

CATTLE VALUES GAIN

GENERAL RUN OF STEERS SCORE ADVANCE OF 15c TO 20c DURING THE WEEK.

MODERATE RUNS HELP TRADE

She Stock Also Comes in For 15c to 25c Appreciation—Veals Up 25c to 50c—Some Advance in Stock Cattle, Too.

Only a few loads of cattle arrived at the local yards today and there was not enough trading in any branch of the market to furnish a basis for price comparison purposes.

Beef cattle trade during the week has been fatigued by a strong active tone. An upward tendency of prices has been noted throughout and while values have not appreciably advanced at the close of the week the rank and file of the beef steer offerings are selling on a basis fully 15c to 20c above last week's closing level.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Practically no butcher stock was offered for sale today. The market was nominal. Bulls and calves were steady.

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OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

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SOUTH OMAHA. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 750. Market 5c higher. Top \$6.10, bulk \$5.55 to \$6.10. Sheep—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS. EAST ST. LOUIS National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 9.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 300. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady. Top \$6.35, bulk \$5.80 to \$6.10. Sheep—Receipts, none.

FORT WORTH. FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000, mostly Mexican. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 700. Market 5c higher. Top \$6.50, bulk \$5.90 to \$6.30. Sheep—Receipts, 600. Market steady; wethers \$7.70.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Table with columns: Receipts, Cars, Head. Rows for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date.

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HOG MARKET UNEVEN

WEEK'S CLOSING TRADE IN LIVE PORK FEATURED BY IRREGULAR PRICES.

GENERAL TREND WAS HIGHER

Market Quotable a Nickel Up From Friday's Low Point, or Steady to Strong With the Average.

The closing day of the week brought out a fair run of hogs at the local point, estimates calling for 3,500 head. Trade ruled irregular, sales showing a steady to 5c higher range. Simmering down the market was about steady with the best early led yesterday, a good nickel higher than the week close or steady to strong with the average trade of that session.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

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BIG DEMAND FOR PORK LOINS.

The Breeder's Gazette (Chicago): Last week a packing concern billed a carload of pork loins from St. Joseph, Mo., to New York.

COLD STORAGE.

Live Stock World: "The consumer pays a dollar for food, the farmer gets less than 50 cents for it? Who gets the rest?"

That is a question which Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture asked today in his annual report.

The secretary does not attempt to answer it. He does explain in some detail the results of an investigation his department has just concluded in the effect of cold storage on the wholesomeness and cost of food.

Instead of food remaining in storage for longer than a year or two years, as a rule, the secretary declares that his investigation showed that "receipts into cold storage are entirely or nearly exhausted by the deliveries out of cold storage within ten months."

Theoretically, cold storage prevents gluts and famines. That is the way it should operate.

But, the secretary says that an examination of the record of prices gives a "suspicion" that there has been much speculation in some years by the men who keep commodities in cold storage.

CORN STALK POISONING.

Dr. B. F. Lucky, state veterinarian, has written the following letter to the Missouri Ruralist:

When the growth of Indian corn or sorghum is stunted, the stalks in many cases become poisonous.



Daddy's Bedtime Story—Generally Jack Tar Has a Very Jolly Christmas

The Postman is the Sailors' Santa Claus

"SUPPOSE you really were a sailor, Jack," said Evelyn severely, "how would you like it when Christmas came and there was no Santa Claus to fill your stockings?"

Jack had been wishing that instead of a plain home boy he might be a sailor lad and sail the deep blue sea in one of Uncle Sam's ships.

"Why, why," faltered Jack when this view of the case was brought to him, "why of course I'd want some Christmas presents for Christmas. But, I say, daddy, don't the sailors have any Christmas?"

"Oh, dear, yes," replied daddy. "Plenty of it, and I've heard that Santa Claus makes his rounds even on shipboard. Nobody in the world is more particular about his Christmas than the sailor boy and many a time he has trouble in making it enough like a real sure enough home Christmas to get him from getting homesick."

"On shipboard Christmas begins at noon the day before Christmas, when the men are allowed to knock off work and do as they please."

"If any of the sailors have friends or relatives in the port where they are stopping they can go to spend the holiday on shore with them, but if they are far from friends and home they join with the other sailors in trying to make the best of things as they are."

"The cook, of course, can manage the mince pie, but the turkey must be the real thing, and turkeys for about 1,000 men are not easy to find."

"The ship's postman is the sailor's Santa Claus. On Christmas morning all Christmas mail, which brings, of course, the sailor's gifts from home, is given out to the men. Friends of the sailors, knowing this pleasant Christmas custom, generally mark their packages, 'Not to be opened till Christmas,' so that they may be handed out to the lads by the Santa Claus in uniform."

or, There is always more or less danger of poisoning after a dry year, such as we have had. Stock owners are therefore advised to be extremely cautious in turning cattle into corn stalks and sorghum pastures this fall.

Corn that is cut up into shock fodder and sorghum that is mowed and cured up as hay lose their poisonous property and are perfectly safe to use.

Horses are not usually effected by these poisons in the pasture, but there may be more or less trouble from eating the stalks while gathering the corn. If there is any indication that the horses become poisoned while gathering corn, it is advisable to muzzle them to prevent their eating the stalks while in the field.

The poisonous principle in these cases is a compound which, during the process of mastication or digestion, is broken up and results in the formation of prussic acid. This is a very deadly poison. Cattle in pasturing on stunted corn or sorghum often drop instantly. I have seen heavy losses in stalk fields where cattle would be healthy at night and found dead in the morning. In many cases the owner has been standing looking at an apparently healthy animal at the time it dropped. This poison often disappears from stalk fields so that a field upon which cattle die, may, a few weeks later, be used with safety. There is no way to tell when the field is safe, except to try it, and the experiment may be too costly. It is therefore advisable to cut and cure the corn and sorghum, as far as possible this year.

TO STUDY BOLL WEEVIL.

Scheme to Interest Negro Tenants in Fighting Pest.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 7.—John M. Gracie, the largest cotton grower in the United States, has returned from an investigation of Louisiana cotton plantations, where the crop is raised despite the boll weevil pest.

Several other planters accompanied Col. Gracie, and each took one or more of his negro tenants, so they could see for themselves how the fight against the boll weevil is conducted in Louisiana.

In the report on his observations Col. Gracie makes several suggestions to cotton planters, among them being early planting, just as soon as danger of frost is over. Another is a thorough preparation of the seed bed, and a third is to cultivate the earliest maturing varieties of cotton.

The use of nitrate of soda after the first hoeing to force the plants along is advocated. About 100 to 150 pounds of this to the acre is suggested, and it is applied by sifting it along the cotton rows.

Col. Gracie says the eight negro tenants who accompanied the party made a careful study of the situation and came back confident of being able to fight the boll weevil successfully.

BRAVE BOY HOLDS SKUNK

Relatives and Friends Propose Him For a Hero Medal.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 7.—That Hiram Hill, a 14-year-old boy, deserves a Carnegie medal, is the opinion of his friends and relatives.

He had gone to the home of his grandfather to spend the night, and about 8 o'clock the family was aroused by strange sounds in the chicken yard. Hiram rushed out, saw an animal after the chickens, caught it by the tail and beat it to death with a club.

Then things began to happen. His aunt, who was with him, ran for dear life. The boy, who bravely stood his ground, was almost strangled to death by the odor at the end of the contest. The animal was a skunk.

Nearly 41 per cent of the land of this country is classed as "unappropriated and unreserved."

POTATO CARS VERY SCARCE

Minnesota Crop Held Back on Account of Shortage.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—With farmers in all sections of the state appealing to railroads to provide cars with which to move the potato crop, the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission has written to the presidents of all lines connecting with Minnesota lines to rush all cars they can spare. Reports indicate a shortage of refrigerator cars almost unprecedented.

With a good market and strong price the farmers are endeavoring to sell their potatoes before there is a fluctuation. At points between the Twin City and Duluth on the Northern Pacific, and at Sebina and Baker on the Great Northern, vast quantities of "spuds" are ready for shipment, but no cars are available. Conditions almost similar prevail elsewhere.

BERRIES RISE IN FROST.

Oregon Grower Enjoys Red Fruit in Chill November.

Dallas, Ore., Dec. 7.—Magoon strawberries, ripe and luscious, picked while the thermometer is hovering around the freezing mark, is the unusual achievement of Frank Harris, a grower of this city.

Since last May Mr. Harris has been picking fruit from his patch and by a method of his own has kept the plants bearing until this time. Enough berries for family use were gathered the other day when the mercury stood at forty degrees above zero.

TONS OF PRUNES SHIPPED

2,000,000 Pounds Sent From State of Washington.

Washougal, Wash., Dec. 7.—The pruning and shipping is nearly finished and the crop has been found to be better than was expected earlier in the season.

F. L. Russell will ship 100 tons of the dried fruit, C. K. Cochran 16 tons, E. G. Groot 30 tons and in all perhaps over 1,900 tons of dried prunes will be sent out of this region by the end of this month.

AVOID DRAFTS.

Drafts in the chickens' home are more dangerous when the fowls are quiet on the roost than when they are stirring around during the day; but a cold air current sweeping through the house is a bad thing at any time.

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

Following is a list of the commission firms and stock cattle dealers engaged in business at the St. Joseph stock yards.

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Officers of Exchange.

- The officers of the St. Joseph Live Stock Exchange are as follows: President, A. F. Daily; vice-president, W. True Davis; sec'y-treas., E. F. Erwin. The board of directors is composed of A. H. Baker, M. W. Wyatt, J. G. Adams, L. E. Cooper, M. E. Blanchard, R. G. Denham and M. K. Stewart. Baker, Joseph, & Son, room 319. Backer, James, room 316. Dawson & Reynolds, room 201. Gillette, M. H., room 318. Maxwell, Spayde & Co., rooms 306-8. Morlock, A. H., rooms 234-35.

Stock Cattle Brokers.

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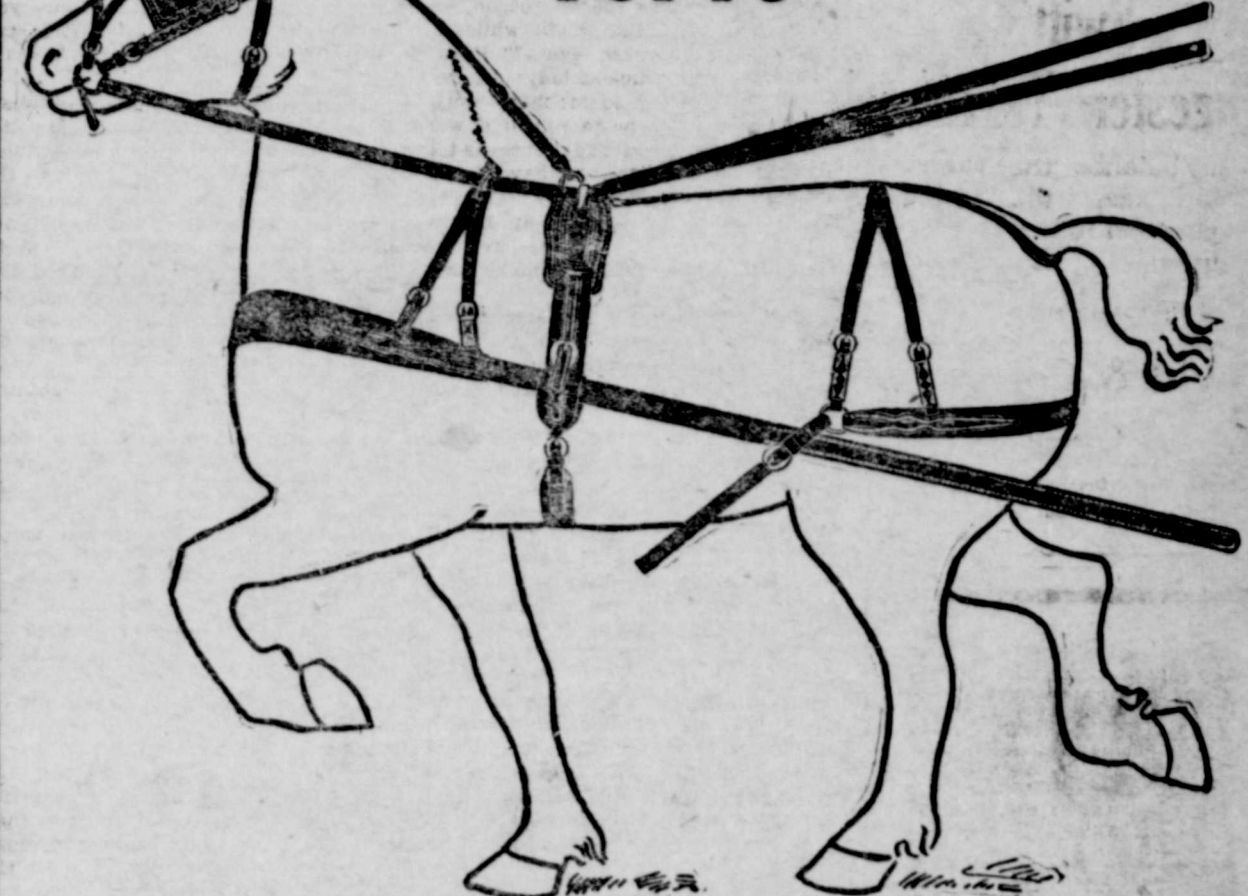
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Elise looked puzzled. "Was there ever a Pompadour?" she asked.

"That's why I said we'd do the Pompadour Sisters," Peggy explained, between laughing and sighing.

Decidedly the Pompadour Sisters were the hit of the evening. Peggy smiled happily, thinking in what request Elise was likely to find herself.

"I must! To find out if you are mortal or fairy. No," as the applause rose madder than ever.

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“BUYS” A BIG HOTEL

Man Pays Out \$48,680 for Chicago Auditorium.

George J. Lawton, Tax Sale Bidder, Plans Test Case to Get Possession—Value of Hostelry is Placed at \$4,000,000.

Chicago.—Who owns the Auditorium hotel? George J. Lawton. Who owns the Auditorium theater? George J. Lawton. Who owns the Auditorium office building? George J. Lawton.

Who is George J. Lawton? Mr. Lawton, briefly, is a gentleman who stays awake when other persons go to sleep. Owing to his careful cultivation for many years of this faculty, Mr. Lawton at a sheriff's sale the other day bought in the Auditorium hotel, office building and theater, valued at about \$4,000,000, for \$48,680.

Under the usual translation of the Illinois law they can get back the property by paying Mr. Lawton a bonus of \$2,500, but Mr. Lawton says quite frankly and emphatically that he is not anxious for the bonus. He would rather have the building.

“I am going to make a test case and see if I can get possession of this property,” said Mr. Lawton. “I can get a deed, and as soon as I get that I’m going to try to get a title. If I can get that, I will begin legal proceedings to oust the present owners. It will take two years to fight it out, but I think it’s worth trying.”

The figures of assessors figure the value of the property as follows:

Value of land.....\$2,254,295 Value of improvements.....1,600,000 Total value.....\$3,854,295

When the owners of the property failed to pay the taxes on May 1 the penalty of one per cent. a month was added to the amount. Six weeks elapsed and County Treasurer O’Connell advertised the property for sale.

About the middle of July he obtained a judgment in the county court against owners of the property because they still neglected to pay the taxes and the penalty. The other morning the property was placed on sale at public auction. Thomas Gaham, one of Mr. O’Connell’s assistants, received the bids. Mr. Lawton, who is a professional “bidder-in,” made the highest offer. He handed over a check for \$48,680, and came into the possession of a frontage of 186 feet on Michigan avenue, 360 on Congress street and 160 on Wabash avenue.

The original owners of the land, Mr. Lawton says, were the Studebakers of South Bend, Ind.; Ambrose Cramer of Lake Forest and the Peck estate of Chicago.

A ninety-nine year lease was secured by the company which built the hotel, theater and office building.

Failure of the owners of the building to pay the taxes, Mr. Lawton says, means that they forfeit their lease and therefore he has obtained possession of all the property by paying the taxes.

“WANDERLUST” LATE IN LIFE

Man Wedded Forty-Seven Years Develops Roving Disposition and Seeks Divorce From Wife.

Kansas City, Mo.—A roving disposition which did not develop until 47 years after he was married, but which then caused David C. Rinehart to make three long, profitless journeys from home, the last with the announcement that he never would return, was the reason given the other day by Mrs. Ida Rinehart for bringing divorce proceedings in the Wyandotte county district court.

The Rineharts were married Christmas day, 1863. They own several houses in Kansas City, Kan., besides the one in which they lived, 1935 North Fifth street. Mrs. Rinehart alleges that the “wanderlust” first seized her husband in April, 1910, when he went to Canada without saying good-by or telling where he was going. Three times, she says, he returned and said he would “settle down” again, but each time he broke the resolution. Last Fourth of July, she states, he called her on the telephone to go to the Union station. There, she declared, he bade her good-by and said he was going into the far northwest and never would return. She has not heard from him since. He is a carpenter and seldom had been from home until a year ago.

Many Germans Divorced.

Berlin.—Divorces in Germany are heavily on the increase. The latest official statistics for the year 1909, just published, show that the average of 120,000 divorces a year for the five years preceding rose in 1909 to 141,730. Marriages also continue to increase, however, the total for 1909 having been over 400,000, or at the rate of 80 persons to every 1,000 of the population.

New Eyelids by Grafting.

Kansas City, Mo.—The eyelids of Rev. Joseph Hobe, pastor of a Catholic church near Bucyrus, Kas., which were burned off when a lamp exploded in his hands, have been replaced by new ones constructed of pieces of skin cut from the priest’s arms and grafted on the stumps of the lids. Over the new lids he has almost complete muscular control. The operation was performed in a local hospital.

NEW USE FOR THE SCHOOLS

Plan is Put Forward to Utilize Some of the Sixty Per Cent. Waste Time.

The American school plant is valued at more than \$1,000,000,000, and as used for school purposes alone utilizes but thirty-nine per cent. of the time which could be given to the needs of the community. This, according to the National Magazine, represents a total loss of school plants to the country of more than \$30,000,000 every year.

An active movement is now taking place to turn school property during the summer months into children’s playgrounds and places of amusement and to make them the center of recreation, of political and social life, the same as in country places, where they serve many purposes, oftentimes even for church services.

Evening schools, free lectures, indoor sports, folk dances, civic and educational meetings and gymnastic exercises are among the things mentioned for which school plants should be utilized. It is proposed by some to have the schoolhouses opened every day of the week, Sundays included, so that the community may get the greatest possible benefit from them.

If this movement grows pupils will no longer find after vacation a musty smelling deserted building, but rather one which has been in use every day in the year by those who love to give the public every possible advantage of the buildings provided for public purposes.

WELSH HOME LIFE UNIFORM

There is No Upper Middle Class and Shop Keepers Are Usually the Leaders.

The student of Welsh life and character who encounters almost any village in North Wales will be able to acquire a full knowledge of his subject without traveling a mile further. For Welsh life has a certain quality of uniformity which is not found in the other constituent peoples of the empire.

Practically there is no upper middle class in Wales. A few rich middle-class Welsh families there are, but these, even if they keep up a Welsh home, usually draw their wealth and spend it beyond the Welsh border. If, however, the visitor wishes to know who controls public opinion, who sits on the district and county councils, or even who represents the division in the house of commons, he had much better regard the names painted over the shop fronts than try to discover the identity of the occupants of the lavish red brick villa which looks down into the village from its place on the hillside. The owner of the villa, as likely as not, will be found to be an Englishman—a retired Manchester cotton spinner or a shipowner from Liverpool.

Toenail Surgery.

The reason why most attempts permanently to remove ingrowing nails fail is because they are not sufficiently radical, says a New Orleans physician in the Times-Democrat. The proper procedure is to anesthetize the patient with ether or some other general anesthetic, then remove, surgically, the entire side of the nail which tends to grow wrongly. The anesthetic permits the surgeon to dissect out the entire section of the nail to its remotest attachments. One great difficulty about treating ingrowing nails is that the sufferer cannot be persuaded to permit the new nail tissue to grow naturally. Thus do vanity and hygiene contend.

Smoke or Ride, Which?

In the early days of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway the regulations against smoking were strictly enforced. The Mechanic’s Magazine of September, 1842, records that “a foreign gentleman was recently smoking a cigar in a train coming from Brighton to London. The guard warned him the practice was not allowed. Nevertheless, he continued to smoke, and finished his cigar. At the next station he was asked for his ticket and ordered out of the coupe; and the guard, addressing one of the officers on the platform, warned him that that person was not to be allowed to proceed to London by any train that night. So there he was left.”—London Chronicle.

Ate Nuts in Church.

The Sunday before Michaelmas day saw, until recent times, a curious custom at Kingston-Thames. The parishioners attended in force at the parish church, armed with nuts, which they cracked and ate throughout the service. “Nut cracking,” however, was not peculiar to Kingston. Goldsmith makes his Vicar of Wakefield say of his parishioners: “They kept up the Christmas Carol, sent true-love knots on Valentine morning, ate pancakes at Shrove-tide, and religiously cracked nuts on Michaelmas eve.”—London Chronicle.

Two of a Kind.

“I find that my husband has been having the office boy call me up every day and mumble terms of endearment. That’s a nice way to fool his wife. He’s been going to the ball game.” “How is it that you didn’t catch on to the voice?” “Well, I’m busy at bridge every day and I’ve been having the cook answer the telephone.”

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Beautiful Fancy Ribbons for 25c

4 1-2 to 6 inches wide; values up to 50c. Persian, floral, Dresden, plaids and stripes. Fine quality, all pure silk, artistic colorings and designs. The assortment will also include a large range of plain satin and taffeta ribbons, 6 inches wide. See the big display. Ribbon section, main floor.

The Main Floor Annex

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Ladies 75c Vests, 50c

Just Received 100 Dozen Ladies’ Fine Quality Pure White Fleece-Lined Ribbed Cotton Vests, medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, regular 75c quality. Because of their late arrival, we will sell them at, each.....50c

Silk Hosiery Special

Ladies’ Pure Thread Silk Hosiery, medium weight, lisle garter top, lisle heels, sole and toe, black and colors, all sizes, regular \$1.25 quality, special, per pair.....89c

Men’s 50c Half Hose for 29c

MHL “Seconds,” slightly defective; pure thread silk, spliced heel and toe, all sizes, black only, regular 50c quality, special, per yard.....29c \$1.25 VALUE FOR 89c.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

As usual, the Townsend & Wyatt Handkerchief Section is headquarters for Christmas Handkerchief buyers. The following items are representative of values throughout the entire stock:

Ladies’ All- linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3/4 and 1/2-in. hems, each.....5c to 50c

Ladies’ All- linen Hand-Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, embroidered on corner; very soft and sheer.....18c to \$2

Ladies’ All- linen Initial Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered, script initial, each.....12 1/2c to 35c

Armenian All- linen Lace-Trimmed and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, very dainty, each.....25c to \$1.25

Ladies’ All- linen “Glove” Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, hand-embroidered, at, each.....25c and 50c

Gentlemen’s All- linen Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4-inch hem, each.....12 1/2c to 50c

Gentlemen’s All- linen Plain White Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered, script initial, each.....25c and 35c

Men’s Fine Cotton Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, all white or with colored borders, full size, each 5c and 10c

Very Attractive Lines of Children’s All- linen Hand-Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, each.....25c and 50c

A Christmas Novelty is a Miniature Trunk full of Children’s Handkerchiefs, for.....25c

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The afternoon rush is greatly augmented because of the early closing.

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PURE FOOD COMMISSION BUSY

Plan Attack on Unclean Rooms in Cold Storage Plants.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 8.—The State Food and Dairy Commission is directing an attack against the unclean rooms in cold storage plants where eggs are stored. In an ultimatum just issued by J. S. Abbott, state commissioner, it is set out that in many cold storage plants eggs are stored in dark and dirty rooms where bad odors are absorbed and other deterioration sets in, and all eggs found in these unhappy surroundings will be confiscated. “There will be no cold storage eggs sold in Texas next summer unless conditions are greatly improved,” said the commissioner. War is to be made also against the shipment and sale of sick chickens and fowls. It is declared the sick chicken industry must go. Two cartloads of them already have been consigned in North Texas. The pure food laws of the state of Texas are to be vigorously enforced in every respect.

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