in Brief. Geo. W. Millan of Hanover, Kan., was here today disposing of two cars of cattle.

Items in Brief. Glen Redman of Amity, Mo., a regular patron of this market, had three cars of cattle on sale today.

Items in Brief. Tom Drexler & Co., Mayville, Mo., had a consignment of mixed stock on today's market.

Items in Brief. C. E. Dyer of Hebron, Neb., had a consignment of mixed stock on today's market.

Items in Brief. Jno. Naiman, a feeder and shipper of Gillett, Neb., had a car of hogs here today.

Items in Brief. K. T. Schultz, a regular shipper of Rusklin, Neb., was represented by a car of hogs on today's market.

Items in Brief. M. Schmidt of Ludell, Kan., an old-time friend and patron of this market, had two cars of cattle and one mixed car here today.

Items in Brief. Wm. Edgar, a prosperous young farmer and feeder of Cambridge, Neb., was on today's market with two cars of cattle.

Items in Brief. E. Chilson, who hails from Herndon, Kan., had a car of cattle and a mixed load here today.

Items in Brief. Deese, Neb., was represented on the market today by a mixed car of stock from J. W. Welch.

Items in Brief. Runklin Bros., prominent shippers of Cambridge, Neb., had two cars of hogs here today.

Items in Brief. The Farmers' Business Ass'n., of Holbrook, Neb., increased receipts with one car of hogs.

Items in Brief. A car of hogs from Upland, Neb., was a consignment billed by J. H. Shroyck.

Items in Brief. C. R. Croft of Napoleon, Neb., increased today's hog receipts one car.

Items in Brief. Simmons & Gregory, extensive shippers of Reynolds, Neb., had a car of hogs here today.

Items in Brief. W. H. Lewis, a regular shipper of Alma, Neb., disposed of one car of hogs on today's market.

Items in Brief. Carlsson Bros. of Loomis, Neb., disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

Items in Brief. The Elwood Shipping Ass'n., of Elwood, Neb., had a car of hogs here today.

Items in Brief. Wm. Bruchman, a regular shipper of Frith, Neb., marketed a mixed car of stock today.

Items in Brief. C. C. Osler, a successful shipper of Kewanee, Neb., had a mixed car of stock on today's market.

Heavy TOLL OF DEAD HOGS. Stock Yard Unloading Docks Littered With Dead Swine.

Brown Broken in Iowa. The drought which has prevailed in this section of the state for the past four weeks was broken yesterday.

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PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO. 213 South Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo.

MISS CROCKER CAUSES SHORTAGE OF HEN FRUIT IN CALIFORNIA CITIES.

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WATCH OUT! THE TIN MILK CAN!

A vigorous agitation against the use of the rusty tin milk can has reached the west, meeting half way the western crusade against the fly as a disease carrier, says the St. Joseph Gazette.

CRITICAL STAGE FOR CROPS

Dry Weather May Cause a Heavy Loss in Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 24.—As the result of the excessively hot and dry weather of the past few days the critical stage for corn and potatoes in South Dakota now has been reached.

HOGS AND DRY WEATHER.

Drouth in Texas and portions of Oklahoma has already killed this year's corn crop. That will mean a slowup in the number of hogs that the southwest can produce to meet the growing needs of the packing business at Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and some other points, says the Chicago Live Stock World.

APPLE CROP IS SHORT.

Yield of All Fruits in Kansas Less Than Normal.

Topeka, Kan., June 24.—The Kansas apple crop this year will be but one-third the normal amount, while the peach crop will be only 10 per cent of the usual. This was the report of Walter Wellhouse, secretary of the State Horticulture Society, made public Thursday.

Daddy's Bedtime Story

How the Rose Got Its Sweet Perfume



The Little Girl Loved Roses

There was a vase of roses beside the bed when daddy came in to say good night. "They are lovely," murmured Evelyn. "Why don't other flowers smell like that?"

"I am going to grow some lovely blossoms for the crown of a great poet," said the girl.

"What a wonderful fragrance!" cried the queen. "I am going to grow some blossoms for the fairest maiden in the world to wear at her bridal," said the orange.

"How sweet the little rose blossom smell," the sick girl would say. And day by day she grew better.

"I shall give some of my golden flowers to make a salad for the king's birthday," declared the marigold.

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DAIRIES GROW

Hundreds of New Silos Result From Educational Campaign Throughout the State.

MANY MORE TO BE BUILT

J. H. Miller, Agricultural Expert, Gives Credit to Railroad Companies and Colleges.

Manhattan, Kan., June 26.—The number of silos in the state have more than multiplied in the last year, says J. H. Miller, state agricultural expert.

"One year ago last October," says Professor Miller, "there were the best of my knowledge, less than sixty silos in the state of Kansas.

"The manufacturers of the stave silos have been carrying on for these two seasons the most extensive campaign ever conducted by any such companies.

"The farmers themselves are partly to blame for the high prices. If five or ten farmers in the neighborhood who want to build silos will get together and appoint one of their men as secretary or correspondent, and authorize him to write to several companies asking them for a cash price on five or ten carload lots, they would get a 'rock-bottom' price.

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ECHOES HAYMARKET RIOTS

Persecution Followed Jury Foreman to His Grave, Says Widow.

Chicago, June 22.—With the death at Arden, N. Y., recently, of Frank Stewart Osborne, foreman of the jury that convicted eight anarchists for murder after the Haymarket riot here in 1886, a story of his persecution by the anarchists, from that time until his death, has been revealed by his widow.

TO UNITE SOUTH AMERICA

Five Nations Soon to Consider Revival of "Grand Republic."

Washington, June 21.—The movement afoot in South America looking to the revival of the old union of the five republics which originally formed the Grand Republic of South America has been known to the state department for some time past, though details of the extent of the agitation have been lacking.

Indications are that the conference will be held in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, just following the celebration of the centenary of the independence of that country next month.

BIG TRAIN OF CANTALOUPE

Biggest Shipment on Record Coming to Chicago from Imperial Valley.

Tucson, Ariz., June 23.—A cantaloupe train, said to be the longest that the world has ever seen, passed through yesterday en route to Chicago, leaving the Imperial valley Wednesday.

DENIES DYCHE TWO SALARISE

Kansas Auditor Limits Him to Pay as Game Warden.

Topeka, June 23.—State Auditor W. E. Davis has ruled that L. D. Dyche, state fish and game warden, can be paid but \$2,000 a year salary under the law.

LITTLE DAMAGE TO CORN.

But Hay Crop Will Be Short Around Grant City.

Grant City, Mo., June 24.—The continued dry weather has not interfered with the corn crop of this vicinity, which appears to be in good condition. Hay, however, will only produce about one-third of the general yield.

LEPROSY CASE IN KANSAS

Mexican Track Laborer at Wichita May Be Deported.

Topeka, June 21.—A case of leprosy at Wichita was Monday reported to the state board of health. It is the first instance of that disease on the board's records. The sick man is Pedro Patrio, a Mexican track laborer, 30 years old, according to the in-

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formation received by Dr. Crumline, secretary of the board. Dr. Crumline wrote to Dr. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the United States public health and marine hospital service, asking as to how the Mexican case be deported.

AN APPEAL TO STATE PRIDE. The \$3,500,000 proposition for rebuilding the state capitol, to be voted on August 1, appeals to the pride of every loyal Missourian, as well as to his sense of economy and his idea of using dispatch in transacting business. The capitol question is going to be settled right and for all time August 1.

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The Bridge Party

By Jane Ludlum Lee

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COME along, Emily, we promised to go over early and help Kate fix the tables for the club meeting this afternoon, and you know how she always leaves everything for the last minute. "I'll be down in a jiffy, Flora, but such luck as I am having. One side of my hair is as straight as a poker and the other I have burned off with the curling iron. This talk about its being a woman's duty to make herself as beautiful as possible don't go in the summer time."

Emily appeared in a few minutes, adding the finishing touches to her toilet.

"You see this skirt? Well, it don't meet by four inches. I have been taking that obesity cure for the past month and I'll wager I've gained a pound a day—that's why I have tied this pink ribbon around my 35-inch waist-line. But what do I care for that crowd? Come, let's hurry along."

They hurried down the dusty country road until they reached the outskirts of the village and soon came to a little cottage with rose bushes rambling over every shutter on the lower floor. They turned into the path that led to the house, but no sign of life was seen or heard. It was one of those still, sultry afternoons in August when even the singing of the robins seems to jar on the quiet of the atmosphere.

"Looks more like a funeral to me than a party," remarked Emily. "Where do you suppose Kate is?"

They rang the bell, rang it again, and still no answer. They looked at each other and then rang again a third time.

"I'll go round to the back door," said Flora; "they must all be in the kitchen."

And then in a few moments Flora's voice could be heard calling:

"Emily—Emily, come around—here she is."

"Oh, girls," exclaimed Kate, "I'm so glad you came. I'm fussed to death. Mother's gone to the missionary meeting, and the hired man cut his



"Kate, I have finished the punch, but I can't find any glasses."

toe off last night and has not been able to do a single chore for me. Here, Flora, you take this duster and fix up the parlor, and Emily, turn up that dress of yours and get busy squeezing lemons for the punch.

"Kate Price, you are the worst girl I ever knew. Don't you know the girls will be here in a few minutes and you have not a thing ready?" With this, off came the pink sash ribbon. "What have you been doing all morning?" With this she loosened her collar. "Just supposing we hadn't come around." Up went the skirt and a big pin held it well above all danger.

"Oh, Emily, you wouldn't be so mean. Like a good girl, go ahead and do what you can, and I'll run upstairs and dress. I'll be done in time to make the sandwiches."

Emily proceeded to squeeze one lemon with her hands while she rolled another with her foot, while Flora dusted like a machine. For a few moments no sound was heard in the house. Presently Emily appeared in the hall and called up to Kate:

"Kate, I have finished the punch, but I can't find any glasses. Tell me where they are and I'll set them on the table."

"Mercy me—whatever shall I do?" responded Kate from upstairs. "I loaned them all last night for the minister's donation party and they have not sent them back. Please go ask Samuel if his toe is not well enough for him to step over and get them."

"I'll do nothing of the kind, Kate Price," said Emily as she bounced back to the kitchen.

"Kate—Kate," wailed Flora. "I've dusted the room and fixed the tables, but I can't find the cards—where are they?"

"Brother Tom was going to get home on the two o'clock train and bring some new ones, but he hasn't come yet—oh dear, what shall I do?" "Where are the old ones?" suggested Flora.

"Why, I brought one of Rover's little pups in the house last night and while I was not looking it chewed the whole pack up in tiny bits."

Before Flora had time to express her inward feelings, the front door

HER REASON FOR WEeping

Mrs. Ackroyd's Explanation Also Gives Her Husband Occasion for Some Sober Thinking.

Just when Mrs. Ackroyd had finished packing her trunks and after William had bought railway tickets for her and their two daughters little Bessie came down with a severe case of whooping cough. The doctor positively refused to let the child start on a long journey, and even if he had thought it safe for the little one to leave home he assured Mrs. Ackroyd that she would not be permitted to take the patient into a hotel anywhere.

"Isn't it a shame!" the distressed lady wailed. "Here we are with everything in our trunks and my husband has even bought our berths in the sleeper."

"It is unfortunate, but I don't know what you can do except sit down and wait for four or five days. It may be safe for you then to start away."

When her husband got home that evening Mrs. Ackroyd was weeping.

"Don't take it so hard, dear," he said. "It might be a good deal worse. Our little one is likely to get along all right. The doctor says the case isn't an unusually severe one, and when I telephoned him this afternoon he said he thought it might be safe for you to start away by the end of the week."

"I know. He told me the same thing. But I feel that we'll never go. I never postponed anything yet that didn't turn out sadly. I once postponed a wedding and the marriage never took place."

Half an hour later William Ackroyd was still sitting in a corner, thinking it over.

JAPANESE AUCTION IS TAME

Even the Auctioneer Has Nothing to Say, and Bids Are Made in Writing.

An un-American Japanese auction is a kind of Oriental prayer meeting. People do not exactly wait for the spirit to move them before making a bid, but they go about as silently as if meditating in a Lenten retreat. No body has anything to say, or if he has he exercises a powerful restraint over his emotions and refrains from saying it. Even the auctioneer holds his tongue. Every article that he offers for sale is simply held up for inspection.

The wondrous vocabulary with which Occidental auctioneers proclaim the merits of their wares has no place in a Japanese auction room, the dramatic thrill of "going, going, gone" is never felt. Purchasers write their bids on a slip of paper and send it up by a page. There is no hurry. Everybody has time to count his change and make up his mind how much he can afford to pay.

When the bids are all in the auctioneer coolly turns over the article to the clerk with the highest bidder's offer and takes up the next thing on the list. Unless people wish to talk afterward nobody will ever know what anybody else bid, not even the price paid by the successful bidder.

Churchgoers Near Panic.

An extraordinary panic occurred recently in St. Woolas church, Newport, Monmouthshire, England, when, during the rendering of a sacred cantata by the choir, the electric light suddenly failed and the building was plunged in darkness. The started singers were silent. Then women screamed with alarm, and made for the doors. A serious panic seemed likely, though the vicar assured the congregation that all would be right within a few minutes. The fears of the people were finally quieted by the choir beginning to sing again through the darkness the old hymn, "Aberystwyth." Meanwhile churchwardens groped their way to the emergency gas burners, and gradually one by one lights sprang into brightness, and the service was quietly resumed.

Word to Be Avoided.

Recovery of a letter which had been sent to a little town in Germany and never delivered to the person addressed cured one writer of the custom of adding "Esquire" to a name on the superscription of mail matter. The letter in question would probably have been promptly delivered had the address read simply, "Mr. John Brown." But the sender had addressed it "John Brown, Esquire" and the communication rested comfortably in the "E" compartment of the post restant department waiting to be called for by "Mr. Esquire." One of the popular guide books warns against the use of "Esq.," saying that it might be mistaken for a name.

No Dust, No Light.

Diffusion of light through the atmosphere is due to thousands of millions of dust-atoms floating in it. The finest dust floats highest, and imparts the tint of blue to the heavens. Were it not for dust the sky by day would appear black, and the moon and stars would be visible. All shadows would then be inky black. Everything would appear differently. It is not "the light" we see, but simply reflections caused by notes of dust, as when a ray of sunlight enters a dark room through a hole in the shutters. Millions of dust particles catch the light, reflecting it back and forth from one another, so making the atmosphere luminous.

She Called Him Down.

'Twas the first twilight interview. She, swinging in the hammock on the veranda, and he sitting submissively at her feet with his legs dangling from the porch.

"How refreshing at the closing hour of day," he gently remarked, "to thus in sweet companionship await the rising of the stars that will soon feck the cerulean dome of heaven with spangles of silver! I would ever thus, with thee at my side, revel in the glories of the azure—azure, as sure as—"

"What exquisite language!" said she, with a sigh. "How can you afford it on six dollars a week?"

The young man was not quite "as sure" as he had been, and stepped down from the porch to the yard, sealed the fence, and was seen no more thereabouts forever.

While They Detect.

"Every criminal is sure to leave a number of clues behind him." "Yes," replied the old police officer. "I suspect that some of them leave as many as possible so as to keep the detectives theorizing while they catch a steamboat."

A NEW CAPITOL WILL BOOM IMMIGRATION.

During the last decade Missouri did not make the gain in population that she should, and Texas passed her in the rank of states. The people must get into the immigration game during the next ten years and regain this lost ground. A good way to begin is to advertise to the world the fact that we are a wide-awake, progressive people by carrying the proposition for a new capitol building on August 1st. It's a pivotal time with Missouri, a crisis in which we must forge ahead or fall back. The enthusiasm following a successful campaign for a new capitol would give a great impetus to the band wagon of progress and send Missouri rolling on towards the head of the column, while the defeat of the proposition would entail as a wet blanket of discouragement upon the hopes of Missourians, and turn the tide of immigration from our doors. We must have a new capitol; we need it now; the three and one-half million dollar proposition is a most reasonable one; to carry it by a rousing two-thirds majority would be worth much to the state at this critical time; why not give Missouri the prestige of such a splendid victory for progress and enterprise?

HOLDING THE MOISTURE.

Problem of Growing Crops in Dry Season.

Wallace's Farmer: The problem of growing crops in a dry season—and by this we mean a season of less than the normal rainfall of the section—is mainly a matter of holding the moisture. We can not make it rain, but must simply use the moisture we have. To save the moisture is of special importance this year, because throughout the entire Mississippi valley the past year the shortage of rainfall was about twelve or thirteen per cent. It is a great deal of good crops last year, for the year 1910 began with moisture seeping out of the soil at every pore. That supply is now practically exhausted, and we must depend to an extent greater than usual on that which comes from above. Hence it is important to save all the moisture possible as long as the season keeps dry, whether that moisture is secured from above or below.

Fortunately, the soil is in unusually fine physical condition, and has been ever since the opening of the spring. Under these conditions it is much easier to save moisture than when the ground breaks up cloddy in the spring.

First, moisture in the corn field. The only way to save this is by frequent stirring, thus maintaining a mulch of dry dirt. Someone may ask: Why does a mulch of dry dirt conserve moisture? Simply because by evaporation the soil particles are kept so far apart that the moisture from below can not climb out and get out into the atmosphere. When the ground is solid, the moisture below keeps rising to take the place of that evaporated from the surface. The same occurs when a crust is formed by a beating rain on a well tilled field. The moisture from below escapes through this crust in the same way that it does on the packed road, or the path through a meadow or pasture. The only thing the farmer can do is to keep the soil particles so far apart that the water can not, so to speak, climb out and get away.

In seasons like this, when the land is free of weeds, farmers sometimes think there is no necessity for cultivating their corn. They forget that in time the stirred soil sinks and becomes compacted, and hence the water is able to get out in fact, sometimes a half-inch rain in a dry time is a damage to the corn field. It lies mostly on the surface. The beating of the rain beats the surface together, a crust is formed, and water escapes from it almost as from a bare field. Hence it is important after a heavy rain, and sometimes after a light one, to restore the mulch of dry dirt, and to do it as soon as possible after the ground is dry enough to work.

If the season should continue dry, which we fear it may, it will be necessary for the farmer, as soon as his disks are cut and in shock, to go in and disk his stubble, in order to conserve the moisture. The oat fields particularly will be very dry, because a pound of the dry matter of oats, both of stalk and grain, requires about five hundred pounds of water, while corn requires only about three hundred pounds. Hence oats dry out the land and if the field is to be plowed, then the sooner it is disked the better. In fact, the disk should immediately follow the binder, without waiting for the shocks to be removed. Land handled in this way would break up with fewer lumps and be much easier to put in physical condition.

We can do nothing in the way of conserving moisture in the pasture of the farmer. We must stand the loss there; but we can do a great deal in the corn field, after the crop has been removed, if it is intended to put it in fall grain. As we have often pointed out, there are three things that determine largely the magnitude of the crop; the physical condition of the soil, which never was better; the temperature, of which we have an abundance; and in many places a great excess; the moisture, which is short. As will be seen by referring to the weather reports which we are publishing from week to week, there are but a few points in the Mississippi valley in which we have had normal rainfall this year. Therefore, one of the most important things for the farmer to both study and practice, and that thoroughly, is the best methods of conserving moisture.

CROP OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

Tecumseh, Neb., June 20.—Notwithstanding the continued dry spell crop conditions in Johnson county are anything but bad, say the farmers. There will be fully an average wheat crop and the corn is in the pink of condition. Oats will be short, as will be hay and gardens are at a standstill. A rain at this time will save the potatoes. The fruit prospects are good. Friday night the northern part of the county had a good rain, but none has fallen here, and it is needed. The wheat is ripening very fast and already the harvesters are at work in some fields.

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But curious things are not found in the shops alone. The green vegetable peddler carries loads heavy enough for a horse, but still has enough energy to call his wares as he goes.

HIS MARKSMANSHIP IS GOOD

Night Watchman at the Ostrich Farm Thinks He Sees Burglars at the Window.

Sitting alone in the office of the Bentley ostrich farm at Melrose the other night, A. Walters, night watchman, looked up from his paper and was startled to see two faces peering at him through a window.

"Burglars!" he gasped, and drew his revolver. He sent two shots through the window, and then pursued two fleeing forms into the darkness outside, firing as he ran.

—San Francisco Chronicle.

GREAT THRIFT IN BUYING

Instance of the Perseverent Housewife's Economy in Purchasing Half a Dozen Eggs.

"Just to show you how the small economies practiced by thrifty housewives may sometimes be carried too far," began the driver of the pie wagon.

"Your eggs are fifteen cents a dozen here," she asked, just to make sure.

GREATEST MAN IN THE CITY

How Sherlock Holmes Knew Important Individual Was Brought Up in the Country.

"Hah!" exclaimed Sherlock Holmes, Jr.

"Very well, Sherl," said Dr. Watson, "if you wish it I will hah! But what is the occasion for hahing?"

"If you don't know his name, how have you found out that he was once a country boy? There is no hayseed in his hair, and I can see nothing about him to indicate that he has not always been used to city ways."

—San Francisco Chronicle.

BUILT A KITCHEN CABINET

Handy Man Worked at it Sundays, but Forgot to Measure the Stairway.

He is the meat man in a street grocery. Besides being handy at trimming spare ribs with a safety razor he is also an adept with carpenter's tools.

The only time he had to give to the kitchen cabinet cause was on Sunday, as he had to work early and late during the week.

Finally the cabinet was finished and the builder asked two or three of the boys at the store to drop over on Sunday morning and help him carry it upstairs.

"Well, boys, let's hike upstairs with it," said Fritz, the cabinet constructor.

DIPLOMACY IN THE HOTEL

Some People Might Call It Lying, but the Guest Was Quite Satisfied.

"Sometimes it is an awkward matter to get a temporary tenant out of a suite that has been promised for a certain day," a hotel manager said.

"A man from San Francisco came to us in the busy season and the only thing we could do for him was to detach a room with bath from a suite that was promised for the next day.

"Why was that?" he demanded, frowning.

—New York Sun.

Last Thought Was His Mother.

To prevent his aged mother from being shocked by his terrible injuries sustained in an accident, John Grady of Belfast, when carried to his home the other day, began to sing with apparent light-heartedness.

Josh Billings.

The quaint spelling that helped to make "Josh Billings" famous was natural to him. "Josh" was not an educated man in the academic sense, and was a poor speller to the last.

Wherefore "Terse."

"Terse" is a word that has an understood meaning nowadays. Shadwell in the fourth act of "The Humourists" (1871) put this question into the mouth of one of his characters.

ART OF SMILING IMPORTANT

People Do Not Care to Associate With an Animated Vinegar Grout, Says Writer.

Why is it that most people, as they walk along the streets or ride in the cars have such an unpleasant expression? If one will observe even casually the people he meets in a day he will be impressed with the pained and sullen and disagreeable countenances.

No one wants to associate long with an animated vinegar grout. A disposition is easily guessed from the angle of the corners of the mouth; a disposition is molded by compelling those angles to turn up or down.

RANGE OF RACHEL'S VOICE

In Speaking, the Famous French Actress Had a Compass of Two Full Octaves.

A Prussian prince, a cousin of the German Emperor William I, has left some curious notes upon Rachel, of whom he was a great admirer.

It would be curious to know—but the prince does not seem to have ascertained—whether this musical notation of Rachel's speaking voice is rigorous and invariable, and it would be worth a musician's while to apply the same study to some contemporary actors and actresses.

Natural Indignation.

A cautious German, who keeps a pawnbroker's shop in Sydney, is in the habit of leaving his daughter in charge while he attends sales to pick up bargains.

The Sacred Czar.

It is not only the Russian Court Journal which has a circuitous way of referring to the czar. Even in conversation Russians never call a czar a czar.

Tall Australian Trees.

Australia claims to have the tallest tree in the world. It has long been thought that to California belongs this distinction, but while California trees are of gigantic dimensions they do not come up to Australia's eucalyptus trees.

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Where Rural Schools Attract. It is as true as it is strange that in Iowa many rural schools are so attractive that city boys are sent out of the city to attend the rural school. I know one country school in which there are six children from city schools. "Chicken roasts" is the latest school attraction that I have known. A teacher is making the schoolhouse the center of social life for the district. She does not like the idea of having a dance in the school, and she will not have kissing frascos, so she plans various social functions with stunts and games that have abundance of life, that are new, that are harmless. She does quite a little along the line of refreshments, and everyone takes a part in the preparation as well as in disposing of the feast. The greatest success she has ever had was a chicken roast. It was in the autumn, and was in the school yard. It was a close approach to a barbecue. Every man, woman and child in the district was there.—Journal of Education.

Derivation of Word "Caucus." As to the origin of the word "caucus" there is much diversity of opinion. It has been traced to a North American Indian word "kaw-kaw-kas," meaning to talk, giving advice or instigate, whence came "caucorouse," a chief. More often, however, it is explained, as English, a corporation of "calkers' meeting" and here again there is a variety of choice. One version tells of meetings of the Boston dockyard calkers to elect delegates to represent their grievances against the English soldiers. Another makes it a term of opprobrium, "calkers' standing for humble folk generally. A third explains that it was in a calkers' meeting place that the Boston politicians assembled.

Forgotten Foods. It is well to remember that many plants which once were used as vegetables have been allowed to drop out of our bills of fare. Our forefathers, for instance, sometimes dined off elder top and burdock root, and the early shoots of the hop were considered a great delicacy and were cooked and eaten as asparagus. Walter Jerrold, in his "Highways and Byways in Kent," recalls a time when Kentish children could "tell of many pleasant hours spent among the hedges in search of the wild hop top and of the wholesome suppers made upon the well earned treasure ere they learned to think their food the better for being rare and costly.

Complex Accomplishment. "I understand you speak French like a native." "No," replied the student; "I've got the grammar and the accent down pretty good, but it's hard to learn the 'OH, yes; he's leading the class college yell.'"