

FAT STEERS ARE FIRM

MOVEMENT FAIRLY ACTIVE WITH PRICES ON A STEADY TO STRONG BASIS.

BEST BEEVES TOP AT \$8.75

Cows and Heifers Strong, Demand Active—Bulls and Veals Steady—Stockers and Feeders Unchanged.

There was a weak undertone to the fat cattle market today and no urgent demand for supplies from any quarter. At Chicago 4,500 cattle were on sale and the market was quoted weak to the lower. Receipts in sight at the five leading markets were less than 12,000, a decrease with a week ago. For the week the decrease in cattle supplies is close to \$2,000 compared with both a week and a year ago.

The following prices are quotable on the St. Joseph market today: Choice to prime steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; good to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.00; fair to good steers, \$2.00 to \$2.50; common to fair, \$1.50 to \$2.00; to fancy yearlings, \$1.75 to \$1.90.

Stockers and Feeders

A full head of steam in the demand on local account for stockers and feeders of all weights opened the way for another advance in this development. However, supplies were of semi-famine proportions and not enough material was offered to reflect any change in the market, and the deal was quoted nominally steady from all quarters.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED

The supply of butcher classes was quite light and prices were quite change to note in prices from those that prevailed yesterday. A feature of today's trade as well as that of previous days of the week has been the scarcity of good grades of beefers and mixed yearlings.

LOSS FROM HOG CHOLERA

Colorado Station Gives Ideas For Its Prevention. Fort Collins, Colo., May 16.—C. L. Barnes, of the agricultural college, says: Cholera among hogs probably causes greater loss than any other disease which its appearance so suddenly that the rancher is unable to check its spread.

POULTRY AND EGGS ON FARM

Production and Value Shows Big Increase in Ten Years. Washington, D. C., May 16.—The total number of farms reporting fowls raised in 1909 was 5,655,754, or 83.9 per cent. as many as in 1900.

HOG MARKET HIGHER

OPENING GENERALLY 10c HIGHER, CLOSES WITH MOST OF ADVANCE LOST.

BEST HEAVIES MADE \$7.95

Fairly Liberal Run Locally and at Other Points—Bulk of Sales Were Listed at \$7.50

In most of its salient features today's market for live pork at this point was a complete reversion from the slow and decidedly erratic trade that characterized yesterday's session. Supplies, both locally and at other points through the middle west, were of fairly liberal proportions.

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

REPRESENTATIVE HOG SALES

ST. JOSEPH, MO., May 16.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Journal-Stockmen reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Market mostly steady, top \$8.50, cows and heifers steady to weak, stockers slow, dull, calves steady.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle 178,795; Hogs 485,912; Sheep 295,83; Horses 19,972.

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:

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets today and comparisons: Chicago 45,000; Kansas City 2,000; South Omaha 2,100; South St. Joseph 1,200; East St. Louis 2,500.

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ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

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Best Woolled Lambs Make \$7.75. With Clippers at \$8.15—Trade Fairly Active, Resulting in Early Clearance.

Receipts of sheep and lambs received at this point today were of semi-famine proportions. Early estimates called for 1,900, and about that many arrived, consisting of a highly mixed assortment of woolled and shorn native sheep and lambs and two cars of straight woolled lambs from cornbelt feedlots.

RECEIPTS BY CARS

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today: C. & B. & Q., west 60; C. & B. & Q., east 81; C. R. L. P. 10; Great Western 9; Missouri Pacific 6; St. Joseph & Grand Island 21; A. T. & S. F. 5.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Circuit Judge. I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination, on the Democratic ticket, for the office of Judge of Division No. 2 of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, subject to the decision of the voters at primary, to be held August 6, 1912.

Orestes Mitchell.

NO REASON TO WORRY.

It seems to us that the man who will turn his attention to raising alfalfa; provide himself with a good underground silo, and invest in a few good milk cows of any of the standard dairy breeds, and put some active work and method into life on the average homestead, has no reason to feel worried over the prospects of making a good substantial living for himself and family in Eastern Colorado, says the Hugo Range Ledger.

BETTER RURAL SCHOOLS.

If the rural schools of Wisconsin are to keep progress with other lines of thought and development, three things must be done immediately, says the report of the committee of fifteen which has been studying this subject for two years, Secretary W. E. Larson announced the findings of the committee as follows:

Country schools must have better trained teachers, with sufficient salary to keep them in the work.

Consolidation of rural schools should be brought about wherever feasible and the work of the country schools should be extended so that the child can get an education adapted to its needs.

Social center work should be encouraged in country districts; meetings should be held to discuss rural problems and thus build up an intelligent sentiment in every community.

The same recommendations apply with equal force to other states and communities.

THE SLAUGHTER OF CALVES.

Notwithstanding the unquestioned fact that we have fewer cattle in Texas now than we have had at any time for twenty years, more cattle are going to market now than at this time last year. The few cattle are becoming fewer. And, what is more significant in its consequential aspect, the shipment of calves is heavier than it was a year ago, says the Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter.

The Fort Worth market has received 10,000 more cattle for the year to date than was brought in during the corresponding time in 1911, and 6,000 of this gain was among the calves.

It is a positive loss to send a calf to the market for slaughter. A calf will make 100 to 150 pounds of veal. If left on the ranch or on the farm, in two years it would make 500 to 600 pounds of beef. A slaughtered calf is a waste of the difference between the veal it will make now and the beef it would make then.

Look to the future. We cannot eat our cake and have it too; and we cannot slaughter our calves and have beef steers coming on.

VALUE OF MANUAL TRAINING.

It is high time that in education we begin to take care of the 98 per cent and neglect only 2 per cent, if there must be neglect of any, says the Live Stock World.

How a one-armed boy in the Lane Technical High School pleaded for permission to stay in the school, although he had entered without an eighth grade certificate, was told by

Daddy's Bedtime Story



The Little Fruit People and Their Queer Parade

Daddy Had a Dull Book.

ALL the pretty green leaves were out on the trees, and many of the earlier flowers were in full bloom, delighting those little folks who, like Jack and Evelyn, lived near enough to the woods to go out every day to pick them.

"The flowers are no doubt charming, but there are other things a-coming," chanted daddy as he climbed the stairs with the children. "If you are very, very good tonight I'll tell you what I dreamed."

"Well, I was just shutting my eyes for forty winks. I had been reading a book, and perhaps it was a trifle dull. "And suddenly I found myself in the midst of a road, a charming road, with fresh green grass growing on each side of it and with jolly flower faces peeping over the tops of rustic fences."

"What was my surprise to hear a band of music, and as I turned a corner I saw a procession coming toward me. "At the head of it was quite the funniest band I have ever seen. The drum major was a big fat crow, and behind him with trumpets and drums and all the other instruments which a brass band should have come a company of birds."

"The procession dwindled away to little fellows like blackberries, and there seemed to be an endless number of these. When the blackberries were past the raspberries swept by, and then there were huckleberries, and when the elderberries came hobbling by I exclaimed: "In the name of common sense, who and what are they?"

"Why, don't you know?" a little buttercup replied, finally pushing her head over the fence. "They are nice new fruit for Jack and Evelyn hurrying to their places on the trees in the orchard."

"And then I suppose I shouldn't have done it, for it spoils the story, but I laughed right out loud, and the pretty road and the procession and everything vanished away, and I was back in the sitting room with a dull book on my lap. But, never you mind, I think that fruit is on its way to us, and some morning we may wake up and find it on the trees."

the principal, William J. Bogan, at a meeting of the George Howland Club, in the Press Club rooms. Mr. Bogan presented this story as an argument against the iron-clad rule which operates against the boy or girl not inclined toward academic work.

The boy is now, according to Mr. Bogan, the best pattern-maker and one of the best draftsmen in the school. Mr. Bogan offered an extended criticism of present and past systems of education, exposing particularly their impractical sides. He told how the settlers in Massachusetts who had been educated in the classics in England gave their children similar instruction to prepare them for the hardships of frontier life.

"The first school in Virginia was a school to teach the classics to the Indians, and we've been teaching the classics to the Indians ever since," he said.

Mr. Bogan said not more than 2 per cent of the pupils in the public schools enter college. "We neglect the 98 per cent for the 2 per cent that enter college," he declared.

DR. FARM BARLEY GOOD

SUCCESS AS CROP IN RECENT YEARS HAS ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION. YIELD DEPENDS UPON SEED

No Single Variety, Either Spring or Winter, Seems Adapted to Entire Semi-Arid Region. Washington, May 16.—Barley has generally not been considered a dry land crop, but its success in the western states during the past few years has attracted attention to its possibilities for that purpose, says H. B. Derr, agronomist, United States Department of Agriculture, in the Northern Great Plains and Rocky Mountain states, where corn is an uncertain crop, barley will furnish an excellent feed for all kinds of farm animals. This fact has already given an impetus to the growing of live stock, especially hogs, throughout the northwest. In the Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast states, hooded, or beardless, barley has long been grown for hay, of which is furnished an excellent and highly palatable crop, nearly equal to alfalfa in feeding value.

In Utah, Idaho, eastern Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas farmers are beginning to realize the advantages of winter barley over spring sown barley as a grain crop. Winter barley, being fall sown, has advantage of an early start in spring and will frequently produce a crop where spring sown barley may fail. At present there are but two forms of winter barley grown in the west, the square headed, winter wheat, and the round headed Utah winter. The office of grain investigations, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, has developed a number of other winter forms which were distributed in 1911, and results will be watched with interest.

With the exception of sandy and very alkaline soils, barley can be grown on a variety of soils, but the best results are generally secured on the prairie or alluvial loam soils. Barley is a more certain crop on alkaline soils than is either wheat or oats. The crop requires a mellow seed bed. If the land is plowed it should be sown in a furrow, and the soil between the furrows should be matted down. In many localities best results are obtained when the land is fall plowed and left rough until spring and then disked and harrowed. Where the soil is heavy, it is better to use a soil granular soil is preferable to the dust mulch generally advised.

The yield and quality of barley are controlled by the soil, the seed, the sowing, and the care of the crop. The seed should be thoroughly cleaned and graded before sowing. Large, plump seed will produce strong plants which, in the struggle for existence, will always follow seeding dry land crops, will be more likely to survive than will plants produced from small, shrunken seed.

The fanning mill should be found on every farm, but when not available, a simple yet highly effective method for cleaning and grading the seed is to immerse it in a tub of water and stir thoroughly. All the light, chaffy and diseased grains, as well as the larger portion of wild oats and other weeds, will float to the surface, and can be skimmed off and burned. If the seed was smutted, adding formalin at the rate of 1 pound to forty gallons of water will control the smut, and prevent its further propagation.

Numerous trials conducted throughout the dry land area have demonstrated the superiority of winter sowing. This insures a more uniform rate and depth of seeding. If sown broadcast and harrowed in it is covered at various depths or not at all, and consequently there is a lack of uniformity in germination and survival that generally affects the growth and yield. In a four years' trial in the case of the winter sowing, increased more than seven bushels per acre by using a press drill instead of seeding broadcast.

U. S. HAS GOOD JOBS TO OFFER

Examination for Civil Service Posts Will be Held on June 5 in Chicago. Chicago, May 15.—The government is seeking specialists and professionals to fill vacancies in various branches of the federal service. Secretary Peter Newton of the United States civil service commission in Chicago, announces that a special examination for the required men will be held on June 5.

Positions open are: Agricultural propagator in the Philippine service; salary, \$1,500 a year. Examiner of surveys in the department of agriculture; salary, \$1,200 to \$1,500. Junior physician in the bureau of mines at Pittsburgh, Pa.; salary, \$1,020 to \$1,200 a year. Map colorist to work in Washington as map draftsman and colorist; salary, \$675 to \$720. Dental interne for government hospital for the insane at Washington; salary, \$500. Scientific assistant in farm equipment, agricultural department; salary, \$1,200 to \$1,400. Laboratory aid in the bureau of plant industry; salary, \$840 to \$1,000. Photographer in the bureau of mines; salary, \$510 to \$1,200.

A man with knowledge of zoology is especially wanted as a preparator in the national museum at Washington, D. C. WINDMILLS IN KANSAS. In a territory 200 miles long by 90 miles in width, stretching across the western end of Kansas, thousands of derricks are being erected. Every one represents an individual pumping plant that will draw from the great underground lake which lies in the sands beneath this area water sufficient to irrigate a farm of 40 to 160 acres.

The initiative, referendum, and recall have been incorporated into the constitution of the Hayward School City, a junior republic of school children in Hayward, Cal.

FRUIT FLAVOR BENEFITS

CHEMICALS CONTAINED IN APPLES AND OTHER PRODUCTS KILLS BACTERIA.

APPETITE CRAVING NATURAL

Use of Highly Flavored Fruits, It Is Said, Curtails the Excessive Use of Alcohol.

Boise, Idaho, May 16.—Enormous as have been the strides in chemistry during the past twenty years, there is much in the life processes of human beings and of animals which is unknown, says Thomas T. Kerl in Better Fruit. We can guess at many things but make proof of few. The use of the fruit and vegetable flavors in the body is one of the things about which we are compelled to guess. The role they play in the body receives little discussion in physiological chemistry. Bunge says: "Pleasant sensory impressions produce a cheerful frame of mind, and this indirectly tends to act favorably on all the processes of the body." Agreeable tastes and smells stimulate the secretions of the glands. May there not also be other uses in the body for the flavors, or vegetables from a chemical standpoint? They are called esters and are alcohols and acids in chemical combination. For instance, breaking down acetic acid or common vinegar when combined form the flavor of pears, isoamyl alcohol and isovaleric acid form the flavor of apples, ordinary alcohol and butyric acid form the flavor of pineapples.

When one eats an apple or a pear what chemical reactions may one expect from the flavor? The stomach has in its hydrochloric acid, formed by eating salt and the chemical separation of its constituents by the process of ionization. Esters, when brought into weak acid or alkaline solutions, undergo hydrolysis or saponification, that is, they attract water and separate into their constituent substances—alcohol and acids. This separation accomplished, these substances enter the blood and are slowly oxidized by the corpuscles of the blood. The first product of the oxidation of an alcohol is an aldehyde, the second product is an acid, and the final breaking down of the acid results in carbon dioxide and water, which is thrown off by the lungs, skin and kidneys.

Alcohols and acids are anti-bacterial substances and the aldehydes are quite destructive to all bacteria. In the serum or watery part of the blood are substances which enable the white corpuscles of the blood to consume bacteria that invade the tissues. The question naturally arises, may not the fruit flavors hydrolyzed and oxidized be some of these substances? Do the fruit flavors not serve the purpose of immunizing us against disease due to bacteria infection? Does the body not need the fruit flavors of fruits and vegetables for its proper functioning? Why do all people crave highly flavored fruits? An apple without flavor is quickly discarded. Is not the universal craving for alcohol a natural appetite? If the natural appetite for flavors is not satisfied, resort is had to artificially prepared alcohol. Do not the hard drinkers, Scotch, Swedes, Russians, live in climates where few fruits are produced or consumed?

In the early days Ben Davis was the great apple of the commercial orchardist, but this apple has served its day, and attention has been turned to quality apples, apples like Stark Delicious, wholesaling at \$5 to \$8 per box, are profitable to the grower, but the high-class apple grower of tomorrow will cooperate with the beginner in supplying apples within the reach of the buyer's income.

While great things have been accomplished in the last ten years, Mr. Stark thinks fruit growing, especially apple growing, is just beginning, and we are entering upon an era of good quality fruit at lower prices. There will be big money, he says, for orchardists in supplying the market, but the speculative feature must be eliminated, and the successful orchardist will have to sell better fruit for less money, but to do this he will have to reduce the cost of growing and handling the fruit. Four things are essential to successful fruit growing—the right soil, the right variety, the right methods and above all the right man for the job. In the process of the evolution of orchard industry many acres will be abandoned because one of these factors has been discarded. The soil is rich and growing fruit for commercial purposes will cease to grow it altogether because of not being able to meet the competition of other localities which are better adapted to the growing of better fruit at lower cost.

IRRIGATION IN TEXAS.

In Few Years Has Almost Doubled Production in Corn and Cotton.

San Antonio, Tex., May 16.—Encouraged by results obtained from irrigation, which has made possible crops in southern Texas undreamed of here several years ago, farmers throughout this part of the state are adopting modern methods of every kind. Fourteen hundred acres of land was considered an excellent yield, and now it is seventy bushels as a minimum; three-quarters of a bale of cotton is produced on every acre, and satisfactory before irrigation made possible twice this amount and even more. The farmers in southwest Texas are turning more and more to scientific methods. The soil is rich and needs little fertilizing, but many of the planters are having tests made of the soil to learn if any desirable elements are lacking; traction engines are being introduced for deep plowing, and dynamite is being employed to break up the subsoil; modern agricultural implements of every kind are coming more and more into favor.

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Kansas Feeder on Yesterday's Market With Load of Well Finished Cattle.

Among the sales made on yesterday's market in the cattle division was a transaction involving a load of mixed steers and heifers, fed and shipped by L. E. Scholz, one of Kansas' pioneer farmers and live stock raisers. The shipment embraced 16 head of mixed steers and heifers averaging 880 pounds, that sold at \$8.10, the top of the market, and the highest price paid for this class of beef on the local market for some time. Mr. Scholz also sold four choice butcher bulls, averaging 905 pounds, that sold at \$7.00, the top of the market in that division.

RATE CHANGE IS ORDERED

Commission Directs Railroads to Inaugurate "Feeder" Tariff.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued an order requiring rail carriers to put into effect and maintain for two years, from June 13, 1912, the rate on "feeder" cattle and sheep defined in the report of the commission on March 11, this year. In effect this order retains the rates on stock cattle and sheep which have been in effect for a long time, and the cancellation by the railroads of the lower rates on such live stock being held by the commission as unreasonable. The proposition of the railroads meant an increase of 35 1/2 per cent on such traffic.

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

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When The Sign Failed

By Nellie T. Anderson
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Miss Bab Ellerton sat down and wept.

A healthy, good-looking girl of eighteen does not weep just for the fun of pulling her own nose as her tears fall. Miss Bab had cause—great cause. Her cat was dead.

There is no particular way to describe a dead cat except to say that she was loyal and faithful, a good mouser and her name was "Pink." She had been a cat for several years and had got used to it, and she knew that she was beloved by Miss Bab. That love was returned. Never had that cat given the girl an hour's uneasiness. She had occasionally taken an hour off to stroll among the hollyhocks or interview 'tater-bugs, but she had never failed to come running when her name was called in loving tones.

"Pink" was missed and called right after breakfast. The calling was in vain. She was hunted for under beds, in the garden, all around the pergola, under the currant bushes, and at length there was a find. Alas, it was only her dead body! She had climbed an apple tree after a sparrow, and in descending had slipped and caught her neck in a crotch and strangled to death.

There was no one else but the cook at home. She heard the girl's wild wails and ran out, but there was nothing to be done. While every cat has nine lives, if eight of them are choked out of her the ninth gives up in despair and after a kick or two follows the others.

It was when the cook reached up and lifted poor dead "Pink" down that the weeping took place. The cook also wept. She was a good cook, and her pumpkin pies had no rivals. As she had left her bread in the oven, how-



Gregg felt it his duty to investigate.

ever, she could not stay to weep o'er long. She therefore dashed away her tears to say:

"Never mind, dearie—you shall have another."

"But she won't be 'Pink' to me!" was the wailing reply.

"You can call her 'Rose' or 'Violet,' then. You mustn't take on so. 'Spose your dear mother had climbed that tree and got hung by the neck! Think how awfully it would have been!"

"Yes, I know, but 'Pink' may have called to me when she found herself strangling."

"But she never did. Her first thought was that she had made a fool of herself getting up that tree. It's another cat we'll have inside of three days. Now be good and don't cry any more."

"I wouldn't feel so bad if—if—"

"If what, dearie?"

"If it wasn't for the sign."

"What sign?"

"Why, one day when I was at the gate with the cat an old woman came along and said 'Pink' died within a year I must take it as a sign that I'd lose the love of my lover. The year isn't up yet."

"Nonsense on the old woman and her signs."

"Don't you believe it?"

"Of course not. You should have made up faces at her."

"Oh, but I did!"

"That's proper and right, honey. As you have no lover how can you lose his love?"

"But I'm going to have, you know, and I don't want any signs to come poking along."

"Don't you fear. Some signs are sure to come true, but this one is going to fall. If you bury 'Pink' that will surely make it fall. There's an old suit case in the woodshed. Put the body in that and take it away."

Forty rods down the highway was a grove of beeches. It was a quiet, restful spot. Now and then an auto went honking by, but as a dead cat is not too particular, "Pink" would sleep there without waking. With the spade in one hand and the suit case in the other, Miss Bab made her way to the grove. She did not have to look long for a spot. Where the violets bloomed and the green leaves cast their shade she dug the grave, or she had begun to when there came an interruption.

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Nothing is plainer than that education of the people, combined with willingness on their part to do the best they know how, in the various ways of taking better care of themselves, is the main source of this splendid result. The greatest saving of life has been among those diseases most affected by sanitary administration and control.

A still better story is to be told. If the people will do as the Health Department teaches there will be still greater saving during the next ten years.

Tooth-Pulling in Japan.

The Japanese dentists perform all their operations in tooth-drawing with the thumb and forefinger of one hand. The skill necessary to do this is acquired only after long practice, but when once it is obtained the operator is able to extract half-a-dozen teeth in about half a minute without once removing his fingers from the patient's mouth!

from the road, and he could almost see the tears in her eyes! At least, he could see that her mouth was puckered up in a way that betokened grief, and he felt it his duty to investigate.

"I was just burying a cat," explained Miss Bab as the collegian approached and lifted his cap.

"Dead, eh?"

"Yes, got hung."

"Particular cat? That is, an extra lovable cat?"

"Just the nicest cat in all this world! Her name was 'Pink.' She was my pet."

"And you have been crying?" he asked as he took the spade from her hands and began to dig.

"Just—just a little. Her name was 'Pink,' you know, and her death was so very sudden."

"I lost a dog once."

"And you buried him?"

"Sure. Yes, he has a grave."

"And you felt bad?"

"Took me a month to get over it."

"I'm glad of that. It shows you have a heart. When I first saw you I thought you looked reckless. I guess the hole is deep enough now for poor 'Pink's' body. I thank you ever so much."

"Oh, but I'm not through yet. Body in the suitcase, eh? I see. Well, we'll drop it in gently—so. Now I'll pull down a lot of twigs and leaves to cover it in. Now for the dirt and our mournful task is done."

"But you don't think me silly?" she anxiously asked.

"Not a bit of it. Lord, miss, but if the collie dog I've got now should die I'd sure put up a headstone for him and sing a hymn over his grave. I suppose you live in the white house back there? I'll carry the spade and suitcase. Don't weep any more over the cat. You've done all you could in the case."

There was almost a smile on Miss Bab's face as she entered the house. The cook had been peeping, and she stood with her hands on her hips and demanded:

"And now about that old woman's sign?"

"Why—what?"

"That young man!"

"He just came along."

"And he dug the grave for poor 'Pink'?"

"And he was so kind and gentle about it."

"Yes, so kind and gentle!"

"And he lost a dog once."

"Yes, lost a dog once!"

"Why cook what have I done?" asked Miss Bab.

"Done! Done! Why, you've gone and knocked the old woman's cat-sign into a Continental cocked hat, just as I told you you would, and it won't be a year before your engagement will be announced."

"Why, cook!"

"Lost a cat and gained a lover!"

"I—I—I—"

"Just as I said—just as I said. If you are chasing a rooster and fall over the fence that's a sign you won't have a beau for five years to come, but if you find your pet cat hanging dead in an apple tree all the doughnuts ever made can't keep you from marrying the nicest man in the state within two years, and the two years are to be spent in the sweetest courtship ever written of in a ten-cent novel!"

Miss Bab is courting, and it was only the other day that she confessed to the cook:

"I'm not a hard-hearted girl, but really I'm almost glad the cat died!"

GETTING AHEAD OF SCANDAL.
 Peace and Dignity of Congregation Secured by Recommendation Made to Pastor.

Parson Henderson, an evangelist of color, was caught one bright morning holding the hands of one of the ewe lambs of his congregation, who was a very popular young lady, and it created quite a stir among the colored population, relates a writer in Norman E. Mack's National Monthly. So the parson was brought up for trial and was questioned by the officers of the church as to what he meant by his action, and this is what he had to say in answer to the question propounded to him: "My brudders, you have seen these great pictures, I suppose, so you know dat the great Shepherd im always pictured with a lamb of his flock in his arms."

"Yes, sah, parson, dat am so," admitted Deacon Jones.

"Den, Brudder Jones, what am wrong in the shepherd of his flock holding a lamb in his arms?"

This was too much for Brudder Jones, so he proposed the officers of the church have a call meeting that afternoon. After the point was discussed fully the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, Dat for the future peace and dignity of the congregation dat the next time Parson Henderson feels called upon to take a lamb of his flock in his arms, dat be pick out a ram lamb."

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This statement is clearly borne out by statistics published by the Chicago Health Department, and is only slightly less true of some other localities. But the bald statement does not sufficiently convey the whole truth. Look at the figures: An average death rate in Chicago during the whole forty years previous to the last decade of 21.9 per thousand of population. During the past ten years the average has been only 14.7. This means a saving of 124,421 lives, for the ten years, or 12,442 per year. That is, there were just that many less deaths from all causes than there would have been under former measures and methods.

Does not that make the work appear worth while?

Nothing is plainer than that education of the people, combined with willingness on their part to do the best they know how, in the various ways of taking better care of themselves, is the main source of this splendid result. The greatest saving of life has been among those diseases most affected by sanitary administration and control.

A still better story is to be told. If the people will do as the Health Department teaches there will be still greater saving during the next ten years.

How China Lives.

No natural resource is too trifling to be turned to account by the teeming population. The sea is raked and strained for edible plunder. Seaweed and kelp have a place in the larder. Great quantities of shell fish, no bigger than one's finger nail, are opened and made to yield a food that finds its way far inland. The fungus that springs up in the grass after a rain is eaten. Fried sweet potato vines furnish the poor man's table. The roadside ditches are bailed out for the sake of fishes no longer than one's finger.

REALLY NOT SMITH'S FAULT
 Mrs. Commuter Had Blamed Him Unduly, and Now She Wants the Law Changed.

Even in town the commuter's wife had been subject to violent likes and dislikes, but in the suburbs her prejudice seemed intensified. Their neighbor on the left was the object of her sincerest aversion. "I think he is the most selfish man I ever met," she said. "Such a contrast to Mr. Brown, on our right, who is the soul of neighborly kindness."

"On what do you base your estimate of their character?" her husband asked.

"Fences," said she. "Just look at Mr. Brown's fence. He has kept all the ugly posts and crossboards on his own side and has presented the smooth finished surface to us. But you don't catch Mr. Smith doing that. No, indeed. He looks out for number one and keeps the nice side for himself, while we get all the rough patchwork."

"But that is not Smith's fence," her husband argued. "It is ours."

"Ours?" she echoed. "How does that happen?"

"It happens through a legal statute which provides that every man who wants his property fenced in must build part of the fence and keep the ragged edges on his own side. That is the law."

"How perfectly ridiculous," she said. "If we continue to live in the country isn't there some way it can be changed?"

GETTING AHEAD OF SCANDAL.
 Peace and Dignity of Congregation Secured by Recommendation Made to Pastor.

Parson Henderson, an evangelist of color, was caught one bright morning holding the hands of one of the ewe lambs of his congregation, who was a very popular young lady, and it created quite a stir among the colored population, relates a writer in Norman E. Mack's National Monthly. So the parson was brought up for trial and was questioned by the officers of the church as to what he meant by his action, and this is what he had to say in answer to the question propounded to him: "My brudders, you have seen these great pictures, I suppose, so you know dat the great Shepherd im always pictured with a lamb of his flock in his arms."

"Yes, sah, parson, dat am so," admitted Deacon Jones.

"Den, Brudder Jones, what am wrong in the shepherd of his flock holding a lamb in his arms?"

This was too much for Brudder Jones, so he proposed the officers of the church have a call meeting that afternoon. After the point was discussed fully the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, Dat for the future peace and dignity of the congregation dat the next time Parson Henderson feels called upon to take a lamb of his flock in his arms, dat be pick out a ram lamb."

Truly a "Nerby" Youth.

A New York barber says he has discovered the nerviest man alive. He is young yet, but when he is fully developed with a mature growth of nerby he will be a startling prodigy.

"This fellow came into my shop the other day," said the barber, "and asked me to shave his neck. I speedily accomplished the gentle task, and called out, 'Next.' While I was adjusting a towel around the neck of the next customer I saw the other youth going out the door.

"Haven't you forgotten something?" I asked him.

"He felt in his pockets and said he had all that belonged to him."

"I mean you forgot to pay me for that shave."

"Pay for that! Just shaving my neck!" he said, with astonishment. "I never heard of paying for so little a thing as that. I could have done it myself with my safety razor, only I couldn't reach back there."

No Occasion for Surprise.

This story is told of Forrest, the great tragedian:

Forrest was playing in "Richard III," and the part of Catesby had to be taken by a low comedian, who sauntered on the stage at the wrong moment and uttered the famous words, "My lord, the duke of Buckingham is taken," in the wrong place.

Forrest clenched his fists in rage, but otherwise took no notice of the blunder.

Later on the comedian repeated the words in the right place, and when the king expressed surprise at the news Catesby folded his arms, walked boldly down the stage, and remarked to the great actor in loud tones:

"I told you so before, Mr. Forrest, but you wouldn't believe me."

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Completion of Swiss Road Will Be Boon to Sightseers.

is Finished to the Joch—Some of the Innovations That Will Follow Accomplishment of Work Begun in 1897.

Berne, Switzerland.—After nearly 15 years' work (the first section of the Jungfrau railway was begun as long ago as 1897) the tunnel has just been pierced to Jungfraujoch, at an altitude of 11,348 feet, or 2,311 feet below the summit. Since 1905 trains have been running as far as Elmsee station, which is 10,345 feet above the sea. The railway, it will be remembered, goes absolutely through the lower part of the Eiger. The total length of tunnel is nearly ten kilometers, or about six and a quarter miles. When trains run to the station which is to be constructed at Jungfraujoch, it will be possible by descending to Jungfraustrain, to reach the summit of the Jungfrau in from three to four hours from the station. It is proposed, however, to exploit still further what is, after all, an exceedingly beautiful mountain, and construct a lift or aerial railway, from the highest station to the summit of the mountain, so that the feeblest persons, provided their hearts are not seriously affected, will be able to ascend to a height of 13,659 feet.

Curiously enough, the completion of the desecration of the Jungfrau occurs just a little more than a century after the first ascent of the Jungfrau, which was accomplished in 1811, while in the next forty years only four other ascents were recorded. As if it were not enough to have tunneled the Eiger and to be going to build a hotel on the snows of the Jungfrau, some speculators are actually contemplating the construction of what is called a "Schilftelbahn"—a kind of sleigh railway, to convey tourists from Jungfraujoch station over Jungfraustrain and the Aletsch glacier, past the Majelensee to the Eggishorn, whence it will be possible to proceed by cogwheel railway to the Rhone valley. It will probably be a long time, however, before this part of the plan is really carried out.

The Jungfrau railway will certainly foment the desire of the Zermatt people to see the completion of the Matterhorn railway, the protests against which a few years ago were so loud that the project for its construction had to be abandoned. They will argue, no doubt, that the Bernese Oberland will now be able to offer an attraction to tourists which they cannot offer, quite forgetting the number of people who are repelled and disgusted by the "berailment" of mountains.

The Jungfrau railway, even as far as it runs at present, is 167 feet higher than the Gornergrat railway (10,345 feet), but when it is carried to Jungfraujoch and the summit station it will be much the highest railway in Europe, although not, as the Swiss say, the highest railway in the world, there being at least two Andean lines which are some 4,000 feet higher.

SHIP CAN'T SALVAGE WINE

Vessel Wallows in Storm While Thousands Cases Are Whirled by Rail on Waves.

Boston.—To see a thousand cases of champagne go drifting by and to be unable to save any of it, was the experience of the officers and crew of the steamer Francisco, which arrived from Hull, England.

The champagne was in iron-strapped cases and appeared to be part of the cargo of some steamer which had recently foundered.

The Francisco was fighting her way along through a heavy gale and the big seas were breaking over the decks when the champagne was sighted. One of the sailors was walking along the deck when a big wave broke in front of him. From the very crest of the wave he picked off a bottle which had broken loose from one of the cases.

LIFT 660 POUNDS 910 FEET

Aviator Walsh Said to Have Made a New Record at Dixie Army Camp.

Augusta, Ga.—What army officers declare is a new record for aeroplanes was made by Aviator Walsh here the other day at the army camp with a Curtis machine, built to meet special specifications by the war department. In an unfavorable wind Walsh carried fuel ample for four hours' flying, weighing 180 pounds, and 480 pounds added weight, an aggregate load of 660 pounds, on the biplane and climbed to an altitude of 910 feet in seven minutes.

The final test, an attempt to reach the required altitude of 2,000 feet with this weight and quantity of fuel in ten minutes, will be made later at College Park, Md.

Suffers From "Girllitis."

Springfield, Mass.—"Girllitis" is the specific complaint suffered by the Rev. John Ellis, according to his wife, who is suing for a divorce. "He would spend two hours every day on dolling up," she testified.

Shakespeare is Censored.

Flushing, L. I.—Such words as "Oh, hell!" and "Damn" which appear in Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," need not be read by girls in the eighth grade, according to school officials' decision.

KISSLESS WIFE IS UPHELD

Mrs. Mildred Markowitz Need Not Caress Her Husband and They Must Stay United.

New York.—Declaring that his wife would not kiss him, Samuel Markowitz asked the Supreme court in Brooklyn to annul his marriage to Mildred Markowitz.

Mr. Markowitz, who is noted among his friends for his sartorial perfection, declared that whenever he attempted to embrace his wife she repulsed him coldly and got beyond his reach. Mr. Markowitz admitted that except in the matter of kissing him Mrs. Markowitz was a model wife, and that it was with sorrow he was forced to bring proceedings for annulment of the marriage.

Justice Marean, before whom the motion was tried, characterized as absurd the ground upon which Mr. Markowitz sought freedom from his wife and denied the motion.

Mrs. Markowitz in a counter action before Justice Blackmar prayed that alimony and counsel fees be granted her. Through her counsel she stated that she was married when her husband was eighteen years old and that prior to her meeting with him he had contracted other domestic alliances, of which she was ignorant at the time.

Mrs. Markowitz made no effort to deny her coldness to her husband, and declared that the marriage was performed at the instance of her mother, to whom she said he had gone, threatening to commit suicide if he could not marry the daughter. The court denied the motion.

RED GIVES A SNAKE DELIGHT

Bronx Director Also Tells How Other Colors Affect Reptiles of Zoo.

New York.—A report of a series of "snake studies" made at the Bronx zoological gardens here shows that snakes can be appealed to by colors, which are found to have a marked influence on the moods of the reptiles. The emotions inspired are thus catalogued:

Red, delight; baby blue, pleasure; yellow, contentment; navy blue, ecstasy; brown, irritation; green, anger; black, indifference; purple, vanity.

The report by Curator Ditmars explains further: "Color influences upon animals are not rare. The red flag, of course, excites the bull to anger. With the snake there is just the opposite effect, and it is red that gives delight, while green excites to anger."

As to the effect of music on snakes, Mr. Ditmars explains that, contrary to the general belief, snakes do not actually hear music, and have no sense of melody. They receive the sensation of the vibrations through the tip of the tongue, and, like wireless instruments, become "tuned up" and often swing their heads in sympathy, which leads to the supposition they are beating time.

GIRL SENDS ODD REQUEST

Daughter Attempts to Find Husband for Pretty Widowed Mother of Kansas City, Mo.

Portland, Ore.—Setting out to find a good husband for her mother, who wishes to be out on a ranch, "away from the city," is the task Miss B. Eckles of Kansas City, Mo., has set for herself.

She has written a letter to Mayor Rushlight, asking him to have it published, in helping on the work she has undertaken, expressly with her mother's consent and approbation. Her letter follows:

"I have a mother and I want to find a good husband for her. She has two daughters, one eighteen years of age and the other one seventeen; one son, fourteen. She is a good housekeeper, neat and clean, and the man must have a home and plenty to provide for her. She has made so many wishes to be out on a ranch some place away from the city, and I asked her if I would find her a good husband if she would have him and she said 'Yes.' So I thought I would advertise for her. She dresses nice and is pretty. Any man writing in answer to this must send photograph."

Miss Eckles' address is 2324 Bellevue avenue, Kansas City, third floor.

KILLS DOG CHASING A DEER

Country Teacher Fells Canine With a Club and Its Prey Escapes In Woods.

Margaretville, N. Y.—Artist De Silva, a teacher, while on his way to a district school in the headwaters of the Beaver Kill, recently saw a deer coming toward him chased by a dog. At every leap the deer broke through the crust of the snow, while the dog, lighter of foot, gained on his prey. The deer was struggling so hard that it did not notice the school teacher, and passed within a few feet of him. Pitying the deer, De Silva looked for a stone to throw at the dog, but could find none because of the snow. A large club was close at hand, however, and the teacher grabbed it in time to bring it down on the head of the dog, killing it instantly.

The deer was soon safe in the hills.

Balloonist is Lost.

San Antonio, Texas.—All trace has been lost of the balloon Buckeye, in which J. H. Wade of Cleveland started from here to set a long-distance flight record. It is believed Wade is landed at some out-of-the-way place.

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