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WEAK TONE TO STEERS

WESTERN GRASSERS FORMED BULK OF STEER SUPPLY AND QUALITY WAS ORDINARY.

NO CORN-FEDS ON SALE

Cows and Heifers Active and Steady—Veals Steady—Stockers and Feeders, Except Best, Show Decline.

Cattle receipts at the local yards today were less than half as large as on the two previous days of the week and 1,200 short of the supply available here a week ago.

A survey of the yards at the opening of trade disclosed not a single load of corn-fed steers, and later arrivals did not bring out anything in that line.

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TEACHING AGRICULTURE.

Chicago Drivers' Journal: Courses in agriculture have been adopted by several of the small colleges in Illinois and other states during the past year.

Agricultural teaching is a mark of progress in educational institutions which will win general commendation.

Most of the small colleges which have instituted an agricultural course aim to fit the graduating student to finish the university course within two years.

Returning with a knowledge of advanced agriculture gained at the college, they would be enabled to prove the small college a strong asset to the community and the state.

THE WORLD'S CATTLE SUPPLY.

Exchange: With an estimated total of 448 million cattle in the world, the United States, in 1912, had 71 million, or about 16 per cent.

THINK CANNED FOOD BEST

Part of Increased Living Cost Due to Aversion to Preserved Edibles.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 15.—That the high cost of living is partly due to the modern housewife's aversion to eating canned goods on the table is the opinion of D. H. Bedford of Peoria, Ill., a member of the Wholesale Grocers' association, which held its quarterly meeting in St. Louis last Friday.

"Canned goods are the cheapest as well as the most sanitary of foods," he said. "That the canner guarantees them to the jobber for six months or a year makes it imperative that no spoiled goods be shipped out of the factory."

The quality of canned goods is further improved by the fact that almost all the foods are now canned directly where they are grown.

Exports of cattle and beef from the United States increased gradually up to 1910, continued comparatively constant during the next five years, and have shown a marked decrease since 1905.

SEED CORN STORAGE METHODS.

The method of storing seed corn is of secondary importance, provided the place is right. The method selected should, however, provide a free circulation of air on all sides of each ear.

Daddy's Bedtime Story



It was to be a flower story daddy had said, and Evelyn looked pleased because she was very, very fond of flowers.

"You know the little primrose that we buy in pots from the flower men," daddy began.

"Across the ocean, in Europe, they grow wild, and there are many pretty stories told about them. The one which I shall tell you is a great favorite with the little folks of Germany, to whom the primrose is known as the key flower."

"The story goes that in a forest—no one seems to know just what forest—in a golden castle, lives a wonderful fairy queen named Bertha."

"No one has ever seen it, though many little ones have started out hand in hand searching through field and woodland. Over his arm each child may carry a basket, and this is to bring home the treasure which is for all who are guests in the magic castle."

"Up and down, over hills and valleys, they wander, and whenever they meet any one the little ones stand and wait to see if they are spoken to, for Queen Bertha is said to go wandering about, trying now this child and now that one, to find out who is good enough to be her guest."

"If they are greedy and take more than one pot of the primroses the flowers get heavier and heavier as they carry them home. Then when they dig up the plants, expecting more gifts than one, they find only lumps of lead there."

"If they have been polite and taken only the single pot which the queen has told them they may have found the pot crammed and running over with gold and precious gems enough to make them and their parents wealthy for life."

method which probably best meets both of these conditions is that of hanging the seed from a wire pole, or rater with binder twine. In this way a large amount of seed can be hung in a comparatively short time and in a little space.

Woven wire, tacked on both sides of a frame-work made preferably of 4-inch material, using care that the meshes are opposite, makes an excellent rack. Lath tacked 3 to 4 inches apart on each side of 4-inch uprights make excellent, cheap racks.

Other good devices are made by driving nails into boards, poles, posts, etc., over which the butts of the ears are thrust.

A large number of devices for storing corn have been offered on the market. Many of them give good satisfaction and may be used by those who do not care to devise a method of their own.

Recently a tract of 150,000 acres near here was leased and will be stocked with sheep. The flocks generally are being increased.

GOLF BALL KILLS SPARROW

Long Drive of Player Proves Fatal to Bird.

Boston, Oct. 15.—In the golf tournament at the Bras Burn Country club a ball overpowered a sparrow and then continued true in its flight. The incident was witnessed by a number of golfers.

LAWS CONFUSE HUNTERS.

Quail Being Shot in Michigan, Though Latest Statute Forbids It.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

TESTED RECIPES.

ungarian Paprika—Probably was some chicken and rice left from Sunday's dinner. Mince the chicken, add the rice, gravy, a little onion and the yolk of an egg.

Baked Calit Heart.—Wash the heart well and wipe it. Fill with a good dressing made of bread crumbs, herbs, butter and seasoning.

Jellied Tapioca Pudding.—Soak one cup of tapioca in one cup of water overnight. In the morning put it in the double boiler and add three cups of cold water.

Zwiebach Tart.—Beat the yolks of three eggs with half a cup of powdered sugar for about fifteen minutes. Then add a cup of sifted flour.

Shirred Eggs.—Break as many eggs as are needed in individual paper cases or baking dishes.

Corn Wafers.—Make corn bread after your favorite recipe, or use this one: Two eggs, two tablespoonsful of butter, two tablespoonsful of sugar.

CHURCH RAISES GOOD CORN

Baptists Turned Farmers and Made \$100 by Experiment.

Olathe, Kan., Oct. 15.—It will soon be time to huck the Baptist corn crop, and there is much speculation on how much the 20 acres cultivated for the benefit of the church will yield.

Clams on Toast.—To one cupful of boiling milk add eight chopped clams. While boiling add gradually a paste of half cupful of milk and one and one-half cups of flour.

Carrot Salad.—Grate six new carrots, squeeze a little lemon juice over the pulp. Arrange on a bed of lettuce leaves, and dress with mayonnaise dressing.

Baked Tomatoes.—Take out the centers of six large tomatoes, chop the centers and cook with one-half cup of bread crumbs, a bit of bacon fat, salt, pepper and onion.

Potatoes en Casserole.—Make a sauce of one tablespoonful of butter and one of flour rubbed together until smooth. Add a little salt and one cupful of boiling milk.

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BANKERS BUY RANCHES.

Pleasanton, Tex., Oct. 15.—W. H. Rivers and E. H. Poth, bankers of Elgin, Tex., have bought 3,000 acres of the Hall ranch for \$42,000.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 15.—"Down with Roosevelt, we want no king," is

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ROOSEVELT HURT BAD

Continued from Page One.

Martin, the secretary who seized the assailant, saw the pistol before the shot was fired and that the weapon was discharged just as he flung himself upon Schrank.

Martin, wrestling the pistol from Schrank and holding the assailant in a grip fast rendering him unconscious, shouted back resentfully: "My name's not John."

TAFT ISSUES A STATEMENT.

Deplores the Attempt on Ex-President Roosevelt's Life.

New York, Oct. 15.—President Taft issued a statement on board the Mayflower yesterday afternoon relating to the shooting of Colonel Roosevelt.

"I cannot withhold an expression of horror," he said, "at the act of the maniac who attempted to assassinate Colonel Roosevelt."

"When I briefly expressed my regret last night," the president's statement continued, "I had been informed that Colonel Roosevelt was then speaking and had escaped injury. The news this morning, however, is of a more serious character. I feel the deepest sympathy for Mr. Roosevelt and his family and I pray that the wound may prove to be only a flesh wound and that, as the surgeons predict, there may be no complications."

"This assault, following the shooting of Mayor Gaynor, two years ago, and the assassination of three out of the last nine presidents elected by the people, are events which must cause solemn reflection by all Americans upon conditions which make it possible for such disorderly deeds may occur in a country affording to its citizens such complete advantages of civil liberty."

Mr. Taft sent messages to Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, respectively, as follows:

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OKLAHOMA'S CORN CROP.

According to Estimates Yield Will Total 53,500,000 Bushels.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 15.—The Oklahoma corn crop of 1912 is the biggest in the state's history, and according to the best estimates obtainable, will total 53,500,000 bushels.

Corn is grown in every county in the state and the average yield in the state per acre is placed by the state board of agriculture at 19.3 bushels.

The rains have been more frequent and came at opportune times. Practically every farmer who planted corn this year got a crop.

BETTER METHODS A NEED.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 15.—"The farmer is the best business man in the world for the reason that he is of the only class of business men who can go on losing money year after year and still continue in business."

ed States department of agriculture found in the grip left by John Schrank, Colonel Roosevelt's assassin, at the hotel here, where he stayed from Sept. 23 to 25.

"The crop contained many pieces of machinery, presumably written by Schrank, denouncing Roosevelt. It also contained Schrank's naturalization papers, showing he was a Bavarian. Other articles found include a box of 33 caliber pistol cartridges, a box which had contained a pistol of the same caliber, and a razor. Schrank came to this city by boat from New York. Colonel Roosevelt had been invited to attend the national great council of the Improved Order of Red Men in this city, but declined.

Schrank left Charleston for New Orleans. The grip and its contents will be sent to Milwaukee authorities today.

"There are certain prescribed rules governing lawyers and any person not an 'ignoramus' in time can study the statutes and textbooks proscribed in a law course and be admitted to the bar. A farmer has no set course of study and his skills are not the same over his entire farm."

"I claim they are the best business men we have, for the reason there is no other class of business men who can go on losing money year after year and continue in business. That is exactly what the farmers of the south have been doing for a great many years."

"The special agents are preaching the right doctrine, though many farmers look upon them with suspicion, and I don't believe that the south will ever come into its own until the farmers as a whole adopt the systems as prescribed by the department of agriculture at Washington. Scientific methods of farming are necessary in the south. The farmer who does not study his soil, his seed selection and crop cultivation is bound to fail."

Mr. Radford said the Farmers' union is trying to educate the farmers to market their crops intelligently and one important point in that was to furnish the market with those crops as the market demands.

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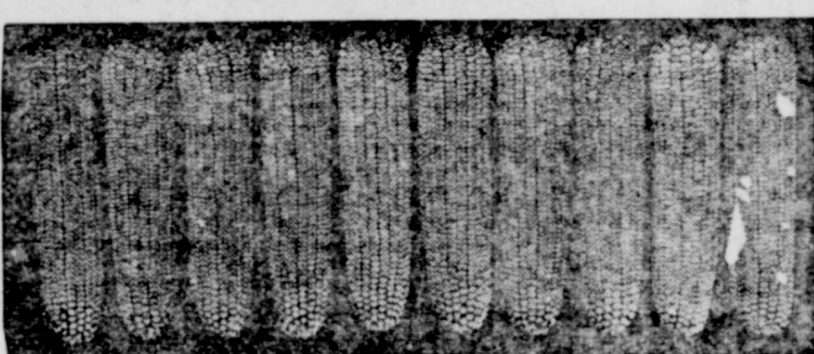
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Picking the Corn for Show
Uniformity of Exhibit Important Factor

By C. B. Hutchison, Assistant Professor of Agronomy, University of Missouri.

Along with the show season comes the selection of corn exhibits. Where corn is shown for premiums it is customary to show ten ears together as a sample, and consequently in judging such samples the ten ears must be considered as a whole, instead of a single ear. In selecting a sample it is well to first select twenty five or thirty of the best ears to be found and lay them out on a board side by side. Then go over them with the characteristics of a good ear in mind and study them carefully. An hour spent in picking out the good and bad points of the various ears, one after another, will help very much in deciding which of the ears will make the best exhibit. Finally pick out the most ideal ear in the lot and use it as a standard in selecting the other nine. Bear in mind that one of the most important points about a good sample of corn is what is known as uniformity of type. By this is meant that



The Kind that Wins. A Grand Champion Ten Ear Exhibit at a Missouri State Commission Show.

every ear should look as near like every other ear as possible. They should all have the same shade of color, the same size, the same shape, the same color of cobs, the same character of kernels, whether rough or smooth, wide or narrow, and be true to the type of the variety.

Each ear should measure up to the score-card standard for the variety, in both length and circumference, and should be solid, well-matured, free from damaged grains and all indications of mixtures. Keep in mind the idea of "mates," as if selecting a show team of driving horses or a herd of cattle or other stock.

For the purpose of determining the depth and shape of kernels, the character of the kernel and the size of cob, two kernels may be removed from the same side of the ear, but no other kernels should be missing.

By studying a score card one becomes familiar with the points that a judge considers. Following is the score card that is in common use:

Score Card.

1. Uniformity of type 10
2. Shape of ears 10
3. Length of ears 10
4. Circumference of ear 5
5. Purity (a) kernel 5
(b) cob 5
6. Maturity 5
7. Market condition 5
8. Character of germ 10
9. Kernels (a) shape 5
(b) uniformity 5
10. Butts 5
11. Tips 5
12. Space 5
13. Size of cob 10

Total 100

The standards adopted for the different varieties are as follows:

Variety Standards.

YELLOW.	Length.	Circumference.
Reid's Yellow		
Dent 10	to 10 1/2	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Leaming 10	to 10 1/2	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
St. Charles Yellow		
low 10 1/2	to 11	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Cartner 9	to 9 1/2	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
WHITE.		
Boone County		
White 10 1/2	to 11	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
St. Charles		
White 10	to 10 1/2	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Johnson County		
White 10 1/2	to 11	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Silvermine 9	to 9 1/2	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Commercial		
White 10 1/2	to 11	7 1/2 to 7 3/4

Practical Work in Forestry



University Students at Work in the Short Leaf Pine.

That theoretical work alone will not make competent foresters is the belief of Prof. J. A. Ferguson, head of the forestry department in the College of Agriculture. Eight students of that department camped in the heart of the Ozarks the past summer, doing practical work. During their stay they spent eight hours each day working in the timber. The other 16 hours were spent in recreation and sleeping. The camp was located near

FEED THE HOGS VARIETY

CORN ALONE DOES NOT MAKE PORK ECONOMICALLY.

By L. A. Weaver, Instructor in Animal Husbandry, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri.

The man who is feeding corn alone to his hogs that have not the run of a pasture is not making pork the most economically. L. A. Weaver, instructor in animal husbandry in the College of Agriculture, says that unless the hogs are on clover, cowpea or alfalfa pasture corn alone is not an economical ration. Even when on bluegrass pasture they need some feed like tankage to balance the corn. They not only put on more meat for the corn consumed, but they eat more corn and can be fed longer profitably.

The rations which Mr. Weaver recommends, either for dry-lot feeding or for hogs on bluegrass pasture, are these:

Ration 1.
Corn 8 parts
Shipped stuff 2 parts
Tankage 1 part

Ration 2.
Corn 9 parts
Tankage 1 part

Ration 3.
Corn 6 parts
Linedseed oil meal 1 part

Salt is found necessary to the health of all farm stock. It tones up the animal system, keeps the skin soft and increases the appetite. In the case of hogs and sheep, salt keeps the system in a condition less liable to disease. This is probably true with cattle and horses to a less degree. All stock should have access to salt at all times or should have it mixed in their feeds.

The number of students from other states enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Columbia is larger this year than ever before. "I know personally," said Dean E. B. Mumford, "of students from Tennessee, Iowa, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, South Carolina, Michigan, Indiana and Texas. Nearly all of these are from the agricultural colleges of these states." Nearly 400 agricultural students enrolled the first week. With the increase in assistants and instructors the department will be able to take care of these and any others who may enter later.

FROM THOSE THAT KNEW HER

Mrs. Mulcahey Had References That Could Leave No Doubt as to Their Genuineness.

Bridget had successfully measured up to all the other theoretical requirements of Mrs. Honeymoon, and that good little lady was on the point of engaging her as cook and general houseworker, when the thought of the woman's references flashed across the young housekeeper's mind.

"I like your looks," she said, "and everything you say about your abilities, Bridget, fits in with the exact requirements of Mr. Honeymoon and myself. The wages you ask seem reasonable, and we are perfectly willing to pay them, but, of course, I must have something in the nature of a reference before finally deciding. I suppose you have something of that kind?"

"Oh, yis, mumm," replied the candidate, "sure and OI wouldn't think of askin' anybody to taak me without me riterence."

She dived deep down into the pocket of her dress, and after considerable fumbling about therein managed to fish up a much-worn old envelope, from which she extracted a piece of paper. This she handed to Mrs. Honeymoon.

With some difficulty Mrs. Honeymoon deciphered the slightly scrawly epistle to whom it might concern, as follows:

"This is too sorry that bridget Mulcahey has served us The undersigned as Cook and generill houseworker for the last tree year, and We have found her allways kind and obliging, sober, onnest, and indusrious, We cheerfully recommend her to anybuddy wanting such a person around as she is.

(Signed) "Anny Mulcahey,
"Anny Mulcahey,
"patisey mulcahey."

Mrs. Honeymoon coughed slightly as she finished reading this document. "Well," she said, a trifle embarrassed, "that certainly is a good reference, but I—I don't know who these people are who signed it."

"Oh, they're arl right," smiled Mrs. Mulcahey. "They're me own childer, mumm. Ut's them OI do bin worrukin' for liver since We landed from th' ould country."

The Man With the Umbrella.

A sculptor's adventure during the taxi strike is told by a Paris contemporary. The artist is renowned for his resourcefulness and his humor. Over-taken by a downpour of rain near dinner time, he took refuge in a doorway. There was no taxi to be obtained, the faces that passed were full, and there was no prospect of the rain abating. At the moment a gentleman passed, well dressed and carrying a large umbrella. The sculptor saw his opportunity, shook hands with the stranger and installed himself under the umbrella. It was a coincidence that they should have met; he had been looking out for his acquaintance for the past fortnight. He talked incessantly about a hypothetical family and other matters until they reached the studio.

Then the sculptor discovered his mistake and apologized. The apology was accepted coldly, so the man with the umbrella was invited to inspect the studio. He declined and bade "au revoir." The sculptor entertained his family with the ruse. One member remarked that his tie was disordered. He put up his hand. His pin was missing. So were his watch and purse.

School Built by Boys.

In the city of San Francisco, a three-story and basement brick school building, modern and artistic and convenient in plan, is now nearing completion, which has been constructed entirely by the hands of the pupils who are to occupy it. Every brick in the wall was put there by the hands of beardless boys, the mortar which holds the brick having been mixed by them. They also made the handsome supporting posts and cut the planks of the stairways; put in woodwork and constructed and hung doors; sawing and shaping every bit of wood which has gone into the structure. They even installed the plumbing, casting the pipes in their own foundries, and shaped the metal in their own forge room. All the electrical appliances were installed by them and they planned the lighting and power systems. In short, from the concrete foundation to the roof, the building is in every part the work of boy students, done in class room, according to their own plans and specifications. The boys are the pupils of the Wilmerding School of Industrial Arts.

Lindau and the Kaiser.

Paul Lindau, in the Memories of My Life, relates that after the performance of his "Countess Leah" in Berlin, the old Emperor William, who had been present at the play, sent for him to congratulate him upon his fine work and the favor it had won.

"Only," he added, as if casually, and without the least emphasis, "it is a pity that the titled officers do not play a very brilliant part in it."

When the emperor had dismissed Lindau, with a gracious nod, the manager, de Hulsen, came to the author, and said:

"I am sorry that I can no longer produce your piece. It promised to have a long run."

"But why," asked the astounded author, "the emperor paid me very flattering compliments and appeared to be much pleased with the piece."

"Ah! but my dear doctor," replied the courtier, "his majesty never expresses his censure more strongly." From the Bookman.

SUGAR PLUM CENTURIES OLD

It Was Invented by Julius Dragatus, a Roman Baker, in the Year 177 B. C.

Of all candies, perhaps the "sugar plum" boasts the most ancient lineage. It was the invention of one Julius Dragatus, a noted Roman baker and confectioner, a member of the family of the Fabii.

Dragatus put forth the first specimen of this confection in the year 177 B. C. The bonbons of this variety were called dragat, after their inventor (dragos is French), and their manufacture constituted a monopoly enjoyed exclusively by the Fabian family. Whenever there was a birth or a marriage in that family a great distribution of dragat took place as an evidence of rejoicing. This custom is still retained by certain of the old noble families of Europe.

The pastille is of a far later origin. It was invented and introduced into France by an Italian confectioner, the Florentine Pastilla, a protégé of the Medici. When Maria de Medici married Henry IV of France Pastilla accompanied his royal patron to the French court, where his bonbons soon achieved a tremendous vogue. Everybody ate the Florentine's candies. They were offered in all flavors.

Burnt almonds are a confection of purely French origin, owing their inception to the gluttony of a French merchant. One day, tradition has it, Marshal Duplessis-Pralin sent for Lassagne, the inventor of many toothsome dainties, and bade him concoct a new bonbon. Lassagne searched, reflected, combined, until he finally hit upon the confection of burnt almonds, which were baptized with the name of the old gourmet, the French for burnt almonds.

PATHOS OF EATING OYSTERS

It Requires Great Moral Courage to Think of Swallowing One of the Bivalves.

To me the practice of devouring any animal life in its entirety is, and always has been, most difficult. The terrible demand of the oyster is that he be swallowed as a unit, with all his hopes, his joys, his sorrows, his love, his fears, and his ears and his tears; the thought is appalling.

I can eat large slices of a cow, and I suppose in a lifetime I have eaten a number of mature oxen, a few calves, a flock of sheep, several lambs, a number of turkeys, a long roost full of hens, a good sized aquarium, a goose or two and some ducks—but I did not swallow any of them whole. I took a slice at a time and enjoyed it, as my appetite is above the overage for most dishes.

I don't mind seeing oysters swimming in a savory stew, I like their society and flavor, but it takes all of my moral courage to think of eating one. Every time I get one of the little bivalves before me my eyes magnify him, he grows larger and larger, an emotional lump rises in my throat and I am obliged to content myself with swallowing my emotions instead of the oyster. When I look at the little fellow lying helplessly before me, with his slippery surface and yielding body, I think that should I succeed in swallowing him I might have even more difficulty in retaining him.—Albert Scott Cox in the Metropolitan Magazine.

Spring Showers in Old Garden.

"It is a rare delight to wander in an old garden of a late afternoon just after a shower, when the day has been intensely hot and all Nature has fairly thirsted for rain. The flowers have drooped and the leaves curled for want of moisture. Even the birds have sought shelter from the fierce rays of the sun, when, late in the afternoon, suddenly, almost without warning, the welcome rain descends. A quick shower, soon over; and when the sun comes out clear and bright, all unmindful of the wet, you gather your skirts about you and go into the garden to watch the unfolding of the wilted leaves. You lift here and there a flower-stalk which the rain has beaten down; you wonder where the bees have taken refuge from the sudden downpour; you find one in the deep cup of a lily, another in the depth of a gladiolus blossom; farther on you see a rose which should have been added to your rose jar when you gathered in the morning, and as you grasp and pull it from the stem, you feel that sharp stab of pain that only the sting of a bee can give, which tells you that one has sought shelter in the heart of a rose."—Rebecca B. Simmons in Suburban Life.

Of What Use Are We?

We sometimes wonder of what use we are, and why we are put on earth. One day is added to another and we seem to be no farther advanced on the pathway of our lives. As Mark Twain would have put it, we do not appear to be gaining on the scenery. Yet there is room in the world, and need in the world, for each and every one of us, and therefore, we must keep on going to the end. Emerson has a poem in which the squirrel talks to the mountain says: "If I cannot carry forests on my back neither can you crack a nut." You can do something nobody else can do; namely, live your life. You have your chance, if you will only take it, and I have mine. If we can do nothing else we can at least be some one's friend, and there is nothing that the world more keenly wants and more sadly needs.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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TUNE THAT STIRRED M'KINLEY President Forgot Habitual Dignity When He Listened to the Famous Air of the South.

Leopold Bracony, an Italian sculptor, once spent six weeks at the White House engaged in modeling a bust of the late President McKinley. Engaged in similar work he has been in close association with many famous men, both in this country and in Europe, but he declares he never met a more kindly man than Mr. McKinley, and at the same time a more dignified man.

"Only once," he said the other day, "during my long stay at the White House did I see the late president in an attitude that was not dignified, but it was only for an instant. We were in a room in the White House which opened onto a balcony. The president was to address a delegation of southern men and was waiting near the door leading to the balcony for the delegation to draw up in front. Besides the president there were in the room two army officers, Mrs. McKinley and myself.

"Presently we heard the band that was leading the delegation. Mr. McKinley threw back his shoulders, stood erect and placed his hand upon his breast between the buttons of his frock coat and was ready to step out at a signal to be given him by one of the army officers when all was ready.

"The band drew closer and then the air it was playing could be distinguished. It was 'Dixie.' When the president heard the music he listened intently a moment, and then, waving his arms in time to the music, he began to promenade around the room, humming the air as he went.

"Well, well, well, William!" exclaimed Mrs. McKinley, in a semi-humorous, semi-shocked tone. At once Mr. McKinley stopped, assumed the stately, dignified position that was his habit, and then, getting the signal, stepped out on the balcony with his hand thrust into the breast of his coat.

Apt Reply. A laborer contracted with a farmer to work during the summer, but he tired of the job and walked off. Later he returned and demanded the balance of his pay. The farmer had been unable to get another hand, all being engaged elsewhere, and he claimed his crop was injured from lack of attention more than the wages due amounted to, and he refused to pay him.

The laborer sued him, but lost the case. He was very angry, and openly said he would get even. The farmer owned a bunch of fine cattle and was amazed and indignant one morning to find their tails had been cut off. He sued the laborer and brought witnesses who had heard him threaten revenge, but the evidence was circumstantial and the case was dismissed for want of proof.

Later the farmer and a neighbor were looking at the cattle, and the farmer remarked he did not know what to do with them. "Well," said the neighbor, "I think you better dispose of them by wholesale, for it is certain you can never retail them."—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

Willing to Accommodate. A New York justice got a jolt the other day, and he is telling the story of it yet. He said that late one afternoon he gave a case to a jury and that it was 4:30 o'clock the following morning before the jury agreed upon a verdict.

"I waited for the verdict," said the justice, "and after it was returned I told the jurors that as it was possible that most of them were married men if they desired I would give to each a certificate that he had been detained until 4:30 o'clock in the morning on jury service.

"The jurors consulted together for a few minutes," continued the justice, "and then the foreman arose and said: 'We thank you for your consideration and appreciate the kindness of your offer and desire to say that if your honor needs a certificate to that effect that you were detained until 4:30 o'clock in the morning waiting for our verdict we will gladly so certify.'

The justice hastily declined this kind offer with thanks, and just as hastily adjourned court.—Law Notes.

One Bugbear of Family Life. "The thing I just hate about being at home," said a young business woman, "is that you never have anything of your own at home. Everything seems to belong to the whole family."

Revenge. "Say, alderman, I wish you'd get me a job as a dog catcher." "Are you out of work?" "No; but I'll quit the work I'm doing now if you'll get me that job."

FIVE HAVE UNIQUE MALADY Children Are Helpless From an Unusual Disease—Doctors Call It Frederick's Ataxia.

Lynchburg, Va.—With the death and burial a day or so ago of C. C. Mitchell, in Bedford county, Va., I brought to light a remarkable and wholesale case of affliction. He is survived by his wife and five children. All of these children, who range in age from about 13 to over 20 years, are afflicted in the most unusual and remarkable manner with a disease known as Frederick's ataxia, which renders them almost helpless, without power to perform any service for themselves, unable to speak intelligently, yet they are not without intelligence. With the intuition of a mother's devotion she has trained their memories in a remarkable degree, teaching them to repeat in jargon that she alone can understand, hymns, selections from the Bible and simple poems.

Mitchell and his wife were very poor and some years since the small farm they had bought, but upon which they had not been able to make the payments, had to be sold. The case seemed so unutterably pitiable that through the newspapers the story was told and help asked. To the appeal there was quick and generous response from many parts of the United States and even from Central America. Funds sufficient were thus secured to make full payment for the farm. With debt removed Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell made a comfortable support from the farm for themselves and their helpless brood of children.

Cases of this disease are very rare and attract much interest among medical men. One of the children was sent when quite young to the Johns Hopkins hospital, of Baltimore, for examination and the case was pronounced hopeless of any amelioration. One of the girls, who seemed less helpless than the others, was sent to Richmond to Dr. Allison Hodges and he exhibited her before the medical class of the University College of Medicine, but declared no medical or surgical skill would avail.

STAG PARTY SEES SEA LION Animal Installs Itself as Watchdog at a Mansion, According to a Belated Party.

Hillsboro, Cal.—A weird story to the effect that a real live sea lion had found its way from the ocean beach to Uplands, the Hillsboro home of Charles Templeton Crocker, has been going the rounds in San Mateo county.

Up till the other night the report was received with considerable skepticism, albeit many motorists are said to have steered clear of the Crocker gateway, at which the new "watchdog" was supposed to have installed himself.

The monster of the deep may have departed for regions where there is more congenial society than that of Hillsboro millionaires, but that he was there in spirit and in truth, even if more in spirit than in truth, is no longer doubted.

What greater confirmation of the report is needed than that he was alleged to have been seen by members of a jovial stag party returning in the cold, gray dawn from a midnight revel at a polo club?

As a rule poloists do not run to sea lions, but they are a pleasing variation of vision of pink crocodiles, blue lizards and polka dot boat constructors.

"WHAT'S UP, MATE?" SILENCE Blind Match Seller of London Tells of Demise of Wife That Had Led Him About the Streets.

London.—Tragically pathetic in its simple intensity was the story of his wife's death, told by a blind match seller at a Westminster inquest.

The husband, a feeble old man, nearly eighty years of age, is named William Reeves. Led by his wife he used to sell matches in the streets of West London. In court he was a pathetic figure as he told how his wife complained of illness after going to bed. She said, "Bill, I do feel bad." He replied, "What's up, mate?" but there was no further reply. "And then, although I could not see her, I knew she was dead," the old man concluded, bursting into tears.

Medical evidence showed that death was due to heart failure, and a verdict was returned to that effect.

ORGANISTS OUT OF TUNE National Association Has Inharmonious Session Because New Yorkers Capture All the Offices. Asbury Park, N. J.—The harmony of the convention of the National Association of Organists has been rudely broken by a protest from western members against the alleged "steamroller" methods of the New York state delegates, who elected New Yorkers exclusively as officers of the association. J. J. McClellan of Salt Lake City and F. Arthur Henkel of Nashville, Tenn., led in the criticism because of their domination of the association's affairs.

SIZE FOR FLYING DEVICE French Authorities are Moved by Frequency of Fatal Accidents to Army Aviators.

Paris.—Gravely concerned at the frequency of fatal accidents to army aviators, the French ministry of war has extended its patronage to a competition organized by the Union of Safety of Aviators, by offering a prize of \$50,000 to the inventor of an apparatus which shall afford satisfactory guarantees from the point of view of safety in flying.

An announcement to this effect was made in the chamber of deputies by Colonel Hirschbauer, head of the army air corps. The vital question of the safety of aviators, said the colonel, was one of the principal preoccupations of the administration. As compared with the first six months of 1911, the first half of this year showed about the same number of accidents, but the number of army aviators had doubled, as had the total distance of their flights—404,800 miles in all.

Great progress had also been made in the strength of machines. Construction and purchases were most strictly supervised, dynamic and flying tests were being carried out, and the opening of a great open-air laboratory at Pau, where high-speed machines could be tested over a measured mile course, was under consideration.

Strict inquiries were held into every incident and the causes ascertained wherever possible. With regard to the recruiting of the "flying corps," the colonel said the eighteen hundredth application had just been received.

Preserves Bread 42 Years Missouri Woman Has Collection of Real Antiquities—Pastry Hard as a Rock.

Fulton, Mo.—Mrs. William Backer on Jefferson street, has a collection of keepsakes and heirlooms unusually unique and probably in a class to themselves, as such collections go. Included in the lot is a piece of dark rye bread 42 years old, a handkerchief 59 years old, a small white shawl 68 years old, a waist 82 years old and a German army discharge paper 94 years old.

The piece of rye bread was given to Mrs. Backer by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Velte of Germany, as the former embarked for America. The bread gradually dried up until it is about one-eighth of its normal size and is almost as hard as rock.

The handkerchief was given to Mrs. Backer by her mother when she was 14 years old and is almost in tatters. The shawl also was given to her by her mother and is in an exceptionally good state of preservation.

The discharge paper was given to John Velte, father of Mrs. Backer, and shows his honorable release from the Second regiment of German Infantry after faithful service for four years. The document is dated Oct. 27, 1818, and was signed by King William of Germany.

Will Oust Dove of Peace Grove and Temple, Meeting Place for Forty-four Years, Soon Will Be a Thing of the Past.

Mystic, Conn.—The passing of this town as the headquarters of the Universal Peace Union was heralded when Charles P. Hastings of Philadelphia, treasurer of the organization, came here to make arrangements for the sale of "Peace Grove" and "Peace Temple." The peace union has met here for the last forty-four years.

Since Andrew Carnegie helped to found the American Peace society and the subsequent growth of that organization, interest in the peace union has gradually died out until, in recent years, the attendance has been small.

The organization still exists, however, and the annual convention will be held this September at Bucks Hill Falls, N. Y.

Elope on Motorcycle; Wed Midnight Marriage Follows Trip Taken From Great Falls to Fort Benton, Mont. Great Falls, Mont.—An elopement on a motorcycle, ending in a midnight marriage at Fort Benton, was the denouement of a romance. Edward H. Schmidt, cashier for a local contracting firm, and Miss Loris M. Gervais, member of a prominent family here, were the principals.

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PORTRAIT OF GOVERNOR. Galveston, Tex., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Daisy Blanton painted a portrait of Gov. Coquilitt on lint cotton. It won a prize at the cotton carnival and the artist then presented it to the governor.

MANY ENTER CORN CONTESTS. Maryville, Mo., Oct. 14.—County Superintendent Oaterson has received word that over 300 boys will have exhibits in the county corn growing contest to be held on November 8 and 9. There will be many more than this in the contest.

PEANUT FACTORY OPENS. Brownwood, Tex., Oct. 15.—The Walker-Smith peanut factory here is ready for business and is the largest south of St. Louis. It is the only one in Texas equipped to handle peanuts in every form from shelling to making peanut butter.

Man Pulls Women's Hair. New York.—A man with a mania for pulling women's hair has been terrifying Fifth avenue. Arthur Cook, an architect, has been arrested as a suspect.

Frog, Buried Twenty Years, Lives. Springfield, Mo.—Workmen excavating for a new building discovered a live bullfrog at the depth of eight feet. The frog was found at a spot where a well stood twenty years ago.

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