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BEEF CATTLE STRONG

MODERATE RUN OF STEERS MOVED READILY AT STERGS TO 10c HIGHER PRICES.

MISSOURI BEEVES AT \$7.45

Cows and Heifers Around a Dime Up — Bulls Firm — Calves Steady — Stockers and Feeders Unchanged.

Evidently railroad traffic conditions have not greatly improved and the country was unable to get as much stock to market today as was anticipated last week. Warmer weather late last week caused expectancy of heavy receipts of cattle for Monday but the big run did not materialize. The live market combined having only 6,000 more than the short aggregate marketing of a week ago. Instead of a sluggish and lower market as was feared by many in the morning, all changes in the price schedule being in the direction of a higher range.

The cattle supply at this point was estimated early as 2,200 head, but actual receipts fell a little short of 2,400. At the five markets a total of 33,000 cattle was reported as compared with runs of 33,000 and 35,400 a week ago and 42,000 a week ago, respectively. Chicago had 17,000 cattle on sale, or 2,000 less than the Saturday estimate.

A comparatively light quota of the day's arrivals here consisted of beef steers, the early offerings numbering something less than thirty cars, although later trains swelled this figure to some extent. Trade had an active and strong opening, all of the buyers for dressed beef and shipping steers were out early and all, apparently, had good orders to fill. There was no delay in getting a movement started and activity was noticeable as long as the supply lasted. Prices were strong to 10c higher than late last week for practically everything in the beef steer line. Buyers favored the good, weighty class of cattle but were not hard to interest in the medium and light short-fad grades at good, firm prices as compared with the close of last week. Nothing strictly choice was on display but there were several lots available to land above the \$7.00 line. Three loads of Missouri-fad 1421-pounders making the top figure for the season, 47.45.

The following prices on steers are quotable on the St. Joseph market: Choice to prime, \$9.00 @ 9.75; good to choice, \$7.25 @ 8.00; fair to good short-fad, \$6.35 @ 7.25; medium to fair short-fad, \$5.50 @ 6.35; common to medium, \$5.00 @ 5.90.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. 1, 14.75 @ 15.00; No. 2, 14.50 @ 14.75; No. 3, 14.25 @ 14.50; No. 4, 14.00 @ 14.25; No. 5, 13.75 @ 14.00; No. 6, 13.50 @ 13.75; No. 7, 13.25 @ 13.50; No. 8, 13.00 @ 13.25; No. 9, 12.75 @ 13.00; No. 10, 12.50 @ 12.75.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. Activity in beef steers was also shared by cows and heifers. The supply of butcher stock was fairly consistent, being the size of the general receipts but the supply was light in proportion to the demand. Competition for butcher dressed beef cows and heifers was snappy from the outset and sellers found very little difficulty in pushing prices on the bulk of their holdings a dime higher than late last week. Good, fat cows were wanted on all sides and there was also a stiff call, shared in by a number of outside buyers, for anything desirable in the heifer or mixed yearling line. Amens and cutters, while selling with moderate freedom, did not show material strength and there was not much improvement in common half-fat heifers. Sales included several lots of 180- and 200-pound steers and heifers at \$6.00 and up. A few extra choice cows landed \$5.50 and better but \$4.75 @ 5.25 took a good share of the strictly good to choice steers, and \$4.25 @ 4.75 brought the fair to good class of shipping and butcher cows.

Bulls cleared freely at fully steady prices, the undertone of the market being rather strong than otherwise. Veals met good demand at steady prices.

The following quotations are current on the local market: Good to prime cows, \$5.00 @ 6.00; choice to choice cows, \$4.50 @ 5.00; medium to fair cows, \$3.75 @ 4.50; canners and cutters, \$3.75 @ 3.75; choice to prime heifers, \$6.00 @ 7.25; common to fair heifers, \$4.00 @ 5.00; good to choice bull, \$4.50 @ 5.75; fair to good bulls, \$4.00 @ 4.50; medium to medium bulls, \$3.00 @ 4.00; veal calves, \$7.00 @ 8.25; medium calves, \$5.50 @ 7.00; common and heavy calves, \$4.00 @ 5.25.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

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CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS. Quotations on Cottonteed, Lensed and Alfalfa Products.

Co-Kro-Po-Kaké—Carlots, per ton, \$24; ton lots, \$25.50.

HOG PRICES FIRM UP

MARKET HAD SLOW OPENING BUT WORKED OUT STRONG TO 5c HIGHER.

10c HIGHER SPOTS AT CLOSE

Tops Reach \$6.45—Plus Scarce and Steady—Early Estimate on Receipts, 9,000, Proved to Be Too High.

Hog trade today had a slow, sticky opening but a fairly active close. The five leading markets showed a sharp increase in receipts over those of a week ago, the total supply being around 76,000 head as compared with 58,900 last Monday. Buyers started out bidding steady prices but few salesmen were willing to cash in on this basis, asking prices being at 6 1/2c higher notch. The result was very limited trading during the early part of the forenoon. Sellers held out for advanced rates and buyers finally gave in, the market, as eventually established, ruling generally strong to 5c higher than the Saturday average. Quality of the offerings was fairly good, although weights were lighter than on closing days of last week. Tops sold at \$5.45, against \$5.40 Saturday. Early estimate making the local run at 9,000 head but this was later chopped down to about 7,500.

The market closed strong at opening prices, some of the late sales ruling 5c to 10c higher.

Pigs sold firm at last week's closing range, \$4.75 @ 5.00 buying the bulk of the offerings.

Prices ranged from \$5.60 @ 6.45, with the bulk selling at \$5.15 @ 6.35. The bulk Saturday sold at \$5.15 @ 5.30, a week ago at \$5.15 @ 5.30, a month ago at \$5.75 @ 6.00, a year ago at \$7.75 @ 7.75, two years ago at \$8.35 @ 8.55, three years ago at \$5.80 @ 6.20, and four years ago at \$4.50 @ 4.70.

Representative Hog Sales. No. 1, 62-229 — 6.45 97, 207 80, 6.25; No. 2, 62-229 — 6.40 97, 197, 6.25; No. 3, 62-229 — 6.40 123, 211 120, 6.25; No. 4, 62-229 — 6.35 121, 121, 6.25; No. 5, 62-229 — 6.35 111, 219, 6.25; No. 6, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 7, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 8, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 9, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 10, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 11, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 12, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 13, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 14, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 15, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 16, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 17, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 18, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 19, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 20, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 21, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 22, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 23, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 24, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 25, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 26, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 27, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 28, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 29, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 30, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 31, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 32, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 33, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 34, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 35, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 36, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 37, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 38, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 39, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 40, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 41, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 42, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 43, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 44, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 45, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 46, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 47, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 48, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 49, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 50, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 51, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 52, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 53, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 54, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 55, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 56, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 57, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 58, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 59, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 60, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 61, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 62, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 63, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 64, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 65, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 66, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 67, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 68, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 69, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 70, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 71, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 72, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 73, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 74, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 75, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 76, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 77, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 78, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 79, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 80, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 81, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 82, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 83, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 84, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 85, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 86, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 87, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 88, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 89, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 90, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 91, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 92, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 93, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 94, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 95, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 96, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 97, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 98, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 99, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25; No. 100, 62-241, 80, 6.35 98, 193, 6.25.

Stockers and Feeders. No. 1, 11.75 @ 12.25; No. 2, 11.50 @ 12.00; No. 3, 11.25 @ 11.75; No. 4, 11.00 @ 11.50; No. 5, 10.75 @ 11.25; No. 6, 10.50 @ 11.00; No. 7, 10.25 @ 10.75; No. 8, 10.00 @ 10.50; No. 9, 9.75 @ 10.25; No. 10, 9.50 @ 10.00.

Yearlings and Calves. No. 1, 7.00 @ 7.50; No. 2, 6.75 @ 7.25; No. 3, 6.50 @ 7.00; No. 4, 6.25 @ 6.75; No. 5, 6.00 @ 6.50; No. 6, 5.75 @ 6.25; No. 7, 5.50 @ 6.00; No. 8, 5.25 @ 5.75; No. 9, 5.00 @ 5.50; No. 10, 4.75 @ 5.25.

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. No. 1, 11.75 @ 12.25; No. 2, 11.50 @ 12.00; No. 3, 11.25 @ 11.75; No. 4, 11.00 @ 11.50; No. 5, 10.75 @ 11.25; No. 6, 10.50 @ 11.00; No. 7, 10.25 @ 10.75; No. 8, 10.00 @ 10.50; No. 9, 9.75 @ 10.25; No. 10, 9.50 @ 10.00.

Packers' Cattle Purchases. Swift & Co., 750; Hammond Packing Co., 500; Morris & Co., 500.

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

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Range of Hog Prices. This Week Last Week. Monday, \$5.00 @ 5.75; Tuesday, 5.25 @ 6.00; Wednesday, 5.50 @ 6.25; Thursday, 5.75 @ 6.50; Friday, 6.00 @ 6.75; Saturday, 6.25 @ 7.00.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS. Today's Receipts. Cattle, 94; Hogs, 105; Sheep, 11.

Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date. The following table shows the local receipts from January 1, 1912, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1911: Cattle, 2,148; Hogs, 22,465; Sheep, 97,683.

Live Stock in Sight. The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets today and comparisons: Cattle, 17,000; Hogs, 25,000; Sheep, 11,000.

HOG FROZENWHILE STANDING. Atchison County Farmer Tells of a Peculiar Case. E. D. Douglas, a news-buyer at the E. office, last Monday told us of a hog on his farm that froze to death in a standing position last Sunday night, says the Atchison County Mail. The hog had recently recovered from cholera, but minus its hair, which, no doubt, was the cause of it succumbing during the severe cold snap. On Monday morning the hog was noticed standing away from the other hogs and when a man undertook to drive it to shelter it was found to be frozen stiff.

Draw up about the fire a little closer. Nice in here, even when the drifts are high outside.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale beef prices as given out by Swift & Company: Dressed Beef. No. 1, 18 1/2c; No. 2, 18c; No. 3, 17 1/2c; No. 4, 17c; No. 5, 16 1/2c; No. 6, 16c; No. 7, 15 1/2c; No. 8, 15c; No. 9, 14 1/2c; No. 10, 14c; No. 11, 13 1/2c; No. 12, 13c; No. 13, 12 1/2c; No. 14, 12c; No. 15, 11 1/2c; No. 16, 11c; No. 17, 10 1/2c; No. 18, 10c; No. 19, 9 1/2c; No. 20, 9c.

BEGIN MILK TEST.

State Dairy and Food Commission at Work at St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 15.—Within the next few months St. Paul residents will be able to know the exact conditions surrounding the preparation of the milk they buy, and the ratio of comparison which their dairy bears to the ideal dairy. For the work of "scoring" the St. Paul dairies, as it is known, has just been started by an inspector of the State Dairy and Food commission and the results probably will be made public when it is completed.

It will take several months for one man to complete the inspection of all the dairies furnishing milk to St. Paul consumers. At the same time he is working, there are three others in the state similarly engaged, one in Minneapolis, one in Duluth and one in the third in Southern Minnesota.

The federal standard is being used in the scoring. In this cleanliness is the stable, as floor, walls, ceiling and window panes, must be kept clean and perfect score, 9 points, the care and cleanliness of utensils and the cleanliness of cows come next, with 8 possible points; while ventilation is also possible, giving a total score of 20 points. The plan is to divide into 3 points for a controllable fine system for furnishing fresh air in the dairy barn, 3 more for the allotment of cubic feet of space per cow, fixed at 500 cubic feet, and 1 for provisions for controlling the temperature.

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They Just Grow Wild in San Domingo, Why Not Here? There is little or no demand for manufactured toothbrushes among the natives on the island of San Domingo. They do not see any necessity for buying them when they can gather all the toothbrushes they require along the country roads.

There is a plant (Gouania domingensis) growing in certain parts of the island which is dried and powdered by the natives and used as a toothbrush. The cleansing properties have been attributed to the presence of long, curved, flexible bristles which are cut out from the stems of the plants and dried. When about to be used they are moistened—just like our toothbrushes—and the teeth are rubbed with the bristles. The powder of the piece gets frayed out, giving it the appearance of a toothbrush. The plant is also known and used on Jamaica Island.—New York World.

CHOKES BEAR TO DEATH.

At Least That's What New Yorker Is Credited With. Monticello, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Monticello, Sullivan county, 12 miles from the only living man who has choked a real live 400-pound bear to death with his bare hands. The hero is Bernie Smith, a trapper and hunter. Smith, with Jack Akeley, pursued a bear, tracks and followed the trail, which led to a den in a ledge of rocks. The hunters built a fire and smoked out Mr. Bear. Mr. Bear rushed forth, knocking Akeley from the ledge and dashed at Smith. The hunter jumped aside and leaped upon the animal's back, winding his arms tightly around its neck. With a growl the bear rose on its haunches and tried to shake off its unwelcome rider. Falling, it rushed back and forth along the narrow ledge, brushing against rocks and trees.

Smith's grip upon the animal's windpipe soon began to have its effect. The animal's eyes bulged from their sockets. He soon became helpless. In an instant Smith's teeth were buried in the bear's windpipe and the huge form became lifeless.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Missouri: Generally fair to clear and Tuesday; rising temperature. Kansas and Nebraska: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight and east portion Tuesday. Iowa: Fair tonight, becoming unsettled Tuesday; rising temperature.

Exports of Valencia onions show steady expansion from year to year and in recent years usually exceeded 2,400,000 cases. Exports of oranges reached last year about 6,000,000 cases, equivalent to some 14,000,000 boxes of California oranges.

SHEEP ABOUT STEADY

BUYERS ABSORB MODERATE SUPPLY WITH LITTLE CHANGE QUOTABLE IN PRICES.

NOTHING CHOICE ON OFFER

Best Lambs Here Sell at \$6.90—Run of 2,000 Consisted Mostly of Lambs, Sheep Being in Meager Quantity.

With the advantage that lay in a light supply connected with reports of strong markets at outside points, sellers of live mutton experienced little trouble in maintaining last week's sensational advance all along the line. Early estimates called for 1,500, but beated trains brought in a few unexpected shipments and gate count figured close to 2,000, consisting mostly of fed western lambs with a few odd consignments of ewes. Quality, taken as a whole, was hardly as good as last Friday, and what looked like a lower market on paper was in reality a good steady market, quality considered. Packers needed fat muttons and made little efforts to conceal their wants, jumping into the trade as soon as the sheep were put into salable shape, and mopped up everything that was offered in the way of fat sheep or lambs, as fast as sorts could be taken. A string of fed lambs, the best in five yards sold at \$4.90, against \$7.00 for best lambs at last week's close. However, quality was not within a dime of the \$7.00 lambs last week. Bulk of the day's lamb delinquency was in a range of \$6.40 @ 6.50, with several lots down to \$6.25. There was hardly enough aged mutton received to provide a substantial footing in comparison with the market. Selling of the few odd consignments was at prices that showed no radical change as compared with last week's close. Best ewes sold at \$4.15.

Choice prime fed western lambs, \$6.75 @ 7.10; fair to good fed western lambs, \$6.50 @ 6.80; fed western ewes, \$4.00 @ 4.25; fed western yearlings, \$4.75 @ 5.00; fed western yearlings, heavy weight, \$5.00 @ 5.50; good to choice native lambs, \$5.00 @ 5.25; fair to good native lambs, \$4.00 @ 4.25; native ewes, \$3.25 @ 3.50; native yearlings, light weight, \$4.50 @ 5.75; native yearlings, heavy weight, \$5.00 @ 5.25; cut lambs, \$4.50 @ 4.75.

242 fed western lambs, \$2.60 @ 3.00; 50 fed western lambs, \$2.60 @ 3.00; 234 fed western lambs, \$2.60 @ 3.00; 104 western yearlings, \$3.50 @ 4.25; 108 Colorado ewes, \$2.75 @ 4.00; 150 ewes and lambs, \$1.00 @ 1.50; 29 western ewes, \$1.20 @ 4.00; 179 western ewes, \$1.20 @ 4.00; 13 western ewes, \$1.00 @ 2.50; 62 western ewes, \$1.00 @ 2.50; 12 western ewes, \$1.00 @ 2.50.

Packers' Sheep Purchases. Swift & Co., 1,100; Morris & Co., 210; Hammond Packing Co., 283.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 15.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 17,000. Market generally 10c higher; top \$8.50. Hogs—Receipts, 25,000. Market 5 @ 10c higher. Top \$6.50, bulk \$6.30 @ 6.35.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady to 10c higher; top \$7.70; cows and heifers steady; stockers steady to strong; calves firm. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market 5 @ 10c higher. Top \$6.45, bulk \$6.40 @ 6.45.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4,100. Market steady to 10c higher. Hogs—Receipts, 7,900. Market 5 @ 10c higher. Top \$6.35, bulk \$6.25 @ 6.25.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 15.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4,000, including 10,000 southern. Market strong. Hogs—Receipts, 15,500. Market 5 @ 10c higher. Top \$6.50, bulk \$6.40 @ 6.40.

FT. WORTH, Tex., Jan. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,700. Market strong; top \$6.05. Hogs—Receipts, 2,200. Market nickel to dime higher. Top \$6.60, bulk \$6.60 @ 6.50.

RESENT BEET FIELD STORIES. She Travels Over Wide Area in All Kinds of Weather. Miller, S. D., Jan. 15.—Miss May Rudd, superintendent of school here, has visited ninety-one of the 118 schools in the county during the fall and winter, and intends to visit others before spring. She has used a single horse rig in making the trips over the wide expanse of territory, the weather conditions not causing her any great inconvenience. The horse, which she has made the many long drives with in all kinds of weather shows the effects of the work, but Miss Rudd's health is better from the open air exercise.

You may feed all the food your hens can possibly use, but if you are short of grit, the results will not be satisfactory.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

W. A. Thomas, of Fairfax, one of the pioneer cattle feeders of Atchison county, Missouri, had in two cars of fat steers today.

The Nodaway Valley Cattle Co., of Quitman, Mo., had four loads of short-fad Panhandle steers on the market today.

Champion Feed saves corn. Jonas L. Brown, of Skidmore, Mo., sent in a car of cattle to swell receipts today.

Three loads of cattle were marketed here today off Hankin Farm No. 1, near Tarkio, Mo.

Cheney Bros., regular shippers of Glenwood, Ia., sent in a car of hogs for today's trade.

J. P. Jones, of New Market, Ia., a regular shipper to the local market, disposed of a car of hogs here today.

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DON'T PROD THE CATTLE.

Packers have been complaining a great deal of late about cattle being badly bruised. Employees of the commission houses have long been cautioned against prodding animals in the pens, and it is clearly evident that most of the bruising occurs when the stock is loaded on cars at points of origin.

HOGS IN THE WEST.

Denver Record Stockman: Probably the most profitable branch of the live stock industry is that of hog growing. The demand for hogs always exceeds the supply and up to the present time the west has been able to produce but a small percentage of the pork needed for home consumption and none at all for export.

HAMBURG STEAK.

New York Tribune: That plain but nourishing dish known as Hamburg steak may appear in various guises that are a great improvement on the usual way of serving it.

THE "BACK TO THE FARM" CRY.

National Provisioner: The "back to the farm" cry is growing stronger every day and it is well it should. We seem to have suddenly realized that demand upon our farm resources has about reached the limit of supply.

KANSAS' RESOURCES.

One of those delightfully interesting bunch of stories, going the rounds, tells of how prosperity reached an exceedingly high mark in Kansas last year.

enough to fill freight cars reaching from the west line of Kansas to the Atlantic ocean. To make such a statement as that shows the wonderful possibilities of the language, to one who is on the outside of facts and doesn't know. But this tale happens to be a true one.

Think of the opportunities in a state, yet untouched in large areas! Think of the chances for the poor man who might join that large grain-growing plan! There are possibilities untold in Kansas and "room for a million," as the "Kansas" postcard says.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

SOUP RECIPES.

Vegetable Soup—Draw two tablespoons of flour in four tablespoons of butter, add two quarts of water to it, let it boil a few minutes; have ready boiled one carrot, two onions, two turnips cut in small pieces, the size of a pea, one cup of fresh or canned peas, mix with the soup, stir yolks of two eggs with one-half cup of sweet cream in a bowl, pour the soup slowly over it, stirring all the while; salt, pepper and a little chopped parsley to taste.

Lenten Soup—Stew one quart navy beans, season with salt and pepper, when beans are tender and the broth rich remove three pints of it with a few beans, add to this one pint canned tomatoes, two onions chopped fine; stew all together until tomatoes and all are thoroughly soft; put all through sieve, add tablespoon of butter, a pinch cayenne pepper; serve with squares of toasted buttered bread.

Noodle Soup—Take two eggs, pinch of salt, two tablespoons of milk or water, stir in all the flour it will take, roll up thin as you possibly can, hang over chair back on a napkin to dry; then roll up like a jelly roll cake and slice with very sharp knife, thin as a wafer, using any kind of beef broth or chicken, they will cook in 15 minutes.

Chicken Cream Soup—Boil an old fowl with an onion, in four quarts of water until there remains but two quarts, take it out, let it get cold, cut off the whole breast and chop it very fine, mix with the pounded yolks of two hard boiled eggs and rub through a colander, cool, skim, and strain the soup into a soup pot (season to taste) add the chicken and egg mixture, simmer 10 minutes and pour into the tureen, then add a small cup of boiling milk.

Tomato Soup—Put into two quarts of boiling beef stock one medium sized onion and one-half cup of celery, chopped; boil, then add one cup of tomato and one cup milk in which the yolks of two eggs and two tablespoons of flour have been beaten; season to taste with salt and pepper, and serve hot with crackers.

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Their Conspiracy

By Clarissa Mackie

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"We must do all we can to prevent their falling in love," said Agatha Downing to her husband.
Tom Downing smiled understandingly. "I might hint to him that Rosamond is extravagant. Of course she isn't," but if Peter Howard thought we were framing up a conspiracy for him to meet a certain girl—object matrimony—he'd turn gruff at once and go home."

"So would Rosamond—if she suspected anything of the sort. She has always said she never would marry. She is devoted to her profession, you know."
"I believe the witch knows that her uniform is the most becoming thing she can wear," declared Rosamond's cousin.
"Of course she does, Tom! I do think a nurse's dress is the sweetest thing—those white gowns are most becoming to Rosamond. I couldn't wear them, I'm so yellow," sighed Mrs. Downing, looking at her husband under thick black lashes.
"Yellow's mighty becoming to you, Agatha," he said gallantly. "You know I don't care for pink and white beauties, myself—but if I should be taken sick and you were not able to attend upon me please remember that my last wish was that my pretty cousin Rosamond is to don cap and gown and administer the doses."

"By that time I hope she will have given up nursing and be sensibly married to Peter Howard."
"Am I sensibly married?" inquired Tom innocently.
"You are happily married," smiled Agatha from under her lashes again.
"If I am happily married—I beg pardon, darling—as I am happily married, why not have poor Peter happily married?"



"You are Happily Married," cried instead of just sensibly married."

"Why, don't you see, dear, if he's happily married he's sensibly married too!" cried Agatha triumphantly.
"Granted that—let's get down to the horrible details of the conspiracy. They will both arrive on the same train. You will meet Rosamond and I will meet Peter. On the way home, in our respective taxis, you will proceed to hint apologetically to Rosamond that we are entertaining an old college friend of mine—a furry old grind, who detests women who take up any vocation and thinks the only place for the fair sex is in the bosom of a family. For my part, I'll let Peter understand that Rosamond is frothy minded and extravagant, and the last girl any sensible man would want for a wife. That ought to fix things!"

"It will. They will fall in love at once, men are so contrary minded," sighed Agatha.
Tom rose and consulted the time table. "Come along, Agatha, train will be due in thirty minutes, and we've got to find a taxi."
"Queer, isn't it about their both choosing the same train?" mused Agatha as she put on her hat.
"Begins to look as if fate were going to step in and quash our conspiracy—eh?"

"You can laugh, Tom Downing, but it is singular. Two perfect strangers, such as they are—both invited, to spend a week here in another city, where there is a conspiracy afoot to have them fall in love with each other—and both innocently choosing the same train to come down to their—"

"Horrible fate," he finished.
"At the train the Downings had two taxicabs in waiting; one was to convey Mrs. Downing and Tom's cousin and the other was to hold Tom and Peter Howard."

When Mrs. Downing first caught sight of Rosamond Ferrin's tall, graceful form, she was stepping aside by side with Peter Howard, although they appeared to have been so situated by the jostling of the crowd rather than by design.
"Rosamond, you darling!" cried Agatha, pouncing on Rosamond and hurrying her toward the waiting cab. "Did you have a horrid trip down?" asked Agatha, when they were bowling uptown.
"Not at all—it was lovely. I am so glad to see you, Agatha," said Rosamond.

mond in her low, sweet voice. "How is Tom?"

"Very well, thank you. Oh, I must tell you, dear, we have a guest—I hope you don't mind," apologized Agatha. "I know you wanted a perfect rest and to be quite alone with us, but I'm sure he won't bother you because he doesn't care for women any way, and especially the woman with a vocation. You mustn't mind if he doesn't notice you much."

"Dear me, I shan't mind a particle unless it's some one I care especially about," laughed Rosamond. "Pray who is the horridly unpleasant man?"
"Peter Howard—a friend of Tom's."
"Oh," said Rosamond, and for a while she sat very quiet. "If he is as unpleasant as you say I'm sure there is no danger that we shall bore each other very much."
"I know you don't care for men," went on Agatha.
"I don't—for many," admitted Rosamond.
"I'm sure you won't care for Peter Howard—he's a dear, and we think a lot of him, and he's as handsome as a picture, but he's crusty."

"Crusty?" Rosamond was laughing. "You mean disagreeable?"
"Yes, not the sort one would want to marry, you know," chattered Agatha, thankful to see the doorway of their apartment house.
"Oh!" repeated Rosamond in a puzzled tone.
When they reached the Downings' apartment Tom and Peter Howard were talking in the guest's room. Agatha rushed Rosamond down the hall into the pretty room prepared for her, and as the girl removed the traces of travel and dressed for dinner they talked animatedly.
Just as the gong in the hall announced that the meal was served the four met in the parlor, and Mrs. Downing performed the necessary introductions.

She exchanged a lightning glance of appreciation with her husband as their guests stiffly acknowledged the introduction, and so they went into dinner.
The conversation became general as the meal progressed, but it was Peter Howard's absent-mindedness that exploded a bomb of surprise upon his matchmaking host and hostess.
"Rosamond will remember," said Peter in response to some question of Tom's.
"Rosamond!" repeated Agatha, with a quick glance at the girl's lovely, flushed face.
"Rosamond—our Rosamond?" boomed Tom, amazedly looking from Rosamond's face to Peter's grinning, sheepish countenance.

"Nay," said Peter firmly, "not your Rosamond—but mine! Mine since 3 o'clock this afternoon, when we were quietly married in St. Stephen's chapel." He reached out a hand and Rosamond placed her pretty left hand within it. Peter lifted the third finger and showed where a wedding ring shone below a blazing diamond. "I fell in love with Rosamond when she nursed me through typhoid last winter and I've been begging her to marry me ever since. When we found we had both been invited down here at the same time—we decided to make a wedding journey out of it and surprise you!" He glanced triumphantly around.
"It's a surprise all right!" ejaculated Tom, shaking hands violently with the bridegroom.
"But why did you talk so dreadfully to me about Peter?" inquired the bride reproachfully, as she withdrew herself from Agatha.
"And why did you warn me against Rosamond?" demanded Peter suddenly.
The conspirators glanced at each other and blushed.
"Hah!" cried Peter with sudden enlightenment. "Matchmaking, eh? An old game, my children!"
"I didn't believe a word of it, anyway," declared Rosamond, as she slipped her hand in her husband's.
"Neither did I," confessed Agatha.

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Baked Potatoes—Thoroughly wash twelve good-sized potatoes. Make a few small slits in them, but do not peel. Place in a paper bag, with one tablespoonful of water. Seal and cook thirty-five to fifty minutes, according to size.
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Apples a la Duchesse.—Wash and dry ten large apples. Core them, put stick-cinnamon—only a bit—in the place of each core, and pour over them a tablespoonful of rum. Put in a buttered bag, and bake on the broiler thirty minutes. When quite done, dish up, remove the cinnamon, and fill the centers with jam—strawberry, raspberry, or apricot. Cover with stiffly whipped cream, sprinkle with chopped nuts, and serve, or set on ice till wanted. Use sweet apples and let them cool before adding the jam and cream.
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DELICATE BIRDS' NEST SOUP
Some interesting Facts About This Favorite Dish of the Chinese Epicure.

Unhunted people are apt to think of birds' nest soup as a most disgusting stew of twigs, feathers and what not. As a matter of fact, the nest used by the Chinese is a very delicate, semi-transparent, gelatinous substance, built by the swallow-like birds known as the salangana. The nests are found in the islands about Siam and the Malay Archipelago, and the harvest in the year 1909 was 18,000 pounds, valued at over \$100,000. It used to be thought that the nest was formed of inspissated saliva secreted by the highly developed glands of the bird. Now it is known that the nest is made of a species of alga gathered by the bird.
The season for harvesting the nests lasts from April until September. It takes three months to build the first nest, and just before the eggs are laid the nest is stolen by the collector. The bird immediately sets about the building of a second nest, taking 30 days for the work. This is also stolen before the eggs are laid. The third nest, however, is unmolested, and the birds are permitted to raise their young, after which the nest is taken and sold.
In preparing birds' nest soup the nest is washed in cold water and then cooked for eight hours in a closed vessel, after which it is mixed with chicken broth, seasoned and boiled for a quarter of an hour. Occidentals who have tried the soup find it palatable and much resembling chicken soup.

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MY EXPERIMENTS WITH PAPER BAG COOKERY.

By Martha McCulloch Williams.
When Soyer's paper bag method of cooking was first brought to my attention by friends who, rightly or wrongly, seem to have a high opinion of my abilities as a cook, I admit that I was skeptical of its practicality. Indeed, I was more than that—I was rather firm in my belief that it could not prove out. But I was induced to put the system to a trial—and lo! behold!—the very first trial made me an enthusiastic follower of M. Soyer. Since then I have been doing all my cooking by the Soyer method, and each succeeding day more than ever convinces me that any woman, simply by following Soyer's general directions, and using that good common sense and care which are essential to all good cooking, can master the Soyer paper bag method of cooking in a very short time, and will find it a great boon both to herself and to all the members of her household.
Following M. Soyer's general directions for paper bag cookery, I speedily learned that there are sundry commandments to be observed while pursuing his method of cooking.
The first and greatest of these is to get the right bag, which is made specially for cooking, is paraffined, odorless even when crumbly-crip, sanitary and to be had in sizes big enough to hold a Thanksgiving turkey, or tiny enough for a single chop.

Next, nearly as important, is to grease the bag inside liberally, using butter, lard, oil, drippings or a very fat sort of bacon.
Further, partition your bag-size to what it is destined to hold. The closer the fit of bag and contents, the better, and the more even and compact the lay of the food, the less trouble in handling.
Use a footed wire broiler, or very open grid-shelf, in the oven. All paper bag cooking is done in the oven. If a gas oven, it must be lighted eight to ten minutes before putting in the food and kept at blazing heat until the bag corners seorch lightly; then slacken the heat a third or even half throughout the rest of the time of cooking.
Be sure to lay the bags in the oven with the seam uppermost, especially if water has been put inside. Seams will steam open downward there will be a leakage and much bother.
Finally, it is important to remember that all manipulation, seasoning and flavoring of food must be attended to before it is put in bags. There can be no stirring or tossing in the course of paper bag cooking. Nor must a bag be opened at any time during cooking; such action is absolutely unnecessary if directions are faithfully followed.
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WHY SHE CHANGED HER MIND

Where Wilful Ignorance is Husbandly Bilas 'Twere Folly to Put Her Wise.

Mrs. Blithers had not always found herself in an approving mood in respect to the so-called sports of the restier sex, and her opinions concerning golfers who spend Sunday on the links, or sportsmen who shoot pigeons, were so very decided that Blithers invariably looked around for cotton to stuff in his ears when she began to deliver them. One can imagine his surprise, the other night, when the good lady suggested the idea of his taking her to a horse race some time. The notion that she could bring herself to approve of such a diversion had never occurred to Blithers, and he gazed at her in simple amazement.
"You don't mean to say that you approve of horse-racing?" he demanded.
"Well, I didn't use to," Mrs. Blithers replied, "but now that I am coming to know more about it I think I do. I've been taking the trouble to read about the races that are allowed to be run lately, and I have made up my mind that there's more good in those race-tracks than we've given them credit for."

"Well, well, well!" laughed Blithers. "Wonder of wonders! What has brought about this remarkable change?"
"Well, I've discovered how kind those men are to their horses," said Mrs. Blithers. "I noticed last week that every time a horse wasn't feeling well enough to run, his owner, instead of going out and beating him with a whip, has in every case gone out and scratched the poor animal!"
—Lippincott's Magazine.

THE DESPERATE WOMAN

Indignation and Anger Allied With Keen Despondency in Tragedy of Separation.

Her locks were in wild disorder. Her face was flushed, and her eyes flashing. She clenched and unclenched her fingers in an agony of despair. Unless her looks belied her, she was a deeply-injured and desperate woman. Her indignation and anger were allied with keen despondency.
"Cruel one—oh, cruel one!" she cried, in anguished tones. "I have borne with you too long! You have injured me; you have tortured me, and yet I could not bear to give you up!"
"When first we met, how your ease and polish attracted me!" she continued. "When you became my very own, how my friends envied me! But your understanding is too small for my large soul! You have ruined my standing in society? If I had never met I might have walked in peace! So now begone! We part forever!"
There came a moment's convulsive breathing, a gritting of teeth, and a sharp sigh. It was all over. The tragedy was ended. By an almost superhuman effort she had pulled off her new shoe.

Wild Silk Worms.
The world is indebted to the Chinese for the discovery of the virtues of the silk worm. Its product was unknown in Rome until the time of Julius Caesar, and so costly was the material that even the Emperor Aurelian refused a dress of this lustrous fabric to his empress. Now it is nurtured in almost every country, and its products are within the reach of all.
Besides the several domesticated species there is a wild silk worm found in Central America, which weaves a baglike structure two feet in depth, that hangs from the trees. At a distance the nest resembles a huge matted cobweb. The insect makes no cocoon, but weaves the silk in layers and skeins around the inside of the nest. From Tegucigalpa there were sent to England some years ago six pounds of this silk. There it was made into handkerchiefs not easily detached from common silk of equal strength and delicate texture.
There is a curious silk-producing spider in Central America, the aranea de seda, which may be seen hurrying along with a load of fine silk on its back, from which trail numerous delicate filaments.—Harper's Weekly.

Bucking Horses.
A touch of the spur or a flick of the quirt signals the start, says the American Magazine, in an article on our western horses. His knowledge of what to do must be a heritage from his ancestors, for all horses do it, and all American wild horses are sprung from horses that once carried men. He pops down his head and levitates straight heavenward. While he and you are high in the air he arches his back and stiffens his body to iron rigidity. Thus he comes back to earth. The sensation to the rider is as if his spinal column had been struck by a plectrifer. The impression is not analyzed at the time, for the horse goes into the air again immediately. He swings to right or left, or he "changes ends" completely while in the air, and you come down facing southward, whereas you were facing northward when you ascended.

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No One Has Yet Produced Substitute for Choice Beefsteak—Experts at Ames Discuss Factors in Problem.

Ames, Ia., Jan. 15.—Beef cattle can be grown with profit on high priced land in Iowa and elsewhere in the Mississippi valley, and it must be grown there if the increasing population of the United States is to be a meat fed population.

That was the keynote of the speeches of half a dozen leading Iowa cattlemen and college men at a mass meeting of Iowa state college short course students for the promotion of the new Iowa Beef Producers' association. Prof. W. J. Kennedy, head of the animal husbandry department, declared that the experiences of hundreds of men in Iowa proved that the beef growing industry pays when handled as any business should be. What he said was supported by John Gosling of Kansas City, who cited the profitable beef growing industry of England. Vaughn of the Wildwood farm near Marion, George Burge of Mt. Vernon and Dean Charles F. Curtiss.

Dean Curtiss, who ranks as one of the foremost students of agricultural conditions, made many significant statements.

"I haven't much faith," he said, "in an agriculture that is not diversified and that does not have the live stock industry as its basis. There are various theories of conducting agriculture without live stock, but you cannot point to a single spot on the face of the globe where agriculture has been successful through many years except with the accompaniment of live stock growing.

"We must encourage the live stock industry in Iowa and the middle west. There were signs that suggested it might die out. In the east as we know, the live stock industry has dwindled in our Mississippi valley it has decreased. The impression has gone out that cattle cannot be raised successfully on high priced land. It can be and it must be. While our population is increasing at the rate of a million a year, the supply of beef has been decreasing. From 1903 to 1907, the beef cattle marketed fell off 499,999 in numbers; from 1907 to 1910, 133,000. In Texas the beef cattle supply is 2,600,000 short of what it was ten years ago. Then it sent 500,000 head to market annually, now only 75,000. These conditions tend to concentrate the beef cattle industry in the middle west and Iowa must produce its share.

"The industry can be made to pay on Iowa land if heed will be given to several factors. It is important to mature animals early and market them early. That can be done by putting good blood into the herds. It is possible to bring an animal to two-thirds of its market value in its first year; it is a waste to feed it two years more for the other third. Good sires must be secured for breeding. Inherited excellence lies at the bottom of success. There must be more attention to growing grass. It is a fallacy that our land is too high for grass. It will not be if we improve our grasses. In Great Britain the percentage of grass lands is one-fourth larger than here, and in Holland one-third larger. With tillage and more grass. Then we must use the silo. It has come to one-third of the feeding value of our corn fields, which now goes to waste.

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PUTTING ON FINAL TOUCHES

Denver Getting Ready for Western Stock Show Which Opens Monday.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Everybody at the yards is busy this week putting the last finishing touches on the arrangements for the big National Western Stock Show which opens on Monday. Interest was never so great at any previous exhibition and it is a practical certainty that the coming show will be far greater than any that has gone before. Every department is a show in itself and every department is well filled. The poultry show will be much larger than last year, which is saying a good deal. Everybody who were here last year will testify. The feed and forage exhibition will be far better than usual and the number of exhibitors much greater. The stock show proper will be the best ever held west of Chicago and in many of its departments greater than that great show. At Chicago this department consisted of 23 bands of feeder cattle, while at the Denver show already over 100 carloads are entered, and indications are that the number will foot up close to 150 cars before all are in. The evening and afternoon horse show in the big amphitheatre is attracting more than usual attention this year from all lovers of good horses, and this show will outrival anything ever before attempted in the west.

AGRICULTURE TEACHERS FEW

The College at Manhattan Is Unable to Supply the Demand.

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 13.—The demand for persons competent to teach agriculture is constant, at least in Kansas. In the last month, indeed, the positions that have gone begging were twice as numerous in that department as in domestic science or manual training. And the positions in those days always outnumbered the applicants about two to one.

The committee on recommendations in the Kansas agricultural college, of which Prof. E. L. Holton is chairman, reports that since December 5 the calls in his office for well trained teachers for high schools and normal schools were:

- Agriculture, eighteen, salary \$1,000 to \$1,800.
- Domestic science, eight, salary \$700 to \$1,600.
- Manual training, seven, salary \$720 to \$1,200.

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WAS HISTORIC OLD BUILDING

Mint at Philadelphia Was the First Building Erected by Authority of Congress.

In removing the foundations of the coinage building of the old mint, at Nos. 27 and 39 North Seventh street, some quaint specimens of oldtime building construction, including several curious vaults, were uncovered. The cellar in which the vaults were located was reached by heavy stone steps, supported by brick or stone arches, a method handed down from medieval times. One of the vaults in which bullion was stored consisted of a vault within a vault, and was designed, it is said, at the time of the war of 1812 to conceal materials which could not be readily transported to other hiding places. Several small windows in the cellar were protected by heavy hand-wrought iron bars. These have been preserved, and will be added, along with other relics, such as locks and hinges, to the collection in Independence hall. In digging out an old well in the yard a number of copper coins, bearing the dates 1815 and 1818, were found, as well as a quantity of scrap copper from which the coins had been cut. From old papers relating to a lawsuit, found by Frank H. Stewart, president of the company which owns the property, it was ascertained that five buildings were originally included in the old mint, all of them grouped around the coinage building. It is an historic fact that this old structure, which was the last of these buildings to be razed, was the first building of any description erected by authority of the United States congress.—Philadelphia Record.

CLOCKS AFFECTED BY COLD

Change in Weather Causes Oil in Bearings to Get Gummy and Hard.

Two or three times in the course of a month this man's clock had stopped with no apparent reason, for when he swung the pendulum it would start off again and run all right. But it also now began to display another eccentricity; occasionally it would strike once about 15 minutes before the hour and then strike the rest of the strokes for that hour at the regular time. So he thought he had better take it to the clock-maker.

There on a shelf behind the counter he saw ranged along a dozen or more clocks of almost as many styles.

"All patients" said the clockmaker, "had most of them with slight ailments like yours. We always have many clocks brought in with colds. They run along all right, but when nasty weather comes the oil on the bearings gets hard and gummy and then the clock is liable to stop. It needs cleaning and reoiling."

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Furthermore, champagne corks are cut by hand and not by machinery, as are less expensive corks, as they must be perfect in size and shape, or else the quality of the wine will suffer.—Harper's Weekly.

Apple Trees for Old Age.

Easterners are prone to view with surprise the large-sized fruit which comes from western states, and even to wonder why similar orchard products cannot be raised in New England. Their wonderment should cease. Our farms can produce luscious fruit in abundance with proper effort, says the Boston Globe. A speaker at the New England fruit exhibition in Horticultural hall has said that there is no better insurance against old age than a good orchard. After a certain number of years ten acres of an apple orchard will be a steady source of income. The same authority believes that the shortsightedness of New England farmers is almost criminal for allowing this source of wealth to go undeveloped. We have the soil, market and climate, and should take advantage of these great assets.

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