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BY A. A. P. McDOWELL

Our Shoe Sale

NOW ON

Every Day from March 11th until March 25th.

Space will not permit us to quote all prices here, but this will be an opportunity to stock up cheap.

LAING & JANES

Important Business Change.

Cass City Bank Now Owned Solely By I. B. Auten.

Ten years ago, the Cass City Bank passed from the ownership and management of C. W. McPhail, its founder, to the firm of Auten, Seelye & Blair, and I. B. Auten came here from Caro to assume the management. The business has prospered under his conservative management and the Cass City Bank, as a financial institution, enjoys the entire confidence of the community. Some four years ago, Capt. L. C. Blair, one of the members of the firm, departed this life, since which time the firm has been known as Auten & Seelye. A dissolution of partnership, through which John F. Seelye, of Caro, retires, leaves Mr. Auten sole owner of the business here. Immediately upon moving here he associated himself in every possible way with the general interests of the village, and although a man who has never sought and has many times refused public office, he has ever been ready to assist new enterprises which would tend to build up and benefit the town. We wish the Cass City Bank and its proprietor, I. B. Auten, long continued prosperity and increased patronage.



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THE NEW RAILROAD.

Definite Proposition Now Before Us.

Must Act Now To Get It.

Wm. W. Wixson, representing the Bay City and Port Huron Railroad Company, appeared before a meeting of citizens at this place on Tuesday evening, of which J. H. Striffler was chosen chairman, and A. H. Ale, secretary. Mr. Wixson exhibited blue prints of the proposed route which crosses the P. O. & N. R. R. a short distance below the creamery here running a little north of Shabbona and on towards Sanilac Centre. Fifteen months have been spent in formulating the company, and the members are not such merely in name, but are in it to complete the road. They include such men as W. C. Ponoy, Geo. Prescott, N. Cheesborough, E. B. Foss, H. E. Buck and W. W. Wixson. One member of the company now has under lease a large acreage of coal land, the product of which he wishes to send out over the new line. A franchise has been secured at Bay City and is now under consideration at Port Huron. Valuable options have been secured at Port Huron and committees are now at work at Lexington, Crosswell and Sanilac Centre securing right of way. An effort is being made to have the route diverted from this place by swinging south at Elmwood, through Deford, south of Shabbona, etc., which would shorten the route by two miles, and save the company \$50,000 for construction. Contrary to the reports which have been in circulation, Mr. Wixson states that the company is entirely independent and proposes to construct an entirely independent line, but that owing to the heavy freight business which it expects to handle, it will be built with the view of double tracking in the near future. Ample time was given for the examination of the blue prints and asking of various questions, after which a committee was appointed to take the proposition under consideration and decide upon the proper course of action.

The committee met at the Council Rooms yesterday afternoon and after considering the matter carefully decided to hold a mass meeting at the Town Hall next Monday afternoon at two o'clock when it is expected that everyone interested, both in town and country will turn out en masse and make it possible to take prompt and definite action towards the securing of this desirable line. The time for the acceptance of the company's proposition is limited so that we cannot afford to delay energetic action. If you favor the project show your colors at once and get busy!

"THE DEACON."

Comedy Drama in Five Acts.

Opera House, March 17th.

This drama will be presented by High School talent, the following being the

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
Deacon Thornton, Mrs. Thornton's brother-in-law, with a passion for leopards with a stick in it..... Alex. Duncanson
Geo. Graef, Mrs. Thornton's nephew..... Harry Sandburn
Mrs. Thornton..... Mabel Robinson
Geo. Darrah, alias Matt Wheeler..... Roy Houghton
Jas. Reed, a friend of Darrah's..... Dan Duncanson
Pedro, an organ grinder..... Roy J. McKenzie
Pete, Mrs. Thornton's servant, Stanley Graham
Bill, the Deacon's boy..... Bertie Zimmerman
Mrs. Thornton's maid..... Mabel Robinson
Helen, her daughter..... Ethel McGregory
Miss Amelia Fawcett, Mrs. Thornton's.....
mildred sister..... Mabel Robinson
Mrs. Darrah, Geo. Darrah's wife..... Marie Brooker
Nellie, her child..... Marie Brooker
Daisy, Mrs. Thornton's servant..... Anna Adair
Parson Brownlow..... Roy J. McKenzie
Time, the present.
Locality, Eastville, Pa.

The Deacon will be chaperoned by his boy, Billie. Pete will entertain Nellie while Mrs. Darrah is having an interview with Graef. Geo. Darrah, alias Matt Wheeler will instruct Reed. Miss Amelia's heart will be all in a flutter. Helen will find Fido. The play is spirited and fascinating and the characters are complete. Much time has been spent in the delineation of each character, and a rare treat is promised to those who attend. The prospects are that the Opera House will be crowded to its utmost capacity, hence to be sure of a seat be on time to get one reserved at T. H. Fritz's Drug Store, where they will be placed on sale at eight o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, March 15th.

Rev. Stovall, of Plymouth, occupied the Baptist Church pulpit last Sunday and preached two very acceptable sermons to good sized audiences.

RYE & Western Corn

76c. 56c.

Farmers, why not make a few dollars by selling your Rye and buying Corn?

The Coal Question is important just now and we are prepared to furnish...

Somers--St. Charles--Coal,

Saginaw Coal,

All kinds of HARD coal,

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which is more economical than coal.

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1 1/2 lbs. Hess Poultry Panacea	25c.
25 lbs. Hess Stock Food	\$1.45
1 lb. Kow Kure	50c.
1 gallon Kreso Dip for lice	\$1.25

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The very best investment you can make is to feed your Hens a Poultry Food that is guaranteed to make your hens lay, and a "Calf Meal" that is a perfect Milk Substitute.



Try Them

L. I. Wood & Co., Druggists

Local Happenings.

Owen Spencer went to Saginaw yesterday.

Chas. B. Young is laid up with a lame shoulder.

Mrs. C. W. Heller is gaining in health quite rapidly.

E. Dennis has moved to the Dewey house on Pine Street.

Miss Vida Patterson was numbered with the sick last week.

Louis Lacroix drives the Cass City Striffler house Co. dray this week.

E. W. Keating made a business trip to Ellington last Thursday.

"The Deacon" at the Opera House on the evening of the 17th.

Do you want the new railroad? If so, do your share in securing it.

Miss Florence Dann is spending a week with her cousins at Greenville.

Master Justin McDermott, who has been so seriously ill, is now much better.

Mrs. D. P. Deming entertained twenty-five of her lady friends last Thursday.

A Buchanan has moved to the J. H. Striffler house one-half mile east of town.

Mrs. G. A. Striffler entertained a company of sixteen of her lady friends on Tuesday.

B. F. Benkelman was at Caro on Tuesday, making his returns as township treasurer.

H. B. Outwater is looking after the express business during the illness of Miss Lena Muck.

A sleigh load of our people went out to the entertainment at the Bingham school on Saturday evening.

W. J. Bottomley, the Brown City jeweler, has been assisting T. L. Tibballs, of this place, this week.

Mrs. M. Sheridan and Miss Aggie Quinn, of the New Sheridan, called on friends at Gageton on Sunday.

Frank Scripture will lead the Epworth League on Sunday evening. Topic: "Christ the Great Physician."

Geo. and Ray Riker left for Canton, Penn., yesterday morning and will visit friends in Buffalo on their way.

The Social Workers met with Mrs. H. McCall yesterday and served tea at the usual hour to a goodly company.

M. Athens and two younger sons returned yesterday from their visit in Ontario.

Mrs. W. A. Rogers, of Marine City, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mead.

Miss Florence Mann spent Sunday as the guest of Mrs. J. D. Tuckey, northeast of town.

Will Scupholm, who has been employed on a ranch near Alpena, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Seeger returned on Saturday evening from their wedding trip to the southern part of the state.

John T. Jones, northeast of town, has recovered sufficiently from his serious illness, to come to town on Tuesday.

Geo. E. Perkins has accepted the agency at this place for the New Jersey Plate Glass Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J.

Every farmer should read and carefully consider the article in another column, under the head of "Warning to Dairymen."

W. H. Ruhl and Miss Adah Murdoch spent Sunday with Minden City friends, the latter remaining for a further visit.

Rev. W. Hinzman, of Kingston, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist Church here on Sunday, both morning and evening.

We have received notice of the serious illness of A. Saigeon, formerly of this place, but now at the home of his son, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. A. A. Hitchcock is spending the balance of the week, looking up spring styles and buying the balance of their spring stock.

Over thirty of our townspeople attended a social gathering last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Emmons in Elmwood township.

Gleaners, Attention.

Members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, residing in Tuscola County, who desire mortgage loans on their farm property can secure their money through the Emergency Fund of the organization by addressing G. H. Slocum, Supreme Secy., Caro, Mich.

Yours truly,
G. H. SLOCUM.

A Shrewd Fellow....



An Irishman, who asked a music teacher how much he charged for lessons, was informed, "Six dollars for the first one and three dollars for the second."

"Then I'll take the second," said Pat, and the same motive that prompted Pat to make the above answer--

The Motive of... Saving Money,

Should prompt every buyer of....

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, LIME, CEMENT, DOORS, WINDOWS

...AND...

INTERIOR FINISH,

To inspect our stock. We can show you the most complete stock to be found in the Thumb. Our prices are what you have been looking for--rock bottom for good material. Estimates on all classes of buildings cheerfully given.

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Cass City Lumber & Coal Company, Ltd.



New Spring Styles...

...in Tailor-made Suitings

Full Line of Samples now ready.

Workmanship, Fit and Style guaranteed.

Shop over Tennant's Grocery.

W. H. RUHL.

In New Quarters

Having moved my large and varied stock of

Bazaar Goods, Groceries, Ladies' Furnishings and Novelties,

to the McKenzie Building, I wish to extend my thanks to patrons for past favors and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.

Our various lines are most complete and we are in a better position than ever to please our customers. Come and see.

MRS. G. W. GOFF.

HOUSE PLANTS

Anyone leaving orders for special varieties of Plants, Seeds, Roses or Shrubs, will have them promptly filled from a first-class greenhouse.

A. A. P. McDOWELL.

WARNING TO DAIRYMEN

Support Your Home Creamery in Preference to Central Factories

One of the leading farm journals sounds the following note of warning:

"It is announced that a new form of competition has arisen all through the creamery sections of the west--the centralized butter factory of the cities, drawing its supply of separated cream from a wide radius of territory by rail shipments. In many localities the competition of these factories is driving the old co-operative local creamery to the wall, if not securing all its patrons, at least enough to prevent the local creamery from doing business. Of course to secure this patronage the town concern at first pays more than the local creamery can, and lots of farmers are foolish enough to bite at the bait and place themselves in the power of what can be easily one of the most tyrannical of trusts and companies. Skulduggery is mighty easy in the matter of cream tests, and the farmer will sooner or later find it is no fun to try to settle a deal of that sort with the other fellow located 200 miles from him. He will not be able to go to the creamery and have a row with the buttermaker over his tests, as he has been doing. When the farmer has got rid of his local school, his local creamery, his local parson, he might as well get rid of his local church and pay tribute to a city parson. When this time comes he will be easier skinned than ever before. Maintain all your local institutions, and when the trust devil comes around tempting you tell him to go to his own place."

This is a matter that comes right home to our readers, as there are creameries now operated at Cass City, Shabbona, Caro, Elkton and other places near by, with cheese factories at Gageton and Owendale. These local plants are operated by men we know personally and have confidence in and not a few of our readers hold stock in the various companies. The large outside concerns, are making a special effort to secure the product of this section, but if dairymen listen to their arguments and pass by the local plant they are making a sad mistake, and one which will eventually lose them dollars. It is not always gold that glitters and while the outside concern may offer special inducements to draw patronage, it is very doubtful indeed if they will pay a better average price than the local factory. No farmer can afford to pass by the local creamery or cheese factory for the sake of favoring a large central plant. If you think so, be fair enough to investigate the matter thoroughly and we do not fear for the home concerns.

A petition was presented to the Port Huron Council on Monday evening, for a franchise to enter that city for the proposed Bay City & Port Huron Railroad. The route is down Eleventh Avenue to the river, thence to Park Street and east to the St. Clair River. The petition was referred to the ordinance committee to be reported on in two weeks.

Startling Mortality. Statistics show a startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at T. H. Fritz, Druggist, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston.

Village Primaries.

Pursuant to announcement, the regular village caucus was held at the Council Rooms on Monday evening, when over ninety electors were present and the following candidates were nominated for the various offices: President--Alonzo H. Ale. Clerk--Charles G. Matzen. Treasurer--Mathew L. Moore. Trustees--Herbert Frutchey, Isaac Hall, Clark W. McKenzie. Assessor--Egbert B. Landon.

A second caucus, called the "Citizens" was held on Tuesday evening, when the following ticket was chosen: President--Benj. F. Benkelman. Clerk--Charles G. Matzen. Treasurer--Mathew L. Moore. Trustees--Louis I. Wood, Chas. L. Robinson, Delbert J. Landon. Assessor--Geo. E. Perkins. The nominees for president and assessor on the second ticket withdrew, consequently there is no candidate for president on that ticket, and Geo. W. Seed will appear thereon as a candidate for assessor.

Saturday will be registration day and every voter should be sure that his name is on the register. Monday next will be voting day and all should exercise their right of franchise.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Contributed by Margaret McArthur. Miss Cochrane returned Tuesday and the regular work in school has begun.

Lloyd Reagh was absent from school the first of the week on account of illness.

The "cup" which the boys won last Field Day, has been placed in the H. S. room.

Vacation in two weeks! Will spring begin with the beginning of school after vacation?

Vida Patterson and Ethel McGregory are playing duet marches this week in High School.

The members of the Chemistry class are experimenting with phosphorus this week. How about their nerves?

The Opera House will be crowded on Mar. 17th. Be on time if you have not reserved seats. Your burdens will be lightened by attending the play.

The visitors this week in the High Room were Miss Georgia Tanner, of Bay Port; Albert Wilson, George Cole, Frank Striffler, Miss Phillips and Miss Leslie.

Lois Cleaver, Ethel McCrea, Mae Mulholland and Florence Smith went to Caro Wednesday, to be present at the teachers' examination the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Sinclair was teaching in the fifth and sixth grades room Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She has been taking Miss Somerville's place, while the latter has been filling Mrs. Jackson's place, as the latter has been absent on account of illness.

Unclaimed letters in the Cass City Postoffice for the week ending March 4th, 1905.

Mrs. Deborah Maxwell Charles Barntage Mr. Floyd Guy.

When calling for the above please mention "advertised."

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SQUIRE JOHN

A TALE OF THE CUBAN WAR

BY ST. GEORGE RATHERS

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CHAPTER XX.

A Goddess of Battle.

The retreat of the Spanish troops from the scene of the dynamite wreck, back over the five or six miles separating them from the slope where the stranded ammunition car is settled, has been accomplished in an almost incredibly short space of time, for the vigor of Gomez' attacks has kept them constantly on the jump.

Jack and Smithers have hastily formed a plan of action. They are resolved to take no part in the inevitable conflict that must be fought round the carriage, unless actually forced to do so by their determination to protect the ladies; and if circumstances render it necessary for them to enter the lists against all comers, they are just as ready to meet Spanish warriors or Cuban patriots as they have stood against guerrillas.

The first man to reach the carriage is a tall captain, whose sprinting qualities have proven of no mean order—indeed, he is so easily able to out-distance all of his comrades that Jack in secret is ready to believe his athletic abilities must have been gained in the bull-ring cluding the mad rushes of an infuriated toro.

As he comes up, he gasps out: "Senior, an axe—something to break open the door of the ammunition van. We have no cartridges; we will be annihilated unless our guns are made available."

So he chatters on, while gasping for breath, and continues to beg for an axe. Jack does not know where such an implement can be found, and as for Smithers, he would see the whole regiment in Guinea before he stirred a step to further their cause an iota.

Fortunately for the soldiers, they have a friend in Senior Robledo, who hardly relishes falling into the hands of Gomez in this way, though he had planned to visit the insurgent chief in his camp, with the secret hope of betraying him to the authorities.

He has discovered an axe in the guard's den, and this he eagerly tosses to the captain.

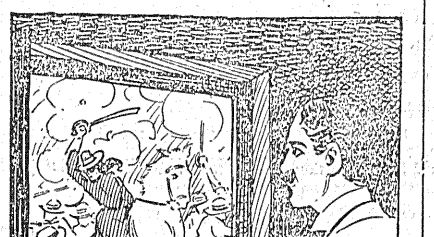
Then ensues a remarkable moving panorama as Jack has ever seen. While the blows of the axe sound upon the barricaded doors of the other compartments, the Spanish soldiers have gathered around the carriage, many of them wounded, and yet showing no disposition to capitulate.

So Travers, while secretly opposed to the cause for which they fight, feels himself bound to admire the way in which these almost untrained recruits, but recently from across the sea, face death as it comes swooping down the slope.

The officer in command forms his men in a phalanx. Not a shot do they fire, because few guns contain a load, but with the grim front of veterans they await the descent of the hawk.

Again the hillside is covered with a rushing throng. Men come running down in squads and singly. They have no idea of order, or discipline either, just at present, as it is every man for himself. The soldiers are on the run, and these wild followers of Gomez mean to keep them moving until they are swallowed up in the sea of fire that sweeps over the Cuban chaparral, or kneneled in Havana.

Travers confesses to a tremendous interest in the outcome; he believes they will be safe once the battle is over, no matter who wins, as Smithers is surely on one side, while Senior Robledo covers the other. It is only the



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Jack makes his way back to the shelter of the carriage, as he has no desire to become a target for the bullets that begin to whistle around so merrily.

Up to the present moment the dash and bravery of the insurgents have carried things before them; but now that the soldiers are enabled to make use of their guns, the tide seems to set the other way.

The rebels give up the advantage their pluck has wrested from the soldiers very stubbornly, and more than once turn about, as though tempted to make another dash.

It would be folly, however, since the men of Spain have an abundance of ammunition now, and can mow them down like ripe grain. Against this they can only oppose their machetes,

and if the field were open, they must soon annihilate the troops. Within the narrow confines of the railway the horses are as much a hindrance as a help.

A large number of the soldiers have gathered about the lower end of the coach. Jack can readily guess their design is to guard the door where the Spanish captain is passing out packages of ammunition in frenzied haste.

Just in front of Travers occurs one of the most desperate engagements. Some of the mounted rebels have cut their way through the lines, and are slashing and hewing right and left. Jack is spellbound by the sight, but he receives a greater shock presently. He grips the arm of Smithers, who crouches beside him, also watching the first fierce engagement between patriots and Spaniards that it has been his good fortune to witness.

"Look—look!" cries Jack, hoarsely, as he points into the thick of the struggling, surging mass. "See, a girl among them—on that snow-white horse—a girl with flowing hair, and wielding a machete. Look closely, Smithers. I could swear that is our charming hostess, Lola Montez."

His words reach other ears than those for whom they are intended. Jessie, hears, and wonders. She has read much of these Cuban Amazons who fight alongside their brothers and lovers in fierce engagements. Perhaps the way in which Travers unconsciously speaks of the girl as "beautiful" and "charming" has something to do with arousing her curiosity. At any rate, she, too, endeavors to see the girl on the white horse who thinks less of her life than the sacred cause to which she has devoted her existence.

Smithers in one glance sees that Jack has spoken the truth. He instantly recognizes the lovely Amazon.

"You are right, sir; but please don't mention names again. Walls and rocks have ears in Cuba now. Her life might pay the penalty," is what he calls aloud in Jack's ears.

He has hardly spoken than his companion utters a cry.

"She is down—her horse tripped and she will be killed before our very eyes! See, that devil has his bayonet aimed at her—only a wounded rebel bars his way. He believes her to be the leader, and is determined to turn the tide. Smithers, I can't stand this. Let me try, I tell you."

Smithers dares not refuse when Travers roars in this tone. Perhaps he is not sorry, after all; for, only that Jack bars the way, the agent would have leaped out of the door to the rescue of the beautiful Amazon.

Jack is not a second too soon. The wounded rebel has proven no match for the muscular Spanish soldier, who has broken his hold, plunged his sword-bayonet through the poor devil's body, and then, still intent on the desperate deed that had engaged his attention when interrupted, he makes a rush for the young girl, who, still partially stunned by her fall, is slowly picking herself up from the ground, while her white steed whinnies his dismay over the disaster.

Before the furious soldier can carry out his desperate intention, Travers has seized hold of his gun—Travers, who is boiling over with indignation at the sight.

There is a brief but terrific struggle in connection with the possession of the gun, and only Jack's superior muscular power enables him to come out victor.

With a furious outburst he sends the soldier whirling down the slight embankment, having at the same time wrenched his gun out of his hands.

As Jack turns, he finds that Lola has gained her feet. She no longer appears dazed, but as her gaze fastens eagerly upon the face of the one who has saved her life, she gives him a radiant smile.

Travers cannot hear what words she utters, for guns have commenced to rattle with the distribution of ammunition among the men, but he accepts the hand she impulsively stretches out to him.

And Jessie Cameron sees it all from the carriage door just back of Smithers—sees it with a feeling she cannot comprehend—a peculiar sensation of distress in the region of her heart, as though in some unaccountable way the proximity of that Cuban beauty to her protector gives her pain.

That is how Fate takes a hand in the affairs of Squire John once more, and gives promise of great results.

Another moment and the fearless young girl has sprung upon her milk-white steed, and is in the thick of the fray.

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and while these are effective weapons in a hand-to-hand encounter, they are of no use whatever at a distance.

So the revolutionists melt away, some passing up the rise and others plunging into the shelter of the woods, as yet untouched by the fingers of the fire king.

Jack heaves a sigh of relief. He has seen that the white horse and its lovely rider have been almost miraculously spared through the fierce rattle of musketry that ended the affair, and the last glimpse which he obtains of them is when, outlined against the heavens, Lola Montez, on the hilltop, waves her hat from the end of the machete she carries.

And yet Jack Travers turns from contemplating her heroic deeds to the gentle girl of Edinburgh with a positive satisfaction.

One may admire a modern Joan of Arc, and be enthralled by her presence as she leads soldiers in battle; but when it comes to the choice of a wife, the average male biped is very apt to turn aside and take to his heart some loving girl who will make his home a dream of peace and cheerfulness rather than a warlike camp.

But Jessie Cameron does not know



There is a brief but terrific struggle. What Jack's thoughts are. She has sunk back behind the barricade, as if fearful lest some flying bullet might find its way through the frail side of the carriage, when in reality she desires to shut out the sight of Jack and the little Cuban beauty together.

The battle is won.

At least, the rebels have ceased to harass the troops, and the latter are enabled to take stock of their losses, which, counting dead, wounded, and missing, amount to almost half the original force.

As a further retreat to Havana is rendered utterly impossible by the blazing forest that bars their way, their only plan is to strengthen their present position and await the coming of dawn, when they may be able to figure on the future.

The rebels have not been gone more than half an hour when Smithers, who has been wandering around in his restless way, talking an observation, as he calls it, comes upon Jack as the latter sits upon the end of a railroad tie, meditating while indulging in a smoke, and the latter has only to take one quick look into the agent's sober face to realize that he carries more bad news.

(To be continued.)

DIFFICULT LAND TO REACH.

No Ships of Civilized Nations Make Trips to Greenland.

"No private vessel plies between Greenland and the rest of the world, either with passengers or cargo," writes Roger Pocock. "Of the Dundee whalers very few remain and if they happen to take fresh water on the Greenland coast, their stay is limited to a matter of hours. Ten years ago some fishing schooners of Gloucester, Mass., frequented the Greenland banks, but after a couple of seasons found that the halibut catch was not to be relied on. In 1894 the Miranda, an American steamer, attempted a cruise with tourists, but was wrecked at the gate of the first harbor she tried to leave. She foundered at sea, but one of the fishing schooners brought her people home.

"Apart from arctic expeditions no other foreign visitors have risked a voyage for about two centuries. The whaling ships are handled by experienced men, yet the Vega was nipped recently, her people barely escaping. For arctic expeditions one ship lost in each twenty measures the scale of risk. Fog, ice-pack, bergs, currents and death-trap reefs bar out all casual shipping on pain of death.

"There also exists an excellent international treaty, whereby most Europeans and Americans are absolutely forbidden to enter Greenland. This treaty is enforced by Denmark on behalf of her royal trade, a government department, which is trying to save and civilize the native tribes of the country. By this means alone can the Eskimo people be shielded from disease, from alcohol and from interference with the hunting on which they depend for existence."

A Reasonable Claim.

"We'll dispense with your services, sir," said Mr. Merchant sternly. "I saw you coming out of a saloon today. I told you I'd discharge you for that, didn't I?"

"Why, no, sir," replied Gailey, "you said you'd discharge me if you saw me going into one. I think I deserve some credit for coming out."—Philadelphia Press.

LONDON'S MANY CABS

SMART VEHICLES FILL STREETS OF GREAT CITY.

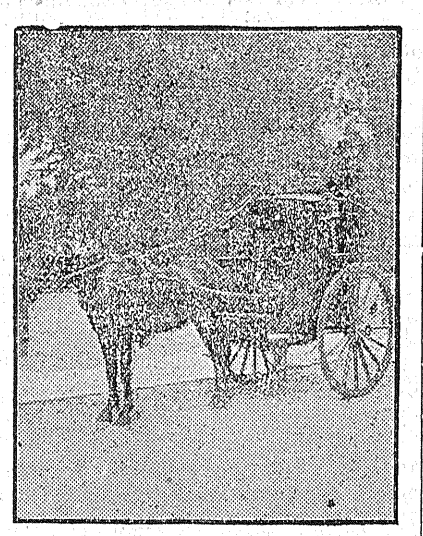
One of the Best Methods of Seeing the "Sights" of England's Metropolis—How the Trade Is Organized and Conducted.

(Special Correspondence.)

There are 26,000 cabs in London, and nearly all of them belong to one man, and a nobleman at that, for the premier earl of England, he of Shewsbury and Talbot, has a vast income from the cab business of the largest city in the world. The earl gives his pet hobby as the "cab trade," and he is so fond of cabs that he frequently drives them, and, although he is a man of vast wealth, he seeks his fares as eagerly along the Strand and Piccadilly as any coster caddy that ever cracked a whip.

It is impossible for any one who has visited London to think of that city without a background of hansom cabs looming up through the fog and smoke that still cling to the memory, for cabs are as much a part of the gloomy old city as Westminster abbey or the Parliament houses.

Next to bowling along on the top of a bus, there is nothing that the London streets has to offer quite so de-



Hansom Up-to-Date.

Lightful as a ride in an easy-riding hansom. The smooth motion, the sense of freedom that the wide view before one affords, and the spice of danger ever present as the dicing Jehu of the cab grazes hubs and horses with splendid skill, go to make up the keen enjoyment of a cab drive over the asphalt pavement.

Control of the Industry.

The cab industry is in the hands of a large number of men, about 4,000, many of whom own three or four cabs which they let out, and are known by the title of "Mushers."

Before a cab is allowed to go on the street three payments have to be made—5s for a driver's license, £2 for hackney carriage license, paid by the owner to the police authorities at Scotland Yard, and 15s for carriage duty, also paid by the owner to the inland revenue.

Before, however, the owner can get his license, his vehicle must be seen and inspected by the police. Clerkenwell police station is the chief center, and here, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, there is an official attendance to examine cabs and issue the two number plates, one to be fastened on the inside, and the other, the larger one, to be fastened outside on the back.

Every cab is examined and licensed once a year. As a check on possible



London Four-Wheeler.

negligence, the back plate has a device on it, as well as a number. This year it is the royal arms, next year will be a crown, and the year after that the royal arms again; so that a police officer may tell at a glance how matters stand with a cab under suspicion.

The ordeal of examining a cab is not severe. The official glances over it, and produces a pot of yellow ochre, a shaving brush and a stencil plate, and on the body of the cab at the back he marks the device of royal arms or crown and underneath the word "Approved" and the initials of the chief commissioner—"E. R. C. B." Once the stencil mark is stamped, and the number of plates fixed the cab can begin business.

When a driver first goes to Scotland Yard for his license he is put through a sort of informal examination on his knowledge of the great railway termini and the public buildings, but no test of his driving capabilities is made; those are always assumed as a foregone conclusion, and he is given

a license and badge on payment of five shillings.

Then he makes his way to a cab yard, leaves his license with the proprietor, and is given a cab and a horse, with a change horse, for all of which he pays seventeen shillings a day. His whip, mackintosh cape, knee apron and oil flask are at his own expense.

Some drivers own their own hansom, which are generally of the rickety variety, and should be avoided.

If a caddy drives a smart hansom he haunts clubland, and a day may bring him in a rich harvest, thirty shillings, perhaps, and only working eight hours. Some men work sixteen hours a day, but old hands never more than twelve hours if they can help it.

How the Cabbies Differ.

It takes cabbies some years, sharp as they are, to learn the way of London society, and to elude that ever vigilant person, the young "bobby"; for, before he knows it, caddy may find himself at Marlborough station charged with loitering. It may be his first offense, and he is left off with two shillings and sixpence fine, with two extra shillings for costs.

The caddy of the old school, whom one sees but very rarely, nowadays wears the triple coachman's cape and a very rusty, out-of-date felt; his temper is not of the best; having been harassed by the police and suspected by the public for years, he has grown to look upon himself in the light of a licensed buccannier, to whom every passenger is lawful prey.

The young and modern caddy is different, however. He feels friendly with the general public, and wears a stylish overcoat and a shining top hat that does much to attract fares. Sometimes he is handsome and distinguished looking, in which case one is apt to suspect him of being a crushed peer of the realm, some wayward "second son," or some gentleman of fallen fortunes, who has taken to cab driving as a last resort for an honest living. Indeed, such cases are not rare, and why should not one speculate about one's caddy if he be fair to look upon?

Societies for the Cabbies.

There are in London several societies for the benefit of cabbies, the two most important being the Cab Drivers' Benevolent Association and the Southwestern Friendly Society. The former society grants annuities to aged drivers, gives legal assistance and grants loans without interest to members. The Southwestern Friendly Society on the other hand, is self-supporting, it has over 700 members and is in all respects exactly what a friendly society should be.

Cheery and happy-go-lucky in the dreariest weather, caddy never forgets the approaching rainy day, and is always prepared to help a friend in need, answering the calls upon his pocketbook manfully and paying his share without a murmur.

Then there is another body called the Shelter Friend Society, the object of which is to look after the little buildings called "cabbies' shelters," that one sees huddled up against the curbstone at intervals all through the streets of London. In these shelters there is a wholesome lunch provided with hot coffee or tea for a small sum, and here are toilet conveniences and a stove where caddy may warm his fingers and toes in severe weather.

The attendants of these shelters are usually retired cabbies. They pay a small rent and run the shelters for the general society. These places are very cozy and inviting and on pleasant summer afternoons one may hear shouts of laughter from the open windows, and then one may know that

HOW TO TELL A BOILED EGG.

Betting Man Made Money on it, but of Course No One Else Will.

The betting man said to the waiter: "Boil one egg. Cool it and put it among half a dozen raw ones. Then bring all the eggs together in to me on a plate."

The eggs, in ten or fifteen minutes, came in. They were examined carefully by everyone in the room.

"I will bet ten dollars," said the betting man, "that no one here can pick out the one cooked, from the six raw eggs."

This bet was taken. Thereupon the man spun the eggs, toplike, on the table, one by one. All spun poorly, with a wabbling motion, save a dark egg, which spun as steadily and truly as a top.

"This dark egg is the cooked one," said the betting man. He opened it, and so it proved. "A boiled egg," he explained, "spins beautifully. An uncooked, liquid one spins in a poor, unsteady way. The difference is plain, and anyone can tell it."

Once in a While.

"Yes," said little Arthur, "since pa struck it rich and ma and the girls have gone into society we have a Frenchman to do our cookin', so we eat in French and sing in Italian and think mostly in German, but once in a while when things don't go right and pa gets mad we still get the good old English right off the bat."

CUTICURA CROWS HAIR.

Scalp Cleared of Dandruff and Hair Restored by One Box of Cuticura and One Cake of Cuticura Soap.

A. W. Taft of Independence, Va., writing under date of Sept. 15, 1904, says: "I have had falling hair and dandruff for twelve years and could get nothing to help me. Finally I bought one box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and they cleared my scalp of the dandruff and stopped the hair falling. Now my hair is growing as well as ever. I am highly pleased with Cuticura Soap as a toilet soap. (Signed) A. W. Taft, Independence, Va."

Birds' Preference in Colors.

Red will annoy a turkey cock as much as a bull, but a sparrow will not let it disturb its mind. But if one flirts a blue rag in front of a caged sparrow's eyes he will go frantic with disgust. Sparrows and linnets, too, will refuse food offered them on a piece of blue paper and dislike the appearance of any one wearing a blue dress. Medium light blue affects them most and blue serge they scarcely mind at all. Thrushes and blackbirds will attack yellow, but will use red or blue dried grasses left about their haunts to build the outlayers of their nests. Yellow grasses they will not use.

First Knowledge of Galvanism.

Galvani, a natural philosopher of Italy, was dissecting a dead frog one day while a pupil was making experiments in electricity by his side. He observed that the muscles of the frog, being exposed, gave signs of motion whenever the nerves came in contact with the scalpel. Galvani discovered the existence of a new principle in this phenomenon, and originated the fertile branch of physics known by the name of galvanism.

Proper Diet for Cats.

Puss is a good deal of an epicure, and you should satisfy its peculiar tastes as far as possible, says a writer in the New York Press. To treat a cat really well a regular diet should be followed. Two meals a day are quite sufficient, but they must be substantial.

Health is Your Heritage.

If you feel sick, depressed, irritated; if food disagrees with you; if you are constipated, or get tired easy, something is wrong. There is no reason why you should not be restored to perfect health if you will write for a trial bottle of Vernal Remedies, made from Saw Palmetto Berries which possess wonderful curative powers for all diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bladder. Thousands of sufferers have been permanently cured. Write for free sample, Vernal Remedies Co., Le Roy, N. Y. Sold by druggists.

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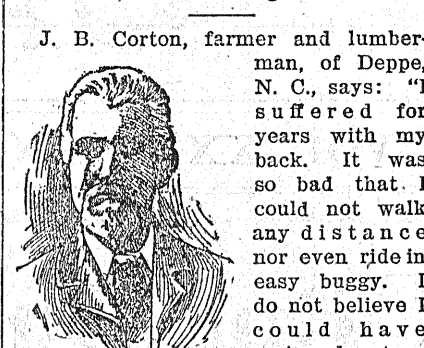
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J. B. Corton, farmer and lumberman, of Deppe, N. C., says: "I suffered for years with my back. It was so bad that I could not walk a nor even ride in easy buggy. I do not believe I could have raised ten pounds of weight from the ground, the pain was so severe. This was my condition when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They quickly relieved me and now I am never troubled as I was. My back is strong and I can walk or ride a long distance and feel just as strong as I did twenty-five years ago. I think so much of Doan's Kidney Pills that I have given a supply of the remedy to some of my neighbors and they have also found good results. If you can sit anything from this rambling note that will be of any service to you, or to anyone suffering from kidney trouble, you are at liberty to do so."

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Victims of Poison.

People who point to the carrying of revolvers as the cause for the many murders in the United States should not forget the knife wielder and the poisoner. While it is possible more murders are committed by shooting than by any other single means, it is a fact that more persons are killed at one time by poison than by guns—Omaha Bee.

Salt a Luxury.

The greatest of all luxuries in Central Africa is salt. The long-continued use of vegetable food in that country creates so painful a longing for salt that natives deprived of it for a long period often show symptoms of insanity.

IT IS IN THE BLOOD

Neither Liniments nor Ointments Will Reach Rheumatism—How Mr. Stephenson Was Cured.

People with inflamed and aching joints, or painful muscles; people who shuffle about with the aid of a cane or a crutch and cry, Oh! at every slight jar, are constantly asking, "What is the best thing for rheumatism?"

To attempt to cure rheumatism by external applications is a foolish waste of time. The seat of the disease is in the blood, and while the sufferer is rubbing lotions and grease on the skin the poison in the circulation is increasing.

Delays in adopting a sensible treatment are dangerous because rheumatism may at any moment reach the heart and prove fatal. The only safe course for rheumatic sufferers is to get the best possible blood remedy at once.

Mr. Stephenson's experience with this obstinate and distressing affliction is that of hundreds. He says: "About a year ago I was attacked by severe rheumatic pains in my left shoulder. The pains were worse in wet weather, and at these periods caused me the greatest suffering. I tried a number of treatments and ointments, but they failed to alleviate the pains."

Then he realized that the cause must be deeper and the pain only a surface indication. He adds: "I had heard Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People recommended as a cure for rheumatism, and when I found that I was getting no relief from applications, I made up my mind that I would try them. Before the first box was gone I noticed that the pains were becoming less frequent, and that they were not so severe as before. After the second box had been used up I was entirely free from discomfort, and I have had no traces of rheumatism since."

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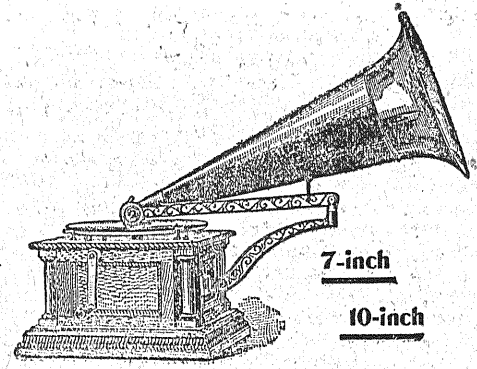
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Geo. W. Closson, Prop. of the large Livery Stable and Hack Line, at 137-139 West Main St., and residing at 330 Territorial St., Benton Harbor, says: Doan's Kidney Pills procured at Harry L. Bird's drug store have been used in my family and undoubted results were obtained. My wife first learned of them through her brother-in-law, Mr. J. P. Mitchell, employed as Mail Clerk on the Michigan Central R. R., between Detroit and Chicago. He advised her to use them and they proved to be an excellent remedy. I heartily join Mrs. Closson in endorsing this valuable medicine. To anyone complaining of backache or any of the incidents which follow in the wake of that far too prevalent complaint kidney disease, my advice is, use Doan's Kidney Pills."

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A PRAIRIE DINNER.

Cooking Utensils May Be Dispensed With in Preparing It.

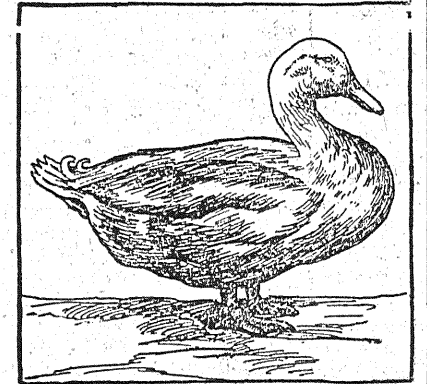
Suppose you start on a trip across the mountains. You have plenty of "grub," but you accidentally left your cooking utensils behind—not a Dutch oven, not a frying pan, not a tin plate, even a tomato can. Do you suppose for a moment I would sit down on that sack of flour and starve? Not quite.

Build a big fire and when it gets low shove a lot of good old spuds under the coals. If you have fresh meat the way is clear for broiling. If not, slice your bacon, impale it on a stout switch and when your spuds are done break them open and allow the good old bacon grease to drop on them as it broils on the end of that stick. You want coffee. Rip the locks off that canteen, bring the water to a boil, funnel your coffee in, and your coffee is ready. But how about the bread? No pan to mix the dough in, no article in which to bake the bread. You don't like ash cakes? All right. Just mix your baking powder carefully in the top of the sack, form the flour into a funnel shape, pour in very little water at a time—don't be afraid of getting your fingers balled up—mix that dough right there, and when it is the desired consistency roll it out like a snake. Cut a cake from any old thing, wrap this snake shaped piece of dough around it in a long coil, turn it before the fire until it is good and brown, and you will have finer bread than grandma ever made.

If the average Arizona prospector can't take care of himself when he has plenty of raw grub it is strange.—Mescal in Tombstone Epitaph.

"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Sorefulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. B. B. B. has made me a perfectly well woman." Mrs. Chas. Hutton, Berville, Mich.

A Belgian Duck. The Merchant duck of Belgium, says Reliable Poultry Journal, has a large and long body, erect carriage, and its plumage is pure white. Its beak is pinkish white and the feet yellow. It is a glant duck and intended for improving and increasing the size of other breeds without giving them yellow



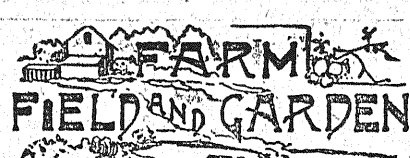
MEERCHANTUM DUCK. It produces very fine ducklings, which are usually fattened. Their flesh is very white and they can be reared without water. A variety of this breed is the "blue duck of Termonde." This bird is very large and entirely blue, without a single white feather, each feather being edged with black. Beak blue, legs red, brown and black.

Thos. Canham, of Minden City, has received word from Roseburg, Oregon, of the death of his son, John, aged twenty-two years, at that place. He suffered from apoplexy. He went west last September, hoping to benefit his health thereby.

The Sanilac Sugar Refining company, of Crosswell, is about to purchase 2,840 acres of wild land in Moore township to raise beets for the factory. It is extremely difficult to secure enough beets for a season's run without depending upon distant crops. This land belongs to the Allen Shelden estate.

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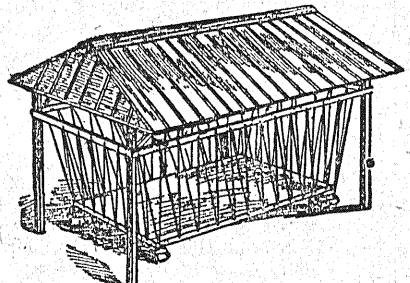
For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*



FOR SHREDDED FODDER.

Two Styles of Outdoor Racks Illustrated and Described.

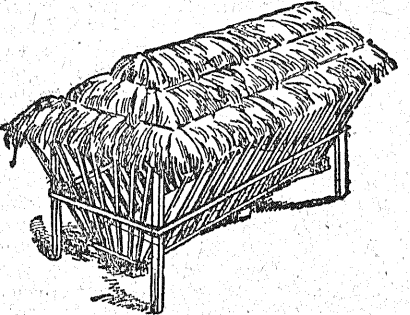
That stock may feed at pleasure in the barnyard or outdoors one can stack the fodder and top out well with straw, or he can make a long, narrow wire rack, as shown in the first cut. Set posts firmly in the ground six or eight feet high above the ground. The two rows of posts should be about five feet apart. The lower frame is a foot wide and two feet shorter than



WIRE RACK FOR SHREDDED FODDER.

the upper frame on posts one foot above the ground. (The artist made the bottom too wide in the cut.) Spike two inch scantling all around on top of both sets of posts. Drive in large headed nails in these scantlings, those in the upper frame eight inches apart and in the lower frame closer together, as you must have the same number of nails above and below. Get No. 14 wire and pass around these nails back and forth from top to bottom clear around and fasten. Fill this rack and top out like a rack, then cover with roof boards or top out with straw. The frames must be made stout and solid. You can make a rack 100 feet long or over, and it will hold several tons if topped out well.

We are told, says Ohio Farmer in conclusion to the foregoing, that it is a good way to put up shredded fodder that is not thoroughly cured. The sec-



RACK OF RAILS, POLES OR SCANTLING.

ond cut shows how to make the rack of rails, poles or scantling. After filling it can be topped with straw or thatched, as shown in the cut. The roof in the first rack can be raised up as high as desired by lengthening the posts.

ASPARAGUS GROWING.

Palmetto at the Head as Regards Yield and Money Returns.

A. T. Jordan of the New Jersey experiment station has summarized the results secured in experiments extending over a number of years at the station in the growing of asparagus with commercial fertilizers in comparison with manure. The combined results of six years' work with asparagus place Palmetto at the head of the list of eight varieties tested as regards disease resistance, early and total yields and money returns. Donald Elmira stands second in early and total yields. One-year-old roots have been found fully as satisfactory for transplanting as two-year-old roots.

As regards fertilizers, the largest and cheapest yields have been secured by the use of commercial fertilizers alone. The manured plat stands second in yield, but the cost of production has been greater on the manured plat than on that of the others. The use of complete commercial fertilizer alone has been only about one-third as expensive as the manure, while the total yield has averaged 2 per cent better. The addition of bone and potash or bone, potash and nitrate of soda to the complete fertilizer has not resulted in increased yields and, while more expensive than complete fertilizer alone, has been only about one-half as expensive as manure. As compared with complete fertilizer alone, manure had a value of 42% cents per ton as a fertilizer for asparagus. The conclusions relative to asparagus are in part as follows:

The selection of varieties in planting is very important. Palmetto, a disease resisting variety, gives a yield exceeding that of the Elmira, second in order, by 32 per cent in the average of six crops and by nearly 30 per cent in the crop of 1903. The cash value by which Palmetto exceeds any other variety equals \$111.01 and \$221.88 for the average crop and that of 1903 respectively. Manure at \$1.50 per ton, twenty tons per acre, is the most expensive method of supplying plant food. The returns per dollar of cost are the lowest of any of the four methods of fertilizing used.

Items in Tomato Growing.

Relative to the advantages of stacking tomatoes, L. R. Taft and M. L. Dean of Michigan state that tomatoes thus trained can be planted much closer, the fruit is of better quality and in excessively wet years it is possible to ripen a good crop of fruit when if planted in the ordinary manner it might not mature at all. Little difference was noted in the time of maturing of tomatoes whether from field grown seed or from seed started in the greenhouse and the seedlings transplanted to the field.

MORE ABOUT ALFALFA.

We have several inquiries about alfalfa—when and how to sow, the sort of soil best suited to it, whether to sow with a nurse crop or sow in the fall or in the spring, whether the frosts in the northern part of the country kills it out and why this legume is not more generally grown through the corn belt. In a general way we have answered many of these inquiries before, but inasmuch as there is more interest being taken in the growth of alfalfa than any other new crop ever tried within the limits of the corn belt we give a somewhat extended review of the plant and the possibilities of its growth. Alfalfa is one of the oldest plants known to man. In Europe it passes under the name of lucern, or German clover. It is a perennial and under favorable conditions has been known to live for as long as forty-five years. It possesses some peculiar and distinctive characteristics, one of the remarkable rapidity with which it will reproduce itself when cut. 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AFGHANISTAN AND ITS OP-TO-DATE AMIR

Buffer State between Great Britain and Russia has a Ruler who does not disdain the Luxuries of Western Civilization

Few parts of the British empire have caused Great Britain the anxiety she continues to feel about her Indian possessions. Every movement Russia has made in Central Asia looking toward the concentration of the innumerable states added by force to the Russian empire has been watched from the Indian frontier by argus-eyed Britons. Both Russia and England have made careful surveys of the frontiers, and each government has built and continues to build strategic railroads along the enormous and difficult boundaries. Russia is known to have long been in possession of several plans for a descent upon India, and the British have for years been evolving quite as many plans intended to checkmate any movement of the kind.

At the present time the British are engaged in the pleasant task of assuring the northern neighbors of India of their friendship, with the object of forestalling any similar device upon the part of Russia. Old treaties long since in abeyance or quite inactive, have been renewed, and new ones signed. Last year two missions were sent out from India to carry this object into effect. That commanded by Younghusband, which invaded Tibet, was ungraciously received, and although a treaty was signed in the Forbidden Land, Lassa, it is admitted that the success of the enterprise was not unaccompanied by serious inconveniences.

Late in November a British mission was dispatched to Kabul, the capital city of Afghanistan, where better



The Amir of Afghanistan

luck is believed to have attended it. The mission is headed by Louis Dane, Foreign Secretary for Simla, who is accompanied by H. R. Dobbs, his secretary; Major W. Mallison, R. A.; Capt. Victor Brooke, Ninth Lancers, and a British doctor. The necessity for the agreement arises from the fact that the Amir, Abdurrahman, terminated at his death in 1901. Since that time the son and successor of the late Amir, Habibullah, has been proving himself loyal to British interests in the absence of any binding documents. He has repeatedly dispatched assurances to the Viceroy of India of his devotion to the British. Nevertheless it was considered that his affection would be more convincing if he set his royal hand and seal to it.

Several matters need discussion, and one of them is the question of the British subsidy, to which the Amir is entitled. The present Amir has not drawn the annual subsidy of 180,000 rupees (about \$80,000) since he acceded to his kingly dignity. He had no agreement with the British and did not need the money, for he is rich and life in Afghanistan is not expensive.

Afghanistan, which is about twice the size of the United Kingdom and has a population of about 4,000,000, has been an independent state since the beginning of the eighteenth century, prior to which time it was part of Persia, while its province of Kabul was in the Mogul empire. It is walled in by some of the highest mountains in the world, which almost completely surround it, leaving less than half a dozen so-called passes by which the country may be entered. Only half of these are of use for strategic purposes, and even they are so treacherously situated that a large army might be annihilated by a comparatively small force.

The Afghans, all of whom are Mohammedans, are a warlike people, which fact, added to their strong position, renders their independence comparatively safe. England has burned her fingers more than once in dealing with the Afghans, and Russia has not succeeded in winning them over, although she has spent a quarter of a century coaxing.

There are few countries on the

globe, not excepting Tibet, which are more inhospitable to foreigners than Afghanistan. Placed by nature as a buffer between two powerful rivals, Afghanistan is a country where every one is suspected as a spy of either Russia or the British. In Kabul there are no foreigners. The last one was a Mr. Freischer, a German gunmaker, who was murdered in a mysterious manner a few months ago. A woman physician, an Englishwoman, has been in Kabul for three years, and declares that living in the capital is like being on a different planet. "The universal atmosphere of suspicion, the ever-present knowledge that keen Afghan eyes are watching every movement, combined with the knowledge of isolation from the civilized world, have not a beneficial effect upon one's nerves, and after a prolonged stay one comes perilously near a breakdown."

A British agent, a Mohammedan officer of the Indian army, resides in Kabul, but he might as well reside at the North Pole for all he is allowed to do. He seldom goes out, no one dares visit him and the only opportunity he has for displaying himself is to be present once in a while at a durbar or levee of the Amir. It is admitted that he is entirely without influence. The Russians, however, have not even a "surehead" for an agent, and two Russian spies were only recently caught and sent to prison—and disappeared.

Habibullah Khan, the present Amir, has seen something of the world. He and his brother visited London in 1896, and both were made G. C. M. G. As far as may be, in a country without a single mile of railway, the Amir may be said to be progressive and up-to-date. He has surrounded himself with the latest inventions in lamps, stoves, phonographs and bicycles. He is also to be seen driving out at times in an English automobile, while a sewing machine has been introduced into his harem.

Habibullah Khan is a very busy monarch, and while he loves sport, a weakness which endears him to the British, he never permits his private pleasures to interfere with public business, a virtue which he might impress upon his more civilized friends. He takes a commendable pride in his gun factory at Kabul, which daily produces 20,000 cartridges, fifteen rifles and two guns. For nearly two years little work has been done in this factory for lack of material, but apart from this enforced stoppage the factory has been in constant operation since 1886.

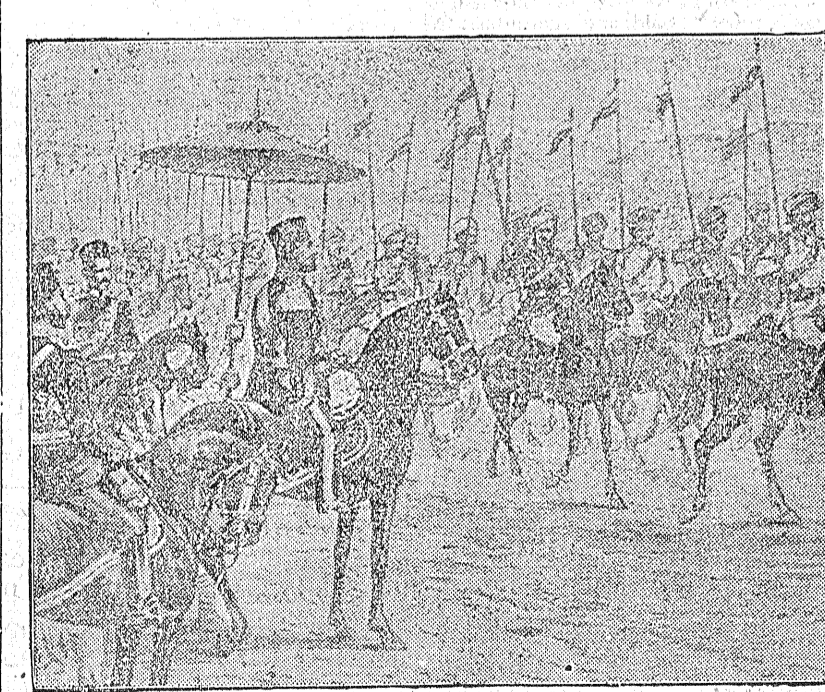
It is the Amir's custom on Naw Roz—the Mussulman's new year—to examine all the guns, rifles and apparatus turned out of the workshops during the year. The guns, etc., are laid out for inspection at Shahara, a summer palace, which lies about a mile from the city.

Among the sports held in high favor by the Amir are hawk and cricket. He usually has his falcons with him when out shooting, to fly at wounded birds; but on some days he will mount horse and go away to the neighboring hills. He seems insensible to fatigue on these occasions, but his suite usually returns with him in the evening, hanging limply in the saddle.

The Amir two years ago divorced all his wives but four, and ordered that his subjects content themselves with a like number. One of these four wives is of royal birth and lives in a separate house. She is said to be an ambitious woman, who wears English dresses, although a woman who saw them declares they are of styles fashionable thirty years ago.

Hypnotism.
"Gilligan will try no more of those hypnotic experiments of his."
"Why not?"

"He was out at a little gathering at the Toddlewicks last night and Mame Toddlewick dared him to show his power. Mame said she didn't believe he could hypnotize her father and the old man said he couldn't. So Gilligan gave the old man a glass of water and made him believe he was drinking a stiff rum punch. And the first thing anybody knew old Toddlewick leaped into the air and smashed the gas fixture, and came down with a howl and kicked over the supper table, and it took three men and the



Amir inspecting Troops at the Feast of Sacrifices.

old lady to hold him while Gilligan brought him out of it. And then they all turned on Gilligan and roasted him for the mishap—all except the old man, who hadn't quite recovered from his orgy and who wanted Gilligan to try it all over again in the 'intresh of science.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TRUTH PUT TO THE TEST.

In Spite of Warnings, Nothing Really Terrible Happened.

Jerry had been taught that it was a sin to lie, so of course he never meant to lie. Whenever he did stretch the truth, which occasionally happened in spite of his good intentions, he did so merely through the exuberance of his lively imagination. One day, just as Jerry perpetrated one of his whoppers, the recently mended heel of his shoe came off. His mother noticed both the accident and the lapse from truthfulness.

"There," she said, severely, "see what happened to you as a result of



Afghan Irregular Soldier.

your wickedness. Hereafter, whenever you tell a falsehood something terrible will happen to you."

"Will my boot heel always come off?" asked Jerry.

"Quite likely. If it isn't that, it will be something equally bad."

For several days after that Jerry talked but little, and what few statements he did make were carefully weighed beforehand. One day upon his return from school he became less cautious and entertained the family with the account of an incident that had enlivened his trip home. The story seemed quite plausible, and nobody would have even thought of doubting his veracity had not Jerry, after looking at the heel of his shoe explained triumphantly:

"There! It didn't come off that time! Better look at yours, mamma."

Chinese Opinion of American Education.

Prof. J. W. Jenks of Cornell university, who lately returned from the Orient, says that Chinese literati have a fine scorn for the practical learning of America. This is the opinion of a highly educated Chinese official held of our educational standards:

"The schoolhouse and college in America, where the rising generation ought to be taught and trained in human conduct and manners, have now become mere Smithsonian workshops, where the pupils are taught to make money, or, as it is called, how to get on, by learning the coarse jugglery of the head, called 'law and theology.' In many American universities dentistry and chiropody, or the science of toenail peeling, are put on the same level with Plato and Virgil."

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In solemn isolation cries
Sad chorus with the homeless wind
Above the clouds, above his kind,
Above his bastioned peak above
All sign of sound or sense of love.
How mateless, desolate, and drear
His horn, long seven thousand year!
My comrades, lovers, dare to be
More truly great than Caesar; he
Who hewed three hundred towns apart.
Yet never truly touched one heart.
The tearful, lorn, complaining sea
The very moon looks down upon.
Then changes—as a saber drawn;
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ONLY WAY TO GET IT.

Woman Had to Take Lawyer Along With Her Damages.

Mrs. Stonevall Jackson, widow of the famous general, lives in Charlotte, N. C., and the other day a Charlotte lawyer said of her:

"Mrs. Jackson has great talent in persiflage and rallery, and she likes much to air her skill in this direction at the expense of doctors and lawyers. She said to me one day:

"A friend of mine—a Virginia woman—sued a railroad company last year for \$50,000 damages, and last week the case was decided in her favor. She got the money in toto. She got every cent of it. It is all lying to her credit in the bank at this moment."

"Mrs. Jackson paused and smiled. "You think it is incredible," she said, "that the woman should have gotten all those thousands. You think that her lawyer, in sending her a check for the money would have deducted \$30,000 or \$35,000 for his share. Well, the woman got all the money. The lawyer didn't get a cent. She got it all. She got it in the only way."

"What way was that?" said I.

"She married the lawyer," said Mrs. Jackson.

Up and Down With the Bishop.
Bishop Dudley of Kentucky was much addicted to sport, especially liking to hunt and fish. Once, when on a shooting trip, the bishop chanced to fall in with an old mountaineer, who, according to Representative Ollie James, took a great fancy to his new acquaintance, whom he did not in the least suspect was a bishop. When Bishop Dudley was preparing for his return home he invited the old man to visit Louisville, so that he might hear him preach.

"Preach?" gasped the old mountaineer. "What, you preach! Kin you preach as well as you kin shoot?"

"Much better," responded the bishop, smiling. "Be sure and come some Sunday. I'll see that you get a good seat in front."

The old man availed himself of the invitation thus extended. At the conclusion of the service he quickly sought out his friend, the bishop, and grasped him by the hand.

"Mr. Bishop," he cried enthusiastically, "I don't know much about your creeds and dogmatics, but I riz and sot with you every time!"

Watching Bees at Work.

Glass hives for the observation of bees at work have been in use for many years, and recently ants' nests have been on view at the Crystal Palace, London; now, a firm in London has actually put on sale a contrivance called "The Lubbock Formicarium," which is really a portable ant's nest, which can be moved anywhere without trouble or inconvenience, and which, it is claimed, will last for upward of six years with ordinary care. The species selected is the small yellow ant, Formica flava, and the nest is inclosed in a frame ten inches square, resembling a picture frame, except that it must, of course, be laid flat and the cover must be kept over it except when the ants are under observation. The nest contains ants in their various stages, and some of the other insects which are associated with or without a queen, and accompanied by full directions as to management. This novelty has attracted much attention and visitors show much interest in the exhibition.

Lost Faith in America.

Joe Grim, the Italian fighter with the iron jaw, was recently drawn for jury duty over in Philadelphia. He had made arrangements to fight Hugo Kelly of Chicago, and there was money in the bank. Joe went to court and said to the judge:

"Excusa me! Means lotto da mon, judge!"

"Are you naturalized?" asked the court.

"Sure! Good American me!" replied the pugilist.

"Nothing doing, then!" remarked the judge. "If you go West to fight you'll go to jail for life when you come back!"

"Mean shame!" cried Joe. "I needa da mon. Wife, she needa da mon. Me, greatest prize fighter in Little Italy loosa da mon. I go to my man, Mike da Costell. He is a politish. He say sure I'll fix it right. Now he do nothing." Say he go to jail, too. I go myself to all the politish. They give me da smile. If I go fighta da Kell I go to pris. If I don't fighta da Kell I loosa da mon. America fine country!" And Joe left the court room in tears.

Surprised Cigarette Smoker.
While a number of people were watching the antics of the seagulls, which rose continually to the parapet of London bridge recently in search of the food which several of the spectators were throwing to them, one gentleman gave a large bag of sprats to the gulls, who eagerly took the fish from his fingers, one at a time.

Standing close by was another spectator, who held an unlighted cigarette in his lips.

Judge of the latter's surprise when one daring bird, finding no sprat awaiting him, suddenly swooped on the cigarette and deftly removed it from the owner's mouth.—London Daily Mail.

Oldest Inn in Germany.
For some time past a controversy has been proceeding as to which is the oldest inn in Germany. The matter seems now to be finally decided. The old town of Mittenberg, on the Main, is the possessor of an inn known as the Riesen, which has had an uninterrupted existence since the twelfth century. The inn has been in the possession of one family for over 300 years.

Too Strong a Joke.
One of the girl pupils at an Eastern high school was expelled for cutting up an onion and putting it on the teacher's desk.

BABY LEOPARD AS A PET.

Captured by African Hunter, It is Playful and Tractable.

You would scarcely choose a baby leopard for a pet, for such an adoption, on the face of it, promises many drawbacks. An eminent prizefighter not long ago made a pet of a lion cub, but it is not recorded that the experiment was in any way successful. Leopards in their baby state are usually more tractable and as playful as kittens. The cub here shown was one of the three captured by an African hunter, who successfully set them out to



nurse to a goat. This little fellow thrived and grew and its owner regarded it with the same affection that one bestows upon a regular household pet. What happened when the leopard grew to maturity is not told. We can dispense with this, however, and only look upon the bright, childish side of the beast, which, as in the lives of men and women, is the period to be best and most gratefully remembered.—New York Herald.

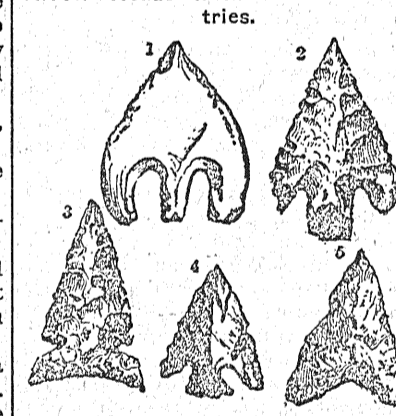
Ring Oddly Recovered.

The reappearance of a child's ring that had been missing for a week and the unusual circumstances connected with the finding of it for several days has been a favorite topic of conversation in an uptown family. On Monday, while the baby's mother was wiping his hands with a damp towel, it is supposed she drew off the little plain gold ring—a Christmas present—that he wore. An hour later it was missed. Every nook and corner in the room where the baby was subjected to closest scrutiny, but the whereabouts of the ring remained a mystery.

On Thursday, the baby's father, after coming home from the office, decided to brighten up his overshoes by wiping them with a damp cloth. He did so, and then placed them on a rack over the kitchen range to dry. As they lay, soles up, he noticed something imbedded in the heel of one. Closer scrutiny showed that it was a ring and with the aid of his penknife the baby's missing ring was dug out.

Apparently the father in passing through the room with his rubbers on had stepped on the ring, which was forced into the rubber. For nearly four days he had carried the ring in that way about the city. Beside being slightly bent, it was uninjured.—Philadelphia Press.

Arrow Heads from Different Countries.



1, Ireland. 2, France. 3, North America. 4, Tierra del Fuego. 5, Japan.

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Sad chorus with the homeless wind
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All sign of sound or sense of love.
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He Got Even.

"Yes, I used to be in the insurance business. I once got a man to take out a \$50,000 policy only about a week before he happened to be killed. He was a mighty hard chap to land, too. I had to talk to him for nearly six months before I got him."

"That was tough on the company. I suppose you regretted, after it was all over, that your persuasive powers were so good."

"Um—no. I never felt sorry about it. I married the widow."

Epicure on Raw Flesh.

"Raw flesh," says Brillat-Savarin, "has only one inconvenience—it sticks to the teeth; otherwise it is not at all unpleasant to taste. Seasoned with a little salt, it is easily digested, and must be at least as nourishing as any other."

Freak of Insane People.

A military balloon came down in the grounds of the Hatton (England) lunatic asylum. A large crowd of inmates enthusiastically received the unfettered lieutenant in the basket as "The Prophet Elijah."

Real Thing.

Speaking of the realities and unrealities of life, what is more real than sciatic rheumatism? Next to quarreling with the hired girl, it is the most realistic and painful experience we ever had.—Nebraska State Journal.

The Last "Blue Moon."

The London Lancet says that "Once in a blue moon" does not mean never, but seldom. The last blue moon in England was on Dec. 10, 1883. Its color was due to atmospheric conditions.

Pilgrims to Mecca.

Pilgrims to the number of 92,500, from all parts of Islam, reached Mecca last year. Five thousand are known to have died on the way, and 10,000 who started, but did not arrive, are unaccounted for.

Pure-Blooded Maori Woman.

Mrs. Porter, wife of Col. Porter, of Christchurch, New Zealand, an army officer, who died recently, had a clear genealogical line of Maori ancestors for fifty-two generations.

Polish Church Chandeliers.

A "Guild of Tubalines" has been formed in an English Episcopal church. Its especial business is to keep bright the brass gas fixtures of the church.

Date on Giraffe Tongues.

African epicures consider the tongue of a young giraffe a great delicacy. The meat of the animal is said to taste somewhat like veal.

Value of Gold.

Thealue of a ton of pure gold is, approximately, \$600,000.

SOUTHERN CONDITIONS AND POSSIBILITIES.

In no part of the United States has there been such wonderful Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural development as along the lines of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads in the States of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, within the past ten years. Cities and towns have doubled their population. Splendid business blocks have been erected. Farm lands have more than doubled in value. Hundreds of industries have been established and as a result there is an unprecedented demand for

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C. F. DALY

the Lake Shore, to that of Passenger Traffic Manager of the Lake Shore, Michigan Central and Lake Erie and Western. The General Passenger Agents of these lines retain their positions.

Mr. Daly came to Chicago three years ago from the Lake Erie & Western, where he had been General Passenger Agent. His promotion to so responsible a position is a deserved tribute to Mr. Daly's ability as a railroad operator. Some further changes in the Vanderbilt lines are expected in the near future but have not yet been announced.

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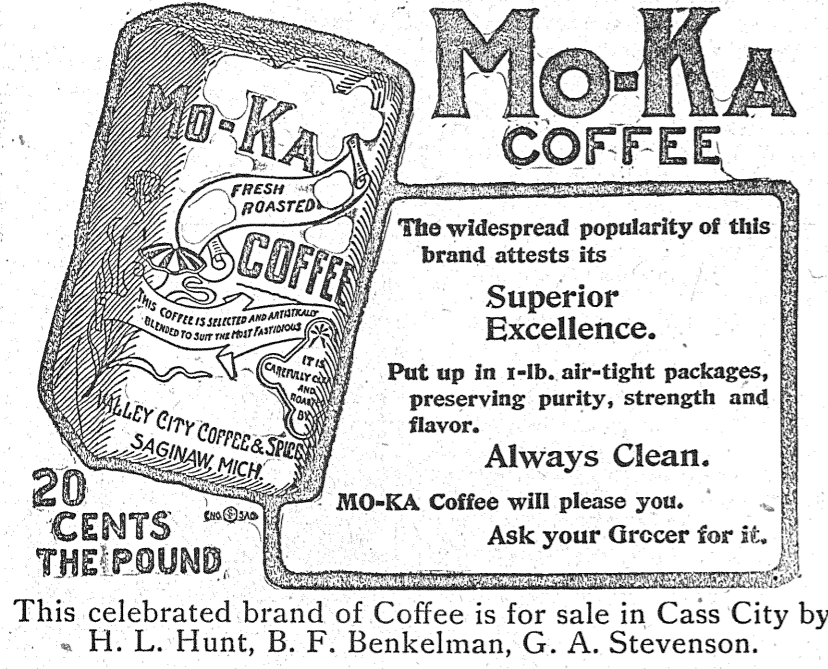
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EGGs for hatching from Pure Bred White Plymouth Rocks, \$1 for 13. A. P. MCDOWELL. 3-2-2

FOR SALE—Forty acres. Inquire of S. CHAMBERS, Section 8, Evergreen. 3-2-2

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12-FOOT merchant's Combination Display Table, well made and oil finished, for sale. A. F. MCDOWELL. 1-24-4

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Local Happenings.

Miss Marguerite LaFave, from west of Gageton, is visiting friends at West Branch and later will go to Detroit to study spring styles in millinery.

The veterans of the Civil and other were received their vouchers on Saturday and were treated to the usual midday repast by the members of the Ladies' Circle.

The "King of the Colony" of pines at the farm of John Striffler northeast of town, was felled yesterday afternoon. We will make further mention in our next issue.

We learn that Geo. Fitch was successfully operated on at Harper's Hospital, Detroit, the latter part of last week, a piece of dead bone being removed from his hip.

Ernest Clement and his bride, nee Miss May Middleton, of Crosswell, have been spending a few days with friends here and left yesterday morning for their future home in Saginaw.

The lecture given by Rev. F. C. Bruner last Thursday evening at the M. E. Church was thoroughly enjoyed and fully equal to the effort of the previous evening at the Opera House.

A missionary program, under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, will be given on Sunday evening, in place of the regular service. Special music will be rendered.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred H. Newberry, of Oshkosh, Wis., arrived here Tuesday noon. Mrs. Newberry has been very ill with typhoid fever and is but partially recovered, but comes here to her mother's, Mrs. Alex. Gillies, hoping to gain more rapidly.

Last evening, as the freight train going north reached a point near Schencks Crossing, the caboose became detached through a defective coupling. The engineer discovered the loss before reaching Gageton and picked up the car again safely.

It is now up to the people of this section to decide as to whether they want another railroad or not. The definite proposition is before us, and everyone interested should turn out to the meeting at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon and help start the ball-rolling.

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P. Severance, three miles east, two miles south and two and a quarter miles east of Cass City, will have a sale of his farm stock and implements on Wednesday, March 15th, beginning at one o'clock. Striffler & McKenzie, auctioneers. Mr. Severance has rented his farm and will move to a recently acquired property between Millington and Flint.

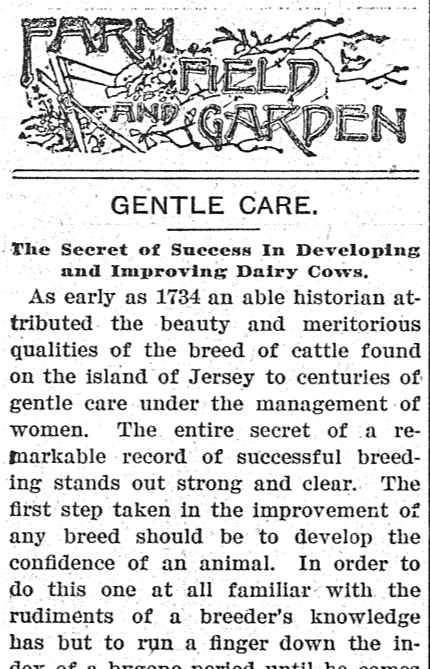
The Cass City Draft Horse Association held its annual meeting last Saturday, when the following officers were chosen: Pres., Alfred Randall; sec'y, Bruce E. Wheeler; treas., Jas. D. Tuckey; directors, J. A. Hurley, Andrew Seeger, Hugh Kinnaird, Henry Krug and Wm. A. Foe. The company is well satisfied with their horse, "Cooley," and announce their readiness for another season.

It is ever gratifying to the proprietor of a local enterprise or industry, when the citizens give their patronage freely, so that it cannot be wondered at that Messrs. Hill & Parent, of the National Marble Works, feel justly proud of their steadily increasing business. They have just received a large consignment of marble and have another now on the way. Orders are coming in rapidly, so that two expert workmen are kept constantly employed in the cutting department. A call at their show room on Main Street east will convince anyone as to the excellence of the work turned out, and every patron will be sure of honorable dealing.

Mrs. M. Steinhauser, two miles north of town, will have an auction sale of farm stock and implements on Friday, March 17th, beginning at one o'clock. Striffler & McKenzie, auctioneers.

Mrs. M. J. McGilvray and Miss Lillian Goff left for Detroit yesterday morning, and the Misses Ethel Leslie and Louise McDonald on Monday morning, all to take instructions in the wholesale millinery trimming departments.

At the congregational meeting at the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, a committee was appointed to make investigation regarding the cost of the proposed changes to the church structure, and to report at as early a date as possible. The committee consists of H. L. McDermott, E. H. Pinney, L. E. Lauderbach, J. A. Reusler, O. K. Janes, J. F. Hendrick and Wm. McCallum.



FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

GENTLE CARE.

The Secret of Success in Developing and Improving Dairy Cows.

As early as 1734 an able historian attributed the beauty and meritorious qualities of the breed of cattle found on the island of Jersey to centuries of gentle care under the management of women. The entire secret of a remarkable record of successful breeding stands out strong and clear. The first step taken in the improvement of any breed should be to develop the confidence of an animal. In order to do this one at all familiar with the rudiments of a breeder's knowledge has but to run a finger down the index of a bygone period until he comes to the magical words "centuries of gentle care," containing a manifold meaning—for wisdom, steadfast purpose, pride and affection are all blended and condensed into those four expressive words—and then fall into line to do his duty to the best of his ability in the improvement of his cattle.

The One Thing Needful.

The dairy papers have chanted that refrain "gentle care, gentle care," week after week and year after year, and yet from a number of cases easily found it will be constant repetition, for it is the keynote to the entire secret of dairying. A man may be endowed with skill, intelligence, perseverance, and there may be added that most convenient commodity, wealth, and yet if in the management of his stock the all important requisite, gentle care, he lacking his efforts cannot but result in disaster of a more or less serious nature.


To obtain the best results the everyday life of a cow should be reduced to a system bordering on utter monotony. She should go in and out of the same door, invariably occupy the same stall and should be fed, watered and milked at regular intervals. In short, her entire existence should be as placid and uneventful as possible, for anything to disturb her sufficiently to cause an interruption of the peaceful occupation of cud chewing will to a greater or less degree affect both the quality and the quantity of her product.

Shaping the Udder.

There is one more essential point in building up a useful as well as an attractive herd of dairy cows that is too often overlooked, even by some of the most prominent breeders of fancy stock, and that is in shaping the udder. There is an old saying, "No foot, no horse," and dairy lore could as appropriately adopt one that would read, "No udder, no cow," for, while there may be rare exceptions to a case in point of usefulness, a cow with a defective or ill proportioned udder should not for a number of reasons be tolerated in a herd by one whose worthy ambition is for the improvement of the breed in which he is interested.

As the milker or herdsman has it largely in his power to either mar or mold this important feature of the dairy animal, there is little doubt that if taken at the proper time, by the exercise of care and judgment, many an unsightly udder might be coaxed into a semblance closely approaching the highest standard. In case of the unevenly shaped udder of a heifer it would be well to first draw the milk from the quarters best developed, for the reason that it would throw all the weight of the undrawn milk into the smaller quarters, thus helping to distend the inferior parts. A still further advantage would be gained by a daily half hour's gentle rubbing of the undeveloped quarters, moistening the hands from time to time with a few drops of sweet oil.—Mrs. A. F. Howie, Wisconsin.

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Can be kept in a perfectly healthy and normal condition by using Major's Neural Pills. You have the stomach; if it is healthy, treat it with consideration. If UNHEALTHY, treat it with MAJOR'S NEURAL PILLS. They cure all forms of Stomach diseases, such as indigestion, neuralgia, heart-burn, and chronic dyspepsia. Guaranteed to cure; at all druggists, or sent prepaid upon receipt of price, 50c per box, by ALMA CHEMICAL CO., Alma, Mich.

SPECIAL NOTE—Take Alma Bromo Salts for Constipation, Headache, Liver and Kidney Disease. Price 50c per large size bottle. Use Alma Bromo Soap. The best and purest. 50c per cake. Use Alma Bromo Ointment. Nature's Own Healer, for all skin troubles. 50c per box.

For sale by T. H. Fritz and Wood & Co.

..Cash Business..

On March 1st, we commenced our Cash and One-price business. Having

Marked Down the Price

On many lines of Shoes, our customers can get their shoes at the....

Lowest Possible Prices.

Many of our customers are in harmony with the change, believe it a step in the right direction and a benefit to both buyer and seller.

Come in and see if we cannot save you money

Produce taken same as Cash.

S. OSTRANDER.

As it is getting near House-cleaning Time and you are planning to change things about, and get....

NEW CARPETS AND CURTAINS

we would be pleased to show you one of the most up-to-date lines of Carpets and Curtain Cloth ever shown here, also everything in....

Furniture, Cloth, Cretons and Silkalines.

Our White Madras and Figured Mulls are new and dainty. We have the....

...Doublefaced Bagdad...

for window seats and cosy corners.

It will interest you as well as us to have you look over our line before buying. Produce taken.

A. A. HITCHCOCK

OPERA BLOCK.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

W. G. Schwaderer, Prop.

Choice Line of Fresh and Cured Meats

...always on hand....

Cash Paid for Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

A share of your patronage solicited.

Phone 52.

Now is the Time

to do effective advertising--in this paper.

No matter how good an article you have to sell the public must be informed about it and convinced that they want it. Try mixing a little of your brains with our printers' ink.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction, on the Mrs. L. A. Dewitt farm, 1 mile west and 3/4 mile north of Cass City, on

Tues., Mar. 14, '05

at twelve o'clock sharp, the following

10-yr-old Brown Horse, wt. 1500,	6 bush. Early White Dent Seed Corn,
Bay Yearling Colt,	About 5 tons of Hay,
Black Yearling Colt,	Complete set of Best Tools, consisting of....
2-yr-old Grade Belgian Mare, wt. 1000,	Deere 4-row Drill,
6-yr-old Grade Durham Cow, coming fresh about April 1st,	Deere 2-row Cultivator,
Two 3-yr-old Grade Durham Cows, due in March,	full extra attachments,
Two 2-yr-old Heifers due in April,	2 Bay City Best or Chicory Litters,
1-yr-old Heifer in calf,	Forks, Knives and Hoes,
2 Yearling Steers, 3 Calves,	Truck Wagon with Combination Rack and Stook Rack,
Yearling Bull, a good grade,	Henry Cultivator,
28 Ewes with lamb,	Champion Grain Drill,
Grade Oxford Ram, 2 Shoats,	Henry Cultivator,
50 bushels Early Morning Star Seed Potatoes,	Single Cultivator, Barrel of Cider,
	Small quantity Household Goods, belonging to an outside party,

and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale:

\$5 and under, cash; over that amount 8 months' time on good approved endorsed notes with interest at 7 per cent.

Fred W. TOPPING, Prop.

STRIFFLER & MCKENZIE, Auctioneers.

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GREEN MANURING.

A Test in Which Alfalfa Leads All the "Nitrogen Collectors."

By F. T. SHUTT, Canada.

Green manuring is principally useful in furnishing nitrogen and humus, the former an essential element of plant food, the latter a most important constituent of soils, both chemically and physically. When employing rye, buckwheat or other plants not legumes, the nitrogen stored within the tissues of the crop has been obtained from the soil, but with the legumes (clover, peas, etc.) the case is different. They, under favorable conditions, have the power of appropriating the larger part of their nitrogen from the atmosphere. On account of this property they have, as already stated, been termed "nitrogen collectors." Since nitrogen is the most expensive of all the elements when fertilizers have to be purchased the value of green manuring with the legumes, which are exceedingly rich in this constituent, becomes apparent. The humus thus supplied increases the retentive power of light soils for moisture, ameliorates the condition of heavy clays and regulates the soil temperature. By the carbonic acid liberated in its decay the inert plant food of the soil is dissolved.

The elements that compose the humus of the legumes are for the most part derived from the atmosphere, so that in the benefits conferred by the presence of humus and its decomposition there is a distinct gain. Further, we may well suppose that the mineral matter or ash constituents of the green crop are, by the decay of the latter in soil, set free in a condition more or less immediately available to plants; hence, although such a method of manuring has not added to the total store of mineral food in the soil, it has materially enhanced its value by conversion into more assimilable forms.

A consideration of the yield and amount of fertilizing constituents per acre from three months' growth of clover crops at the experimental farm, Ottawa, shows that in total yield of crop alfalfa stood second. It was from this plant we obtained the largest amount of humus in the stems and leaves as well as in the roots. It also afforded the most nitrogen per acre, nearly half of which was in the roots, a feature in which it stands alone among the clovers experimented with and one of great importance when the crop is intended for soiling or curing. The extensive or rather deep root system is of much value in the mechanical improvement of the soil. It serves to bring to the surface layers much plant food ordinarily out of the reach of farm crops.

The mineral matter exceeded by 300 pounds per acre the amount in the crimson clover crop, the next best in this respect. More than half of the 1,100 pounds of ash constituents recorded as stored in the yield per acre was contained in the roots.

Taking into consideration all the important requirements, from a chemical standpoint, of a crop for green manuring, the alfalfa gave the best results in the present investigation.

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The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a six bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Disease, by T. H. Fritz, Druggist, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston, at 50c per bottle.

Cass City Markets.

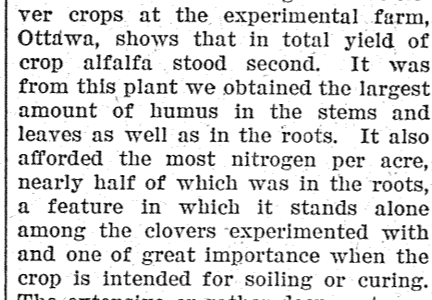
Wheat No. 1 white.....	1 12
Wheat No. 2 red.....	1 12
Oats No. 3 white.....	75
Rye.....	75
Beans, Hand picked.....	1 00
Clover Seed.....	6 50
Corn, yellow, per bush.....	60 00
Hay, per doz.....	10 14
Eggs, per doz.....	10 14
Live Hogs, per cwt.....	5 00
Live Hogs, per lb.....	3 00
Sheep, live weight, per wt.....	7 00
Lamb, per cwt.....	7 00
Ducks, per lb.....	10 12
Turkeys, per lb.....	10 12
Potatoes, per bu.....	5 00
Hides.....	25

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.....	3 20
Flour, per cwt.....	3 00
Roller Meal, per cwt.....	2 40
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Feed, per cwt.....	1 20
Meal, per cwt.....	1 20
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Rigging Up a Crosscut Saw.

I incline to think that saws I have used are one man crosscut saws for four years, and I like it very well. The saw is on the right and the cant hook on the left of the upright. By unhooking the ring and pulling the rope



A ONE MAN CROSSCUT SAW.

the hook will go over the log and hold it firmly in place. There is a knot on the post on which the saw rests when not in use. I have cut logs larger around than my body and any smaller size as well, concludes a Rural New Yorker correspondent.

Notice of Dissolution.

The co-partnership existing between Isaac B. Anton, of Cass City, Michigan, and John F. Seelye, of Caro, Michigan, in the banking business, under the name and title of the "Cass City Bank," having expired by limitation, the existing partnership has been dissolved by mutual consent, the said John F. Seelye having sold his interest in said banking business to said Isaac B. Anton, who assumes all the liabilities of said Bank from this date.

I. B. AUTON, [L.S.]
JOHN F. SEELYE [L.S.]
Cass City, Mich., March 1, 1905. 3-4-4

Election Notice.

To the electors of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given, that the next ensuing election for the Village will be held at the Council Room, within said Village, on Monday, Mar. 13th, A. D. 1905, at which election the following officers are to be chosen, viz.: One village president, one village clerk, one village treasurer, three trustees for two years, one assessor. The polls of said election will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until five o'clock in the afternoon of said day of election.

By order of the Board of Election Inspectors of said Village.
A. D. 1905.
C. G. MATZEN,
Clerk of said Village.

Registration Notice.

To the electors of the Villages of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the Village above named will be held at the Council Room within said Village, on Saturday, Mar. 11th, 1905, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose, and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated this 27th day of February, A. D. 1905.
By order of the Village Board of Registration.
C. G. MATZEN,
Clerk of said Village.

Hearing of Claims.

State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss.
Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Tuscola, made on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1905, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Michael Steinhauser, late of said County, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office, in the Village of Caro, for examination and allowance, on or before the 10th day of August, A. D. 1905, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Thursday, the 27th day of April, A. D. 1905, and on Thursday, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated, February 10th, A. D. 1905.
(Probate Seal) JOHN M. SMITH,
Judge of Probate.

TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE

"The Magazine That Has An Idea Back Of It."

Have you heard that Hon. Thos. E. Watson of Georgia has begun the publication of a magazine? You know who Mr. Watson is? He's the man who wrote "The Story of France," "Life of Napoleon," and "The Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson." He was the People's Party candidate for President in 1900.

First number of TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE will be published Feb. 25. For sale at all news-stands—price 10c. By mail, \$1.00 per year. You will miss the most interesting 12-page magazine in America if you fail to get this number. Ask your newsdealer for TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE—or, better still, send a dollar for a year's subscription to TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE, 121 West 42nd Street, New York City, N. Y.

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