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BEEF STEERS STEADY

NO CHANGE IN SELLING BASIS FOR FEW LOTS OFFERED HERE TODAY.

PRICES HIGHER FOR WEEK

Small Week-End Supply of Butchers' Stock Sold Steadily—Bulls and Veals Unchanged—Stockers Firm.

Not much doing in beef cattle trade today. Receipts narrowed down to about the usual Friday proportions and included comparatively few fat steers. For the week the supply demand was fairly good at prices not quotably different from yesterday. Offerings included nothing of especially top quality, medium to fairly good headings.

Beef steer trade this week has been on a healthy basis. The snowstorm of last Saturday caused more or less trouble in moving trains early this week with the result that cattle supplies were held down to meager proportions on the first two days. Light runs, coupled with a good quality market, made the fat cattle market a strong, active one and prices ranged 15 to 25c higher than the flat close of last week during the first two days.

With Wednesday there was some enlargement in receipts and trade on that day lost some of its wirey edge and on Thursday, with the heaviest run of the week, an easier tone developed with instances of 10c declines noted on plain and medium steers. With no quotable change in prices today the week is closing with values unevenly 10 to 25c higher than the dull close of a week ago, putting the market back to the high point of middle days last week, or at the best level of the winter.

The following prices on steers are quotable on the St. Joseph market: Choice, \$7.00 to \$7.50; fair to good short-fed, \$6.50 to \$7.00; medium to fair short-fed, \$6.25 to \$6.50; common to medium, \$5.50 to \$6.25.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. 1, 1000-1250, 6.50; No. 2, 1250-1500, 6.00; No. 3, 1500-2000, 5.50; No. 4, 2000-2500, 5.00; No. 5, 2500-3000, 4.50; No. 6, 3000-3500, 4.00; No. 7, 3500-4000, 3.50; No. 8, 4000-4500, 3.00; No. 9, 4500-5000, 2.50; No. 10, 5000-5500, 2.00; No. 11, 5500-6000, 1.50; No. 12, 6000-6500, 1.00; No. 13, 6500-7000, .75; No. 14, 7000-7500, .50; No. 15, 7500-8000, .25; No. 16, 8000-8500, .00; No. 17, 8500-9000, .25; No. 18, 9000-9500, .50; No. 19, 9500-10000, .75; No. 20, 10000-10500, 1.00; No. 21, 10500-11000, 1.25; No. 22, 11000-11500, 1.50; No. 23, 11500-12000, 1.75; No. 24, 12000-12500, 2.00; No. 25, 12500-13000, 2.25; No. 26, 13000-13500, 2.50; No. 27, 13500-14000, 2.75; No. 28, 14000-14500, 3.00; No. 29, 14500-15000, 3.25; No. 30, 15000-15500, 3.50; No. 31, 15500-16000, 3.75; No. 32, 16000-16500, 4.00; No. 33, 16500-17000, 4.25; No. 34, 17000-17500, 4.50; No. 35, 17500-18000, 4.75; No. 36, 18000-18500, 5.00; No. 37, 18500-19000, 5.25; No. 38, 19000-19500, 5.50; No. 39, 19500-20000, 5.75; 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A USEFUL WINTER PASTIME.

During the fireside season it is a delight and useful pastime to examine seed catalogues and other forms of advertising literature, whether the intent is to make selections for purchase or to acquaint one's self with the progress and developments of the various industries based on agriculture.

THE SPRING PIG CROP.

The prospects for large crop of pigs in Nebraska and Iowa this spring are most favorable, which, however, does not appear to be the case in lower Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

PARENT VINE OF ALL GRAPES.

Hugo Lilenthal, who believes that he has discovered the parent vine of all grapes in the world—the vine which produced the enormous clusters of grapes found by the spies of Moses on their first entrance into the Holy Land—is superintendent of parks in Berkeley, Cal.

WHAT WILL THE RESULTS BE?

Now that the special seed corn trains have returned there will be more or less speculation as to the results of these educational agencies, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman.

HOW TO TEST SEED CORN.

It is highly important that seed be tested. The following is a simple, but thoroughly reliable testing method.

Use a piece of cheap domestic, a flour or wheat sack, or old table cloth, about 36 inches long and 12 inches wide. This is size for testing six ears of corn.

Wet cloth and wring moderately dry. Take two grains from tip, two from center and two from the butt of the ear and place in proper square.

Roll this around a well moistened core, (a strip of cloth about four inches wide and long enough to make a compact roll one and one-half to two inches thick.)

Its condition then will determine the advisability of using the corn for seed. Use your common sense.

SUCCESSFUL BAIT FOR WOLVES.

The destruction of wolves and coyotes is a matter of great importance to stockmen and farmers in certain sections of the United States.



Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Sharp Little Hedgehog and Its Useful Prickles

EVELYN is cross as a bear today," complained Jack as his sister gave him a short answer in reply to his question if she had seen where he left his skates.

"Hedgehogs can be easily tamed, and I have heard of boys who had pet hedgehogs. They are as useful around a house as a cat once the family gets used to some of their strange ways.

MACHINERY AND POWER.

Right Selection, Care and Use of Farm Machinery Important.

Closely related to the healthfulness, convenience and cheapness of farm buildings is the right selection, care and use of farm machinery.

There is made and sold each year in this country about \$100,000,000 worth of farm machinery.

Among recent archaeological discoveries in Egypt is that of a roll of papyrus in an excellent state of preservation and dating from the year 1799 B. C.

Another problem is: "There are seven men, each one of which has seven cats; each cat has seven seven rats; each rat has seven seven grains of barley; each grain of barley must have produced seven measures of grain."

WHICH CLASS ARE YOU IN?

Is the Machinery Left Out Where It Was Last Used?

The old cry of neglected farm machinery is always timely. It is disgraceful the way many farmers leave their valuable machinery and implements around the yard.

Some folks spend so much time in trying to preserve their dignity that they have little leisure for anything else.

SHIPPING CATTLE IN HAWAII

Laborious and Primitive Transportation Methods Prevail in Islands.

J. P. Cundell, writing from Kamuela, Hawaii, to the American Hereford Journal, says of the methods that prevail in the islands for shipping and marketing cattle:

Shipping cattle in Hawaii is quite different from shipping cattle in the states. We don't have to wait for the cars here and the stock trains do not get snow bound, in a wash-out or otherwise delayed, for the railroads do not handle the cattle here very much.

Most of the ranches that go down to the beach have their own shipping ports. Two or three days before the boat is to call for the cattle, the fat ones are rounded up and get ready to drive to the beach, pretty much the same as they are here in the states and driven to the railroad station.

BOYS TEACHING FARMERS

Agricultural Clubs Are Giving the Younger Generation Advantages.

Professor J. Phil Campbell of the Georgia state university originated the idea of improving farming in that state by the education of the boys through corn clubs.

One or two clubs were at first organized and during a few months met with skepticism; but the unexpected yields secured by members of these clubs carried conviction of their effectiveness, and the organization of the boys began to spread over the state.

THIS JOKE 5,000 YEARS OLD

It Was Sprung by a Long-Suffering Egyptian Scribe.

What is said to be the most ancient joke is related in one of the Berlin Papyri of the sixth Egyptian dynasty—about 3,200 years anterior to the Christian era—and is to this effect: According to the papyrus a certain scribe who worked in the Temple of Thoth occupied apartments where his neighbors on either side were a cooper and a carpenter.

TURTLE RANCH IS ON ROOF

Students on Top of Washington Science Hall Study Tortoises.

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—Four good, old-fashioned Honoluluan mud turtles stuck their snaillike heads from under their shells and regarded with some interest thirty young men and women who with notebooks and pencils were sidestepping around them trying to determine their exact species of the testudinate.

THAT OLD SAGGING GATE.

And How to Make One That Will Not Sag.

Often when a man is tired with a day's work on the farm it seems the last straw to open a gate that sags on the post to keep the stock out and has to be carried by main strength.

Get a good post, at least ten inches square and eight feet long, and set in the ground four inches and eight inches from the post to the ground level.

Drill a 3/4-inch hole an inch deep in the rock, four inches from the post. At the top of the post spike a half hoop of iron from a wagon tire.

Bore a hole from the bottom of this piece about three inches up and drive in an iron pin. This pin should be long enough to drive in firmly and reach about two inches below. Use this 3x3 with the iron pin for the back of the gate.

The gate itself is made of five inch-wide pieces of 1x4 twelve feet long and five pieces of 1x2 five feet long.

Nail a 1x2 at each side of the ends of the lengthwise pieces to form the front end of the gate and two more pieces to form the back end of the gate, and two more pieces the same way four feet from the front end.

Now place the rounded end of the 3x3 through the loop in the iron spike to the top of the post, and set the iron pin in the bottom of this 3x3 piece into the hole in the rock in front of the post.

Raise or lower the front end of the gate so that it will swing clear, and then nail a brace from the top of the 3x3, cornerwise across the gate to the post to keep it from sagging.

The latch is a piece of 3/4x3 inches five feet long. Slip it in between the cross pieces at the front of the gate and resting on the top of the third lengthwise strip.

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## SOCIALIST BILL HIT

### Plan to Establish Municipal Shops in France Doomed.

Trades People and Politicians of Republic Fight Government Measure That Would Lower Living Cost for Consumer.

Paris.—The government's proposal to reduce the present high cost of living by the establishment of municipal bakers' and butchers' shops throughout the country is meeting with determined opposition from various quarters.

It was of course foreseen that the trades people, whose business would be subject to competition, would raise an outcry, but it has come as a great surprise that many politicians, who might have been expected to back it heartily, are either maintaining a neutral position or supporting the opposition.

In nearly all cases the radical socialists have criticized the project severely as unworkable and inefficient and the very few—that is the collectivists—who have felt bound for the sake of consistency to favor the bill, are doing so with very little enthusiasm.

An excellent indication of the strong feeling against the bill has just been given by the debate and vote of the Paris municipal council on a resolution presented by Councilor Robiglia, protesting against the creation of co-operative shops. At the meeting of the council, which was exceptionally well attended, forty members voted for the resolution and thirteen against it. All the latter were avowed collectivists, but a number of extreme "lefts," or radical members abstained from voting altogether.

In accordance with the large majority of votes a protest, strongly worded, has been forwarded to the prime minister. Thus this extremely important experiment in municipal trading, supported by the government, has been rejected by the greatest municipal body in France.

The feeling among the public is correspondingly strong. It is pointed out that co-operative shops not being obliged to make a profit and being backed by the funds of the municipality will be able to retail goods at low prices and thus badly damage, if not ruin, the business of private trades people.

At the same time the probable raising of taxes and the various notorious instances of mismanagement by the state when it has tried to compete in trade or commerce are pointed to as proof of the unsoundness of the measure.

The bill has caused the greatest consternation among the small shopkeepers of the country, who see themselves threatened with ruin. Their unions are prepared to defend themselves to the utmost against the favored competitor.

In view of the almost universal disapproval of the government's proposed plunge into socialism it seems probable that the bill will quietly be dropped.

## GIVES HER LIFE TO SAVE

### Servant Suffers Burns in Order Not to Frighten or Hurt Little Ones, and Dies From Injuries.

Paris.—A striking case of heroism by a domestic servant, who sacrificed her life for her employers' children, has just occurred here.

The heroine was Mme. Jeanne Mounot, aged 64, who acted as servant to a family in the Rue Brunel. During the absence of her master and mistress Jeanne Mounot lit a small lamp in order to put the three children to bed, and accidentally set fire to her clothing. In order not to frighten them and to prevent them from approaching her and themselves getting fire to their clothing, the woman, with great sangfroid, refrained from calling for help. "It's nothing," she said to the eldest child, who looked on in terror as the flames enveloped her, "but don't come near me."

The children obeyed and the courageous woman seized a blanket and wrapped herself in it, succeeding in putting out the flames. Then, although her hands and body were terribly burned, with almost superhuman courage she put the three children to bed one by one and got them to sleep.

It was only then that she thought of seeking assistance. She had just reached the door of the apartment when she fell in a faint, without having uttered a cry. Her master and mistress found her lying there on their return. She was immediately removed to the Beaujon hospital, where it was found that she was terribly burned, and she died during the night.

Jeanne Mounot had been acquainted with Mme. Dolpowski, her mistress, since the latter was a little girl, and she was treated by M. and Mme. Dolpowski more as a member of the family than as a servant.

## HAS LOST HUMAN HEADS

### University of Pennsylvania Museum Has 200-Year-Old Smoked Heads.

Chickasha, Okla.—Prof. George B. Gordon, director of the University of Pennsylvania museum, has just received, through his agents in London, three human heads, which, although preserving the full contour of the features, are approximately 200 years old. They are the grotesquely tattooed heads of leaders of the ancient Maori of New Zealand, who were first discovered in 1770 by the famous explorer, Capt. James Cook.

Professor Gordon explained that the heads were preserved by a process of smoking them and were kept for the same reasons that Caucasians keep pictures of their ancestors. The heads are not gruesome or revolting, even to the most sensitive and highly imaginative person.

The faces are smooth and do not suggest human flesh any more than the face of a wax doll. The eyes are closed and the hair is well preserved. The entire face is covered with fanciful though symmetrical figures, tattooed during life. The Maori are the only tribe of the entire Polynesian race who preserved their heads. The people of Borneo also preserve heads, but do not tattoo their faces as did the Maori.

According to Dr. Gordon, the preserved heads are very rare, there being only two or three known to be in existence besides the Robley collection at Columbia university, which contains nearly a score.—North American.

## CREW CRAZY FOR TOBACCO

### Lack of Weed Almost Causes Mutiny on Board Schooner Clancy Brown.

Galveston, Texas.—The schooner Clancy Brown, with a cargo of coal, thirty-three days out from Baltimore, had an unusual experience when its crew of 12 men became mutinous because of a tobacco famine. Captain Swenton says his sailors went insane when the supply of tobacco gave out on the twenty-first day.

The schooner was blown out of its course and the absence of chewing and smoking tobacco made the men nervous wrecks. They refused to obey orders, quarreled and several times threatened to take the vessel and land somewhere in quest of the coveted weed.

Their behavior delayed the ship three or four days longer on its voyage, the captain says. When the pilot boat met the schooner on the Texas coast the crew hugged the pilots when they dumped their tobacco boxes and plugs on deck.

## ROMANCE OF A GOLD TOOTH

### Macedonian Slaves for Coveted Filling to Win Girl—Makes Fortune and Seeks Sweetheart.

Wabash, Ind.—Nicholas Tetzliff, a Macedonian, has had one great ambition since boyhood—to have a gold tooth. Poverty would not permit of the necessary expenditure in his earlier days, but when he left his native land for America three years ago he promised Kyrá Yannoula, a peasant girl, that he would return for her—after he had a gold tooth. He finally succeeded in getting together a fortune. A few days ago he went to a dentist and two hours later had a gold crown covering one of his incisors. He paid the dentist's bill and bought a railroad ticket to New York. In the afternoon he started for Macedonia to join the girl who is waiting for his return.

## Spanks Wife; Is Arrested.

Hammond, Ind.—Mrs. Charles Bulnie, 16, had her husband arrested for spanking her with a strap. She advised the court to give him 100 days in jail and the court read that as the penalty.

## FEAR AN EPIDEMIC

### Rare Germ Causes Excitement in Berlin—67 Dead.

Botulinus Bacillus Said to Have Been Discovered in Food Eaten by Some of Victims—Kaiser Calls for Reports.

Berlin.—Announcement today of a dozen more deaths and thirty new cases of prostration have intensified the public alarm over the mysterious malady that first made its appearance three days ago at the Central Municipal Shelter.

The deaths now total sixty-seven and the prostrations 142. Despite official denials that there is any suspicion of the presence of cholera in the city, Berlin is giving more and more credence to the most sinister rumors. These rumors are chiefly due to the fact that many cases of illness and death have occurred at widely separated places in and near the city where there could have been scarcely a possibility of the malady having been due to eating spoiled herring gathered by habits of the Central Municipal Shelter.

The latest explanation of the authorities, put forth from the Berlin Magistracy, is that the strange disease is due to a microbe known to science as the "botulinus bacillus." This particular type of bacillus is said to cause a deadly sickness similar to that produced by "allanto-toxium"—the acid developed in spoiled liver sausages. There has been no positive identification of this bacillus in allanto-toxium. It is a case of similarity of effect.

It is announced that investigations at the Bacteriological Institute seem to determine the present malady as due to the botulinus bacillus in food eaten by those who have been stricken.

If that be so, the mystery is how so many persons in such widely separated districts could have chanced to eat food infected with the comparatively rare microbe.

The German emperor has asked the minister of the interior to send him a full report on the outbreak. The Emperor and Chancellor Hollweg have sent messages to the Burgomaster of Berlin expressing sympathy for the victims.

The fact that thirty deaths occurred the first day of the outbreak, after which the spread of the disease lessened, is conclusive evidence to Prof. Gaffky that there is present in the community no infectious disease, such as cholera, moreover, all the symptoms themselves, he adds, point to a parasitic disease.

The professor says this type of ailment is luckily infrequent. The most recent researches, he says, lead to the conclusion that the botulinus bacillus is not restricted to meat or to food prepared from meat, but may occur in vegetables. To this bacillus is attributed the outbreak at the cooking school at Darmstadt in 1894, when twenty persons were attacked after eating salad, and eleven died.

Prof. Lens and his staff at the Royal Institute have begun an examination of the various food scraps, including smoked herring, gathered by the inmates of the Central Municipal Shelter and its branches.

## MONEY MADE IN FOX FARMING

### Most Profitable of All, Says Agricultural Official—Skins Are Worth \$10,000.

Washington.—Fox farming is probably the most profitable agricultural industry in the world. This was what J. Walter Jones of the department of agriculture told the American Breeders' association here. At the suggestion of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Mr. Jones made an investigation of the fox farms of Canada, where a practical monopoly of the business now is enjoyed, with the idea of trying to interest some Americans in the work.

Natural black fox sets sell at from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a set, Mr. Jones said. Next year's expected crop of pups already has been sold for \$6,000 a pair. "The increasing scarcity of costly furs," he declared, "and the greatly increased demand make the significance of breeding in captivity the more important. It is probable that within a year or two the breeders will be rearing mink, marten, otters, and beavers. Skill such as only a trapper or a close student of nature can achieve is necessary in the successful breeding of the shy and nervous Reynard."

"The so-called black fox is the skin of the timber wolf of Kamchatka, the half-wild dog of Manchuria, or cheap American fox dyed black. Only a few dozen genuine black foxes have been caught yearly, and most of them have gone to the nobility of Europe, principally those of Russia and Austria."

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### Broncho Buster Keeps on Swapping Animals Till He gets an Un-tradable Nag.

Altoona, Pa.—Charged with stealing a valuable pony from John D. Bloomhardt of this city over a year ago, Charles Foust, a broncho buster, was arrested at South Park, where he was working in the coal mines.

Foust was employed to break ponies by Bloomhardt, and one day drove off with the best one in the lot. He told the police that he traded it off for a horse, getting something to boot each time. It is supposed that he kept on trading for a poorer animal each time until at last he got a horse he could hardly give away.

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### TWO SORTS OF WIVES

SOME ARE HELPMETS AND SOME STUMBLING BLOCKS. Lives of Successful Men Remind Us of Credit Due to Wife—Little Said of the Wife Who is a Hindrance.

In these piping times of prosperity we see many articles published telling how the writer achieved success in this Oregon country, and principally on small pieces of land. Such stories are highly inspiring, particularly to the young men and young women who are just starting out for themselves.

If one will take the trouble to tabulate and analyze these stories it will be discovered that in nine cases out of ten a good woman was the actual cornerstone upon which the success was founded and worked out. The same has been true since the world began, we suppose. It certainly has been the rule that the good helpmeet has done more for man than any other one cause—than any other score of causes—since our forefathers landed on the bleak New England shore. There are, perhaps, fewer exceptions to the rule now than ever, particularly among those who have risen from poverty to affluence on the land.

We must give the wives of nearly all successful men great credit. In many cases they have suffered more hardship than their husbands, fathers, or brothers have labored harder, have worked for longer hours. No credit is too great for them.

But how often is the other side of the story alluded to? Where can we find the stories of the wives who were not helpmeets, but rather hindrances and stumbling blocks to their husbands? How about the wives who almost from the day of marriage were begging for fineries, luxuries and unnecessary articles beyond their means? Do we read of them?

This is not a pleasant subject to touch upon; but many of us can point to cases where the extravagance of the wife has kept the husband in poverty, or at least keeping his nose to the wheel, grinding his life out inch by inch. Would it not be well to take up this phase of life and now and then speak of the failures? Why not call attention to the woman who has begged the money from her young husband for the purchase of a new dress which she does not need, or a new hat, which all know to be above her means, when the same money put into a cow or two would mean success.

In telling about the cheery and encouraging words of the true helpmeet why not give a little thought to the poor husband who has had the very soul and spirit nagged out of him by a woman who did not know what she wanted, but was bound to have, if nagging could get them, many of the fineries of her richer neighbors?

Few such stories are published, for the reason that the husbands are failures, or so considered, and no man likes to exploit himself as a failure. But would it not be well for some of the unfortunate ones to tell their stories for the benefit of the young wives who, with their husbands, are just starting out on the road of married life? All praise to the good women, the good wives, the self-sacrificing and noble mothers; but let us now and then have a word for the unfortunate husbands of the other sort of women.—Portland Oregonian.

#### More Light.

Fresh air enthusiasts are familiar enough to most of us, but we hear less of enthusiasm for light. Darkened parlors, darkened bedrooms, darkened sickrooms are too common. Sir B. W. Richardson, the eminent London scientist and physician, declared that when the professors of healing enter a sick-room their first words in most cases ought to be Goethe's drifft exclamation: "More light! More light!" The light of the sun is God's own microbe killer, germicide, disinfectant, prophylactic, sickness healer. There is no physician, no chemical antidote, no compounded prescription to be compared with sunlight. Without it nature could not perform her functions. Man, beast, bird, insect would fall victims to the deadly gases that would prevail. The horrid mists and deadly gases are dispersed and decomposed by the action of light. Let it in, everywhere! Let the light in more and more abundantly. Faded carpets are not as pitiful as faded cheeks. Spilled cushions are trivial compared with spoiled health. Darkened rooms are too suggestive of darkened lives.—The Christian Herald.

#### Ingenuous Watch.

Among the ingenuous devices of the physician may be mentioned a watch, constructed on the "stop" principle, whereby the number of pulse beats per minute may be indicated. A push-button is pressed at the beginning of the count and again at the twentieth pulsation, when the number of beats per minute is shown on a dial without the necessity for calculation. Still another push on the button brings the counter back to the starting point. In the ordinary method of taking the pulse the observer is obliged to do two things at the same time—count the beats and keep his eye on the second hand of his watch. With the pulse watch only one operation is necessary, the counting of the pulsation up to 20, when the push-button is pressed.

### WAS BEATEN BY 'SCATTERING'

Candidate for Office in Mississippi Loses to Fellow Trotted Out at Last Minute.

"One of the most amusing election stories I ever heard comes from Mississippi in the days just succeeding the Civil war," said P. A. Herold of Newark, Del., at the Raleigh. "It was one of the favorite stories of the late L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi, who was one of the best story tellers of his day. "Senator Beck of Kentucky, himself of no mean capacity in that line, pronounced Lamar the best story teller he ever knew. The story is this: In one of the small towns of that state lived a man with a chronic desire to hold office. Any office would do for him. He had been a candidate for office many times, but had always been defeated. Finally, an opportunity arose for him, so it was thought. An office was to be filled by election, for which there was no announced candidate except this man. Under the constitution of the state a majority of all the votes cast was required to elect.

"On the evening of the election every one expected, of course, that this man would be elected. His friends were congratulating him that at last he had secured an office, and were jollifying over the event. It was suggested to him that he go over to the polls and ascertain what the vote was. He did so, but remained quite a while. When he returned in a crestfallen spirit, his friends asked him what the result was. He was silent for a moment, and then said that he had not been elected.

"How is that?" they asked. "There was no other candidate against you." "That's what I thought!" he replied; "but at the last minute they trotted out a fellow named 'Scattering,' and he beat me to death. I won't run any more."—Washington Post.

### PIGEONS FALL FROM GRACE

Drunken Orgy of Feathered Tribe Results From Accident to a Keg of Rum.

A heavy truck loaded with kegs of liquor was jolting across a line of car tracks when one of the kegs toppled and fell from the top of the pile into the street. It was thoroughly smashed, so the truckman whipped up his team and went his way with stopping. The rum flowed out over the street—one little dent in the paving collecting a visible puddle of it.

In a few minutes a pigeon came fluttering down to drink at the pool thus fortunately provided for thirsty birds. The initial taste was a surprise, but a second and a third soon followed and soon the pigeon tottered fluttering away, too overcome to fly. Other birds, seeing him there and anxious to wet their parching throats, followed their brother in his path of wicked intemperance.

Five minutes later a passerby was astonished to see a dozen pigeons in the gutter of the otherwise deserted street, some dancing drunkenly, others already sound asleep. A few feet away a bound of disreputable appearance was creeping up, slowly and a trifle unsteady, on his unsuspecting and bibulous quarry. As he was almost among the birds his feet went suddenly in several directions and he lay in the gutter among the pigeons, growling sleepily to himself, for he, too, was drunk.

#### American Girl Supreme.

The women seen in the German restaurants, while better groomed and better looking than the average English women, do not look anything like as chic as they do in America. Their clothes do not fit as well, and they seem to not possess the air of confidence or the vivacity and meriment of the American women—they appear to not be sure of themselves, not wholly accustomed to the new life. This contrast is very noticeable in Berlin, and much more so in other German cities. This is why a pretty up-to-date New York or Chicago girl never fails to become the center of attraction in Germany, and immediately she enters a restaurant she is the cynosure of all eyes.—National Food Magazine.

#### Dazed by Skyscrapers.

"Over in Europe they are rather dazed about American skyscrapers just now," said the woman who spent last summer in Denmark. "At least some of them are. When we began putting up those tall buildings Europeans made fun of us and predicted disasters. We were sensitive about their ridicule at times, because we were not sure of the value of the experiment ourselves, but as we have gained confidence and soar recklessly from one gigantic, heaven-piercing structure to another still more daring, Europeans simply hold their breath as they look at our postcards and other pictures, which give them a faint idea of downtown New York."

#### Reform Movement.

Mrs. Benham—When we women get to running the government we'll do a thing or two. Benham—Such as what? Mrs. Benham—We'll make a man take out a hunter's license before he can look for a collar button, and in his application he will have to certify that he doesn't swear.

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