

STEER MARKET UNEVEN

OPENING TRADE SLOW BUT DEMAND IMPROVED AND BULK SOLD 10 CENTS HIGHER.

LIGHT KILLING BEEF COURTED

Cows and Heifers Strong to 10c Up—Bulls and Calves Steady—Stockers and Feeders Fully Steady on Light Run.

The receipts of cattle today were larger than on the previous day at this point and the five-month aggregate of 21,300 head was 3,600 head in excess of the total run a week ago.

Early estimates on the local supply of cattle called for 2,800 head, but late trains came in "hoggy" and the final estimate was placed at around 1,500 head, while the hog estimate was materially increased.

The market worked out better than early prospects suggested. Demand became keener as the season grew older and bulk of the steers were absorbed at strong to the highest than yesterday, with exceptions showing even greater advance.

The following prices on steers are quotable on the St. Joseph market: Choice to 10c; 7 1/2 to 7; fair to good short-fat, \$5.50 to 7.00; medium to fair short-fat, \$5.00 to 6.50; common to medium, \$4.50 to 5.50.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of cattle and hogs.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

A limited number of stock cattle and feeding steers was included in today's cattle supply. In fact, there was not enough cattle on hand to furnish a market, much less provide a substantial footing in making a comparison of prices and conditions.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.50 to 6.00; fair to good grades, \$5.00 to 5.50; good family stock steers, \$4.75 to 5.00; common to fair stock steers, \$4.25 to 4.75; stock heifers, fair to choice, \$4.25 to 4.75; stock cows, \$3.50 to 4.00; stock calves, \$4.00 to 5.25.

YEANLINGS AND CALVES.

Receipts of calves today were comparatively light and there was a decided scarcity of the good to choice grades, plain to fairly good cows and heifers forming bulk of the run.

FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

Choice to prime cows, \$5.25 to 6.00; good to choice cows, \$4.75 to 5.25; medium to fair cows, \$4.25 to 4.75; choice heifers, \$5.00 to 7.25; choice heifers, \$3.25 to 6.00; common to good heifers, \$2.50 to 5.00; good to choice bulls, \$4.50 to 5.75; fair to good bulls, \$4.00 to 5.00; veal calves, \$7.00 to 7.50; medium calves, \$6.00 to 6.50; common and heavy calves, \$4.00 to 5.25.

HEIFERS.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of heifers.

HOG MARKET IS OFF

PRICES DROP 5@10c DUE TO ENLARGED RECEIPTS ALL AROUND.

OPENING TRADE 5c LOWER

General Run of Sales Showed 5@10c Decline—Heavy Hogs Top at \$6.30—Supply Estimated at 14,000.

Lower prices ruled trade in this division today, for which a sharp increase in general marketing was largely responsible.

The market opened with a few sales ruling 5c lower but weakened with the progress of the session, prices dropping to a 5@10c lower basis on the bulk of the day's offerings, with the fall decline applying to the big end of the mixed classes and light weights.

Prices ranged from \$5.50 to \$6.25, with the bulk selling at \$5.95 to \$6.25. The bulk yesterday sold at \$6.00 to \$6.25, a week ago at \$5.60 to \$6.25, a month ago at \$5.80 to \$6.10, a year ago at \$7.30 to \$7.45, two years ago at \$8.25 to \$8.50, three years ago at \$5.95 to \$6.30, and four years ago at \$4.25 to \$4.40.

REPRESENTATIVE HOG SALES.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of hogs.

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today:

Table with columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Lists receipts for various types of livestock.

PACKERS' HOG PURCHASES.

Swift & Co., 4,500; Morris & Co., 3,000; Hammond Packing Co., 3,200. Total, 10,700.

RANGE OF HOG PRICES.

Table with columns: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Lists price ranges for hogs.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forsace Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYBARS. Lists prices for various grains.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of grain.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The Live Stock World reports: Receipts—Receipts, 6,500. Market mostly 10@15c lower; top \$8.10. Hogs—Receipts, 45,000. Market 5@10c lower. Top \$6.50, bulk \$5.95 to 6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Market steady, lower.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports: Receipts—Receipts, 3,500. Market strong to higher; top \$7.30; cows and heifers strong; stockers slow; calves steady. Hogs—Receipts, 11,500. Market 5@10c lower. Top \$6.35, bulk \$5.75 to 6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000. Market steady to 5c lower; lambs \$6.35.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports: Receipts—Receipts, 3,500. Market active, stronger. Hogs—Receipts, 19,000. Market 5c lower. Top \$6.15, bulk \$5.95 to 6.05. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 1.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Receipts—Receipts, 2,500, including 500 southern. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market 10c lower. Top \$6.35, bulk \$5.90 to 6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady; lambs \$4.75.

FORT WORTH.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Receipts—Receipts, 1,700. Market dime higher; top \$5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,600. Market strong. Top \$6.55, bulk \$5.90 to 6.30.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Table with columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Lists receipts for various types of livestock.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO DATE.

Table with columns: 1911, 1911, Dec. Inc. Lists cumulative receipts for various types of livestock.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local quotations corrected to date by local dealers. 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 with columns: Timothy, Choice, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3. Lists prices for various grades of hay.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linsed and Alfalfa Products. Ko-Pres-Ko-Kake—Carlots, per ton, \$25; ton lots, \$26.

BUYERS FEEDER CATTLE.

Big Cattle Feeding Concern on Yesterday's Stock Cattle Trade. Appletan Bros. of Mound City, Mo., are one of Missouri's largest feeder concerns, are rather optimistic as to the future of the market.

EASY TONE IN LAMBS

TRADE FAIRLY ACTIVE AT PRICES WEAK TO 10c LOWER—TOP \$6.40.

FAIR SUPPLY ON OFFER

Sheep and Yearlings Held Steady at Wednesday's Level—Yearlings Up to \$5.65 and Choice Ewes \$4.00.

A lot of storm belated stock hit the sheep house today, with the result that a supply twice the size of a normal Thursday run was received.

Early estimate called for 2,000, but was today with a car of cattle. John Kohler, of Whiting, Neb., came in today with a car of cattle that sold well. Champion Molasses Feed shortens feeding period, increases gain, reduces cost per pound of gain, equally good in usage.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

J. Peterson, of Wyoming, Neb., was on today's market with a car of cattle of his own feeding. A. Stillwell, of Wyoming, Neb., increased today's hog receipts with a car today with a car of cattle. John Kohler, of Whiting, Neb., came in today with a car of cattle that sold well.

GAME LONG DISTANCE

STRING OF SHEEP AND LAMBS, FED IN NORTHWESTERN WYOMING, MARKETED HERE. Long Journey Caused Heavy Shrinkage and Experiment in Winter Feeding Did Not Prove Very Satisfactory. Eight cars of sheep and lambs, fed in the northwestern part of Wyoming, were disposed of on the St. Joseph market this week.

TOPPED THE BEEF MARKET

C. E. Caldwell, of Harbine, Neb., Sells Steers at \$7.30. Among the well pleased patrons of the St. Joseph market Wednesday was C. E. Caldwell, of Harbine, Neb. Mr. Caldwell had in a load of short-fat steers, averaging 1,421 lbs., that sold at \$7.30 the top of the market.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

I have 50 broke native horses, mares and mules from 3 years old to smooth mouth, available at \$6.00. I will sell or exchange for clear titled land. H. C. Cutter, Red Cloud, Neb.

GOOD GAINS ON SILAGE.

Fairfax, Mo., Man Finds Ensilage Good Feed For Heifers. F. L. Fellows, a prominent young feeder and farmer of Fairfax, Mo., who was on the market with a load of heifers earlier in the week, is an enthusiastic advocate of the silage in northwest Missouri farms.

BEST LAMBS AT \$5.50.

Two Loads on Yesterday's Market Good Enough to Sell at That Price. Missouri and Kansas divided honors in the marketing of best lambs on yesterday's market. Adam Dittmore, of Severance, represented the Sunflower state with 247 lambs, averaging \$1.08, and selling at \$5.50.

BIGGER PRIZES FOR BABIES.

Will Be Ranked Above Prize Porks at Iowa State Fair. Dea Molines, in, Feb. 1.—Prize babies of cows will be given higher prizes at the annual state fair during the latter part of August than prize pigs.

MARKETS BUTCHER STOCK.

Nodaway County Man Markets Cattle Here Yesterday at Good Figure. Joe Geiskens, an extensive farmer and live stock operator of Nodaway county, Missouri, was on yesterday's market with a one-car consignment of butcher stock billed from Parnell, which sold at a satisfactory price.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company. Dressed Beef. No. 1, No. 2, No. 3. Ribs, 19c, 18c, 17c. Chucks, 12c, 11c, 10c. Plates, 8c, 7c, 6c.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Generally fair and colder tonight and Friday; cold and foggy tomorrow night; fair tonight and Friday.

FARMER KILLED BY SON.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 1.—When he attempted to whip his 18-year-old son, Roy, George Loposso, a wealthy farmer living near Edinburg, was shot and killed by the boy.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Theatre—Tonight, Frank McTear, in "Snake"; Friday night, Saturday matinee and night, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." At the Lyceum—Until Friday, matinee daily, "The Winning Widow"; Friday night, Saturday matinee and night, Lyman Howe's Travel Festival.

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TO STOP ON SIGNAL. Burlington Makes Concession of Interest to St. Joseph Shippers.

LEARN MORE OF ALFALFA. According to some enthusiasts the country is only beginning to appreciate the value of alfalfa.

EATING PORK NOW. There can hardly be any doubt that the big receipts and comparatively reasonable prices of hogs have a great deal to do with holding down the prices of cattle and sheep.

GOOD ROAD PUBLICITY. Good roads received a boost at the state meeting held at Emporia recently that will go a long way toward the construction and maintenance of Kansas highways.

It was learned by reports made by the secretary of the convention that the good roads movement, wherein actual work of improvement is going on, has advanced farther where good road meetings have been held in the past and where an unusual amount of publicity has been given to the things that have been done.

The Emporia meeting arranged for a publicity plan. It is to be good road news, issued in bulletin form, from a competent authority on good road work and sent to the newspapers of the state, for their frequent use.



Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Story of the Three Teddy Bears

"Oh, if you only knew what I've got now!" "What I've got now?" "The story of the three bears was a favorite with Jack, but Evelyn was tired of it, so daddy said he would tell them a new one—the story of the three Teddy bears."

ment of highway conditions during the present year. When people once get a thorough knowledge of the demands for better road conditions and get the interest that organization stirs up, highways will be improved more all over the state.

KANSAS CASHING CATTLE. Breeder's Gazette: "Have you noticed how generously Kansas has contributed to cattle supplies at Chicago and the river markets lately?"

been most favorable for the making of rapid gains in weight, the stuff would have been run early, as hay and feed prices on the one side and high prices for merely decently fleshed cattle on the other, have acted as a magnet in drawing the stuff out of feeders' hands in a half-fat condition."

STOCKS OF PROVISIONS.

The following shows the stocks of provisions in South St. Joseph at close of business January 31, 1912, as officially reported to The Stock Yards Daily Journal:

Table with columns for item, Jan 31 1912, Dec 30 1911, Jan 31 1911, Jan 31 1910.

LIVE HOGS table with columns for Received, Shipped, Driven out, Average weight.

BREAKS VOW; OPENS STORE

Peter Robidoux After Twenty-Five Years Unable to Let Cattle Die.

Wallace, Kan., Jan. 31.—The big snow forced Peter Robidoux to break the resolution he had kept twenty-five years never to reopen the store he closed in 1887. It was the hardest thing Robidoux ever did to break that resolution, but there were his cattle starving, while piled away in the back end of the big frame building were bales of hay which would keep them alive. It took two days for Robidoux to break his resolution. Then he could stand the piteous howling of the cattle no longer.

He turned the rusty key in the rusty old lock, tumbled out the bales, and locked the door again. Although it had been stored away twenty-five years, the hay was still fit to eat, and Robidoux kept his cattle from starving. By the time the hay was gone—some 200 bales—the train for which the cattle had been yarded broke through the snow blockade and got to Wallace.

Robidoux came to Wallace early in the 50s ahead of the railroad and took up his claim, afterward working on the grade. When he got enough money he opened a little store. He prospered, bought land when it was cheap, added to his stock and increased the size of his store buildings until, in 1887, he had the largest store between Kansas City and Denver.

That night he locked the store, turned his back on the \$25,000 stock of goods, and went to bed. He would set foot inside of it again. And Robidoux kept that resolution for twenty-five years. Costly harness and saddles rotted away, clothing became rags, and the store, once a place of pride, became a place for worms, hardware and cutlery turned to rust, and still Robidoux kept his resolution.

When anything he bought it somewhere else. Often members of his family tried to prevail on him to sell the stock or use what part of it the family might need, but he never would.

Robidoux was wealthy, owning large areas of land in this section and a big and well stocked ranch north-west of Wallace. When he closed the store he retired to the ranch.

RECTORING OLD FORTRESS

Texas Governor Personally Looking After Work on Alamo Ruins.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 31.—Many forgotten and interesting facts relating to the old Alamo fort are being revealed with the progress of the work undertaken by the state and directed by Governor Colquitt, personally, to restore the ancient ruins to a condition as nearly resembling, and following as closely as possible the original lines, as in February 1836, when the Texans resisting the advance of the Mexican army under General Santa Ana were overpowered and killed. Foundations of ancient walls have been uncovered and a large double cistern in excellent state of preservation has been found.

At the request of the governor the Rt. Rev. J. W. Shaw, bishop of the Catholic diocese of San Antonio, is endeavoring to locate the old records of the monks, which are thought to have been moved to the mother house at Queretaro, in Mexico. Governor Colquitt has written also to the governor of Queretaro, asking him to help in the search, and if these old records can be found the entire map will be cleared up. The records that the sender is on the job all the time and does things in a business-like manner.

Various forms are used for the letterheads. Many of the styles include cuts, advertising the owner's products. For example, W. A. Brown has a letterhead that says in a business-like way "W. A. Brown and Family, Pinehurst."

FOR 11-STORY BUILDING. Plans For Big Fireproof Structure at San Antonio, Texas.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 31.—Plans are being prepared for the construction of a modern, fireproof building, eleven stories high, which will be used exclusively for an apartment store. Work will be begun within the next few days and the building is to be ready for occupancy by February 1, 1912. The framework will be of structural steel and the outer walls of pressed brick trimmed with terra cotta. The total cost will be about \$250,000.

The building will be located at West Houston and Soledad streets, which on the north end of the block, east, and Veramendi street and Main avenue will bound it on the south and west. One of the leading mercantile houses in the city, having almost doubled its capital, is increasing it to \$400,000, has taken a 15-year lease on the building. At the present time the apartment stores in San Antonio are grouped in another section of the business district, and this move will have a far-reaching effect in extending the confines of the retail district.

WASHINGTON WHEAT QUEEN Woman Owner of 1900 Acres Fine Wheat Land—Was Poor 10 Years Ago

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 31.—From comparative poverty to the ownership of over 1900 acres of excellent wheat land in Lincoln county in 10 years, is the record made by Mrs. Josephine Dittmar, the "wheat queen" of Reardan, Wash. Thirty-two years ago the Dittmars left Oregon and settled near Davenport. At that time there were not many houses in Spokane. After a few years the family moved near Reardan, where Mrs. Dittmar has lived ever since.

WOMAN A MISSOURI SHERIFF. Lebanon, Mo., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Nancy Hays Williams of this city was appointed sheriff of Laclede county by the county court to serve until a special election, February 17, when her successor to her husband, Sheriff J. W. Williams, who died last week, will be elected. Mrs. Williams is believed to be the only woman sheriff in Missouri. She entered upon her duties at once.

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FREE TRIP TO A FAIR.

Montana Planning to Forward Back-to-the-Farm Movement.

Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 1.—Plans for a new form of extension work are being prepared by Prof. F. C. Cooley of Montana state college, W. E. Harmon, superintendent of public instruction, and J. D. O'Donnell of Billings, a member of the state fair board. The plan is a co-operative one between the state fair board and the college and briefly is as follows:

Fifty boys and girls from different parts of the state will be taken to the state fair board and instructed in various lines of work pertaining to scientific farm and home management. The selection of these young people will be based on some meritorious farm achievement and will probably vary for different localities.

Prof. F. S. Cooley stated that the state fair board had promised to furnish \$500 for the entertainment of the young people who are to be given this trip. The college at Bozeman will furnish its best instructors and instruction in stock, grain and vegetable judging in dairying and other subjects pertaining to modern problems on the modern farm will be given to the girls. The railroad fare and other expenses connected with the trip will be met by organizations in the different parts of the state.

BUY TEXAS SULPHUR FIELD New York Syndicate to Begin Big Operations in Brazos Valley.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 31.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, bankers of New York City, and others, are reported to have closed a deal, on private terms, for the purchase of about 10,000 acres of land along the west bank of the Brazos river, at its mouth, extending up the river from the jetties, about six miles.

This purchase includes what are said to be the largest sulphur fields in the United States, possibly the largest in the world, and means their immediate development.

The contract of purchase is said to carry an obligation to build and equip within a short time a complete plant for the mining of sulphur, and the necessary machinery has been purchased and is now en route to the field.

MAN 106 YEARS OLD DIES At Age of 104 He Cut Foot While Chopping Ties.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Survived by a son 85 years old, William Bennett, aged 16 years 8 months and 27 days, died at his home in Cheatham county. Besides this son, there are 15 other "children" left. When Bennett was 100 years old he cut cordwood as fast as his great-grandson could haul it, a distance of eight miles. A year later he cut his foot with an axe while sawing cross-ties, materially reducing his longevity.

BALLOON RISES 18 MILES. Highest Altitude Ever Reached By Sounding Balloon Is Reported.

Iron, S. D., Feb. 1.—At the South Dakota state fair, held here a year ago, the weather bureau sent up a number of sounding balloons from the ground in this city, and in the annual report of the chief of the weather bureau for the past fiscal year is the statement that one of these balloons reached an altitude of 18.2 miles above sea level. The experiments here were made by the aerological staff of the Mt. Weather observatory, and the results of them were never made known here.

The report does not discuss the matter, but it is a fact that a device of this sort or of any other kind has never before reached such an altitude. The previous record was attained by a balloon sent up at Urle, Belgium, November 5, 1908. This one rose 18 miles, nine-tenths of a mile less than the one sent up here on September 1, 1910.

The barometrically determined altitudes of all high balloon ascents have been found to be unreliable many times, and it is possible that

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figures in this case may be inaccurate to the extent of several hundred feet. This, however, does not lessen the fact that meteorology has in this achievement pushed its probe a little further upward, according to the expression used by the Scientific American in speaking of this same balloon ascent.

SNAKE FOUND ON THE SNOW. Alto Pass, Ill., Jan. 30.—John Burns, a farmer near town, reports finding a live snake on the snow. He believes the snake was overtaken by cold weather before finding suitable winter quarters and was hunting for a suitable "hat" when he discovered it.

The snake was able to crawl a little, but was unable to strike. Old settlers say the finding of the snake so early is a sure indication of the unusually next summer of Bryan and Roosevelt.

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Out After Blackbirds

By John Philip Orth

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Miss Clara Pagent was an artist. She painted landscapes on canvas—that is, she had painted a single one, and her grandmother, who had brought her up from the age of nine to nineteen, had raised her hands above her head and exclaimed: "How beautiful! There isn't an artist in all America who could have done better. It's just as natural as if I stood looking at the real thing. My, but I almost expect that cow to throw up her head and bawl out! Don't you ever think of getting married, Clara. You just keep right on painting such pictures as that."

The scene had been taken from Thornapple hill, half a mile from the old red farm house. There was a spotted cow in the foreground, together with a stump or two. Then there were bushes and trees, and in the perspective, as if one were looking through a joint of stovepipe, was a duck sailing on a pond. If not told it was a duck it might have been taken for the eagle that flapped his wings and screamed at the battle of Bunker Hill.

If the cow had thrown up her head and bellowed it would have been with pain. Her horns were longer than her legs, and her tail would have reached around a haystack. The trees and bushes seemed to have been sawed out for the occasion, and the greensward was such as no herbivorous animal ever yet grazed on. Oh, yes, it was an oil painting all right, and it would be a mean person that would criticize it to the face of the artist or grandmother.

It was the artist herself who found just a twenty-twenty bit of fault. She discovered that one of the eyes of the cow looked up and the other down, and this didn't seem quite natural. The picture was taken back to Thornapple hill for a closer study. The spotted cow could always be found there, and it would not take long to catch her true attitude. The painting was on the easel and the

artist was all ready when the cow stepped out from behind the bushes. So did something else, but while the cow faced the artist the something else advanced from the rear.

Mr. Burt Delevan was not a landscape painter. He was just the junior partner in a real estate firm in the city and was taking a fall vacation on the farm of his brother and shooting a few blackbirds by way of diversion. It was quite by accident that he ran across the artist, but it was rather impertinent of him to sneak close up and scan the picture for two long minutes, and certainly impudent to observe:

"I know you mean that for a cow in the foreground, but—" "Sir!" exclaimed the young lady, as she sprang up in such confusion that the easel was overturned and the cow started to walk away.

"I beg your pardon," said Mr. Delevan, as the cap came off, "but I spoke unconsciously."

"Oh, you did. Then you are an artist yourself?"

"No, not exactly. That is—" "That is, you have seen a cow?"

"Yes."

"And the cow you saw was not like this cow, and therefore you criticize?"

"But, miss, you see—"



The Spotted Cow Could Always Be Found There.

Yes, she saw that he had made a blunder and was confused over it, and that her cold stare at him was troubling him more than a dose of bird shot. He had sneaked up and was an interloper, and so she had all the advantage. He made no further defence, but retreated with gun in one hand and cap in the other. A look of disdain followed him, but he was only out of sight when Miss Clara began to have her doubts about that cow. To doubt the cow was to doubt the duck and the trees. Grandma had pled on the prairie, but she might not be a critic. In ten minutes the horrible doubt crossed the artist's mind—was she a born artist, or was she only a dauber?

When this doubt came there were only two things to do—throw a stone at the cow and then go home and tell grandma all about it.

"Why, the unhung villain!" exclaimed the old lady when the tale

had been told. "You say he sneaked upon you?" "Yes." "And began right off about the cow?" "Yes." "Didn't wait to introduce himself?" "No." "And stammered and blushed with guilt as he sneaked away?" "I think it was with guilt."

"Of course it was. Clara, that man had poisoned somebody's well and was feeling from justice. Don't you pay any attention to what he said. That painting is going to have a \$2 frame and hang in the parlor opposite 'Napoleon Crossing the Alps.'" "But haven't I got the cow's eyes wrong?" asked the artist. "Should one of them be looking up and the other down?"

"They should, dearie. That's what first made me think you were a born artist. I've watched cows a thousand times. They always keep one eye on the grass and roll the other up as if thinking heaven for the fodder. Don't you worry about her eyes?"

"But what was the young man going to criticize if I hadn't stopped him?"

"Land only knows! When a person is mean enough to poison a family well you can't tell what he will say or do next. At first I thought the cow's tail might be too long, but then I remembered that it must be in fly time she was painted. You just chirk right up and forget that villain. If I was you I'd start a new picture tomorrow."

But Miss Clara didn't. There were several doubts in her mind now, and she didn't agree with her grandmother about the young man being a well-poisoner and an unhung villain. As she remembered his face it was attractive and interesting, with not a line of villainy in it. Thus when she went forth next afternoon it was not to sketch, but to think as she walked. She didn't climb Thornapple hill, but skirted it, and by and by she came to a brook and turned to the left to look for a crossing.

Mr. Burt Delevan was again looking for blackbirds. His encounter with the artist on Thornapple hill the day before had left him rather humiliated. He therefore strolled another way, yet all the time hoping for another meeting. He had his nerve with him now and he was sure he could put the case in such a light that he would be forgiven.

"Say! Say! Help! Help!"

Mr. Delevan threw aside his gun and plunged through a thicket to find himself on the bank of a creek. Standing in the shallow water, which reached his knees and was bubbling higher, was the girl artist.

"It's quicksand, you see," she explained, as the young man stood staring.

Being in the real estate business, which includes all kinds of soils, Mr. Delevan knew just what to do in case of quicksand, and he did it. It was a hard tug, but at length a muddled and bedraggled figure stood on the bank beside him. Not a word had been spoken during the rescue. None was spoken now as the girl was assisted home and left in the arms of her grandmother at the back door.

It was two weeks later before there was any conversation a stenographer would have thought worth her pot-hooks. Then Miss Clara asked her grandmother:

"Do you think I will ever make an artist?"

"No, I don't," was the prompt answer. "That Mr. Delevan has called here seven times since he hauled you out of the quicksand, and if I know anything about apple sass it won't be more'n seven times more before both of you will be so head over heels in love that painting will go to pot!"

TELLS OF BABY CROP FAMINE

Bishop of London, Who is a Bachelor, Complains of Prevalent Infant Shortage.

The inconsistency of the outcry raised by the bishop of London, who is a bachelor, over a shortage not in the turnip or the carrot crop, but the current crop of British babies, is made a part of the subject of a satire scroed in London Opinion by James Douglas. He has tried unavailingly to adapt a line of his own.

"Who pleads for weddings should himself be wed," to Dr. Samuel Johnson's well known line, "Who drive fat oxen should himself be fat," and acknowledges that following St. Paul there have been many estimable bachelors and he has given up the idea of proclaiming a holy war against bachelors. He says: "I looked back to the last, and I perceived the hum of the good bishop. What is one bishop among so many human beings? His anxiety is like the anxiety of a drop of water in the ocean that is obsessed by the fear that the ocean is drying up. It is like the anxiety of a grain of sand that is tortured by the dread that the sands of the sea are coming to an end. I swept infinity with a gesture and laughed at his grace. It is delightful to contrast his worthy panic with the interminable tide of life. Canute is simply not in it. Neither king nor bishop can help nature with her job. One might as well strike matches to lighten the labors of the sun."

Done and Undone. Grocer—Did that watermelon I sold you do for the whole family? Customer—Very nearly. The doctor is calling yet.

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CONVERTING THE COOK.

By Martha McCulloch Williams.

"But would it be easy to get the cook to take up Soyer's method of paper bag cooking?"

That question was put to me the other day by one of my friends who has been captivated with the paper-bag cooked luncheons and dinners I have invited her to eat with me.

In reply to her query I told her I had converted one cook to M. Soyer's method with one "demonstration." This particular queen of the kitchen was a Creole cook who has followed her "Madam" up North away from the delights of her native New Orleans. She feels that she knows pretty well all that is to be known about cooking, especially in the finer parts, and not without reason.

Because her "madam" is my friend, and had eaten things out of paper bags, the cook was sent to see the new method for herself. Less than respectful she cannot possibly be—especially toward one whose cookery she had deigned to approve, yet I was conscious of a certain bewildered amusement in her; her eyes were hawk-like as she watched me grease bags and slip into the biggest of them well seasoned fillets of blue fish, along with a thinly sliced onion, tomatoes, peeled and sliced, a good lump of butter, and a generous squeeze of lemon juice.

I then bagged some very firm, almost green, unpeeled bananas, putting in with them a little water, and finding the trivet that would best fit the remaining shelf-space. I saw my critic smile—a faint, fleeting ghostly smile, and look affectionately at the scrubbing brush. I was sure she saw herself mentally undoing the tragic results of my doing, by scrubbing out the stove floor when bursting bags had made it messy.

I was getting a hurry luncheon—partly because there was need of haste, partly to show my pupil how quickly things could be done. A lemon pie and fresh biscuit were kept hot in the broiler-space beneath the oven, shielded from burning by the inverted broiler pan.

Adele, the cook, had not seen them. I meant them for the finishing stroke. After five minutes a look-in showed bag-corners brown, so I turned off one gas jet and busied myself getting dishes hot. At the end of ten minutes I took them out.

Adele was staring at the bag. It was brown, almost crisp at the corners, but only lightly tinged on top, and underneath as sound and tough as when it went in. Yet she had seen bananas come out of it—and her judgment assured her that they were thoroughly and beautifully cooked. But she was still doubtful.

"Maybe hit is good for things that don't take long," she said. "But I'd be 'feard ter trus' hit wid all my dinner."

By time the bananas were out of hand, the fish was ready—six fair-sized fillets made a brave showing in the platter, with the tomatoes splashed over them, the onion showing pearl rings in their red. Supplemented with the potatoes, which came out thoroughly cooked and a delicate brown, and the bananas, they made a satisfying meal.

"Miss Molly says you tole her you kin bake fish, and meat and roas' chickens in dese things?" Adele said interrogatively as she stood surveying the uncluttered sink, where never a pot or pan waited her skilled touch.

"You can cook almost anything you like," I answered. "But first you must take the trouble to learn how."

Adele nodded thoughtfully. "Yeeseum," she said, "I ain't as young as I used ter be—but I sho'ly is going ter learn how, and den I won't have no pots and kettles to scrub."

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GAME IN SEASON.

By Nicolas Soyer, Chef of Brooks' Club, London.

Venison.—Trim the joint of all skin and nerves. Roll in flour, cover the joint with fat ham, bacon, or drippings. Season well, according to taste. Add two glasses of port wine (if desired), seal joint in bag, allow plenty of space in the oven. Allow for joint of three pounds, an hour and a quarter; for one of seven pounds, two hours and a half; fourteen or fifteen pounds, four hours. This must be cooked in a moderate oven.

Roast Quail.—Truss and lard the quail in the usual way. Place in bag, seal up and put on broiler. Allow eight minutes in a very hot oven. It must be cooked quickly. If no lard or fat is used, a little melted butter will do just as well.

Curried Venison.—Cut up three pounds of lean venison (mutton or beef can be used instead). Peel and chop three tomatoes, and add one large tablespoonful of flour, three finely chopped onions, a large spoonful of Madras curry paste, or curry powder, a teaspoonful of light brown sugar, a chopped apple, two large tablespoonfuls of well-washed rice, and a pint of milk. Place in a paper bag, seal up, and cook for forty-five minutes in a moderate oven. (Copyright, 1911, by the Sturgis & Walton Company.)

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New York.—Many interesting Indian relics and much historical material have been unearthed recently in the borough of the Bronx by two consulting engineers and antiquarians, Reginald Pelham Bolton and W. L. Calvert of this city.

Messrs. Bolton and Calvert have made the excavations on Sundays in the last year to satisfy their thirst for antiquarian knowledge, and the scene of their operations has been where Jonas S. Bronck, the first white settler in the Bronx, had his home. Very little has been known about these places, from an antiquarian standpoint. The Morris manor house was occupied by Gouverneur Morris and was the great residence in that neighborhood. It was built in the year 1640 and is now in ruins.

The two antiquarians found Indian pits in one of which was discovered a portion of a clay pipe, which may have been used by Jonas Bronck. The antiquarians were jubilant when they struck a row of bake ovens which had been used not only by the Indians, but also by the soldiers of the revolution. A large number of bronze coins of George I, George II, and George III, were found. Some of these coins were in splendid condition, and one was almost bright. They discovered a large quantity of cutlery, which was used by Col. James De Lancey's battalion of the Continental army. The excavations at the Morris manor have not been completed and much more material is believed to be awaiting their industry.

The Morris manor house stood at the end of Cypress avenue, near the Willis avenue bridge, with a series of vaults and wine cellars. It has been said that there was a subterranean passage leading to the Bronx Kills, but the excavators were unable to find any trace of such a passage. Near the Morris manor house was the home of Jonas Bronck, who had a tiled roof. An old record says that Bronck used real silk on his table, had a table cloth and napkins, and possessed as many as six linen shirts. In this house, which was like a miniature fort, the treaty with the Indian sachems, Rannaqua and Tuckamuck, was signed by the Dutch in 1612.

Messrs. Bolton and Calvert made excavations near the Willis avenue bridge, and found a stone vault, in which there was chinaware. It was probably the property of Jonas Bronck.

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Actor, After Years of Experiment, Finally Produces What He Terms "Return Collar Button."

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It is understood that the Society for the Prevention of Profanity looks on Mr. Glaser's invention as a valuable aid to its work.

YANKEE ANKLES TOO BEEFY

"Better Fifty Years of Europe Than an Instep of Back Bay," Paraphrases Briton in Boston.

Boston.—Literary England doesn't like the ankles of the women of America. Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of the novelist and godson of the poet, cries aloud in paraphrase of his god-father:

"Better fifty years of Europe than an instep of Back Bay."

At the City club Mr. Dickens told the sad story of how, walking about, his eyes cast down, presumably through homesickness for London, he caught a glimpse of Boston ankles and how his soul cried out in horror: "Beefy! Beefy as Mrs. Micawber's own!"

Mr. Dickens said later he was only attempting to be a little humorous in a land where he had heard humor was lightly thought of. He gave his word not to touch on such a dainty topic again as long as he lived.

Wireless With Japan.
San Francisco.—A commercial wireless station in this city has done a bit of long-distance eavesdropping, overhearing a call sent out from the Jol station at Otchishi, Island of Hokushu, the most northerly Japanese wireless establishment.

It is said to be the first time that trans-Pacific wireless communication has been established. The distance separating the stations is approximately 6,000 miles.

MUCH WATER SOLD FOR BEEF

Alien Contractors Feed Cattle Salt and Then Let Them Drink adn Drink.

Naples, Italy, Feb. 1.—Alien meat contractors have adopted an ingenious method of defrauding the war department.

The average weight of the cattle shipped by steamer to Tripoli seemed to indicate that the beasts might have been prize winners rather than the product of the poor pastures of the Roman campagna.

By this means the government has been defrauded of many thousands of dollars. One discovery led to another, and now it is revealed that every branch of the commissariat is tainted.

Coffee and sugar are particularly profitable items to the ring, but as those articles are not easy to adulterate with adequate profit, the simpler operation is adopted of shipping a certain quantity to Naples and delivering only a part to Tripoli, the shortage being brought back undisturbed and resold for the next trip of the steamer.

Several army officers are implicated in the scandal.

WOLVES HARASS FARMERS.
Gentry, Mo., Jan. 30.—Driven by the extreme cold and hunger, wolves in great numbers have been harassing Gentry county farmers for several weeks. Chickens, and other fowls of the barnyard, young pigs and even calves, have been attacked by the wolves and killed. Farmers are preparing for wolf drives in order to rid themselves of the pests.

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You are at liberty to use my name, or refer any one to me at any time, and I will be only too glad to write or tell them of my cure.

Your treatment is surely a blessing to suffering humanity.

Yours gratefully,
J. C. Bailey, Pres.
Sterling Pickling Works.

Gravois Mills, Mo., Jan. 20, 1910.
To whom it may concern:
I have suffered with piles and fistula for ten years and have used all kinds of medicine without being cured.

I went to Kansas City to see the

nerved specialist on piles and they said they had absolutely refused to treat cases as bad as mine but would operate upon me a number of times for \$350.

My case, they said, was as bad as they had ever seen and they would not guarantee anything, as they thought it very doubtful if I ever got well. My brother advised me to go to St. Joseph and see Dr. Kullman, which I did, and have taken a course of treatments with a guarantee to cure. I am now well and feel as well as I ever did.

Dr. Kullman's guarantee is alright and he did just as he agreed to do with me.

I would gladly recommend Dr. Kullman's treatment to all sufferers from piles and fistula. Dr. Kullman surely has a wonderful cure and knows how to use it.

Yours very truly,
L. D. Marker.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 12, 1910.
I suffered with piles for ten years, tried all kinds of medicine which gave me only temporary relief. Each attack got worse and as last resort I went to Dr. Kullman. After taking a course of his treatment I would gladly recommend him to all sufferers of piles.

Yours very truly,
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