

GOOD BEEVES HIGHER

GOOD TO CHOICE GRADES ARE STRONG TO 10c HIGHER THAN WEEK AGO.

OTHER KINDS ABOUT STEADY

Cows and Heifers Closing Unevenly Higher—Stocker and Feeder Prices Stiffened During Week.

Nothing suitable for killing purposes was marketed at this point today. Prices remain nominal compared with yesterday.

Good rains throughout the corn belt this week dispelled any fear of drought and there was no tendency to market cattle so freely as was the case last week.

Local receipts of cattle were 5,900 compared with 8,616 last week and the five markets had a combined total of 165,938, a shortage of 42,000 from the previous week's run.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

The market for butcher classes this week has been very irregular, ruling dull and lower on opening days and closing active and higher.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

The supply of stockers and feeders this week was insignificant and there was no urgent need of large receipts, although the market took a turn for the better on closing days.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO, Union Stock Yards, Ill., June 28.—The Live Stock World reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market generally steady. Top \$3.80; bulk \$3.65 @ 8.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000, mostly direct. Market \$2 1/2 @ lower.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 400. Market dull and weak.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000. Market 5 @ 10c lower. Top \$3.52 1/2; bulk \$3.67 1/2 @ \$3.90.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 9100. Market

NO MARKET JULY 1.

The usual custom of observing July 1 as a holiday in the live stock trade will be followed at the St. Joseph yards this year.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 500. Market steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000. Market steady. Top \$3.90; bulk \$3.65 @ 8.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 300. Market steady.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 600. Market nominal.

No hogs.

No sheep.

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 400. Market generally steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 7500. Market weak. Top \$3.80; bulk \$3.55 @ 8.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 200. Market nominal.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts: Wheat, 2 cars; corn, 4 cars; oats, 9 cars.

Wheat—No. 2 red, new 84 @ 85 1/2; No. 2 red, old 81 @ 82 1/2; No. 2 mixed 87 @ 88; No. 3 red 83 @ 84; No. 2 hard 86 1/2 @ 87; No. 3 hard 84 1/2 @ 85.

Corn—No. 2 white 62 @ 63; No. 3 white 61 @ 62; No. 2 mixed 61 1/2 @ 62 1/2; No. 3 mixed 61 @ 62; No. 3 yellow 61 @ 62.

Oats—No. 2 white 41 1/2 @ 42; No. 3 white 40 1/2 @ 41; No. 2 mixed 39 @ 40; No. 3 mixed 38 @ 39.

The above cash quotations are based on actual sales each day and are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1006-1008 New Corby-Dorsey building, St. Joseph, Mo.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1006-1008 New Corby-Dorsey building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options—Open, High, Low, Close, Close Yesterday.

WHEAT—July 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2; Sept 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 88 1/2.

CORN—July 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 63 1/2; Sept 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 61 1/2.

OATS—July 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 43 1/2; Sept 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 42 1/2.

PORK—July 20 3/4, 20 5/8, 20 3/4, 20 5/8, 20 5/8; Sept 20 1/2, 20 3/4, 20 1/2, 20 3/4, 20 3/4.

LARD—July 11 05, 11 07, 11 05, 11 07, 11 05; Sept 11 05, 11 07, 11 05, 11 07, 11 05.

RIBS—July 11 05, 11 07, 11 05, 11 07, 11 05; Sept 11 05, 11 07, 11 05, 11 07, 11 05.

REPORT OF KANSAS WHEAT

Conditions in Past Two Months, Unfavorable, Secretary Coburn Says.

Topeka, Kan., June 28.—The condition of winter wheat in Kansas has fallen off about one-fourth in the last two months, according to the June report on the condition of wheat, corn, oats and grasses, issued from the office of F. D. Coburn, secretary of the board of agriculture.

From the reports of county assessors and those of the 2,000 special correspondents of the board scattered over the state, it is estimated that seven and three-quarters millions acres of wheat were sown. Estimates from the correspondents indicate that 22 per cent, or 1,697,621 acres, have been so badly damaged that they either were plowed up or abandoned. This leaves 5,995,732 acres likely to be harvested.

The average condition is given as 62.87 per cent, a falling off of 26.71 per cent since the report issued April 24, on an acreage diminished by nearly 1,260,000 acres. The average condition of the state's wheat at similar dates in 1912, 78 in 1911, 72.3 in 1910, and 72.93 in 1909.

The deterioration is credited to deficient rainfall in the western part of the state, and chinqu bugs in the eastern part of the state.

TO CUT IMMENSE MELON.

N. Y. Banks Soon to Distribute \$266,000,000 in Dividends and Interest.

New York, June 28.—The New York banks have begun preparations for the disbursement of the greatest sum of money that will ever have been paid out in a month in the history of Wall street. These disbursements will aggregate \$266,000,000 and will consist of the annual, semi-annual and quarterly disbursements of dividends and interest.

The total payments last year were \$24,000,000 and will consist of the make the payments includes practically all of the dividend-paying railroads and industrial companies in the United States.

HOG RATES OFF 5 TO 10c

TRADE FAIRLY ACTIVE WITH ALL GRADES FIGURING IN THE SLUMP.

TOP \$8.65; BULK \$8.50-\$8.60

Hog Prices Quotable 5@10c Lower Than the Close of Last Week—Pigs Arc About Steady.

The local hog market had a weak tone today in sympathy with lower prices elsewhere. Receipts were 4,200 and quality was fair to good. The five markets had a total of 29,000, a slight decrease with the run a week ago.

Receipts of hogs here for the week were 41,900 compared with 41,000 last week and 49,500 a year ago. The five big markets had a total of 349,000, an increase of 19,000 over the run of the previous week.

Prices for hogs averaging 140 lbs. and up ranged from \$8.45 @ 8.65, with the bulk selling at \$8.50 @ 8.60. The bulk sold a week ago at \$8.57 1/2 @ 8.67 1/2, a month ago at \$8.67 1/2 @ 8.75, a year ago at \$7.40 @ 7.55, two years ago at \$6.40 @ 6.55, three years ago at \$5.90 @ 6.05, and four years ago at \$7.70 @ 7.90.

Representative Hog Sales.

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts

Cattle 202,482 214,264 111,772

Hogs 891,044 1,134,689 243,642

Sheep 397,832 350,200 47,682

Horses 17,146 22,894 8,748

Cars 27,684 25,741 9,357

Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date.

The following table shows the total receipts from January 1, 1913, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1912:

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Decrease

Live Stock in Sight

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets today and comparisons:

Cattle Hogs Sheep

Chicago 200 11,000 13,000

Kansas City 400 1,000 1,000

South Omaha 100 2,000 400

St. Joseph 4,000 1,300

East St. Louis 500 8,000 300

Total 1,200 31,000 15,000

Yesterday 5,000 48,000 28,000

Week ago 1,900 32,500 3,300

Month ago 1,000 24,100 5,000

Year ago 1,300 25,200 7,500

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

Cars

C. B. & Q. west 4

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Rock Island 4

Great Western 12

Missouri Pacific 2

Grand Island 2

Santa Fe 2

Total 38

available date, in the United States.

169,000,000; Russia in Europe and Asia, 149,000,000;

Argentina, 104,000,000; Argentina, 95,000,000;

Germany, 51,000,000; the United Kingdom, 46,000,000, and France, 29,000,000.

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PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO., 213 So. 6th St., St. Joseph, Mo.—Adv.

TO EXTEND CENTRAL BRANCH

Kansas Line May Be Extended to Denver, It Is Reported.

Atchison, Kan., June 28.—That the Central Branch railway will be extended to Denver and that it will be relieved of its present embarrassed condition, is the belief in Atchison, following the visit recently of President L. A. Bush of the Missouri Pacific railway, the holding company, and a party of lesser officials.

The party took a special train out of Atchison and made a trip over the Central Branch for the purpose of inspection and, according to officials, are favorably inclined toward the extension.

The Central Branch now runs between Atchison and Downs, Kan., branching off to another small Kansas town at a point between Downs and Atchison and lying along the route have been disastrous for some time of a route that would give them through connections at both ends as well as better service locally.

The Central Branch has never been a paying proposition and it has been hinted in Atchison railway circles that the Missouri Pacific intended abandoning the road and letting it go to the government, which holds a mortgage on it. It was built in 1854. If such a move were made it would be the only line of the kind in the United States doing an interstate business to be owned by the federal government.

TRUST SUIT NEAR END.

Taking of Testimony in Harvester Case Ceases.

Chicago, June 28.—Taking of testimony in the government's suit to dissolve the International Harvester company under the Sherman act will end shortly.

After the harvester company puts on its last witness in spite of its defense it has not attempted to stifle competition by a bar against the attorney general, Grosvener, will call several witnesses.

One of these witnesses, according to Grosvener, will give testimony that will be a surprise. Hearings in the case have been in progress for nearly a year in different cities.

SHEEP ON A SLUMP

DULLNESS AND FRESH DECLINES MARK CLOSING SESSION OF THE WEEK.

WEEK'S TRADE IRREGULAR

Considerable Portion of Early Advance in Rates Has Been Ceded Back to Buyers.

Around 1,400 head of stock were received in this division today, including a three-car shipment of hogs, to packers. Buyers bid sharply lower on the general run, but salesmen unwilling to concede to lower prices held their stock until a rather late hour, when packers proved ready to cash at prices quoted 10 @ 25c lower than yesterday.

There was quite a reversal of form in the early part of this week compared with the dull and lower trading of the previous week. A sharp decrease in supplies at all of the leading eastern markets proved a strong bullish factor in the trade and substantial gains were made at all points. Taking the late break of the leading eastern markets, prices are quoted on hogs 15 @ 25c higher than a week ago and sheep are up 10 @ 15c. Receipts here were less than one-half of the supply of the previous week.

The five leading markets reported a total of 17,000 or a shortage of 71,000 for the week. Arrivals at this point were mostly native lambs and there was a wide range in quality. The trade opened active and higher on Monday and followed by a gradual upturn in prices the following three sessions. A band of Arizona lambs brought \$7.50 on Monday. Best lambs sold at \$8.10 Wednesday and Thursday. The same class of stock sold during closing sessions around \$7.50 with common and inferior culls as low as \$4.75. Native lambs predominated and packers were eager buyers at all times. While choice grades were the first to sell, there was a good outlet for the common kinds. Mutton grades made up a small percentage of the week's supply. Ewes sold largely at \$4.50 @ 4.85, with a few choice grades at \$5.00. Best yearlings brought \$5.75 @ 6.50. A few good wethers sold at \$4.90. The sharp advance in values during the fore part of the week was due solely to lack of supplies and not to any enlargement of demand. Liberal runs of hogs were the first to sell and lower prices in the opinion of the majority of the traders.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linseed and Alfalfa Products.

No-Prep-Cake-Ton lots, 125; car lots, 124.

Standard meal—Carlots, per ton, \$22.50; ton lots, 128; 1,000 lb. lots, \$14.50; less cartage, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

New alfalfa meal—Carlots, per ton, \$24; ton lots, \$21.

Cottonseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$16 1/2; No. 1, \$14.00 @ 15.50; standard, \$12 @ 13.50.

Standard alfalfa—Carlots, per ton, \$18.50 @ 19.50; ton lots, \$20 @ 21.

Above prices are based on St. Joseph delivery.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company.

Dressed Beef.

No. 1. No. 2. No. 3.

Ribs 10 1/2c 15c 12 1/2c

Loin 11c 17c 16c

Round 15 1/2c 15 1/2c 15c

Chucks 11 1/2c 11c 10 1/2c

Plates 9c 8 1/2c 7 1/2c

TWO COMMITTEES NAMED

President Daily Makes Appointment of Important Committees.

Two important committees from the National Live Stock Exchange were named yesterday by President A. F. Daily. The first committee appointed, consisting of T. G. McCroskey, Kansas City; A. H. Baker, of St. Joseph, will take up the subject of securing uniform regulations governing ante-mortem inspection of hogs at the various markets with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The other committee will seek to correct some of the antiquated features of the present live stock contract in the matter of protection of loss to shippers of stock en transit.

President Daily named to this committee J. W. Moore, Chicago; W. A. Moody, St. Louis; S. G. Robinson, Kansas City; Walter H. Wood, South Omaha, and C. F. Watkins, of Buffalo.

BAD ROADS HURT EDUCATION



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Postal savings banks are continuing the demonstration that they are a good thing.

The International Horse Show at London although the Americans are not so strongly represented this year.

One of the changes in the tariff bill made by the senate committee is interesting from a personal and social point of view.

Whether you look, or whether we hear his murmur or see it glisten, every cloud feels a star of light.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Way The Battle Ended.



The Ducks Sink the Fleet.

JACK and Evelyn opened their eyes. Daddy said he would tell them how to have a splendid naval show on the pond.

"You can have as many ships as you like, just like Nat and Joe and Kate and Anna had."

"Nat and Kate were the commanders of one fleet, and Joe and Anna had another."

"Their boats were made of oiled paper. The little crafts were made by folding the paper over as daddy can show you how to do."

"They took the ships down to the little brook near their home, and when they found a quiet pool from which the ships could not easily float away."

"The launching was great fun, and it was done as nearly as possible like the launching of a real vessel."

"Of course the children couldn't get a bottle of wine, so Nat and Kate decided that they would use water in which was a little grape juice, while Joe and Anna used weak lemonade."

"They thought a very little of the grape juice and lemonade which their mother gave them would do for the ships so that they could drink the other."

"After the ships were launched and christened the battle began. The children had old fashioned bean shooters. These were long thin tubes of tin."

"They placed a bean inside and by blowing through one end of the tube could send it wherever they liked. These were the guns with which one fleet fought the other."

"The boys at first could aim better than the girls, and two of the biggest ships in each fleet were soon sunk by well aimed beans that went right through their sides."

"One of Anna's ships stranded on a little island in the middle of the pool, and a part of the game was the agreement that once launched they should not touch their ships."

"It looked as if the fleet under the command of Admirals Nat and Kate would win the battle, when, splash, down the brook came Mrs. Duck leading a large family of ducklings."

"Mrs. Duck had been petted too much by the children to shoo when they told her to, and in a minute she and her ducklings had sunk every ship that

pipe and replace the tip. This lessens the pressure and a more even and softer light is obtained."

With Crutcher Pitching Air-tight Ball Drummers Won Easily.

Charlie Mullin's Lincoln ball tossers were given a bad drubbing yesterday when Crutcher, with the aid of eight other Hoilanders, handed them a 4 to 1 defeat.

The diminutive Drummer's team allowed but two hits, these coming in the seventh frame, but neither man journeyed beyond the keystone sack and there were only two who got that far during the entire game.

"Buff" Eghan did the pitching stunt for the visitors, and although hit hard, he managed to keep the score down to a decent figure, luck being in his favor.

Watson's hitting and base-running was an illuminating feature of the afternoon's doings.

The same club will battle again today at the Sixth street lot, and tomorrow a double-header will be played, the first game being called at 2:30.

OTHER RESULTS YESTERDAY. WESTERN LEAGUE. Des Moines, 14; Denver, 4. Topeka, 1; Omaha, 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Washington, 2-1; Philadelphia, 0-11. Chicago, 3; Cleveland, 2. St. Louis, 3; Detroit, 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Cincinnati, 10; Louisville, 4. New York, 3; Boston, 1. Pittsburgh, 4; St. Louis, 4. Brooklyn, 6; Philadelphia, 1.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Milwaukee, 12; Minneapolis, 4. Columbus, 3; Toledo, 2. Louisville, 4; Indianapolis, 3. St. Paul, 12; Kansas City, 9.

STANDING OF TEAMS. WESTERN LEAGUE. Clubs Won Lost Pct. Denver 44 11 .800.

AFFECT TASTE OF BUTTER

Copper and Iron Lessen Value of This Product.

Washington, June 28.—Economic conditions make it necessary at present to hold butter in storage from the summer season, when it is plentiful, to the winter season, when it is scarce.

"The matter of reducing or abolishing the oleomargarin tax has attracted considerable attention at the hands of the delegates."

"This oleomargarin tax matter has been under discussion before the live stock exchanges a number of times before," said Mr. Moore in his speech.

"The fight for a correction of the palpable injustice existing in the oleomargarin tax has been placed on the congress grants recognition of our claims and grants us the relief sought for."

"The present national administration is not in a position to do something toward reducing the high cost of living."

"In view of the intended reduction in the present high tax on colored oleomargarin serious consideration with a view of reducing the tax thereon and enabling the manufacturers to place it on the markets of the United States at a price within the reach of the masses of the people, thereby affording the public a wholesome substitute for high priced butter."

"The speech of H. D. Platt, of Chicago, on the tariff question as affecting the live stock interests of the country, invoked a lively discussion of the matter on the convention floor."

"Through the convention there has been the liveliest interest taken in the various matters brought up for consideration. The delegates in attendance are unanimous in declaring that interest in the present meeting has been the liveliest since the convention in the history of the National Exchange."

The retiring president, A. F. Daily, expressed his elation at the prospect of success of the meeting. Most of the delegates will leave for their various homes tonight or in the morning, tired but happy in the knowledge of a job well performed and service rendered to the live stock industry that they represent, and also with a warm feeling toward St. Joseph and it's people for the generous hospitality extended to them in their brief stay in this city.

ALL DEPENDENT ON FARMER. The man in business—the city man—seldom appreciates how absolutely dependent he is upon the soil.

Government Experts Make Discovery That May Stimulate Cultivation.

Washington Star. After ten or more years' experience government plant experts at last have succeeded in growing bamboo from small cuttings.

Although possessing most of the characteristics of the bamboo belongs to the family of grasses. A widely known plant explorer has coined for it the name "timber grass."

Two of the government's plant explorers, Beattie and Klopfer, working at the plant introduction field station at Chico, Cal., have developed a method of growing bamboo from small cuttings.

The Gulf coast in the southern states and Mexico has already reached a point where the surplus for export is both small and diminishing, and that the food cost is excessively high.

We have reached a point where something adequate must be done. Experience has demonstrated that sending out bulletins to the farmers is not effective, no more is the periodic "talkfest" of more so-called experts endeavor to tell the farmer what to do.

The college of agriculture and the experiment stations have on hand a large and valuable fund of information which has been accumulated over the years of time and tens of millions of money.

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CONVENTION AT END

Continued from Page One.

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The importance of Florida as a breeding ground and the fact that the state has been a slaughter place for all sorts of wild life for years past make the news of the present legislation unusually welcome to those who are working for adequate conservation of these important resources of the nation.

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HIS SECRET: LOVE

Romance of the Painting of the Lady of Epping Manor House.

By FRANK TILSON.

"Yes, Mr. Gurney, this is the old Epping Manor House," said the agent. "It has been in the hands of the Epping family for close on three hundred years. For rent, fully furnished, at—"

He named an absurdly low sum—at least, so the young American painter thought. "You see," the man continued confidentially, "it's too quiet a place for Mrs. Epping and Miss Sylvia. While old Mr. Epping was alive it was a home to them. But since he's been dead they've wanted to get away from the sights that perpetually reminded them of him. One can't blame them for that. So they've moved into the new mansion over at Chilworth, three miles distant. But for a gentleman who wants quiet—why, this is just the place."

Gurney agreed cordially with this sentiment. He was spending the year in England and meant to have at least six weeks alone to finish his great panel painting of the destruction of Alexandria, the order for which from the public library in his home city had held out to him the hope of recognition and success after his many years of loneliness and poverty.

"Mrs. Epping's a bit of an invalid," the agent said one day, just after Gurney had moved in. "She says she'd be very pleased to make your acquaintance if you could care to call any afternoon at Chilworth."

"He scowled at me something awful," the agent told Mrs. Epping afterward. "He seems cut out to be a hermit, that young man does."

"Well, I'm sure we shan't intrude upon his loneliness," declared Miss Sylvia, with pardonable hauteur. Gurney wanted nothing better. The loneliness of the place appealed to him. Except for old Mrs. Smith, who came in daily to cook for him and to tidy such parts of the manor as she could contrive to clean while Gurney was busy with his work—and therefore

unable to make effective protest—he saw nobody. And he worked harder than he had ever worked before. Yet somehow the panel painting made little progress. The fact is, Gurney found what many people have found: that it is easier to be alone in company than when one has one's own thoughts for companions. Life in this old English house proved delightfully puzzle-provoking. He explored every nook of the rambling old building. But he always came back to the long central hall, where the portraits of the Eppings hung.

They hung in their gilded frames, stately decorous, these dead lords and ladies of Epping Manor, ranging from Sir Thomas Epping, in doublet and leather stockings, who had been knighted for heroic action against the Spaniards in the days of King James, to the late James Epping, Esq., member of parliament, in the conventional frock coat of modern society. Some of them bore names upon the frames, but she was unnamed, this beauty of the long ago, dressed in the big Gainsborough hat and wide-sleeved gown of the days of the third George.

Gurney was fascinated by this picture. It embodied more than any picture he had ever seen the woman of whom he had secretly dreamed. He had never met her, had not even acknowledged his own secret romance until he saw her face look out at him from the canvas. And she must have been dead nearly a century!

When one lives alone one is prone to gain rein to fancies which the normal man, because they are abnormal, easily represses. Gurney's work was abandoned; he would spend hours before the picture, gazing at the face that was bent down toward his. His fancies became almost realities.

"Work? He don't work any more," said old Mrs. Smith, the village gossip. "He just moons around and stares at the pictures. I think the young man must be in love. When Alf was courting me he looked just that silly."

In due time this piece of news reached the ears of the kind-hearted Mrs. Epping. She had already for

given Gurney for his lack of courtesy. "Perhaps the young man lives too much alone," she said. "Martha, tell James to harness the pony to the dog cart."

When the invalid made a decision she acted upon it. In little over an hour she had driven up to the manor house, and at the gate found herself confronted by a young man with wild eyes and tousled hair—and yet unmistakably a gentleman.

"Mr. Gurney?" she asked. "I am Mrs. Epping." And seeing that he made no move to ask her in, she added tactfully: "I have heard about your paintings and thought I would ask you to let me see them. We are so much alone here, my daughter and I, and it is a real pleasure to meet any one outside the village society."

In half an hour she had completely won his heart. She departed, carrying his promise to pay her a call at no distant date. But when Gurney was alone again the sense of the dead woman came overpoweringly upon him. He loved her, wildly, passionately, this Epping lady who had been laid to rest so long before his birth. No human society could atone for the loss of her. He spent the night before her picture.

His work was now completely forgotten. The fixed idea had become the center of his life; he knew that life was worthless without that love that could never be his.

In the morning old Mrs. Smith found him lying in a delirium in the hall. "Brain fever," pronounced the doctor. "The cause? Well, I should say overwork, combined with solitude, perhaps. It is not right for a man to live alone, especially a gifted young man whose proper place is in the world of men."

"I shall never forgive myself—never," said Mrs. Epping. "James, harness the pony to the dog-cart."

This time she had come to stay, as two well-filled trunks that accompanied her attested. She and Sylvia took up their residence at the Manor, and for two weeks they assiduously nursed Gurney through the crisis of his malady.

"When he wakes," said the doctor, "he will be in his right mind again."

Now whether Mrs. Epping had shrewdly guessed the source of the disjointed mutterings, which escaped the artist's lips during his delirium and made her plans accordingly or whether it was kindly chance, nobody can say, but when Gurney opened his eyes again to reason he saw bending over him the face of the woman in the portrait. But it was the living face of a young and charming girl, and blushing red under the young man's earnest scrutiny.

"Well," said Mrs. Epping, entering the room, "you two are looking at each other as though you had never seen a person of the opposite sex before. Mr. Gurney, this is my daughter, Sylvia, whose portrait you may have seen in the hall, in fancy dress, representing a lady of the last century."

Gurney lay back on his pillows, utterly content. It was a miracle, the doctor said, which brought him back to health so swiftly. But Sylvia knew differently.

"You gave me back my life," he said softly, as they left the parish church together, man and wife three months later, "and I am going to devote my life to you."

It is Sylvia's face which forms the central panel of Gurney's great painting in the Museum of Edinburgh—his masterpiece.

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HAD THE LAUGH ON OFFICER

Policeman, Keen on Investigation, by No Means as Sharp as He Might Have Been.

A police officer tells an interesting tale of an old woman he once had to deal with. A batch of bank notes had been stolen and the detective found some one to tell him that the old woman in question, a notorious "fence," had one of the notes, at least, at her house.

So implicitly did the detective rely upon his informer that he set aside the formality of a search warrant and proceeded to visit the old woman's house, locked the doors on the inside and rummaged the rooms from ceiling to roof. He is an officer who prides himself on his keen scent in a search, but he was completely baffled; and after tearing up some boards and knocking down some plaster by way of making a show of doing something, while he waited for a new idea, at last he gave it up.

Turning to the woman and handing her back a candle which she had lent him to work with, he said: "Well, this time I confess I am beaten. Tell us where it is, mother, and I'll get you off."

"You've had it in your hand most of the time," she said, "and gave it me back this minute. It's wrapped round the candle."—Tit-Bits.

One of the Tiniest of Books. A copy of the English Bible Almanac, published in 1835, just sold by auction in London, measures only three-quarters of an inch by five-eighths, and is one-eighth of an inch thick. It is enclosed in a morocco case with a magnifying glass to enable the buyer to read it. This curious little book fetched only \$29 when put up for bids at Southby's auction rooms. The Bible Almanac was published annually in London from 1815 to 1853, and was a wonderful little storehouse of information interspersed with pictures of famous people.

PROVERBS MOSTLY OLD

MAJORITY HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN FOR CENTURIES.

Same Meaning Is Expressed in Varying Phrases Among Different Nations—Comments on Luck Are Most Expressive.

Many proverbs have come down to us from remote ages, and are common to all nations. It is said that a king of Siam worked his slaves nearly to death in making a vineyard. This provoked one of them to prophesy that his master would never drink the wine. The king, being told of this, when the first grapes were produced took a handful, and pressing the juice into a cup in the presence of the slave, decided him as a false prophet. "Many things happen between the cup and the lip," the slave replied.

Just then a shout was heard that a wild boar had broken into the vineyard. The king, without tasting, set down the cup, ran to meet it, and was killed in the encounter. Henceforth the words of the slave passed into a proverb.

From this Greek original came two French proverbs: "Between the hand and the mouth the soup is often split," and "Wine poured out is not swallowed." Neither is so near the original as our English, "There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip."

It is curious to trace how similar ideas have taken root in different languages and the various modes of illustrating the same thought. For instance, one or two familiar proverbs in our own language. We say, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The same idea is expressed by Italians when they say, "Better an egg today than a pullet tomorrow," and the French proverb is still more significant, "One here-it is better than two yoshall-have-it." "Better a leveret in the kitchen than a wild boar in the forest," is the Livonian saying conveying the same meaning.

The proverbs on luck are numerous and expressive in all languages. In English we say, "It is better to be born lucky than rich." The Arabs convey the same idea in the apt proverb, "Throw him into the Nile and he will come up with a fish in his mouth," while the German says, "If he stung a penny on the roof a dollar would come back to him."

A Spanish proverb says, "God send you luck, my son, and little wit will serve you." There is a Latin adage, "Fortune favors fools," and it is to this Touchstone alludes in his reply to Jacques, "Call me not a fool till heaven hath sent me fortune."

The Germans say, "Jack gets on by his stupidity" and "Fortune and woman are fond of fools." There is also a Latin proverb which shows that the converse of this holds good: "Fortune makes a fool of him whom she too much favors."

Some unlucky Englishman is responsible for the saying: "If my father had made me a hatter, when would have been born without henna," but this can scarcely be called original, as an unfortunate Arab, aged 80, declared, "If I were to trade in winding sheets no one would die."

"Misfortunes seldom come singly," has many equivalents in all languages. The Danians say, "Welcome, misfortune. If thou comest alone, and 'Whither goest thou, misfortune? To where there is more!"

Called Halt on Lawyer. Laura Hamilton tells of a funny courtroom episode which she saw one time ago.

A young lawyer had been appointed by the court to defend a man charged with larceny. In his argument to the jury he pleaded for the acquittal of his client. He told of his innocent boyhood days, of his good character, of his father, mother and brothers. In short, he launched forth into a family history.

The prisoner, an old dandy, had listened with growing uneasiness to his counsel's plea, and as the attorney went on without a hint of stopping, the negro was driven to desperation. Jumping to his feet, he yelled to the court:

"I's guilty, yo' honah; I's guilty; De jury can't do no mo' dan send me to jail fo' six months, but if dat fool lawyer doan stop, dey'll hang me fo' suah!"

Identified. The two American war correspondents were gazing at the conflict when Kinktop caught sight of a gallant officer leading a charge.

"His face is strangely familiar," he said. "That Greek lieutenant, I mean—"

"Yes," said Bithers. "He used to run the boot-blacking stand in that barber shop over on Steenth avenue and Umpfth street."

IS HAPPIER ON THE FARM

Condition of Country Boy Compared Most Favorably With That of His City Cousin.

Do not ever believe, you boys on the farm, that the city boy has all of the good times going. In many ways he has a rocky road to hoe. One of the big men of the Chicago university, who makes a study of the condition of boys in the cities, says the country boy, if he has the chance of an education and lives in a good home, has a deal better time than the flat-bred, steam-heated city boy.

The city boy has no opportunity to bring in the wood, milk the cows, gather nuts or go out in the woods. The city is mean to him. He seldom puts his foot on the ground because it is all covered up with stones and cement.

He has no neighbors, for people move every year, and sometimes oftener, so what's the use of getting acquainted? There are no real homes in flats—not like the homes of the country, where people live in one place for years and grow up with their relatives and neighbors around them, and where the ties of friendship are strong and satisfying.

If the city boy lets out a yell or plays ball in the streets or swipes an apple, the police are down on him in a moment. The country boy can whoop, whistle and sing as much as he pleases, and occasionally he strays into a neighbor's orchard and comes out in a fit of absent-mindedness with a melon under his arms or a dozen apples inside his shirt, and he is not arrested! Generally he is invited to help himself and come again, if the neighbor sees him.

In the city everybody is against the boy. The people upstairs complain to the janitor that he makes too much noise; he is not allowed to sit on the doorstep, and so he drifts into crowds of bad boys around the corner who are not allowed to do the things that every healthy, well-ordered boy wants to do.

On the street cars he is herded like sheep, and if he does not keep in line on the streets he is poked in the ribs by a club and shoved about. The average, healthy, vigorous country boy with ambition to do something that will count in the world can find plenty of room on the farm and have all the fun he wants doing it. Stick!—Exchange.

Difference in Bones. A wealthy man, well known for his extreme stinginess, drove up hurriedly in his carriage to the door of a celebrated doctor. He was in a state of acute discomfort and fear, from the simple fact that at the moment a piece of fish bone was sticking somewhere in the region of his throat. The doctor removed the dangerous obstacle, and the gentleman breathed freely.

"Thank you, doctor!" he exclaimed, much relieved. "I'll never eat salmon again—never! And with what ease you removed it! A mere minute's operation, was it not? How much—a what is your fee?"

"Half a guinea," replied the doctor. "Half a guinea!" exclaimed the man. "For half a minute's work? Impossible!"

"But—consider for a moment," said the doctor. "It's a salmon bone!" "What has that to do with it?" "Oh, a great deal," replied the doctor. "Had it been halibut or fresh haddock, I should have charged less—perhaps five shillings. For codfish or eels, two-and-six would have been ample payment. Mackerel, two shillings. While a red herring bone I might even have demanded free of charge. But salmon! Well, really sir, one has to pay for these luxuries."

And his patient paid.—London Telegraph.

Names Babies by Lottery. Choosing a name for a new baby is always a matter of anxious consideration; but in certain lands the anxiety has been minimized by the laying down of the rules to guide the choice. The Mohammedans, for example, write five names on slips of paper and place them in the Koran. One slip is drawn out, and the name written thereon is bestowed upon the baby. With the Egyptians three lighted candles are taken and named—one name always being of Biblical character—and the candle which burns the longest determines the child's name. The Hindus allow the mother to name a baby when it is twelve days old, but if the father does not like the chosen name he selects another. Then the two names are written on slips of paper and held over a lighted lamp, that which burns the brighter being the name finally adopted.

In China girl babies are considered not worth naming and are simply numbered in order of birth. Chinese boys are named until they are twenty, when they receive fresh names specially chosen by their fathers.

Coast Defense for Chile. A preliminary contract involving two million dollars has been signed between Chile and the Bethlehem Steel company, by which the latter is to furnish coast defense guns for the South American nation. This is looked upon as the precursor of larger orders, as Chile has an extensive seacoast and many harbors.

It is of interest that the contract was obtained in competition with the Armstrongs of England, the Krupps of Germany and the Creusots of France. The American company won both in price and in the quality of guns and shells to be supplied.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Stenuous Oratory. "Caller—What's all that pounding in 'er back room?" M. U.'s O. B. B.—Dunno! I hear 'er boss say he'd set to frame 'er, and I cures he's doin' it!—Joe Storke.

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**ODD LAPSES OF MIND**

SCHOLARS AND OTHERS NOTED FOR ECCENTRICITY.

**Forgetfulness** One of the "Strong Points" of Many Able and Accomplished Men—Sometimes the Result of Self-Hypnotism.

Some years ago I had to speak at a "Work." "Have you any fads?" inquired my host. "The last person we had here refused to sleep in a bed. When every one had retired to rest the whole house was roused by a hammering on the wall of our visitor's bedroom. Come and see!"

I entered the bedroom. "See those excavations?" He pointed out two large holes in the wall, where the paper had been torn away and the plaster disturbed. "Well, the parson we had here last hammered two huge hooked nails into those walls to support a hammock."

I had the qualified pleasure of meeting this eccentric at dinner some years after. "Can I serve you some soup?" inquired our hostess. "Never take soup," was the reply. Then, later: "You will take some fish?" The cleric simply shook his head. So he declined dish after dish. "But what will you have?" inquired the now desperate hostess. "I should like five raisins, one apple, a few nuts and some oil."

By this time every one was uncomfortable. A whisper went around that there were no raisins in the house. I suggested that he should go on with the oil and the apple. His face assumed a look of eloquent resignation. The next moment he sprang to his feet and rushed from the room.

The intelligent under-footman had brought in bicycle oil!

A delightful old clergyman, professor of Greek at my own university, had a habit of forgetting to put on his clothes. Once he walked into college chapel in an old-fashioned night-shirt. It was a misty morning early in February. An undergraduate was reading the first lesson, when this silent, ghost-like figure moved along in the dim dawn which crept in through the stained-glass windows. One of the dons took his arm and led him out.

On another occasion it was his turn to preach in the cathedral. Instead of stepping into the pulpit, he walked out altogether, and things came to a standstill.

Another old college don was a dreamer. One day he met me in the town. "My boy," he said, "I came out to go somewhere, but it's gone—gone! Can you tell me where I meant to go?" I suggested that he should go back to his college. What is more, I saw him safely there.

Later in the evening he sat for me. There was the light of a great discovery in his eyes. "My boy," he said, "it has all come back to me in a flash. I never meant to go anywhere at all. I wanted to write a letter, and I must have missed my way to my library. You will have a glass of wine?" But he forgot to ring the bell. Presently he said: "Do have some more. Now, what have I done with the decanter?"

Many men's eccentricities are the result of self-hypnotism. I remember once seeing a well-known clergyman walking calmly along during a down-pour of rain, holding his walking stick up, under the impression it was an umbrella.

Absent-mindedness is responsible for much amusement. An elderly clergyman, on arrival in Rome, was positive that he had lost some of his luggage, and gave notice at the office; but he was unable to say what the package was like, or even what it was.

It transpired, in the course of next day, that it was his wife he had lost. I shall not forget the interview between husband and wife.—Exchange.

**Wireless Sketches in Warfare.** Surprising results are being obtained by means of the new invention of an Italian youth, Francesco di Bernocchi, called the wireless iconograph, which has recently been tested between Milan and Turin. His apparatus is far in advance of anything of the kind yet recorded. Besides ordinary messages, it also transmits autographs, shorthand characters and all sorts of designs. So simple is the arrangement that the transmitter and receiver of this instrument may be applied with ease to any ordinary wireless telegraph plant. General Spingardi, the Italian minister of war, is so much impressed by the enormous advantages of the wireless iconograph for transmitting orders and conveying sketches in time of war with the utmost secrecy that steps were immediately taken to secure for the Italian government exclusive possession of the patent.

**Tickets No Good.** Mrs. Brown-Jones (which isn't her name at all, nor nothing like it) has a new parlor maid. Last Thursday was Mrs. B.-J.'s day at home. Six callers were at the door, and each proffered her card. Hilda looked the cards over carefully one by one. "Youse ladies is all wrong!" she decided finally. "One of your tickets is for Mrs. Chophop Thompson, one is for Mrs. Miller, one is for Miss Chunks and Miss Mabel Chunks—and den dere's tree odders, all wrong names, yet. Try next door; goodby."

Then she went back to her mistress. "None of 'em wanted to see you," she beamed. "Deir tickets vas for odder houses. I guess maybe dey ain't lifted here long."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Wane of Motherhood.** Ellen Key, writing in one of the magazines, deprecates the wane of motherhood, a constantly increasing disinclination to assume its responsibilities, she says, being everywhere apparent. The disinclination is not confined to any one class, she says, but the work-worn drudge and the idle creature of luxury are both averse to it.

**ONE ON THE TOWN PROBER**

Mrs. Hill's Well-Laid Plans Did Not Afford Her the Satisfaction She Expected.

The neighbors were in an uproar. Miss Joy, the beautiful and charming social light, had suddenly crawled into her shell. Not only had she absented herself from dinners, receptions, and bridges, but she had not even appeared on the streets. Inquiries at her home disproved the general opinion that she was ill. The mystery deepened. Miss Joy had simply become a recluse.

"I can't understand it," said one of the more curious. "She has never gone to the woods like this before. She doesn't even drive any more."

"Probably there is something awful behind it," replied another, with a glimmer of keen enjoyment in her eyes.

Still the belle failed to put in her appearance. Gossip became intense, until finally Mrs. Hill, the town-prober, decided with grim determination to find out the real cause of the retirement. She outlined her plans to her friends with zest.

"I will issue invitations to a tea tomorrow afternoon and will send one to Miss Joy. Later I will call her over the telephone, insisting that she attend. She will refuse, and then I shall demand to know the reason."

"A perfect idea!" assented the others in chorus.

"Of course, I won't have the tea," continued Mrs. Hill. "That will be understood among all of us."

"Oh, certainly," came the disappointed response. "We only want to find out the truth."

The invitations were issued, and Mrs. Hill immediately opened telephonic communication.

"Hello, is this Miss Joy?" she began.

"Yes."

"This is Mrs. Hill. I supposed you received my invitation to the tea? Now, I won't take any excuse. You must come."

"No need of excuse," sweetly chirped Miss Joy. "I shall be more than delighted to be present."

**Reward of the Politician.**

When Ollie James, now junior United States senator from Kentucky, first broke into politics in his native county of Crittenden he had occasion to try a case before a rural magistrate. When the trial was ended, says the Saturday Evening Post, the magistrate invited the young lawyer to go home to dinner with him. As they sat down at the table the old man said:

"Ollie, it pains me mightily to see you messin' in with politics."

"Why so?" inquired James.

"Ollie, my son," said the magistrate, "politics ain't a fittin' pursuit for a young man. Look at me! I started in politics when I was young and hopeful, just like you are now. I have held all the positions of trust in the gift of the people of my home district—I have been school trustee, road supervisor and constable, and justice of the peace. But now, as an old man, all I've got to show for my years of ceaseless political activity is a lot of warm enemies and cold friends."

**As Good as a Gold Mine.**

Professor White estimates that no fewer than 400,000,000 gas mantles are used every year, and as these mantles cannot be manufactured without a substance named thorium, the necessity for obtaining a large supply is obvious. Some time ago the manufacturers were, indeed, at a loss to discover sufficient for their purpose. Their anxiety was removed quite unexpectedly when a stranger walked into the office of one of the great incandescent companies and offered to show where an unlimited supply could be obtained.

He demanded \$100,000 for the information, and this sum the company readily undertook to pay. The directors were, however, doubtful of his ability to carry out his promise, but after obtaining a contract he took a representative of the company to Brazil, where huge deposits of thorium were discovered. From this place most of the thorium now in use is obtained. The stranger had discovered the find quite accidentally.

**Smoke-Cured.**

To be strictly accurate, it was not a smoking compartment, but the youth was puffing away at a chubby briar, despite the pained expression on the old lady's face. By and by the old lady, who was the only other occupant of the carriage, began to get excited.

"Young man," she barked, as far as her coughing would permit her, "do you know that it's wrong to smoke?"

"Well," replied the lad as he enveloped the old party in a wreath of pungent smoke, "I use tobacco for my health!"

"Health!" ejaculated the victim, in spluttering tones. "Nonsense! You never heard of any one being cured by smoking?"

"Yes, I have," declared the youth, still puffing away like a furnace chimney; "that's the way they cure pigs."

"Then smoke away," cried the heroine of the story; "there may be hope for you yet."

**Profits on Farm Produce**

Washington, D. C., July 28.—It is announced that the department of agriculture, through its office of markets, will shortly begin a thorough study of what happens to produce from the time it leaves the producer until it reaches the consumer. A special investigation will be made of the profits on marketing perishable produce. This specialist will then study conditions in various sections to determine the feasibility of a market service dealing with perishable products, and also the best method of

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Jacksonville, Fla., June 28.—Despite the fact that she is the first Southern woman to have the business cares of a big corporation cast upon her shoulders, Miss Okie Painter, the only child of the late E. O. Painter, known as the fertilizer king, declares she feels no doubt of her ability to continue the work of her father as president of the Painter fertilizer company, a half-million dollar concern.

Painter lost his life when he fell from a ferryboat in the St. Johns River. Whether he was accidentally drowned or whether his death was suicide is a question brought up through the fact that he was one of the most heavily insured men in the United States, having policies in force totaling \$1,178,900.

A large part of that amount having been written since the first of the present year, the fact that a big legal battle will result before the insurance is paid has been hinted strongly. "Having been my father's closest adviser in life and knowing his plans and views, I see no difficulty in carrying on the business just as he would have had the discipline she maintains among the office attaches is as strict as that of the regular army.

Like her father, she is early at her desk and late to leave. "There should be no clamor about a woman taking the reins of business," she said, "if she is prepared for the work, and I believe I am."

The company has faith in her ability to head the concern is apparent in the fact that at the same meeting at which she was elected to the presidency a dividend of 10 per cent was declared, just as it had been planned before the death of her father. Other plans, which include an expansion of the business, are going ahead under her management.

**CONSERVING SOIL POWER**

More Plant Food Is Wasted Than Is Used for Crops.

It is relatively easy to outline plans for the conservation of coal, or wood or iron, or water power, because they are concrete objects with which we are familiar; but soil fertility is not a concrete thing and methods of conservation are less easily planned. In order to conserve the fertility of the soil we must conserve the conditions or factors which make the soil fertile. Among the most important are: Good tilth or physical condition, good moisture conditions, good chemical reaction, good aeration, good biological condition and good food supply. These fertility factors are more or less abstract conditions which depend on the supply of organic matter, a plentiful supply of lime, a plentiful supply of plant food, an adequate drainage system, good tillage operations.

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**making statistics of supply and demand useful to the farmer or truck raiser.**

Other specialists will give attention to studying co-operative organizations of producers and consumers, including co-operative marketing associations of farmers and buyers, co-operative stores, etc. The will make intensive studies of typical communities dealing with special products, and will assist in the formation of new co-operative enterprises. An expert in co-operative accounting will assist such organizations to keep their books and records effectively, establish cost systems, and follow up methods of handling goods en route and on sale.

Co-operating with the other investigators will be specialists in transportation—men who have had as much railroad shipping experience as division freight agents—who will assist producers in securing proper freight rates, and will discuss questions of extending facilities, determining of rates, routing, and other matters concerned with the speedy and cheap moving of products to centers of wholesale and retail demand.

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