

FED STEERS HOLD FIRM

CHOICE MISSOURI FED BEEVES ESTABLISH NEW SEASON'S TOP AT \$10.20 PER CWT.

WESTERNS STEADY TO EASY

Butcher Stock Trended Lower Again - Bulls - Cows - Calf - Steady - No Quotable Change in Stockers and Feeders.

Supply figures today showed a slight decrease with a week ago, but there was a fairly good run in sight at the leading market centers for a Thursday. The local receipts were estimated at 2,900 head, as compared with 2,135 last Thursday and 1,928 the day before. The five markets combined reported 17,700 head, as against 20,208 a week ago and 17,899 the same day a year ago.

Head of the cattle here today were in the western range class and cow stuff and feeding cattle predominated in the native offerings.

The following prices are quotable on the St. Joseph market today. Choice to prime steers, \$5.50 to \$10.40; good to choice, \$3.75 to \$9.25; fair to good steers, \$3.75 to \$8.60; common to stock, \$1.50 to \$4.00; good to fancy yearlings, \$3.75 to \$9.50.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. 1, 15.10 to 20.00; No. 2, 12.50 to 17.75; No. 3, 11.00 to 15.00; No. 4, 10.00 to 14.00; No. 5, 9.00 to 13.00.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. Best quality of medium and good cows and heifers still present in buyers' camp today and sellers found a slow, unsatisfactory market.

Stockers and Feeders. Good to choice feeding steers are available at \$4.25 to \$6.75; fair to good feeding steers at \$3.50 to \$6.25; good to choice stock steers, \$3.50 to \$5.50; common to stock, \$1.50 to \$4.00; stock calves, \$3.50 to \$5.00.

Stockers and Feeders. No. 1, \$14.00 to \$18.00; No. 2, \$12.00 to \$16.00; No. 3, \$10.00 to \$14.00; No. 4, \$8.00 to \$12.00; No. 5, \$6.00 to \$10.00.

Yearlings and Calves. No. 1, \$18.00 to \$22.00; No. 2, \$16.00 to \$20.00; No. 3, \$14.00 to \$18.00; No. 4, \$12.00 to \$16.00; No. 5, \$10.00 to \$14.00.

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. No. 1, \$12.00 to \$16.00; No. 2, \$10.00 to \$14.00; No. 3, \$8.00 to \$12.00; No. 4, \$6.00 to \$10.00; No. 5, \$4.00 to \$8.00.

RANGES-NATIVE DIVISION. Around 20 loads of range cattle, mostly Kansas-Panhandle steers, arrived in the native division today.

Other Live Stock Markets. CHICAGO. Union Stock Yards, Ill., Aug. 15.-The Live Stock World reports: Cattle-Receipts, 5,000. Market mostly 10 to 15c lower, top \$10.15.

WHEAT. Sept. 93 1/2, 93 1/2, 93 1/2; Dec. 92 3/4, 92 3/4, 92 3/4. CORN. Sept. 76 1/2, 76 1/2, 76 1/2; Dec. 74 1/2, 74 1/2, 74 1/2.

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HOG TRADE FIRMS UP

SOME STEADY SPOTS BUT GENERAL MARKET STRONG TO 5c HIGHER.

THE QUALITY IMPROVES

Top Was \$8.50, With Bulk of Sales Ranging From \$8.20 to \$8.50 - About 7,000 Hogs on Offer.

Hog receipts were estimated at 7,000 head and prices ranged steady to a higher. The five markets reported a total of 38,900 head, as against 43,500 a week ago and 36,190 a year ago. Trade here opened rather slow but with a stronger feeling in evidence, business and markets improved along with fair spirit on middle ranges. Some of the mixed and light hogs sold steady to strong, but a good many of the shipping and butcher grades sold strong to top. The top \$8.50 was no higher than yesterday but there was considerable trading at that figure.

Representative Hog Sales. No. 1, \$18.00; No. 2, \$16.00; No. 3, \$14.00; No. 4, \$12.00; No. 5, \$10.00.

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle 2,900, Hogs 7,000, Sheep 1,000.

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.

Table with columns: Item, 1912, 1911, Inc. Dec. Cattle: 267,631, 248,520, 19,111, 20,889. Hogs: 1,357,983, 1,207,951, 150,032, 142,800. Sheep: 413,936, 398,488, 15,448, 16,100.

RECEIPTS BY CAR.

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

Table with columns: Car, No. of Cattle, No. of Hogs, No. of Sheep. Total: 218.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Wheat: No. 2 red 98 1/2, No. 2 hard 98 1/2, No. 3 hard 97 1/2. Corn: No. 2 white 77, No. 3 white 76, No. 2 mixed 77 1/2.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

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

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WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Beef: No. 1 19c, No. 2 17c, No. 3 15c, No. 4 13c, No. 5 11c.

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES.

Cumberland Branch Train Brings in 35 Loads of Stock. One of the largest trains brought in for sometime by the Burlington from Cumberland line points reached the yards today.

SHEEP VALUES DECLINE

LIBERAL SUPPLIES AND LOWER MARKETS ELSEWHERE RESULTS IN SLOW TRADE.

LAMBS 15 TO 25c LOWER

Sheep in Light Supply Sold at a Dime Reduction - Trade Sticky - At the Lower Level.

The selling contingent were up against a combination of adverse circumstances today that positively precluded the possibility of steady market, liberal supplies and lower markets elsewhere operating in conjunction, providing packers with a lever to bring the price down to the level along the line. Estimates called for 2,900 at this point and about that many registered, consisting of 13 cars of Idaho lambs and a varied assortment of mixed natives. From a quality standpoint there were few packages, other than of natives, and live stock raisers of Ellis, Neb. were among those who represented on today's sale.

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CHOICE BEEVES AT \$10.20

High Water Mark Hit on 17 Head Fed by J. W. Schlopp, of Stewartville, Minn. Choice beefs fed by J. W. Schlopp and shipped by Wright & Fling, of Stewartville, Minn., today established a new record for the local cattle market. The shipment comprised 17 head of well-ripened steers that averaged 1,545 lbs. and sold at \$10.20 per cwt.

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COTTON BILL PASSES SENATE

Latter Carries Amendment to Repeal Canadian Reciprocity Act—No Agreement Reached on Sugar Tariff Measure.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Repealing its action of Tuesday, when it passed the wool tariff bill over President Taft's veto, the House yesterday repassed the vetoed steel and iron tariff bill, within two hours after it had been returned from the White House with the president's signature, thus making the vote 173 to 83, a margin of only two votes over the two-thirds necessary to override the president.

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H. P. Schewe, a successful farmer and feeder of Ellis, Neb., had a car of cattle on sale today.

Dan Camp, a prominent farmer and livestock raiser of Ellis, Neb., was among those who marketed cattle at this point today.

Geo. Falkert, of Rockport, Mo., consigned a shipment of cattle to the local trade today.

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Ravenwood, Mo., was represented on today's market by Fryer & Horton, extensive shippers of that district, who had in a car of hogs.

Free—A Stetson Hat catalogue. Send your name at once to Sam Kahn, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story



ADDY glanced out of the window. A big spider was racing up and down the screen. "Mrs. Spider's looking out for her supper," said daddy to Jack and Evelyn. "She's a clever spider to think of putting a trap there, and see how beautifully it is woven," daddy remarked.

"The spider's other name is Arachne. Once Arachne was, according to a story of the people of long ago, a very beautiful young girl. Then all cloth was spun and woven by hand. Arachne was a very skillful spinner and weaver. She could weave cloth in such beautiful patterns that kings and queens were glad to get it and wear it.

"Now it happened that Minerva, one of the Greek goddesses, heard about Arachne. Minerva was the cleverest of the goddesses. I can't think why the Greeks could have called such a creature a goddess, however, even if they did make up all the stories they told about her, for Minerva, according to them, was very jealous.

"When she heard of the young girl who could weave such lovely cloth Minerva put on her human form and came down from Mount Olympus, where she lived when she wasn't going around nosing into human affairs as those old Greek gods had a tiresome way of doing.

"She went right to the vine covered cottage where Arachne lived and asked to see some of her weaving. "Arachne, who was an obliging little soul, brought out some of her work. The more the goddess looked at it the crosser she became, for it was very fine work, indeed, and she knew it.

"Ah," said Minerva at last, "I can do better than that myself! Suppose you get out your loom and weave a piece of cloth; then I will weave one. We will see whose work is best."

Then Arachne got out her finest thread and, sitting down at the loom, began to weave. Minerva, who was looking over her shoulder, saw that the young girl was forming figures in the cloth that were so lifelike they looked as if they had been painted. Arachne was so busy weaving her colored threads, now here, now there, that she did not see how angry her visitor was becoming. Minerva knew she could weave nothing more beautiful herself. In her anger she reached over and pulled the cloth from the frame of the loom. She tore the material to pieces.

"Since you are so fond of spinning, spin forever!" the goddess cried in her anger. Poor Arachne was at once changed into a spider, and spider she has been ever since, so says the story."

cost, but equally responsible is the shortage in numbers of steers. It will take a long time to replenish American beef herds to normal again, as measured by the consumptive capacity of the country. Meantime beef is going to remain high in price. It may not continue up to current top-notch levels; in fact, it will be better for all concerned if there is some decline, but cheap beef is out of the range of possibility.

COUNTRY ROADS AND RAILROADS The highest freight rates that farmers pay are on the wagon roads to the railway station. The farmer groans under the burden of the freight rates on the railroads which he does not own and over which he has only indirect control, but up to the present time he has not manifested an equal concern over the condition of the wagon roads which he does own and which are under his immediate control.

WILSON, CORN AND BEEF: Hark to the words of encouragement to beef consumers uttered by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture! Mr. Wilson sees cheaper beef as the result of this year's increased corn crop, but he is not promising this situation until the early part of next winter.

There is Mr. Wilson's argument. "The real reason for the present high price of meat is the high price of corn, caused by the poor crop of last year." The corn crop was below the average, and as a result the price touched 70 cents a bushel. Cattle raisers did not believe they were justified in feeding corn at this price to animals for slaughter. They did not believe the demand was sufficient to assure them getting their money back.

"It is asserted that beef never again will be cheaper." This is not so. The corn crop this year will be over 2,500,000,000 bushels, the third largest in the history of the country. This will make corn plentiful, and as soon as the effects can be felt the price of beef will drop. This drop probably will begin early next winter. The price of beef will be further reduced, Mr. Wilson declares, on account of the excellent oats and hay crops, but because of the reduced price of grazing lands in this country beef will not go as low in cost as has been reached in recent years.

AGRICULTURE FOR GIRLS. Women Farmers' Club Believes Girls Should Study Agriculture. Columbia, Mo., Aug. 14.—The Missouri Women Farmers' Club has started a movement to interest girls in the study of agriculture, not merely by caring for flowers or managing a vegetable garden but real agriculture involving a knowledge of soils, crops, stock, fruit, poultry and dairy products.

Every young woman who would like to take advantage of this offer should write for a copy of the rules governing the contest to A. J. Meyer, Sup't. of Short Courses, Columbia, Mo.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS ONE? Deserving her eggs which promised soon to become chickens, a Memphis hen is said to have adopted four little puppies and is carefully raising them.

GUANACOS OF THE ANDES

Texas Ranchmen Seeking Information With a View to Domesticating the Animals.

The day is not far gone when that historic farmer, on beholding the circus giraffe for the first time, exclaimed, "There ain't no such animal!" And the day also may not be far distant when more animals now seen only in menageries will be introduced into certain parts of America. Ostriches once were a curiosity with the great text shows. Now there are ostrich farms all over the west. An attempt was once made to introduce the camel in the great American desert plains of Arizona and New Mexico. An attempt also was once made to train monkeys to pick prunes, but this latter venture was a chattering farce.

Now comes the Daily Consular Report with a story to the effect that Texas ranchmen are seeking additional information concerning guanacos, which are found in large numbers in the Andes from central Peru to Cape Horn. These animals are very shy and hunters capture them with difficulty. They may be tamed if taken when young, and Consul Winslow at Valparaiso, Chile, sees no reason why they could not be successfully raised in certain sections of the United States. Guanacos are said "to feed upon the pungent herbage of the Patagonian deserts, as well as upon the bitter grasses of the Pampas, and furnish the wandering natives their principal flesh food and the only skins useful for clothing or tent making."

Guanacos are about a third taller than the average sheep and weigh about the same. There is no fixed price for the animal, as few have been domesticated. They must be picked up wherever they can be found, at whatever the owner may charge, anywhere from \$5 to \$20 gold each. Guanaco rugs are prized very highly and cost \$16 to \$25 gold, according to size, quality of the hair, etc. A rug 6x9 feet is worth \$20.

OLDEST SOLDIER IN BRITAIN

Recently Celebrated the Fifty-Second Anniversary of His Appointment as Royal Gunner.

The oldest soldier in the British army is said to be Samuel Parsons, the king's gunner at Windsor castle, who lately celebrated the fifty-second anniversary of his appointment as the royal gunner in the round tower of Windsor castle. Although nearly 87 years of age, he is still on the active list, and has drawn full military pay for sixty-five years. Parsons still retains all his faculties, his sight being very good, and enjoys good health. He was born at Morval, East Loos, Cornwall, in 1825, and at the age of 19 years joined the Royal artillery at Devonport. He was at Quebec with his regiment for six years, and after three years' home service was dispatched for a time with fever Parsons returned to the seat of war the day before the charge of Balaklava, although he did not take part in that memorable charge, but was present at the battle of Inkermann. After the Crimea he went to Woolwich and was appointed royal gunner at Windsor castle Oct. 17, 1859.

Parsons possesses six medals, including the Crimean medal, with bars for Sebastopol, Inkermann and Balaklava; the Turkish medal, the long service medal, Queen Victoria's Jubilee medal, and King George's coronation medal. During the fifty-two years Parsons has been at the round tower there has never been an accident, relates the London Standard.

First Thimble. There is a tradition that a Dutch silversmith pondered over a certain notion which he had cherished long and silently in the slow working senses which he deemed his brain—a notion for a trinket, a fad, for a dignified lady of Holland. It must be a useful trinket, albeit a costly one, meet for so good a sempstress as Deme Alize Van, Rensselaer. When the notion took definite shape the metal by fingers as deft as the brain was slow, and the industrious housewife proudly wore not only her first thimble, but the first thimble possessed by any Dutch frau.—Century Magazine.

The Oriental Dancer. Charles Frohman, at a dinner at the Metropolitan club in New York, commended a certain outrageously indolent Oriental dancer. "She must have a nasty mind," Mr. Frohman said, "to dance like that."

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—Because he only earned 25 cents by working hard all morning hoeing potatoes on the Moberly ranch near Dominguez, Cornelius Haasacker, 23 years old, a farm hand, turned bandit and in two hours broke every record of the local police department for wholesale desperadoing.

His came to town in the evening, walked out to Hollywood, broke into and robbed two houses there, walked back to Wilshire boulevard, robbed another house, held up four automobiles in rapid succession, held up a Chinese and took his loose change, drove a casual spectator off his own front porch and finally was arrested. His total haul for the two hours of his activities was one pair of opera glasses and \$62.50 in cash. Two of his intended automobile victims, William Behr and Charles O'Connell, the latter secretary of the Hibernal Bank, and rushing past Haasacker's guns, the latter vice president of the Wright & Callender Company, stopped and handed over their valuables.

SOME PATCHES. Mrs. John Lamb of Scammon, Kan., has just completed a quilt on which she has been working for twenty years. The piece is cut in the shape of a diamond about an inch long. There are 3,816 of these, arranged in nine large stars and four small ones.

LIVELY CAREER CUT SHORT. Rampage of Farm Hand Does Not Last Long. Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—Because he only earned 25 cents by working hard all morning hoeing potatoes on the Moberly ranch near Dominguez, Cornelius Haasacker, 23 years old, a farm hand, turned bandit and in two hours broke every record of the local police department for wholesale desperadoing.

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Heart, Throbs and Things

By M. J. Phillips

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What can I do for you, ma'am? John Wilkie, editor of the Trenton Twice-a-Week Tidings, left the typewriter where he was hammering...

You might put me to work, answered the visitor with a smile, as she drew off her gloves. I am E. L. Kimball.

Oh, you are, John assured her. If you can run the thing, that's all I care about.

One day he stared out at the street and faced a startling fact: He was in love with Miss Kimball!

It rose like a mountain peak above the level plain of his existence, detached from its drab surroundings...



John Turned Deathly Pale.

ready paid Miss Kimball some attention, were away above his class when it came to personal appearance.

So musing, he attacked his morning mail. The second envelope which he slit open contained an appeal for help from a country youth whose "girl" had discarded him for a better-favored rival.

Smiling grimly, John adjusted a sheet of copy paper in the typewriter, and wrote one of those biting, quizzical paragraphs which was giving the "Tidings" a reputation throughout the state.

He reflected complacently there would be others "giggling" at "Hartbroken" and his plight. Then he sent the letter marked, "Don't change," and his comment, up the copy-chute to Miss Kimball.

When the next proof came down for correction, John blinked behind his glasses. "Hartbroken's" letter had been altered as to language, spelling and punctuation; and the editor's flippant comment had not been set.

At the bottom of the proof the operator had added a sentence of her own. "He appealed to you for advice; it won't be right to make him a laughing-stock."

Wilkie rumbled his hair thoughtfully, corrected the proof, and wrote "O. K., J. W." below Miss Kimball's note. Then he smiled sheepishly, sent the proof up the chute, and slapped himself three times on the red, bony wrist.

"Hartbroken" was really responsible for the "Tidings" most popular column. Miss Kimball evolved it, mothered it, and kept it alive. The country youth's letter had evidently touched a hidden spring in Trenton,

for mistletoe from the lovelorn came in a steady trickle after that.

John turned them all over to the operator; he didn't want to continue slapping his own wrist. She gave the perplexed advice.

Confronting with the foreman, she set an attractive box head, "Heart-Throbs and Things." She filled a column with the letters and her answers, with paragraphs she clipped and wrote, and with some of John's snappy editorial squibs.

Winter deepened. So did John's love for Edith Kimball. He longed to take her in his arms and kiss away her capable, self-reliant air, to pet and tease and adore her out of the status of a valued employe into that of wife and comrade.

An inspiration came to him one evening as he smoked in his office after hours. He selected a cheap, plain envelope from his stock of samples, put on his hat and hurried to the office of Bob Sears, a young lawyer with whom he was friendly.

"Dear sir," he wrote, "I am a young man of twenty-one and I am very much in love with a young lady who works in the same place I do. I am not at all good-looking, and there are several paying her attention that are, so I fear she does not regard me favorably."

When it came back to him a day later decorated with foreign postmarks and addressed to "Heart-Throbs," he sent it guiltily up the chute without opening. Then he fidgeted like a schoolgirl until the long, slim galley proof brought it back in type with Edith's comment attached.

"A true woman does not care for beauty in a man; don't let lack of it worry you. I infer from your letter you are diffident, and have not shown that you care for her. Until you do, she will not cheapen herself by expressing any preference."

John heaved a long sigh and wiped his moist forehead. When the issue containing his letter had been out two days, long enough to reach the mythical "Nathan," he wrote another letter, the gist of which was: "Would you advise me to put my fate to the test? How shall I ask her?"

They were late that week with the second issue of the "Tidings," and Edith was working evenings to catch up. It was eight o'clock Thursday night when the answer came down along with other "Heart-Throbs" stuff. The editor of "Heart-Throbs" refuses to propose for you. If you really care for the young woman, you will muster courage enough to ask her."

John turned deathly pale; his tank jaw dropped. Suddenly the air of the office was stifling. He jerked off his coat and rolled up the sleeves of his shirt.

In two minutes he had rolled down his sleeves and put on his coat. He closed the stove, wiped his wet face with his handkerchief, and then noiselessly he opened the rear door of the office and headed for the stairway.

With his foot on the first step he shivered and returned, panic-stricken, to the office. He corrected the proof and sent that up. He rumbled his hair with both hands, as if trying to force a decision into his brain. That seemed to be effective, for with desperate haste he seized a square of copy paper and a pencil, scrawled a single sentence and sent it flying up the chute.

He heard Edith leave her machine and go to the chute; the tin carrier rustled as she took the single sheet out of it. He wiped his forehead again.

There was silence. Then the machine resumed its song. He slumped into his chair.

Another proof came down. He swept its length at a single glance. At the bottom he found what he sought, in cold, impersonal type, his sentence and her answer:

"I am coming upstairs to ask you to marry me."

"Well, I don't know how I can prevent you."

John hurried to the stairs again, went up four steps at a time, and hurried the length of the room. Edith's fingers were fitting busily over the keyboard. (She still had the line she was setting at that particular moment; it's a curiosity.) Her head was bent to the copy.

He dropped to one knee beside her low chair and smothered her in his arms. He kissed her again and again. "Darling," he cried, "I love you!" Her arms tightened about his neck. "I've suspected so for some time—'Nathan!' she whispered.

What the Cold Weather Did.

"Dear me," said Miss Oddways, who had just come from a long ramble in the country, "I was sorry to observe that the cold weather has killed all the pivot hedges."

PEST ON MISSOURI GRAIN

CHINCH BUG CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE THROUGHOUT SEASON.

Department of Entomology, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri.

As soon as the grass begins to grow in the spring, the adult chinch bugs that have lived through the winter come out of their hiding and fly about in search of suitable food.

In some springs the insects are so numerous at this time that they attract a great deal of attention by alighting on people by the dozens. It appears that spring is the great migrating season in Missouri, when the chinch bugs cover great distances and large areas.

After the insects have found suitable plants for food, they insert their beaks through the tissues of the plant and suck the sap. In this search for the proper food plants, immense numbers of the insects alight in the wheat fields of Missouri. If the field happens to be near a wood or Osage orange hedge, or a wind break where there is plenty of shelter in which they hibernated in winter, the field is likely to be badly infested.

It seems that chinch bugs inject a poison into the plant which causes a stronger flow of sap to the place where the beak has punctured. This may do more injury than the loss of the sap which the insect actually extracts.

A wheat field attacked by the bugs will appear bleached in the area infested. If they are left undisturbed, the bugs will spread from plant to plant, and in a short time will take possession of the entire field.

While a great number of chinch bugs mate in the fall, the vast majority of them mate in the spring soon after leaving their winter quarters. Quite soon afterward the females begin laying their eggs under little clods of earth about the base and roots of the plants.

In about sixteen days these eggs will begin to hatch, and the farmer will detect the little reddish or yellowish bugs in his wheat. In about six weeks these will have reached the adult stage and the wheat field is overrun with chinch bugs.

Meantime the young bugs have been drawing their nourishment from the wheat plants by sucking the sap, and have done more or less damage according to the number of bugs in the field. Since each female lays upwards of 500 eggs, one can form an idea of the extent and multiplication of these insects after leaving their winter quarters.

When the wheat has ripened so that it is no longer suitable for their food, the bugs usually migrate all at once to some green crop. Some are crawling and some flying. Mostly, however, even those that are perfectly able to fly will struggle along with the immature ones that can not.

The corn field is usually the natural place for them to go, and as they are usually almost starved by their travel, the first corn is covered, sometimes until it is black with them.

Soon after this migration the second brood appears, and the whole number attack the growing corn and cause very great destruction. This second brood is the one most to be feared because of its vast numbers and the time at which it appears.

By the time the bulk of this second brood of chinch bugs have reached the adult condition, the time has approached for them to seek winter quarters, and the fall migrations begin. If the proper winter quarters are near at hand, most of the insects will migrate on foot to them. Otherwise the winged forms will take to flight and travel considerable distances to find the suitable places.

If corn is cut at this time and stacked in shocks in the field, the farmer has given these chinch bugs the very best kind of winter quarters. They will seek these shocks and hibernated there in vast numbers. If wheat is sown in this same field the following year, the bugs have been given the best conditions to start in their depredations on the wheat.

Clean farming and the destruction of brush and rubbish will help in the control of this pest. Sowing of millet early in spring to attract the early brood, then burning it while they are in it, will help. A narrow border of a green crop makes an effective trap to hold them a few days when they are migrating, giving an opportunity to kill them off.

After chinch bugs have become widely distributed over the field there is little that can be done to stop them. The "chinch bug disease" was once hailed as a remedy, but the work that it does will go on anyway, and is scarcely under the control of man.

Many men are beginning to favor the cultivation of corn after the regular plowing is done and the corn is too tall to be handled with a two-horse implement. A mower wheel dragged through with one horse will break up any crust that may be formed by a rain, and will help to make the best growth. This may not be necessary in a year when there is plenty of rainfall, but it is likely to help any year. It is the many little differences that make profitable crops.

KEEPS HENS AT THEIR WORK

Simple Contrivance Used by Western Man Cures Them of Desire to "Set."

Owners of hens are frequently greatly annoyed by the persistent desire of their fowls to set, in season and out, on eggs, stones or other objects to hand. But a western man has evolved a plan to circumvent the hen in this respect.

The cure consists of a cheap watch, with a loud and clear tick, inclosed in a case that is white and shaped like an egg. When one of the hens belonging to this westerner manifests a desire to set out of season he gently places the bogus egg under her sheltering breast. The "egg" ticks cheerfully away, and soon the hen begins to evince signs of uneasiness and stirs the noisy egg around with her bill, thinking, no doubt, that it is already time for it to hatch. She becomes more and more uneasy as the noise continues, and soon jumps off the nest and runs about a while to cool off. Soon, however, she returns to her self-imposed task. Matters get worse and worse; she wiggles about and cackles, ruffles her feathers and generally shows distress. Finally, with a wild squawk, she abandons the nest for good and all, and the incubating fever is broken completely.

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SOMETHING NOT IN DEMAND

One Accomplishment That Employers of Cashiers Make No Great Effort to Foster.

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"Yes, sir," said the young man with conscious pride. "Well, for heaven's sake don't tell your prospective employer so or you will be looking for a job this time next year," the old clerk said.

"Employers are afraid of too much skill in that direction. It gives such enormous opportunities for fraud that they will fight shy of hiring you. I found that out in my young days. I also was an expert with the ink eraser and proudly proclaimed my accomplishment. Finally, when I found myself toiling the starvation mark I ceased to boast, and have held a good situation ever since."

Birds Flock to Their Death.

An old sportsman of Normandy declares that round the lighthouse of Barfleur last November there were picked up in the course of four nights 10,000 birds of all sorts, including 1,800 woodcock. The lighthouse on the Pointe de Penmarc'h, in Brittany, has a revolving light of 30,000,000 candle power. Visiting this on November 19 last year, and again on the 12th, an observer saw tens of thousands of birds whirling round, and it seemed to him that the light shot out a perfect hail of electric sparks among the migrants. Next morning he was present while the dead bodies were being collected. They are dispatched every day to Paris by train, and the "catch," he was told, often comprised 2,000 to 4,000 victims; one morning alone there had been more than 500 woodcock in the "bag."

Instinct Was There.

Mr. Isaacs had had a busy day, what with lending money at 90 per cent, and discounting bills at 50, and he was annoyed on returning home to find the apple of his eye howling the house down. That child would not be quiet, not even when his fond papa took him in his arms. Then the parent tried waiting up and down the room, singing songs, but after having sung every song from "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" to "Hey Diddle Diddle," he thought of giving it up. However, he tried one more song. It was "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Hardly had he started when there was an instant hush and a tiny voice cried out: "Make it two shillings, fader; I'll be atleep in thirty seconds!"—London Answers.

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ITALICS USED FOR EMPHASIS
They Reveal the Writer's Sense of the Relative Importance in Things He Has Written.

Doctors of style in the writing of English declare that the use of italics for emphasis is a positive fault, showing weakness of construction and inability to express ideas strongly by a right arrangement of words. Nevertheless, italics are used deliberately by some forceful writers to gain added effect and to fasten the eye and the mind of the reader upon important points, somewhat as a speaker will strengthen his oration by vocal emphasis and gesture. Whatever may be said for or against the use of italics, they certainly reveal the writer's sense of relative importance in the things he has written. He has selected certain words and hence, as we note their significance we begin to know more of the man behind the words. His choice of emphasis tells us what manner of man he is. His italics are an index of his mental or moral character.

We are all writing history day by day. On every page some things are written small, others stand out boldly in italics. Take up the book at night and read the story of the day. It will be an interesting record—perhaps a startling one. Doubtless we shall feel very much like correcting the proof when we find where the italics are set.—Christian Herald.

FORESTRY PROBLEM IN JAPAN
Little Brown Brothers Have Safeguarded Themselves Against Destruction of Forests.

Just at the time when this country is beginning to struggle with the problem of husbanding its forest resources, of protecting its mountain slopes, and of improving the waterways, it is interesting to know that the Japanese have successfully attacked the same problem, before the land suffered severely from the evil effects following deforestation. The far-sighted people of Nippon have foreseen the results of the destruction of their extensive mountain forests, and have safeguarded themselves by placing all of these under government control.

The practice of forestry has been carried on in Japan for a longer time than in any other country. For 1,200 years the people of Japan have been planting and growing forests, with a success that has been a little short of marvelous. Under careful management, the Japanese forests yield very high financial returns. This high yield is only made possible by the close utilization of every bit of the tree so that scarcely a twig is wasted, and by the improvement of the growth of their forests by carefully conducted thinning and tending. The woods are first thinned at the age of thirteen years, and then every five years after that up to the time of the final harvest, at 120 years.

Statue That Sprang Up in Night.
In London, where one of the most luxuriant and beautiful parks in the world, the Kensington Gardens, is a vast playground for children, the fairies' own month of May was celebrated this year with a rare gift. A statue of Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up, prettily lifting on an ancient tree-trunk and blowing his pipe, which brings the birds and squirrels and field mice out to listen, was set up in a single night and when the little children came next day to play they believed that the beautiful image of the little boy who plays with them at make-believe was left by the fairy folk themselves. And who would be so sadly grown up as to tell them any different?

The statue, presented by Mr. J. M. Barrie, author of the story, "Peter Pan," is of exquisite beauty. The inscription is: "Peter Pan, Friend of the Fairies and Little Children."—The Christian Herald.

The Main Thing.
Arnold Bennett, the English romancer, was much impressed in New York by the beauty of the girl stenographer.

"It isn't your actress or your society belle that I'd award the palm for beauty," Mr. Bennett said at a luncheon. "It's to your stenographers."

"I won't say it's their beauty alone that gets these girls their positions, but I'll tell you a story.

"A male stenographer was talking about a girl who had displaced him.

"Is she really an expert?" his listener asked.

"Oh, no," was the reply; "but she's as expert as you'd expect a girl of her beauty to be."

Woman's Unfitness.
An anti-suffragist once said, "Woman's unfitness for the ballot necessitates her continuance in a narrow environment."

This reminds us of the old negro who was asked why he did not seek religion. He replied, "Boss, I ain't fit."

"Well," said the other man, "why don't you get fit?"

Uncle Pats answered, "Boss, I ain't fit to get fit."—Woman's Journal.

Wooden Vessel Superior.
Admiral Peary says that in some respects the old-fashioned wooden ship is less vulnerable to the dangers of the sea than the huge steel liner. He once crashed into a partly submerged iceberg while going at full speed in broad daylight. "The stout little ship" (the Roosevelt), he says, "caromed off the berg like a billiard ball, without injury; a steel ship would have had her bilge torn open from bow to quarter."

POWER OF THE HUMAN EYE
Distance at Which Recognition of a Person May Be Considered Reliable.


How often we say "I recognized him" sometimes at distances that make us doubtful. Now the German government has made scientific investigations showing the distance at which this recognition may be considered reliable. According to their report, a man with good eyes will recognize a person seen once before at a distance not greatly exceeding 82 feet. An intimate acquaintance may be recognized at from one hundred and sixty to three hundred and twenty feet; and a very dear friend or relative up to five hundred feet.

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Of course, there are averages such as the jurist must recognize in weighing the evidence of witnesses, and the military leader in noting the position of his antagonist and the outside limit of effective rifle and pistol fire. Then, there are exceptions to these rules. Hunters, seacoast dwellers, prairie cattlemen and farmers whose sight, unweakened by civilized life and trained by constant exercise of "long sight," will often nearly double the averages given. So, too, the clearer air of the elevated prairies and table lands certainly doubles the power of the human eye.—Joe Chapple's News Letter.

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