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LOSS ON MEAT CONTRACTS.

Packers are experiencing trouble in filling the beef contracts they made early in the year, when cattle were plentiful and selling much lower.

ESSENTIALS AND NON-ESSENTIALS.

Cold storage some day will be a means of cheapening perishable eatables instead of keeping them high-priced at all times as they are now.

KILLERS ROBBING THE FUTURE.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," says the Scriptures and killers are evidently pinning their faith to that injunction.

ENCOURAGING CATTLE RAISING.

Nebraska Farmer. Considerable alarm is being manifested over the decline of cattle raising. The president of the Chicago livestock exchange is quoted as saying that "Congress or the state legislatures must enact legislation soon for the protection of cattle raising in this country, or the market will become dangerously tight."

The price of grain has made cattle feeding less profitable than in former years. Likewise it has sent the price of land soaring, so that farmers in the grain belt do not feel like using it for pasture.

Aside from the natural pressure of population upon subsistence, which tends always toward the elimination of meat from the diet of a large part of the people, there are three things, as we view the situation, that have affected the production of cattle in recent years.

Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Little Snake That Lives Under The Stones



LIKE most girls, Evelyn was afraid of snakes. "She thinks they'll bite her," laughed Jack. "I don't believe any of the snakes around here will hurt her," said daddy.

"Mr. Garter Snake isn't such a bad fellow if you know him well. Out under the pile of stones where the chipmunk family has had a home for several years lives a garter snake.

"He is so tame that when the sun shines on his front door he sometimes pokes his head out and sits, yawning backward and forward as he watches to see what is going on in the garden.

"When he is hungry he goes gliding off through the grass to look for food. Garter snakes are fond of field mice, young frogs and toads. In the west they eat the young gophers and ground squirrels and are therefore very useful to the farmer whose crops these little animals hurt.

"The house had been overrun with mice all winter, and as we had no cat that year they gave mother a good deal of trouble.

"When that garter snake began to be seen about the garden those mice suddenly went away. We could never be sure whether they changed their home or whether they went down Mr. Garter Snake's throat.

"The next year, however, there were so many of the snakes that we had to do something to get rid of them. You see, a mother snake sometimes raises from twenty-five to forty young ones in a season.

"I think the worst thing that is said against the garter snake is that he sometimes eats the eggs and the young ones from the nests of those birds that build near the ground. Many small animals who are more popular than Mr. Snake are said to do the same thing.

"In the water the garter snake can swim about quite as well as his cousin, Mr. Water Snake, who eats fishes. Garter snakes when chased by black snakes, who will make a meal of them if they get a chance, often take to the water, where the black snakes can't follow them.

"When cold weather comes the snake finds a warm hole where it rolls up, sometimes snuggling into a coil with other snakes, and all go to sleep until spring comes back again."

He Sometimes Pokes His Head Out.

land prices in the grain belt have also discouraged the keeping of cattle.

Laws that would prevent these unnatural interferences with the operation of natural law would help the cattle industry, but laws calculated to force farmers to grow cattle whether they find it profitable or not would fail as miserably as other arbitrary laws that have been enacted.

Why Beef Cost Is High.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Cheap prices for beef, based on a more abundant supply of cattle, cannot be expected for several years, according to Mr. F. J. Williams, manager of the United States and Canada Cattle and Horse Yards and Transit Company, who has issued a statement commenting on the record high prices paid for cattle in the Chicago market this week.

In his opinion, the partial drought and the fact that the price of beef cattle in larger numbers and at lower cost in the next few years.

"If anything were needed to prove the scarcity of cattle in this country and the law of supply and demand governs prices at the market, it has been furnished the last two days in the sales of numerous shipments of beef steers on the Chicago market for from \$10.25 per 100 pounds, the highest price paid since the Civil War."

"The present situation is easily explained. The drought of 1909 and 1910 throughout the Southwest range regions and the United States and the drought of 1910, which extended throughout western Canada and all the Western and Southwestern range regions, together with the partial drought and extremely severe winter of 1911, reduced the already deficient supply of breeding and young stock to such an extent that a general scarcity of all kinds of cattle throughout the country, as now manifested, became inevitable.

"As it will take from three to five years to build up a new supply at the very best possible rate and under the most favorable conditions, an abundance of beef at reasonably cheap prices and more opportunity than ever existed that is now presented to those who are about to begin breeding stock and prepared to raise cattle and finish them for market.

"The only solution of the problem of how to avoid a beef famine in this country during the next five years is for the corn belt farmers to breed and raise more calves and more silos and raise more corn with which to fatten them, together with alfalfa for breeding purposes."

NO DOUBT OF HER IDENTITY

Spirit of Woman Who Died in Automobile Accident Easily Recognized by Friend.

"There's a spirit here," gasped one of the speakers at a Spiritualistic meeting, "who seems to be very much oppressed in her breathing. She—she died in an accident—much oppressed in her breathing. It was," she continued, gazing intently into space and clutching her chest, "an automobile accident. Does any one here know any one who was in a fatal automobile accident?" she asked suddenly, glancing about the hall.

"I do," from a woman in the audience. "The wheels of the automobile went over her chest," went on the medium graphically, "broke her ribs, caused oppression in her breathing. Anyway, I see her dying in an automobile accident!"

"Yes—yes!" cried the woman eagerly, "that's Mrs. Atoway! I knew it! She was in an automobile accident! At least, that is," she explained, "she was run over by a grocery wagon, but she was taken to the hospital in an automobile. She got well of that and died of typhoid fever. But you come near enough to it to prove her identity."

FATHER HAS HIS REVENGE. Strikes at Sire Through Son and Gives His Expensive Daughter to Algernon.

"Sir," said Algernon, "I—I am—I mean I was going to—" "Oh!" snapped her father. "So you were going to ask if you might marry my daughter—eh?"

There was anger and venom in his tone and Algernon looked round nervously. "Remember, sir, that I—I—" "Listen!" broke in her father with a snarl. "Twenty years ago your father practically ruined me. I swore a vow that I would take vengeance. And now the chance I have longed for is come!"

"But, sir," quavered Algernon, "be merciful—" "I will not!" thundered the old man. "I will have no mercy! I will strike at the father through the son! You want my daughter? Well, then, take her—take her!"

White, and shaking with malevolent triumph, he sank in his chair, and Algernon crept out of the house with a dim foreboding at his heart—Tit-Bits.

Island of Walcheren. It is quite worth while to stay a few days at Flushing, when landing from England, thoroughly to inspect the island of Walcheren. The island itself (says the "Autocar") is a most beautiful corner of Holland, possesses two important towns, well worth seeing, and is particularly rich in costume, unfortunately dying out in so many parts of the country.

Expensive Soda Water. The highest price ever paid for a bottle of soda water was given in London recently when one that was a relic from the wreck of the Royal George was auctioned off and brought \$134. The Royal George went down in 1782, which made the soda water 120 years old.

No Lady Killer. M. Durand de Belleford de Gournay, who a few months ago startled the simple folk of Coutances by appearing in a brilliant uniform covered with decorations and managed to swindle the local trades-people of hundreds of pounds, cut a sorry figure when he appeared for trial at the assize court today.

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AS HE WISHED IT.
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THE WEDDING GOWN

By JEANNE O. LOIZEAUX
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It was hot for the last day of May, with a hot wind. The flowers dropped in the sultry mid afternoon, and Emmie drooped as she made her way to Miss Still's to try on her new blue dress. She no longer cared about her dress, and she was afraid the village dressmaker would ask her why she had "guit goin'" with Elmer Hayes. Miss Still, though kindly, was curious.

An Emmie languidly went through the village with its dozen straggling dwellings set at random about a nucleus of station, saloon, general store and "square," she wished she herself knew why Elmer had ceased coming to see her. There had been no quarrel. Three times she had seen him with Rose Greene.

Sarah Still talked volubly through the fitting, and Emmie stood while the summery gauzy, pale-blue thing she had chosen because Elmer liked her in blue, was pinned in and let out to suit the slim lines of her pretty figure. Her small head, heavy with fair hair, was held high and her blue eyes were indifferent. She was pale and wilted looking. Elmer was not mentioned, which relieved her, but that showed her that the village folk thought her sensitive on the subject. She looked about her, determined to seem cheerful.

Dresses of various colors, half finished, were pinned up to the walls and curtains, patterns and scraps everywhere, pins all over the carpet. Near her hung a dainty, lacy white thing. She put out a hand to touch its shining daintiness.

"How pretty!" she said with a woman's instinctive reverence for such garments. "It looks like a wedding gown!"

Miss Still, busy with a refractory fold, answered through a mouthful of pins.

"It is. Don't you touch it. Rose would have a fit if she thought any one—gracious, what have I said! And I promised not to! She wanted to surprise the village with her wedding. You won't breathe it to a soul!"

"I will never mention it," prom-

ised Sarah, struggling for her composure, her heart sinking. So Rose would be Elmer's wife! She steeled her thought on a trifle. "Isn't it rather short?" she asked steadily about her own dress. "And I'd like the neck a little closer." She began chattering about clothes and kept it up until she was again dressed and safely out of that house.

The sun was still scorching, but Emmie could not go home. Alice Robbins, Rose's best friend, called to her from her porch to come in and visit, but she could not bear to be watched by any one. They might mention Elmer, and all the world knew she and Elmer, while not actually engaged, had been inseparable for a year past. Indeed, she had but a month before, for his sake, refused to marry Harry Stevens, who came out from the city for a vacation and hung persistently about her until she sent him away. About then the coolness between her and Elmer had begun.

Now, too wretched for words, she left the little village street and turned up the country road leading not to her home, but away from it to the lake. Perhaps the sight of water would help her; perhaps she could fight it out with herself and get rid of this misery. Neither pride nor anger seemed to help her hurt. She simply cared, and knew she cared, and he must know that she cared. And he was to marry Rose, whom he used not to like because she was a bit forward and boylike in manner!

Emmie walked on and into the bit of wood edging the small lakelet, a blue patch of mirror for a blue sky, and sitting down on the grass threw off her hat and tried to think things out. She would have to do something to herself before she could face even her mother.

An hour passed and she hardly noticed a sudden darkening of the sky until it grew almost black. Then she jumped to her feet, and started toward the road, knowing that she could not reach her farm home, but hoping to get to the village before the storm. Thunder began to roll before she had gone a dozen steps, and her old child's terror of a tempest arose.

Free began to bend to the swift wind, the lake was gray, driven into a wrinkle of little waves. Then a flash of lightning blinded her.

Rain began to beat down as she crept under the fence and gained the road, and the dust flicked up at the touch of the drops, and then lay wet and flat. She plucked up the skirt of her white dress and began to run, forgetful that she had left her hat in the wood. As she ran the merciful tears came, relieving the pressure of her heavy heart, running down her cheeks unhindered. The wild order and storm, frightened as she was, seemed to clear her mind as the heat and brightness had befogged it. Breathless, she stopped running and took a steadier gait. By now the rain was heavy, and she was already so wet that she could be no wetter, and a half mile away she saw, gray and indistinct, the nearest house.

Splashing along, the tears and rain on her face, she did not hear the sound of hoofs behind her until a shout sent her in alarm out of the road, and almost into the ditch. A man in yellow slickers, driving an open cart, drew in his horse, the animal impatient and snorting.

"Didn't see you!" Nearly ran over you," he said, "why—Emmie!" She recognized Elmer as he did her, and stood helpless before him, but very straight, and not even trying to hide her tears. "Why are you out in this awful storm? Come here this minute—I'll take you in, child! I can't get down, this beast is so unruly."

She held back a moment and then came obediently and let him take her in. He spread a rubber blanket over and about her, and the horse dashed off.

"Did the storm frighten you?" His voice had the old tenderness, and for a moment his strong, tanned face turned toward her. "Have you been crying? Was it the storm?" She could not speak, but began crying again, unable to resist the dear familiar sense of his protection. He reined in the horse and went on in a stern, half-choked voice:

"I wasn't able to find a thing against Harry Stevens, and I tried to, too! If he makes you unhappy, he'll have to reckon with me, Emmie. I love you, whether you love me or not! You know that. It nearly killed me when I saw you cared more for him—but he has so much more to give you. And he's all right—perfectly square. Tell me why you are crying?"

"You—must be wild, Elmer! I don't—care about him, I never did! What made you think so? I got rid of him as soon as I could."

But the young fellow was leaning close to her, the wet yellow slicker dripping upon her. She loved that slicker, and the storm and the muddy road—yes, even the thunder which crashed at the moment.

"Emmie," he said, "Emmie, do you still love me? Are you going to marry me?"

She nodded, her face dirty and wet and shiny with happiness, and for a moment the man managed to spare an arm from his driving.

"Why were you crying?" he persisted.

Her answer was simple and direct. "Because I thought you were going to marry Rose Greene. I saw her wedding-dress at Miss Still's."

He interrupted, laughing. "I'm still in my senses," he declared ungalantly. "It's Jo Wortley who has lost his! He told me as a secret—you silly little girl!"



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Secretary H. L. Cook Talks of This Year's Program

NEW ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

Horse Racing, Frontier Days Celebration, Buffalo and Elk Races, Etc., Among the Amusements—Splendid Special Features.

"Kansas people are entitled to the best that money and energy can produce in the matter of a great State Fair," Secretary H. L. Cook declared in a statement about the coming State Fair at Topeka, September 9 to 13. "The Kansas State Fair is going to advance from year to year, and this year is to be no exception. There will be no cessation or halting because of the political whirl, but rather a renewed determination in this presidential year, the beginning of the state's second half century, to far surpass last year's splendid record. The people of Kansas will welcome an opportunity to come to Topeka for a week in September and join with their neighbors and friends in a statewide reunion and rejoice in the wealth, growth and advancement of their state as will be fully emphasized in the exhibits of their products." Secretary Cook's office is easily the busiest place in Topeka. The record of entries and exhibits in all departments are greater now than they were August 15, last year. "The fair this year will be bigger in all departments than it was last year," Secretary Cook said. "It will be a State Fair all Kansas can be proud of. It will equal the Iowa and Illinois state fairs, older institutions and with more money behind them. Topeka, with its splendid railroad facilities, is the natural location for a great state fair. Its grounds are within nine blocks of the state house and are the most convenient and beautiful in all the West. "Not only is the fair bigger than ever, but we expect greater crowds of out-of-town people and are doing everything in our power to make their stay for the big week pleasant and comfortable. I find unusual interest in the Topeka fair and my reports show that thousands are coming to remain during the week."



H. L. COOK, Secretary Kansas State Fair.

Kansas people who want to see some fine racing will be pleased at the exceptional program for the State Fair at Topeka. "There are 150 more horses entered in the early closing stakes this year than there were in the same races last year, and this is just a sample of what is true in every other department," Secretary Cook said. "The live stock department will be large and strong. We will have all the farm machinery exhibits that we have room for, and all the special features are better than ever. Of course, the Cheyenne Frontier Days Celebration which has been given at Cheyenne for seventeen years, and attracted world-wide attention, will be the most interesting attraction. This unique and realistic reproduction of American plains life of former days in Kansas and the West, attracted former President Roosevelt to that city after his journey into the wilds of Africa. Buffalo and Elk teams, relay races and "broncho busting" will make this feature of the State Fair exceedingly realistic. This is true because this character of entertainment familiar only to the pioneers of a former day and age is passing. It will probably be the last appearance of this world-famous exhibition. Secretary Cook announces that five thousand extra grand stand seats will be built for the State Fair visitors who come to see this reproduction of Cheyenne Frontier Days. The United States government display this year will consist of models of the latest naval equipment, and will include many new features in the way of modern guns for the army and navy. One of the clean, up-to-date educational amusement features is Wortham & Allen's new electric carnival company which will delight every visitor to the State Fair at Topeka, September 9 to 13. The free attractions are superior to those ever put on before, and they all constitute five days of clean, wholesome amusement. It may be said, and Secretary Cook's records bear proof of it, that the Kan-

sas State Fair at Topeka, is no longer local, but has become a statewide institution in which the people have confidence and to which they are giving a generous support. Its visitors this year will come from every county and community in the state.

EXPECT TO BREAK ALL RECORDS.

Kansas State Fair at Topeka Will Surpass the Showing Made in Former Years.

The Kansas State Fair at Topeka is a permanent institution. More than \$160,000 have been spent in the erection of fireproof concrete buildings. Last year exhibitors of live stock, farm products, machinery and others were loud in their praises of the management for the ample provisions made for their care and comfort. The thousands of farmers and towns people who attended the State Fair declared it to be an exhibition of Kansas products fully in keeping with the state's wonderful growth and advancement. It was a rounding out of Kansas' first fifty years of development and progress with a show of wealth and achievement in state-building that was good to see. The record of 1911, when the Kansas State Fair at Topeka was easily the largest stock and agricultural exhibition in the western country, is certain this year to surpass that showing. In the live stock department alone these, in brief, were the figures of last year: 710 head of show cattle. 300 head of draft horses. 1,200 head of show hogs. 600 head of show sheep. The prospects point to a greater fair in September. Kansas and exhibitors in greater numbers than ever before. Secretary H. L. Cook confidently predicts that the coming State Fair will eclipse in exhibits and interest last year's fine record in every department. Of special interest to the farmers will be the free lectures each day in the different live stock departments by experts from the Kansas Agricultural College.

THE STATE FAIR MAP. In Two Years Kansas Has Won Fifth Place For its Fine Stock Show at Topeka. What a husky youngster the Kansas State Fair at Topeka has grown to be in two years. Does it seem possible to put a State Fair into the front rank of big fairs in so short a time, without unlimited capital or state aid? Only energy and exceptional management could perform the seeming miracle. The 1911 fair at Topeka ranked fifth in the number of entries in the live stock division. Like a mushroom the big fair developed from a mediocre horse meet to a really big fair. People were slow to believe even their own eyes. They know that their confidence has not been imposed upon, that all promises have been exceeded and that the big Kansas State Fair has come to stay. They marveled at the splendid show last year, at the handsome permanent improvements added to the grounds, and regretted that every loyal Kansan could not see the fair. Those who appreciate that it takes gate receipts to insure continued success are boosting for the fair at Topeka this year, the fair that made good in two brief years, and put Kansas on the State Fair map in flaming colors. The 1912 dates are September 9 to 13 inclusive.

THE FAVORITE TRACK.

Horsemen Are Heading Towards Kansas State Fair—Topeka Track the Best for Racing in the Western Country—Entries Pouring in—Record Breakers Coming. The horsemen have their eyes on Topeka. More entries have been received already for the races at the Kansas State Fair than ever before, and the late closing purses are yet open. Where to put all the horses is the problem now confronting the fair managers. Attracted by the very liberal purses, the best half-mile track in the West, and the reputation established as a real State Fair, the owners of fast horseflesh are coming without coaxing. This unprecedented list of entrants includes some noted horseflesh in the trotting and pacing classes, and Derby Day will be a record breaker for the Topeka track, if present indications continue. At no time in the history of the Topeka track has there ever appeared such an array of celebrities as will be seen in the speed program of the 1912 fair. The further fact that the Kansas State Fair is in the big western circuit, following Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska State Fairs, makes Topeka the logical mecca of the horsemen bound southwards for the late fall exhibitions. Lovers of good horse racing can count on a genuine carnival of Class A sport at Topeka, September 9th to 13th.

Camping at the State Fair.

Camping parties are to be given every possible inducement to visit the Kansas State Fair at Topeka. There is a beautifully shaded, grassy space south of the speed ring to which those desiring to camp during fair week can have all the comforts and pleasures of a real picnic within the fair grounds. Visitors to the Kansas State Fair at Topeka, will be regaled with music morning till night and supper to train time, by the best bands obtainable. Nothing so completely rounds out a day of sight seeing and entertainment as does good music.

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WHITE PIGEON BROUGHT LUCK

Perched on Wheel Box of the Fishing Boat and Gave it Fine Maiden Trip.

It is one of the pet beliefs of the fishing fleet folk that when a white bird flies aboard a ship at sea good luck is bound to follow. And if a white bird happens to fly aboard a brand new craft it insures the vessel with all kinds of joy forever. Out on Georges, two weeks ago today, a little pigeon fluttered down on the deck of the good ship Mary, perching on the wheel box. Result—good luck. Although Capt. Whallen's boat struck mighty hard weather, it came through without a scratch and landed 130,000 pounds of mixed ground fish, mostly hake and cusk, which is pretty nearly the record catch for a maiden trip. The pigeon looked as though it had had some pretty hard luck itself before it fell in with the Mary, however. One of its wings was badly torn, as though a gull or a hawk had taken a piece out of it. The men aboard took good care of the pigeon, giving it plenty of food, although they made no attempt to confine it to any one part of the vessel. The bird made friends with every one, especially the cook, and refused to eat except out of the men's hands. As the Mary came up the harbor this morning, the bird was a deck. Abreast of Governor's Island he suddenly took wing and flew away. The men said it looked to them as though the bird had recognized his surroundings in the inner harbor and had flown for home.—Boston Globe.

Wild Bird Returns to Captivity.

Are birds able to think and remember where they have been well cared for? A gentleman living in Leith is in the habit of feeding the birds which frequent his garden during the winter months. Some time in January, 1911, he enticed a greenfinch to enter a cage and so captured it. It was wearing a ring on its leg marked "Aberdeen University, 7155." In the following March he set it at liberty, declares a correspondent of The Scotsman. He was much surprised when on January 15, 1912, the bird returned. On his cage being presented to him, the bird hopped contentedly into it and settled comfortably down for the severe season. An examination of the ring left no doubt as to the identity of the bird.

Living With a Poet.

Signore Gabriele d'Annunzio having returned to Italy, the visitors at a certain little French resort are deprived of his distinguished company. For two months they could boast of living in the same resort as the famous poet and playwright. Some of them had even the honor of sharing the same hotel—a hotel which appreciated the great master at his just value, and therefore neglected nothing that contributed to his glory. The servants had strict orders to make no noise before noon, and all work was therefore prohibited till midday. The other guests rose and dressed in silence, and then stole noiselessly away to the sea or the forest, where they were requested to remain until the hour of déjeuner. About twelve o'clock Signor d'Annunzio would appear at his window, and, as that was the sign that he had ceased to sleep, the normal routine was resumed.

The Ubiquitous Spender.

"He spends like a prince," his friends say. "He throws it around like a drunken sailor," says the others. After all, he gets rid of it. And you can pick your simile from any class of society you choose and still be about right.

Canny Mother-in-Law.

"My future mother-in-law is really a bit too careful. So that my fiancée shall know what to buy after we are married, she takes us both with her to the market every morning." "Well, but what use are you?" "Oh, I pay."—Flegende Blaetter.

Bright Kindergartner.

In a kindergarten in Omaha "Amen Ica" was being sung and the director was repeating the words to her small pupils. When she came to "Land where our fathers died," one small child with a puzzled expression on her face spoke up: "But my father ain't dead yet."

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