

STEERS MOSTLY STEADY

MARKET, HOWEVER, LACKS LIFE AND SOME SALES RANGE WEAK TO 10c LOWER.

CALL FOR YEARLINGS LESS

Cows Generally Steady; Heifers and Mixed Yearlings Show Weakness—Stockers and Feeders in Active Demand.

Receipts of cattle continue to show an increase over last week. The gain is largely attributable to muddy feedlots in certain sections, particularly in territory tributary to the Chicago market.

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HOGS STILL ON SLUMP

BUYERS CONTINUE CAMPAIGN FOR LOWER VALUES WITH UNABATED VIGOR.

TRADE IS EXTREMELY DULL

Selling Basis Finally Struck Was at Prices 15c to 20c Lower Than Yesterday's Average—Top Is \$8.90.

The bears were in control of the hog market again today and salesmen were forced to cash holdings at a sharp decline with the alternative of holding them over.

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SHEEP TRADE SLUGGISH

MOVEMENT VERY DULL IN EARLY HOURS OF SESSION—SUPPLY MODERATE.

OFFERINGS MOSTLY LAMBS

Prices Are Quoted 10c to 15c Below Yesterday's Level—Best Lambs Sent Over the Scales at \$8.55.

Around 2500 head of sheep were estimated for the local market today. Later figures placed the run at 2200 compared with 1651 head a year ago.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF

The Great Western Sugar Co. was a liberal contributor to the day's receipts, marketing eight cars of steers from their Ft. Morgan, Colo., feedlot.

Colo. feeders furnished bulk of the live mutton offered on today's market. W. C. Beatty and Beatty Bros., of Manhattan, sent in eight Nelson, H. N. Ross and E. F. Jones, each forwarding one car, disposed of a two-car shipment.

Champion Molasses Feed shortens feeding period, increases gain, reduces cost per pound of gain, equally good with ensilage.—Adv.

Champion Molasses Feed, cattle like it, cattle feeders like it, brood sows makes them money. Try a few cars. Champion Feed Co., Tarkio, Mo.—Adv.

Page county, Iowa, was well represented in the local hog department during the session by J. C. Mawhinney, Sam Pitman and H. D. Myers. Each placed one car on sale.

One car of hogs was disposed of during the session by Kirtley Bros., well known stockmen of DeKalb county, Missouri.

For the best values in wheelies, try Hilgert's, 207 So. 6th St.—Adv.

One car of hogs and a load of cattle were on hand today with a shipment of hogs from the satisfactory stockman of Andrew county, Missouri.

Excello Cattle Fattener has proven a great success. The cheapest and best feed that can be fed with corn. Increases the gain, shortens time of feeding.—Adv.

COLORADO'S BEET CROP

AHEAD OF ALFALFA AND \$1,000,000 VALUE INCREASE EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

Denver, Colo., April 16.—As a builder of Greater Colorado, the sugar beet will make a \$4,000,000 advance in value on the increase of sugar beet acreage over last year in the territory of the Great Western Sugar Company.

The estimate, of course, depends on an average crop year, but under favorable conditions the amount of money to be paid to beet sugar farmers in Colorado next fall is more likely to exceed than to fall below these figures.

Last year's sugar beet crop was worth \$1,000,000 to Colorado farmers. This year, according to estimates that cover the greater part of the sugar beet acreage, the value of the crop to Colorado farmers will be \$1,400,000.

Until the sugar beet entered the field of wealth-producing crops for Colorado, alfalfa was far in the lead as a money maker. It showed a value of \$9,700,000 the last season. Its average of increase, however, has been lower than any other of the leading crops of the state.

In their field in Northern Colorado the beet acreage of the Great Western Sugar Company, which paid \$5,000,000 to farmers last year, and \$2,000,000 for labor, cut for 125,000 acres, as against 96,000 last year.

These 125,000 acres, it is estimated, will return to the farmer \$3,000,000—that is, 125,000 acres of sugar beets on Colorado land produce yearly as much dollar value as 300,000 acres of Colorado alfalfa.

This represents the farm value of the sugar beet crop. There are other important values. Last year the total value of the sugar beet industry, including besides the money paid to farmers, the big items of labor, fuel, etc., was placed at \$18,000,000. On the same basis the sugar beet industry will leave in Colorado this year about \$25,000,000.

At the rate of increase of the sugar beet industry of the past year, it will be no doubt that the sugar beet crop in this year. Exceptionally favorable conditions for the growth of the sugar beet are deemed to be at the basis of Colorado's supremacy. That the past extraordinary expansion will under favorable conditions be maintained by the fact that a limit had to be placed on the sugar acreage this year in Northern Colorado, based on the capacity of the factories to handle the output, is unquestionably a fact.

ARE NOT AFRAID OF TARIFF

State Factories Have Increased Contracts and Prices to Farmers, for the Present Year, as Not Affected.

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"Frank Campion, the broom maker, took a load of brooms to Mabel one day last week," says a Missouri weekly. It ought to be scrupulously clean about Mabel's house for a month or two, at least.

It wouldn't be life-spring without a flood scare down Kansas City way. Down there the residents always keep an eagle eye on the doings of the big, muddy, turbulent Missouri and rip-roaring Kaw about this time of year.

A Kansas City man who squandered \$40,000 in a few months attributes his down fall to wine, women and gambling. No system has been discovered to beat that combination, yet there never is scarcity of offerings for immolation.

Down around Booneville, Mo., farmers are getting interested in a move to grow more corn to supply the local factory with the raw material for "Missouri Meerschaum Pipes." A largely increased acreage is to be devoted to this crop this year. The prospect of picking up a nice bit of extra money in this way is no pipe dream, either.

A PROLIFIC EWE. Wade Halley, of Camden Point, Mo., has a sheep that has never won any prizes or ribbons at world's fairs, but for wrestling from Australia her fame as a wool growing country this sheep probably has done more than any sheep in the land. In the spring of 1913 this sheep gave birth to four well-developed lambs. Quadruplets, even in the sheep family, are rare, but this ewe evidently didn't feel that her reputation was established. So, in 1911, she gave birth to 4 more. This put her in a class by herself, yet when April, 1912, came round, she again presented her owner with four woolly ancestors. And just the other day when Halley went out to look after his sheep he found this ewe the proprietor of four of the prettiest whitish lambs he ever saw. There is probably not another sheep in the entire country with such a record.

PRACTICAL WOODS TRAINING. Practical men engaged in the lumber business, timber land owners, farmers and all other men interested in forestry will have an opportunity, if they wish, to join a summer camp which the Missouri college of agriculture will locate next summer on the university forest in Butler county, Missouri. The exact date of the opening of the camp has not been fixed, but it will probably be about June 12th.

The work will include a detailed study of the larger logging operations, and saw mills near Poplar Bluff, methods of felling, skidding, loading, transporting, manufacturing and grading lumber; estimating the contents, rate of growth and future yields of individual trees and entire forests; methods of dealing with fire, fungi and insects; methods of forest surveying, of laying out logging roads, wagon roads, trails and of cutting timber so as to secure a continuous timber supply.

The university owns over 8,000 acres of forest land in Butler county and nearly 1,000 in Wayne county. All of this land can be easily reached from the camp. Part of this large tract was cut over several years ago and affords an excellent opportunity to study the new growth following logging operations. The remainder of the timber is a mixed hard wood stand composed chiefly of white and black oak, ash, hickory and elm. The summer camp is a part of the regular course in forestry given by the college of agriculture. The students live in tents furnished by the university. A nominal fee of ten dollars is charged for the use of the tents and other camp equipment. Each student is ex-



He Loved to Fly Over the Country.

Daddy's Bedtime Story — How the Goldenrod Came to Be.

JACK and Evelyn had had an argument one day and had not been able to agree. So when daddy came home in the evening they were all tongues, eager to have him decide the question. Jack began to talk so fast that daddy couldn't understand him, so he said: "Now, Jack, you know 'ladies first' is a good rule. Let Evelyn speak first." Well, the argument was about flowers. Evelyn said the rose was the prettiest of all flowers, while Jack argued for the violet. But when they asked daddy's opinion he decided in favor of the goldenrod, saying that that was his favorite flower. Later, when the time for the bedtime story came, he told the children how the goldenrod came to be. "Once upon a time," daddy said, "there was a fairy prince who was very, very good. He took great delight in flying all over the country on the back of a splendid big red and gold butterfly, visiting poor people and leaving good things at their doors. "Of course the fairy prince did his best not to be seen, but one day he remained out too late on one of his errands of goodness, and a little girl spied him sailing along overhead on his wonderful butterfly. "Oh," she cried, "there goes the fairy with the good heart!" So ever afterward in that country the fairy was known as Prince Fairy of the Good Heart. "Of course Prince Fairy of the Good Heart did not have to whip his butterfly flying horse to make him go fast or speak harshly to him. But he had a long golden staff with which he used to touch the butterfly gently on one side of the head or the other to show him the way in which he wanted to go. "But one day Prince Fairy of the Good Heart had the misfortune to drop his golden staff. He was flying on an errand which needed him very much, for there was a sick child to be helped, and in such cases the prince let nothing stop him. He had a long way to go, too, but it was a straight road through the air, so he did not need the golden staff. "However, on his way back he stopped the red and gold butterfly and got down to look for his golden staff. After searching for a time he found it. But it had changed in the meantime. "It had fallen straight to the ground and had stuck there and taken root, becoming the beautiful flower which we now call the goldenrod. In front of it stood a little girl admiring very much the beautiful new flower, so Prince Fairy of the Good Heart decided not to pluck it, but to leave it for the folks of the earth. Since then every fall in many places the earth has been covered with the long, slender stalks of the goldenrod."

pected to furnish his own bedding and personal outfit. Board is on the cooperative plan.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

That 59 per cent of the children in country schools drink tea and coffee; that 49 per cent of them suffer from almost constant toothache; and that 19 to 25 per cent have frequent headache; these are some of the surprising facts brought out by Dr. Ernest B. Hoag, of Minnesota, in a personal visitation of the rural schools of that state, according to information received at the United States Bureau of Education.

To find exactly what health conditions in the Minnesota rural schools are, Dr. Hoag asks the simplest kind of questions, with astonishing results. "When I ask those who drink coffee to stand up," says Dr. Hoag, "nearly all the children arise. When I ask how many have a toothbrush, nearly all say they have, but when I ask 'Did you use it this morning?' there is little response."

For a Missouri Girl.—Bryn Mawr, which has a number of scholarships and fellowships, generally has one for a Missouri girl each year, the fortunate young woman this year being Mrs. Alice Hanna of Trenton, who won the M. E. G. European fellowship. She is a student of history and economics.

Served Four Governors.—Miss Ida B. Phillips served under four governors in New Jersey, and once for twelve hours she was acting governor of the state, having charge of the office from the time of the outgoing to the incoming governor. Recently she was married to Richard Taylor, who is the secret service agent who guards President Wilson.

TESTED RECIPES. Egg an Gratin.—Take four or five hard boiled eggs (these may be prepared at night), slice and place a layer in a pudding pan; then a layer of cracker or bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper. Arrange in this order until the eggs are used. Let the cracker crumbs form the top layer. Pour over the whole a cup of white sauce; sprinkle with grated cheese and bake for fifteen or twenty minutes in a moderate oven. Serve hot. Maitre d'Hotel Butter.—For a steak weighing about two pounds, beat one-fourth a cup of butter to a cream; beat in half a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley, and very gradually three-fourths a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spread over the steak and serve at once. Scalloped Cabbage.—The unsightly part of the cabbage, or even left-over boiled cabbage may be placed in a pudding pan, seasoned with salt, pepper, a dash of cayenne pepper, sprinkle with bread crumbs (and cheese if desired), cover with a cup of cream sauce and bake until brown. Puffed Paprika Potatoes.—Bake five potatoes. Cut a lice from the top of each and remove the contents leaving the skins intact for cups. Press the potato through a ricer; add half a teaspoon of paprika, three tablespoons of butter, about a teaspoon of salt and two tablespoons of tomato puree. Beat until light and fold in the white of one egg well beaten. Fill the cases and put in a hot oven to reheat and puff. Serve at once with roast, broiled meats, or chicken, or fish.

ELECTION ON TOBACCO'S USE

Attempt to Legislate Weed From Ames. Ames, Ia., April 15.—An election to legislate tobacco smoke from the Iowa State college campus soon will be held. The Cardinal guild, student control organization, has proposed a referendum vote to determine the smoke question. A date for the balloting will not be announced until the guild has satisfied the students have a clear idea of the argument on both sides of the question. The Student College newspaper, plans to issue a "smoke" edition to crystallize sentiment. Every student who has a word to say shall be invited to see his personal opinion in print. When the days are long, some people have just that much more time to kill.

ARMY HORSE SHOW. San Antonio, Tex., April 15.—Officers of the army stationed at Fort Sam Houston have arranged a horse show for April 24. The proceeds of which will be given to the fund for army widows. Prizes for 19 classes have been offered and many entries received.

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AMEND QUARANTINE RULES United States Department of Agriculture Supplementary Order. Washington, April 15.—The following order has been issued by B. T. Galloway, acting secretary of agriculture: "It is ordered that Regulation 29 of B. A. I. Order 143, Regulations of the Bureau of Agriculture governing the inspection, disinfection, certification, treatment, handling, and method and manner of delivery and shipment of live stock which is the subject of interstate commerce, dated March 22, 1907, and effective April 15, 1907, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "REGULATION 29.—In states or portions thereof quarantined by the Secretary of Agriculture for scabies in cattle, no cattle shall be shipped or moved interstate therefrom for purposes other than immediate slaughter, except as hereinafter provided for, unless dipped in a permitted dip under the supervision of an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Cattle originating on ranges, pastures, or premises which have been cleaned of scabies under the supervision of a Bureau inspector of co-operating state authorities, or which have been determined by a Bureau inspector or such co-operating state authorities to be free from scabies infection by investigation made at the owner's request and at a time best calculated to ascertain the actual conditions, may on inspection and certification of a Bureau inspector be permitted to move interstate for any purpose. However, subsequent infection or exposure thereto of such expected ranges, pastures, or premises by the introduction of cattle from infected or unsuspected territory shall again subject them to the necessity of releasing or investigation, as the case may be.

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AN ERRATIC HERMIT

But He Saved the Old Farm and Merry Wedding Bells, Rang Out.

By GERTRUDE MARY SHERIDAN.

"Freezing weather in eight states, snow on the Pacific slope, and the equinoctial brewing in the West Indies," said William Mercer, putting down the evening paper and trying to give a cheerful aspect to the announcement.

"See the frost will soon be on the pumpkin neighbor," observed grim Henry Brown. "Hope you've looked out for your winter woodpile." "The fuel question is the least of my troubles," answered Mercer. "I must say the cellar is pretty well stocked, too. It's the payment on the eighty acres that troubles me, and you know it. Let's get down to business. Old Sharp is hard as tacks. He's given me just thirty days to settle up, or lose the farm. Will you loan me the money I need?"

Brown squirmed in his chair. Then he arose to his feet. There was a covert, crafty gleam in his little bead-like eyes. "See here, Mercer," he said, "you and I married sisters, and naturally we have sort of mutual interests. Relationship isn't business, though, and when you talk of my helping you out, I must remember that I have a family of my own to care for. I don't approve of some of your ways. Last winter you pretty near carried a poor family in the village. Then again you sent your daughter to a seminary. You can't afford these things, you know."

"I can always afford to be charitable and to try and give my children an education," declared Mercer, flushing up with suppressed indignation. "Then pay the cost and don't grumble," advised Brown crustily. "As to the charity end of it, I don't believe in encouraging the lazy nor helping the shiftless. Why, just as I left home I heard my wife give sharp walking papers to a whining old fellow looking for shelter and a supper. There's no



"We're Not of the Lane Sort, Eh?"

nonsense about us practical, thrifty people, I can tell you that. As to loaning you that money—well, I don't know."

"You must, or I shall lose everything," declared Mercer. "I'm," observed Brown again. "Well, I'll help you out on one condition."

"What is it?" inquired Mercer eagerly. "I don't propose to go into explanations, but your daughter, Ethel, and young Harry Lane have been going a good deal together."

"Yes," nodded Mercer, "what of it?" "Just this. Some people say they are engaged and that they correspond. You ought to know that the daughter of a man as poor as you are is no match for the son of the richest man in the district. Break it up. Keep Ethel away at school, drift her out of this silly idea, and I'll loan you the money."

It was Mercer who arose to his feet now. He did so with a look on his face that made his visitor cringe and wince.

"We're not the Lane sort, eh?" he said, his voice husky with emotion. "And I suppose you think you are. I understand you only too well, Henry Brown. You have plans for your own daughter in that direction, is that it? And you ask me to sell my child's happiness. No! I would as soon interfere between two angels. Go your way. I want nothing more to do with you." Gentle Mrs. Mercer, coming into the room a few minutes later, found her husband with bowed head looking thoughtfully into the fire.

"Will Mr. Brown let you have the money, husband?" she inquired anxiously. "No. I demeaned myself asking for it."

"I am so sorry. Dear! Dear! Why does not Uncle Silas at least answer my letter. I wrote him how much we needed help. He has always sent sister and me a hundred dollars at Christmas, and I hoped my letter would move him." "Don't worry, mother," said Mercer, with an effort to look cheerful. "We'll get along some way." Uncle Silas was quite an institution

KITCHEN NEAT AND COMPACT

Perfect Arrangement of Everything Necessary for Work Resulted in Great Saving of Labor.

The handiest kitchen this writer ever worked in was originally a rather roomy pantry, yet so carefully was everything arranged that there was no crowding, and never an unnecessary step as in a large room. The two doors opening into the dining room and store room opened out of the room. Being small it received sufficient heat from the dining room stove and a good-sized fuelless cooker. Along one side was a big cupboard for the usual kitchen utensils.

A small shelf of convenient height held the food chopper always ready for use, while a flour bin with two compartments and sifters underneath was fastened to the wall. One folding chair stood at the end of the cupboard when not in use. On the opposite side was a large work table that let down against the wall, and above it was a cupboard for baking necessities. A hinged seat on the wall at the end of the table made a convenient place to sit while wiping dishes or preparing vegetables. A small iron sink contained the faucets, and provided an abiding place for the high stool with which every kitchen should be supplied.

The work for a family of three was done in this room with perfect ease, and even on washing day, when the machine and tub must be brought in, a little forethought prevented all crowding.

"Too bad," said Mercer, as he saw the old man lying across the loose timbers at the bottom of the pit. "I had no business leaving him to wander around unwarmed."

The old man was carried into the house and a doctor was sent for. The tramp, if such he was, had injured his head and was unconscious. They placed him in the spare bedroom. The doctor arrived, did what he could for the patient, and said he was not seriously hurt.

"You've got a queer customer in there," the physician told Mercer, as he ended his visit to his patient the next morning. "How is that?" inquired Mercer. "He has insisted that I send Lawyer Jones and Mr. Brown to him."

"Why, I can't understand that," remarked Mercer. "No more can I, but, whim or bust, he is very persistent, and I'm going to humor him."

The lawyer arrived in company with Brown an hour later, both wondering and mystified. The patient insisted that Mercer also should come into the sick room.

"Why," exclaimed Brown, "it's the old tramp—"

"No more tramp than you," cried the sick man, "you crafty old sinner! I'm the uncle of your wife. I came down here to investigate. You bought the mortgage to crowd out your brother-in-law here, and this lawyer is pretending he owns it. Produce those notes. I'm going to pay them."

"You big, blundering noodle!" scolded Mrs. Brown two days later. "You've made a nice mess of your smart scheming, haven't you?"

It seemed so, indeed, for Uncle Silas had made Mrs. Mercer his heiress, the Mercer farm was saved, and merry wedding bells rang for pretty Ethel and her lover when the June roses began to bloom.

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PAID DEBT TO PROVIDENCE

Congressman's Somewhat Peculiar Reason for His Attendance at Sunday Worship.

A certain member of congress who is an ardent Republican recently took up wheel riding as an exercise, and every Sunday morning hied him to Great Falls. He stuck to his trips for about a month, and then one bright Sabbath donned his frock coat and hat and headed for a fashionable member of congress, a Democrat, who expressed surprise at his sudden change of heart.

"I thought," said the second member, "that you always rode a wheel Sunday?"

"So do I," replied the first member "that's why I'm here."

"I don't understand," stammered the second member in bewildered tones. "It's this way," replied the first: "Providence has enabled me to miss 15,000 gumbasted automobiles in the last month. I'm a good Republican, believing in compromise. Therefore, I visit church in the morning, square myself with Providence, and then go riding on my bicycle in the afternoon."

"It seems foolish," commented the second member. "Of course it does to you," retorted the first. "You're a howling Democrat, and you'd rather get run over by an automobile than pay tariff to Providence."—Washington Star.

Rudolph Was Wise.

A man who was a regular patron of a certain restaurant said to the waiter: "Rudolph, instead of tipping you every day I'm going to give you your tip in a lump sum next Christmas."

"Thank you, sir," answered Rudolph, "but, er, would you mind paying me something in advance, sir?"

"H'm. It's a funny request," said the patron, "but here's five dollars for you. What's the matter, do you need the money, or don't you trust my memory?"

"Oh, no, sir," smiled Rudolph, pocketing the bill. "It isn't that, only I'm leaving here today, sir."

Worth Knowing.

Tennis balls can be cleaned with pipe clay mixed with enough water to form a smooth paste; add to this a melted tallow candle and allow it to cool. Then brush all the dust off the balls, take a lump of the pipe clay tallow mixture and dissolve it in cold water to the consistency of cream. Apply to the balls with a sponge, let dry and wipe off gently.

IS LOSING HIS INSULARITY

According to Correspondent, the Average Briton of Today is Becoming Almost Human.

"Ten years ago the ordinary Englishman would walk the whole length of the platform in order to have a compartment to himself. If he happened in the same compartment he would shrink into a corner as if he feared you were trying to get his watch. Cheap excursion traffic and rapid, convenient suburban services have broken down the Englishman's desire for lonely journeys. He is becoming quite an affable traveling companion—as interesting and as interested as he is at a restaurant dinner table. He has got so that he is now almost human."

The foregoing extract appeared in a London newspaper report of an informal address delivered by a leading member of the Anglo-American community at one of London's most popular clubs, according to a Detroit Free Press London correspondent.

The "humanizing" of the Englishman was attributed largely to the restaurant habit, the increasing tendency to live in flats, the coming of the department store, golf and continental tours.

Great Men and Music.

Bagpipers have a strange attraction for all sorts and conditions of people. That enthusiastic highlander, Dr. Alexander Duncan Fraser, in his book, "Some Reminiscences and the Bagpipe," tells how Henry Irving was lying seriously ill in a Glasgow hotel when a highland gathering was in progress in a room just below. He sent a message begging that the piper would play to him, which he did, marching up and down the passage outside the sickroom. Then the great actor told the piper how, in his youth, he had played in Glasgow in a piece called "The Siege of Lucknow." His entry had been the signal for the pipes to strike up. "I shall never forget," he said, "the wave of enthusiasm that swept over that great audience as the first notes of the pipe fell upon their ears—the highlanders were coming; Jessie's dream was answered; and Lucknow was relieved. I have loved the pipes ever since."

Playing It Safe.

An overweight business man bolted headforemost into a luncheon room the other day and pounded on the counter. "Ham-neg sandwich, quick!" he ordered.

There was a wait of five minutes and the man at the counter laid a roast beef sandwich in front of him. "I didn't order this!" yelped the customer. "Bring me a ham-neg sandwich!"

Another wait, and the counter man presented the exasperated customer with a cup of cocoa. "The overweight business man pulled his derby down over his ears and headed for the door. "Where are you going?" demanded the counter man.

"To a restaurant where the cook doesn't gamble with the food!" snapped the overweight citizen, as he disappeared.

Hint to the Bishop.

A bishop once rose to address the house of lords and began by saying he intended to divide the speech into two heads. Lord Durham thereupon got up and begged leave to interpose for a few minutes to tell the house an anecdote. He was returning home, he said, a few nights before, and passed St. Paul's Cathedral just before midnight. As he did so there was a drunken man trying to see the time. Just then the clock began to strike the hour, and slowly tolled out twelve. The drunken man listened, looked hard at the clock and said: "Hang you, why couldn't you have said that all at once?" After this narration the bishop condensed his remarks.—London Tit-Bits.

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