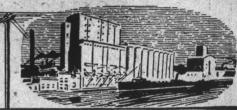
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PLANTING BERRIES IN OLD ORCHARD

Would or would not an old orchard be a good place to plant black-berries and raspberries? If so how far apart should they be placed? The soil is sandy; could have it fertilized every year if need or what kind would be best?—T. H., Mesick,

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—Whether blackberries and raspberries can be grown with success in an old orchard depends to a considerable extent upon the condition of the trees and the distance between them, if, as I understand, the
land is still planted with trees.

Sandy loam soil, especially if it
can be fertilized, would answer well
for the growing of these fruits, but
they should be planted in rows
about 3 feet apart, with the plants
four feet apart in the rows. If the
trees are close together, it would
not be possible to get very good
results, since the roots of the trees
take the food and moisture from
the berries. Having berry plants in
the orchard would also increase the
difficulty of properly cultivating,
spraying and caring for the trees.

However, if the trees are small
and quite scattering and not other
land is available for raspherries and
blackberries, it would perhaps be
well to plant them in the orchard.
In order to get good results, however, it will be necessary to have
them growing where they can be
cultivated about once in ten or
twelve days up to the time the crop
is harvested, and then after the old
canes have been removed, they
should have two or three additional
cultivations.

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The plants may be set either in the spring or fail, and it may be helpful if a forkful or two of decomposure manure is placed about each plant after the soil has been firmly packed about them.

For red raspberries, Cuthbert and Early King are giving best results, as are Cumberland and Plum Farmer among blackcaps. Eldorado is the most desirable variety of blackberry although Snyder is a little hardier.—L. R. Taft, State Dept. of Agriculture.

USING FERTILIZER ON GARDEN TRUCK FARM

Can you give me information on the use of nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia and other fertilizers for use on a garden truck farm?— E. E. L., Essexville, Mich.

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The application of fertilizers to vegetable crops depends on several factors. In general nitrates tend to produce vegetable growth and delay maturity while phosphorous tends to hasten maturity. Short season salads and greens such as lettuce, early cabbage and spinach requires quick acting nitrogenous fertilizers. Nitrate of soda is most readily available while suiphate of amonia and dried blood are more slowly available. Sodium nitrate would then be applied in smaller and more frequent applications while the other two would be applied at one time. Very often nitrates are the only fertilizers applied to these crops.

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For crops as tomatoes and melons where early maturity of fruits is essential, phosphorous would be important. Smaller amounts of nitrates is important, to stimulate early vigorous growth but this must be applied early and in moderate amounts. Thus for tomatoes, melons, and similar crops a complete fertilizer analyzing something like 3-12-6 would give good results on a fairly poor type of soil. On a more fertile soil, the application of 500 pounds of acid phosphate alone would be satisfactory.

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As a general rule applications over 500 pounds are broadcasted while smaller amounts are applied in the row. With the exception of nitrate of soda all should be applied at planting time. Very often for crops such as early cabbage and head lettuce it is better to make two applications of nitrate, the second three weeks later.—E. P. Lewis, Assoc. Prof. of Horticulture, M. A. C.

Brown: I see that Perkins has got a job to Smith's livery stable.
Jones: What's he doing?
Brown: Smith has some horses that won't take the bit, so Perkins talks to them till they yawn.

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An Over-Production of Crops and Advice

Many Ideas Advanced to Help the Farmer Solve His Problems but All Contain Flaws

Musings of FRANK W. BENNETT

County Agricultural Agent of Barry County.

HARDLY a day passes but what we read of some new plan to help out the farmer, by some "Moses" who has kindly consented to lead the farmers out of the darkness.

many of the plans are impossible, many sound good on the

surface, and a few contain real sound sense. Mr. Bennett has picked out a few samples of the over-production of ad-

vice offered the farmer and then proceeded, after much

thought, to answer each one with facts. You all have your

opinions of this advice given so freely, now compare what

WHILE we have been informed that we have a surplus of wheat, potatoes, pork, beef and hides, in fact everything for which the farmer is unable to receive the cost of production when he sells it, he is told that there is an over-production and he is advised to diversify, or in other words, produce something else.

In speaking of surplus we are inclined to think that there may be a surplus of advice. Anyway, it is becoming cheap. In other words, it is not accepted as whole-heartedly as it was. Now. I do not wish to discourage anyone from trying to solve our economic problem, in fact the more people think along this line, the sooner a possible solution may be found. But I am inclined to offer a word of warning to those thinking persons who no doubt are honestly trying to solve the farmers' problems. If you have a plan, think it clear through. What would the result be if any large number of persons would do as you suggest? Let's analyse a few remedies for agriculture given by many as advice.

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Advice No. 1. If the farmers would go home and go to work instead of riding around in their automobiles, they would solve their own problems.

Answer. The farmers' job is to produce. Now extend a little more of your advice and inform them what to produce. Perhaps they might produce wheat, pork, beef and hides, or potatoes, all of which we are told are already over-abundant. Perhaps it might be possible for you to hit upon some special product that might pay the cost of production, plus a profit. But then if this great army of automobile riders would go to producing this specialty, they would only add another item to those already listed in the surplus column.

Farmers Deserve Good Things Advice No. 2. The cost of high living. The farmers don't live as they used to. They buy automobiles, go to moving pictures and wear good clothes. You can hardly tell a farmer from a successful business

Answer. Agriculture is the source of 85% of the wealth of our country. Now if there is something inherent about farming or agriculture that places it below any other business, or industry, or in any way makes it degrading, then our would-be advisers had better center their energies in trying to adjust our economic structure so as to let agriculture assume its rightful place along side of our other industries.

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Advice No. 3. The auto is a curse to the country and is killing

Answer. The internal conditions of our country have gone a long way toward relieving a serious condition which was inevitable following the great war. With many of the countries of the world nearly banckrupt and unable to buy or pay for our surplus products what would have happened if our automobile factories had not been running full time and employing thousands of men at a good wage? This has made it possible for laboring men not only to buy and pay for the largest amount of farm produce in history, but also to purchase furniture and other similiar commodities, the manufacture of which in turn gave other men employment so they might buy farm produce.

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The congregating of so many men and women in the cities made it necessary to build new homes which not only make a market for lumber brick, tile and cement but gave em-

ployment to other thousands of workers who in turn bought farm produce. So I am inclined to think that the auto craze has saved our country from a great economic dis-

you think with Mr. Bennett's ideas.

Advice to the Wheat Grower
Advice No. 4. To the wheat farmers who have 140,000,000 bushels
surplus comes the advice to diversi-

fy and feed wheat.

Answer. Diversification means to produce other products. The wheat grower might raise potatoes, but we remember that during the last two years there have been more potatoes grown than ever before and the price, considering the cost of production, plainly shows too great a production. He might produce meat, but I have before me a government report which shows that meat has increased one billion and one-half pounds over last year. The result at this time of diversifying, would only tend to lower the general price level of all commodities or bring all products to a point of surplus.

Self appointed and well meaning advisors also urge us to feed wheat, as wheat has nearly the same feeding value as rye, corn, oats or barley. This suggestion has some value, but we must remember that by feeding wheat, we would place this product in competition with these other grains and, of course, this would tend to low their price, so you see as a general means of helping agriculture these proposed remedies fail to accomplish what is claimed for them.

The difficulties of our present situation are very real. The situation is admittedly dark. Our national leaders realize it. Following is an extract from the Secretary of Agriculture's speech before a body of economists: "In times such as these good farm management on most farms is reduced to the simplest terms and can be stated very briefly. For example: Produce as much as you can as cheaply as you can of what you can produce best; spend as little as you can; work as hard as little as you can; work as hard as little as you can; work as hard as little as you can, make your wife and children work as hard as they can. Having done this, take what comfort you can in the thought that if you succeed in doing what you set out to do, and if most other farmers also succeed, you will have produced larger crops than can be sold at a profit and still be under the harrow. Nevertheless, the average farmer is forced by unhappy circumstances to adopt exactly that policy. It is not good for the farmer, not good for his wife and children, not good for the Nation."

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Was the Farmer to Blame?

Some say that during the depression of the last three years, the farmer found himself exactly where he ought to have known he would find himself; that such periods always follow wars, and the farmer should have known this and set his house in order; that those farmers whose foresight was not as good as their hindsight must take the consequences—work hard, keep cheerful and if they survive take comfort in the thought that the next time they will know in advance what is going to happen

going to happen.

Advice No. 5. Co-operative marketing will solve our problems.

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Answer. Co-operative marketing is good business practice and should be encouraged. Thirty-seven cents is not a just share of the consumers' dollar to be returned to the person who takes the chances of the elements such as rain, wind, hail, drought, etc., and we have proved that by marketing co-operatively a larger per cent of the price paid by the consumer for products is returned to the producer.

We do believe that it is good business to eliminate just as much expense as possible in transferring produce from the producer to the consumer in the way of freight, handling, profits, etc. But, in general, could the co-operators sell our surplus at a profit? Or with an unlimited supply of any or all products, could they market it so as to return as a price which would cover the cost of production?

Or if the economic relations between this and other countries should make it possible for foreign countries with cheap money, cheap labor, and cheap transportation to produce and sell in our markets for less than the cost of production here, could the co-operative marketing save us? You may say that isn't possible, but the Government reports that our agricultural exports were less last year than our imports, and how do we know that it will stop there? We have no assurance that the agricultural imports into this country may not keep on increasing.

Is Efficiency the Remedy?
Advice No. 6. Better farming,
namely, better seed, better soil, better stock and better methods.

Answer. In reply to these suggestions that increased efficiency of production is the real remedy we would say that these things are all essential and by all means should be the aim of every farmer. We admit freely that it is the adoption of better business practices that makes it possible for one individual or corporation to compete successfully with others in the same business, especially if others do not apply good practices. For instance, if all auto manufacturers built and sold as many cars as the Ford Company, the entire industry would be ruined in a short time.

The natural incentive of every farmer is not only to do well, but to do better. He, like every one else would not be satisfied just to make

a living and pay his over-head expense. So if by better farming, he could make a small profit, he would try to expand this business until he could have on hand a comfortable bank account laid by for a rainy day. Then again if a great number of farmers adopted the advice given and still retained that great natural desire to do better, we might not only have a surplus but a super-surplus. So again generally speaking, agriculture as an industry might not be any better off.

After carefully thinking over and analyzing the effect that would result by the application of these programs, given as advice, especially if such programs were followed by any great number of farmers, we are convinced that the serious condition in which agriculture has found itself in the last three years was not brought about by any individual action of the farmer himself, nor can any individual effort on the part of the farmer correct the condition.

A Look at the Real Problem

Question No. 1. In an attempt to analyze our present situation, one of the first questions that we might well ask ourselves would be, "Is there anything the matter with agriculture? If so, when did it happen, what were the circumstances at the time and what remedy should be applied?" In answer to the first question, I would say that farm values have decreased \$13,000,000,000 from Jan. 1, 1920 to March 1, 1922. Also in some of the agricultural states from 42 to 62 per cent of the farmers are bankrupt, and these bankruptcies in agricultural districts have caused more bank failures in the year 1922 than in any other year since the panic of 1893. For further information, ask any farmer who is trying to meet his overhead expense and at the same time keep his farm buildings, fences and machinery up in order.

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Question No. 2. When did it happen? In order to establish the time we, of necessity, have to consider the relative condition of agriculture to other industries over a period of After agriculture had recuperated from the crisis of 1893 to 1896, caused by an inflated currency, there was an increased circulation of from \$28.00 per capita in 1896 to \$35.00 per capita in 1900, so in the year 1900 agriculture found it-self in a normal growing and thriving period which continued on with a few minor exceptions until 1920 when something happened. bankers of the Federal reserve system in order to stop this crazy investing in not only things containing real wealth but in questionable stocks and bonds resorted to a deflation of the currency as a means, by ceasing to loan on what they termed speculative enterprise. This move accomplished its original purpose, but it did not stop there. doing so it has nearly ruined our great essential industry—agricul-

The Farmer's Little Dollar
In 1920 the purchasing power of
farm products was 86, in 1921, 67,
and 1922 as low as 64. It gradually began to revive until in October,
1923, it had reached 75, but in November it started downward and
reached 73. Where will it go from
here? During these times the
farmer suffered from every element
of increase in cost of production including wages, interest, taxes and
freight rates.

Now I am going to ask any honest thinking man if it was anything that the farmer did or did not do that brought about this crisis in ag(Continued on Page 17)



If all farm houses, barns, and yards looked like this the country wouldn't be such a bad place to live, would it? It's surprising what a little work and paint can do if mixed with determination. This is Sunny Lawn Farm, at Rockford, Michigan.

Dress Up Your Home and Surroundings

A Few Dollars Invested in Paint and Lumber Plus a Few Hours Work Will Make You Feel, Look and Work Better

By L. FOWLER

THE psychologists tell us that we are greatly influenced by our dress and surroundings, and all who have had experience along these lines seem to agree with this deduction.

Have you ever been feeling as blue as the best tinted indigo, and just as you seemed to be sinking still deeper into the blue clay, you found that you must skip into town for repairs to some balky machinery. Then you decided that the limit had surely been reached, did you not?

But by the time you had changed and combed a little of the clay and grass out of your hair you were feeling fully ten per cent better, and as you whizzed along the road behind old Molly or in the wheezing old "Lizzie," you seemed to feel just a little better every minute. That was because you were dress-

ed neatly and thinking about something different. Neighbors crops, or new buildings were before you instead of the same old yard and dirty

If old clothes have such an effect upon you don't you think that the old things your buildings wear might affect your farm and crops.

Did you ever see a farmer who let his buildings tumble down and his fences sprawl across the field and still rejoiced in good luck? If his tools go unpainted and find shelter

in odd corners you usually find that his crops are full of weeds and ev-

ery thing seems to be going wrong for him. His neighbors say "He never seems to get along."

Did you ever look at a neat place such as the "Sunny Lawn Farm" and not think, "Well, that fellow is surely getting along fine?"

Mr. Stewart, the owner, will surely testify to the fact that neat well-

ly testify to the fact that neat, wellkept buildings build up the morale of the people who work around them. They mean better crops and

them. They mean better crops and better results in every way.

But even the best buildings soon become an eyesore if their surroundings are not kept in an orderly condition, while very old buildings often look well, because they are kept in good repair with well-kept wards.

If you cannot at first afford such good buildings, you can clean up the yards, pile unsightly rubbish out of sight and make everything clean and neat.

You can clean up the dooryard and fence out the stock so the goodwife can plant some shrubs and flowers which will do more toward brightening up the old place than a great house with untidy yards.

You can put the hog house out behind the barn, and plant a beautiful hedge of some quick-growing, wild plant or tree to hide unsightly buildings. The common thorn-apple makes a good hedge and is a "Queen of Shrubs" when it is in bloom. It's fragrance and beauty is almost ungualed is almost unequaled.

A few trees will make a desert-like place look like home. A coat of fresh paint will change an old house into a new one to the passing eye. A few field stones, laid with cement for the corner posts of the porch and also for the gate posts, will make an unbelieveable change.

There are so many things that

There are so many things that cost only work, that it sounds decidedly lazy when we hear some farmer saying that he cannot afford to fix the old place up. It is not money but care that a home needs. Just some one to love it and fuss it up and it will repay a hundred-fold not only in increased profits but in multiplied pleasure and higher moraly

for all who live with it or see it.

The children will take a greater interest in home if they have a pleasant home atmosphere and the work of caring for and improving the place will usually be shouldered by them if they are giving a free hand in the planning and planting. They like to try their talents in such ways and it helps them develope.

A cherry or plum tree at the back door. A few apples and nut trees for shade and a cozy grove of evergreens cost but little if very small trees are purchased for setting out, and they are usually as large in ten years as those that are much older when planted.

And don't forget a few trees for the chicken lot, the pasture and along the drive. They can usually be had for the trouble of taking

them up and resetting, or by planting seeds, and they are valuable for future wood, as well as beauty.

Why not get busy and see who can make their old farms the prettiest with the least cost. Piffer the woods for trees, shrubs and flowers. Many of them are beautiful. No spring is more sweet-scented than the wild cherry or plum. No shrub more beautiful than the wild rose. The vines are well represented by the woodbine and sweet briar.

There are flowers in abundance and the roots are free for the gathering. Always be careful to get a large lump of earth when taking them up or they may not live.

Make your home a bower of green beauty and you will feel better, look better and work better.

New England Dairymen To Have Central Milk Marketing Agency

By GEORGE HERBERT

THE most important move in the New England milk industry in many months was made at Bellows Falls, Vt., on March 13, when the initial steps were taken to unite all New England milk cooperatives in a single central coopera-

eratives in a single central cooperative sales agency.

The step was taken under the pressure of the recent "price war" on the Boston Market, which is still on, and working heavy damage to the producers. The Boston market is the natural price regulator for all New England, milk prices being set monthly there by the city dealers monthly there by the city dealers and the New England Milk Producers' Association, the famous "NEM-PA," which is the most powerful cooperative east of New York. Each of the other larger cities has a similar bargaining body, which follows NEMPA's lead. Milk is sold in two classes, fluid and surplus, with a wide margin between the two in favor of fluid, and the "war" is the logical result of several factors, all operating on the perfectly natural and justifiable desire of the more distant independent cooperative creameries, especially in Vermont where no large city markets exist, to get their share of Boston's high fluid price. One of these factors is the device

One of these factors is the device of certain city retailers, selling mostly fluid milk, who pass by NEMPA with an offer to an independent creamery to take all its milk at one "flat price;" a price which cuts the NEMPA fluid figure, but still boosts the creamery's prof-

its by cutting out the low priced surplus. The price cut is operated also by various other well worn contrivances such as rebates, bonuses,

The immediate cause of the "war," however, seems to have been the aggressive action of the John T. Connor Co., a Boston chain John T. Connor Co., a Boston chain store system, to work up a cash and carry trade in fluid milk. To insure its supply, the Connor Co. brought heavily into the Bellows Falls Cooperative Creamery, and improved the plant; the more readily that this concern had vainly tried, as it claims, to sell through NEMPA in the Boston market. Entrenched thus at the country end, the Connor thus at the country end, the Connor Co. cut its cash and carry figure to 4 cents below the regular retailer's for residence delivery. These retailers, and NEMPA of whom they buy, considered so heavy a cut un-fair; they could grant 3 cents, but 4 cents threw too big a fraction of their milk out of the fluid into the surplus class. The Connor Co. made it so hot for the retailers (and for NEMPA also, since much of their loss on surplus they pass at once to NEMPA) that NEMPA felt finally compelled to get into the game by cutting its own rates also, to hold its fluid market. The Con-nor Co. cut again, and the "war"

was on.

It made so great an outcry among dairymen over their losses, and held

on so long with little sign of let up, that the New England Homestead, through its editor, Glenn C. Sevey, issued a call for all hands to get together in the cause of peace, and the meeting at Bellows Falls was the result. It was largely attended, 200 and more being present, the call having included all the New England farmers' organizations and call having included all the New England farmers' organizations and representatives who would naturally be interested. The selection of Bellows Falls, the chief country center of disturbance, and near many of the smaller creameries hit hardest by the "war," gave evidence of fairplay, as did the general conduct of the meeting, and a spirit of harmony pervaded the affair which was remarkable in the circumstance.

A broad picture of the situation was called for first by Chairman Sevey, many speakers, representing Sevey, many speakers, representing all the interests, contributing. President Geo. R. Little of NEMPA began it, explaining the difficulties of NEMPA in maintaining living prices, with surplus prices (based on butter) held so low by competition of the west. Critics had said NEMPA set its fluid figure too high, but how else could a living average be secured? The endeavor was to The endeavor was to set it at the highest notch supply and demand would allow. He pointed out the rebate, bonus and flat price difficulties, but alluded to the chain store controversy only by saying that NEMPA had been forced to cut by competition. He ended by proposing as a solution a cooperative marketing sales agency, New England wide, with quality and distance the only differentials.

President Chas. F. Adams of the Connor Co., who followed, was the only speaker who brought a war spirit into the meeting. His tone was fight throughout, which hurt his case, and contributed materially to the ultimate harmonious outcome. He stood he said for the outcome. He stood, he said, for the right of the consumer to the lowest possible price compatible with fair profits to an efficient organization. The basic trouble was over-production, and his eash and carry plan tion, and his eash and carry plan aimed to cure it by boosting consumption. His alliance had a right to the 4 cent margin, and they intended to get it.

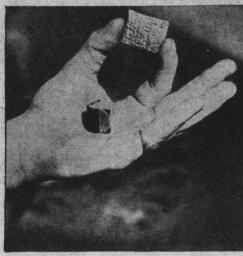
Roy D. Hunter, ex-president of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, denied over-production in

New England; the millions paid in Boston for western butter proved it. But he admitted the merit of a cash and carry plan, and believed a fair margin could and would be made. He believed in the farmer getting the retail price for his product, just as many manufacturers set it.

NEMPA has kept out of retailing,
but the time has come to consider
it. The law does not permit dealers

to combine to set a retail price; it does permit farmers to do so. State Agricultural Commissioner Gilbert of Massachusetts believed (Continued on Page 20)

PICTURES FROM FAR AND NEAR



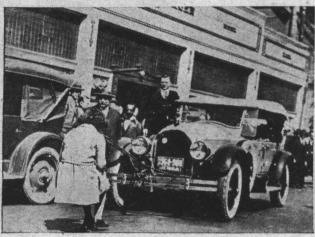
WORLD'S SMALLEST BOOK AND IN-VOICE.—The hand here shown is holding two unique objects in the form of a tiny Morocco bound book, one-half inch by three-quarter inch, with 29 pages. The other is an invoice for three lambs, and dated in the year known as 2350 BC.



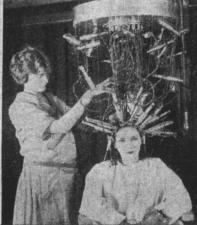
WHAT'S THIS?—No, this is not a scene from "Alice in Wonderland" or a picture taken in some land of horribles. Each year the people of Nice, France, hold a carnival, and this picture shows part of the long procession of revelers at the last carnival held recently. The French plan far in advance for this annual event and they have great times. Can you keep a straight face as you look at these grotesque figures?



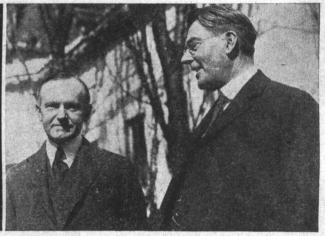
VICE-PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY.—
Major George L. Berry, of the American
Legion, and president of International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union of
North America, who is the labor and exservice men's candidate on the Democratic
ticket for the Vice Presidency.



GOOD FOR THE TEETH,—Miss Helen Sube, late European diving champion, and star of the New York Hippodrome, is here showing a Los Angeles crowd how easy it is to pull an automobile with 8 men aboard.



NO, THIS LADY IS NOT BEING ELECTROCUTED.—She has not been sentenced to death, but is just getting a permanent wave.



GOOD LUCK TO YOU.—Curtis D. Wilbur, new Secretary of the Navy, is shown with President Coolidge. Upon his arrival at Washington to take up his duties he was met by the President who wished him all possible success.



OLDEST BUILDING IN U. S.—The present U. S. Post Office at St. Augustine, Fla., which is said to be the oldest building in the United States. Originally it was the Spanish General's palace built of logs. The present structure was built in 1597-1603, and sold for \$3000 to the Spanish King.



A VOCABULARY WIZARD.—Little Adele Aarons, 2 years old, of Philadelphia, Penn., has astounded learned men with her knowledge of the English language. She can converse fluently, and she uses words of 2, 3 and 4 syllables.



FARM LABOR STRIKE IN ENGLAND.—Farm hands in England all belong to the English Farm Hand Union, the only union of its kind in the world, and they recently went on a strike. The English "Bobbies" guarded the strikebreakers, or "blacklegs" as they are known in that country, so they could work.



THOUGHTFUL CONSTANCE.—A charming study of Miss Constance Talmadge, noted screen star, caught as she was in a thoughtful mood, probably wondering about asking the producer for an increase of \$1,000 a week in salary.



BOOKED IN EVERY STATE.—Chas, Davis of Bass River, Cape Cod, Mass., president of the National Highway Ass'n., has license plates from every state in the Union. He belongs to 46 different automobile associations and has an emblem of each on this car. The photo was snapped during a recent tour of the states.



GREATEST RUNNER OF THE YEAR.— Loren Murchison, who should be awarded the victory wreath if it is figured on victories. He won in every meet except one and is now preparing himself to go to France this summer with Uncle Sam's athletes.

So I moved to New York, where I could hide for a while, as several of the stockholders in our railroad had promised me a first-class beating if they ever caught me, and from the looks of some of them, I suspect they could have carried out their threats.

One day I admired a pretty white stone my landlady was wearing on a small chain. She said I ought to have one—it was a lucky stone. When I inquired where she got it, she produced an old booklet which described in detail how a famous explorer had found some stones in India. These stones were used by the natives to ward off all evil and the natives to ward off all evil, and whenever a person carried one in their pocket, they had good health and good fortune.

Altho the booklet had been printed many years ago, it stood up till I had copied out the wording. I changed the names a little and decided that this was something every one wanted. A small print shop came to my aid again. More books were printed, and the marvels of the East Indian Lucky Stones were set forth. In order to make these things sound good, I put a lot of unusual testimonials at the bottom of the pages, which I wrote myself. I told of how many had these stones set in rings and others had them made up into watch-charms.

Not only were the stones carriers of wonderous magic, but they were really valuable as gems. I further described them—how they were gotten and how the importers had arranged with a Bombay dealer to furnish a surply of them. furnish a supply of them.

These stones were sold at the small price of one dollar each or three for two dollars. The usual literature with order blanks was sent out and a nearby stream furnished a goodly supply of stones. I never knew how many people believed in such charms and long after I had stopped filling orders, let-ters would come addressed to me, asking for the stones. That deal kept me in spending money one winter, and I have often thought I missed a good business opportunity by not sticking to it regularly. But I ran out of booklets, and didn't want to spend time waiting for a reprint.

Having a little time and some money, I decided that a trip to Europe would be good for me, as I needed a rest, and my experience with the law was such that I didn't want to take any chances.

The old saying that "birds of a feather flock together" holds good as far as I am concerned. I got back from my European tour pretty hard up, but on the boat coming back I met another fellow who was interested in promotion work. He had an office in New York, and wanted me to work for him. As I said before, being broke is no joke, so I hired out at a fancy price. Hardson of the said before was a said before out at a fancy price. Hardson of the said was a said before was a said be rison T. Henry was the fellow's name I was working for, and we dealt in stocks. Henry dealt in all kinds of stocks, but catered to the smaller trade; that is, we would get a line on people who had a little money to invest and who did not know much about stocks. Not knowing much, it was easy for us to

sell them most anything.

Frequently we would find people that had a few share of good securities that had been left them by a departed relative. Of course, they wanted to make a killing, and were always looking for a chance, and the Harrison T. Henry Company was out to give them that chance.

We had a list of people we had gathered who had such investments, and my job was to call them on the phone. The line we used was as follows:

"Is this Mrs. Smith?" I would

when the phone was answered, and of course it was, and I would proceed to tell her who I was and lay emphasis on the name of the

"I believe you are the owner of five hundred shares of Nutty Chips, the new breakfast food," I would

"No, there's some mistake," re-

"No, there's some mistake," replies Mrs. Smith.

"I beg your pardon," I would say. "I was going to give you some good news."

"What is it?" was the question that invariably followed, and all I had to tell her was that "Nutty

The Memoirs of a Grafter—By Himself

TRAVEL, say the wise ones, is an education in itself. That's just what Pete Dexter, faker de luxe, discovered soon after he joined a troup of medicine show grafters. By staying one jump ahead of the cops, Pete never worried, altho the one jump caused him a lot of quick moving at various stages in his travels.

From a canvasser who had no thoughts of playing fair with his customers, Pete tackled the stock selling game at various times. He wasn't very lucky till he happened onto a land selling scheme in Texas, and then he made a killing.

He thought he knew enough about promoting a company of his own to start a railroad that would run where others would not. He did a good job of promoting, but faffed to reckon with people who wanted a show for their money, and last week he told how he almost landed in jail because some folks became curious. But by handing over his profits to attorneys and bondsmen, Pete managed to slip thru the net, and, altho the railroad went up in smoke, Pete was left to pursue his game of getting dollars. However, his brush with the long arm of the law has made him cautious, and so he believes it pays to game and that by the use of modern machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former investment was going to pay out big. It was a going to pay out big. It was going to pay out big. It was notestary, of course, that more machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former machinery, which was to be installed at once, their former arm of the law has made him cautious, and so he believes it pays to gain fame by a slower process. This week he gives further facts of his life chase after easy money.

Chips" had started to soar in value and that fortunes would probably be made in that stock in a week or so. Naturally, in a short time the victim would follow this tip and call at our office and it didn't take long to get her to trade in her good stocks for shares in the company that were soaring in value. Frequently, money came in, too, and we were going fine till one irate woman found out she had been stung. Of course Henry was arrested, but I had taken my departure and gone west. At least my earnings gave me a start, and I decided to try a better field.

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While I was working in New York, I met a fellow who had a soft game. He didn't get a lot at once, but it came easy. I had the literature, and so I opened an office in St. Paul and turned my attention to the fortune telling game, or astrology. I had a lot of literature printed that looked as if it was typewritten, and started a lot of ads in some of the various weekly

ads in some of the various weekly papers thruout the country. The ads read about as follows:

"Can you stand the truth? Let me tell your fortune free. Somewhere in your past, present or future you have had some startling experiences which if taken at the right time might be a fortune to you. Astrology, the oldest of sciences, will help you in your business. Write your name, date of birth, and enclose ten cents in stamps for a confidential reply."

It wasn't long till a lot of people began to send in the dimes. I therefore sent them a chart that looked

very mystical and which had a lot of the signs of the vodiac on it. On the back they would find a lot of stuff that would arouse their curi-osity, and toward the end a chance

osity, and toward the end a chance to get real stuff on their future was offered for the price of two dollars. Needless to say, I got a lot of money on this scheme. All I had to do was to keep it going out, and the way folks bit was good. It was while I was working this scheme that a fellow named Reilly, whom I had known in Californa in the gold mining stock deal—met me.

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He had the lists of all the stockholders in the old Cripple Creek company, and when I told him what I was doing, he made this suggestion. He was to go to Denver and wait till I had sent out circulars to his mailing list. I was to be the astrologer, and was to say something like this:

"The stars which control your

"The stars which control your destiny show that you have made investments in the past which so far have proved unprofitable. However, I find that these same stars have good tidings for you, and if you will send a dollar the informa-tion will be sent." The people who answered, and a lot of them did, were advised that their investments would start to pay very soon, and they had better look them up. Of course a lot of other stuff was put in, but they saw that investment stuff first.

It was then that Reilly, of the Cripple Creek company, started to work. He would send out a pamph-let telling the stockholders of the recent success of some of the old

at the Denver office and grabbed Reilly. I was in Denver at the time and when the evening paper told of his arrest and how the postal authorities were looking for the rest of the gang, I left town without collecting my baggage. Reilly was sent up for three years and I was glad for he had played me dirty in California.

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deal. I wanted to hide and rest up till things quieted down. While I was there I noticed the big business in the potato industry. big business in the potato industry. It appealed to me and I tried to figure how a fellow could get in on the business and still make money. My earnings as an astrologer had been pretty good but I was afraid to start out again as Reilly's arrest brought home the fact that the postal department was a dangerous gang to have on a fellew's trail.

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It wasn't long after I had located in the small town of Benner that I discovered the farmers were discusted with the manner in which they sold their crops. After all the work they turned it over to some company for sale and took just what they handed them in payment. I decided here was a good chance to get easy money. So early in the get easy money. So early in the following summer I opened the Liberty Produce Company. The Liber-ty was announced as the friend of the farmer. I put a little of my money in the local banks which gave me a standing with them and started out among the farmers and bargained for their crop of pota-toes. I would cut down the cost of the middleman in selling them and

toes. I would cut down the cost of the middleman in selling them and they fell for my line in a hurry.

A few trips to Minneapolis and Chicago on my part impressed them a lot and I arranged for selling the potatoes. When the first few cars were sold to me I paid a good price for them at once and made a lot of moise about how that was the real price they should receive for the crop. Of course I sweetened the checks a bit out of my account but that sugar drew the business. I had so many calls to buy potatoes, that I couldn't get around to check them all as they were loaded. Ordinarily I paid by check when the car was loaded but due to the busy season on my part and my many trips to market, I fell behind in paying at once. But these farmers never worried. They were so sure of my offers that they said it was all right and I could leave their checks at the banks and that would save them trips to town.

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However, I worked it pretty good. I managed to check out all but a few dollars of my deposit in the local banks but they didn't care as my returns should be coming in shortly and the banks figured I would leave a nice sum with them to use during the winter.

The Liberty Produce Company sure had a big business and along toward the close of the season I had thirty cars of spuds lined up. I announced that I was going to take them to market personally, and away we went. I did take them "personally" and when the comaway we went. "personally" and mission firm I was dealing with in Chicago paid me I decided that the killing was good and instead of going back to Benner, N. D., I shaved off my moustache and decided to right in Now York. visit in New York for a while. That was about the easiest money I pick-ed up and of course there was not a thing to worry over as I had never incorporated and the few books I had left in the offices of the Liberty company showed nothing.

I Opened the Liberty Produce Company

(Continued in May 10 issue)

RADIODEPARTMENT

By J. Herbert Ferris, R. E.

TO RECEIVE TIME SIGNALS

I wish to receive time signals from the Arlington Station. Can I do this by adding loading coils to a broadcast receiver, or do I have to get a honeycomb coil?—A. B., North Branch, Mich.

—Yes, you can add loading coils in your present set to get Arlington time signals. Look up honeycomb coils of equal wave length and place one in the aerial lead and one in the secondary and one in the tickler circuit (if your set uses one). I can not tell the size to advise as I do not know what your set now consists of. You must bring up your present wave length to 2650 meters which is the wave that Arlington transmits upon

The tickler coil can be of about % the value of the ones that you place in the primary and secondary circuits

You can wrap cardboard tubing with No. 24 Cotton covered wire and make your own loading coils, tho the honeycomb coils are more efficient and take up less room in your set.

FOUR TUBE REFLEX CIRCUIT

Will you put the diagram of a three or four tube receiving set that will receive any place on the face of the earth, runs from dry cells, and operates a loud speaker.—B. D., Ionia, Mich.

—In a future issue we are going to publish a diagram of a 4 tube reflex circuit that will come as near filling your requirements as is possible. It is out of the question to build a set, no matter what the price that will reach any place on earth. There is not any set that can do it, or has done it. The most expensive sets, and complicated will only reach regularly about 2000 miles, and then there are days that some nearer stations cannot be heard. Other times 5000 miles can be covered. The set that we are going to describe will not require an outside aerial and will work a loud speaker. The parts alone will cost about \$75.00.

WANTS TO RECEIVE DISTANT STATIONS

Could you tell me where I can find out how to build a radio receiving set that will receive from broadcasting stations 1500 to 2000 miles away and less? Can the one in your Feb. 2 Business Farmer be added to so it will do it? Thanks in advance.—E. W., Benton, Mich.

—The set described in our issue of

—The set described in our issue of Feb. 2nd, will enable you to hear from over 1000 miles and at times from greater distances. A set as described has brought in music for me from Springfield, Mass., to Dallas, Texas, and Denver.

las, Texas, and Denver.

There is no advantage in trying to listen to the stations that are so far away, they come in weak and the near stations are so much better and clearer and you can get them easily. In our future issues we will in turn describe how to build different types of sets and how to operate them

It will be much better to start on a simple set and learn how to operate it than to try with the much more complicated sets and find that you do not get any results, or not as good results as expected.

TO GET LONG LIFE FROM BATTERIES

Don't short circuit your battery to test it, that will use more current than over hours listening in will

Don't forget to turn off the battery switch as soon as you are thru listening in, or if you leave your set idle even for a few minutes. The longer the rest that dry batteries get the better the service they give. If you have no switch, disconnect your battery wires.

Don't turn the rheostat up as far as it will go, but use only as little current as is necessary to make your tube detect the incoming signals. The less current you use the longer your supply will last.

Don't expect one battery to do the work of two or three, always use enough cells to easily and properly do what is required.

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1914 SPECIFICATIONS

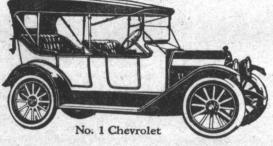
Horsepower, S. A. E. Weight - 2500 lbs.
Tires, 32 x 3½, fabric - (about 4000 miles)
Top Two-man, with side supports Gas Feed Air pressure Folding Windshield Detachable Rims Thermo system Straight teeth Cooling Rear axle gears -Oiling system - - Chassis lubrication -Splash Grease cups Celluloid - Century - Stationary Back curtain light -Side curtains Finish
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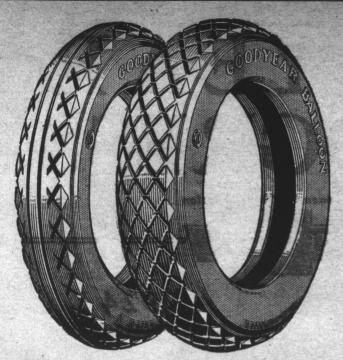
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Superior Utility Coupe -				640
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What the Neighbors Say

DAY OF BUSINESS FARMER AT HAND

EAR EDITOR:-The old order has changed. The old order has changed. The day of the business farmer is at hand. There is no room for the slip-shod farmer. He is playing a losing game, and is forced to leave the farm, and seek the city. He is a failure. You can hear him almost any Saturday afternoon standing in failure. You can hear him almost any Saturday afternoon, standing in the sun in front of a grocery store, complaining of the hard lot of the farmer. In a few years he will be extinct. You will find him mingling with the great mass of factory workers.

There are those of the old farmfarming. These people are not moving to the city. You will see their nicely painted barns and houses as you pass by. These farmers are the first business farmers. ers are the first business farmers. Their success was due to their ability to organize their labors on a paying basis. Then there are the young graduates from college who have studied the best business methods of farming. These will be the farmers of the future who will put farming on the basis it belongs.

A county agricultural agent is the best thing that has happened to the

A county agricultural agent is the best thing that has happened to the business farmer. He can be compared to the efficiency expert of big business. He is 'better educated than the average farmer of today, and the national and state departments of agriculture keep in touch with him.

If your farm isn't more than pay

If your farm isn't more than paying for itself, consult your agent, his advice is valuable. The business farmers appreciate this man

just as big business goes by the advice of its expert.

Don't listen to people who tell you farming doesn't pay. Make it pay. Be a business farmer.—Dorothy Dill pay. Be

USE DOOR BELL TO CATCH THIEVES

DEAR EDITOR:—In the March 29th issue of the M. B. F. we notice where several of our brother farmers are losing chickens by thieves. I have been studying along this same line, and am willing to give my ideas if they are worth while. I expect to place a common door bell in my bed room running from this wire to two dry cells at hen house. Never lock your coop door, as a lock will only keep out an honest man. Arrange a push button back of door so door will come directly in contact with same, and if rightly adjusted and wired properly, it will ring bell at house. If anybody wishes to try this, and does not quite understand, I will draw a blue print for same on re-

Place push button on arm secured to something by a hinge, that it may be hooked up when not in use. Hoping this may save dollars for some of our farmers, I remain, L. C. S., Williamston, Mich.

INCREASE DUTY ON SUGAR

DEAR EDITOR: The United States Tariff Commission has just completed an exhaustive investigation of the cost of producing sugar in continental United States, in our insular possessions and in Cuba. The preliminary report of the Commission, recently issued, leaves no doubt about the duty on sugar being an agricultural and not an industrial tariff.

This report shows that in 1922 EAR EDITOR: The United

This report shows that in 1922 Cuban farmers received an average of \$1.16 for each 100 lbs. of extractable sugar in their cane, whereas American farmers received an average of \$3.37 for each 100 lbs. of extractable sugar from their beets. In other words American farmers re-In other words American farmers received as much for 100 pounds as Cuban farmers received for 290 pounds of sugar. In addition to receiving as much for 100 lbs. of sugar as did Cuban farmers (\$3.16) American sugar beet farmers received the full amount of the import duty (\$1.76), plus 45 cents.

If American sugar beet farmers received no more for heir sugar than Cuban farmers received for theirs, their beets would have brought them

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only \$3.16 per ton, an amount far below their cost of production.

In Cuba the farmers' and laborers' In Cuba the farmers' and laborers' cost of living is a mere bagatelle. Habitations are filmsy shacks costing only a few dollars to erect and furnish, there's no expense for fuel, clothing is meager and of the cheapest kind and the food is plain and inexpensive. In addition to that, Cuba has a supply of cheap black labor right at hand in nearby islands. All the sugar planters have to do is to secure a special decree from the to secure a special decree from the President and labor flocks in in

As long as Cuban sugar producers are able to keep a one crop country, thus compelling the farmers to accept the producers price for cane or starve, Cuba will continue to be the lowest-cost sugar-producing country in the world and to expect to maintain the American wage and American standard of living and compete with Cuba will continue to be an utter impossibility.

American farmers grow beets for profit, not from patriotic motives and unless they can make a profit on beets they will devote their fields to the production of other crops, such as wheat, eats, barley, beans, etc., where as the Cuban farmer, producing nothing but cane would go hungry if he did not accept the price offered by the mill owner.

A slight lowering of the duty or

A slight lowering of the duty on sugar would close American beet sugar factories and thus deprive 100,000 American farmers of a market for \$63,000,000 worth of beets annually, while a slight increase in the duty soon would mean the erection of enough new factories to supply us with all the sugar we consume and of the \$380,000,000 we thus would keep at home, over \$200,000,000 would be paid to farmers annually for beets.—Truman G. Palmer, Sugar Statistician, Washington, D. C. A slight lowering of the duty on

HUNTING WITH FERRETS

EAR EDITOR:—Some years ago it was lawful to hunt with ferrets, but the sportsmen of the city have been successful enough to have the law passed that it is unlawful to hunt with ferrets and now rabbits are becoming such nuisance that it is impossible to grow an apple tree longer than 4 years, and that for the benefit of the sportsmen. You hear so much now days that for the benefit of the sportsmen. You hear so much now days about raise more, but let me tell you it is very discouraging to plant trees and then have rabbits come and kill them. If you ask for a permit to hunt with a ferret, you will get none, but they will tell you to fence the rabbits out. Just think of fencing rabbits out with snow banks 10 feet deep. Some job, I would say.

Can this law be recalled, or at least adjusted so the farmer boys can hunt these pests, say from November 15th until the season closes in February? Then there wouldn't be so many, at least, to do damage, or must it come to the compulsory violation of the law to protect your own property? But at present it seems the state has the right to dictate to the individual owner what he can, or what he cannot do to prohe can, or what he cannot do to protect his own property.

I am not the only one that feels this way, but I think at least 99 per cent of the people in the country feel the same way about it. Someone might say, shoot them. I would like to ask who is the person after he works all day, likes to stand guard in the cold at night to protect his orchard from these pests. I would like to see these works are the three works. like to see those sportsmen be those guards, or be compelled to pay the damage the rabbits do. I think they would soon say, "Hunt with

I would suggest have the hunting season open November 15th and allow to hunt with ferrets until season closes in February.—J. V., Falmouth, Mich.

There are 200,000 applications for patents on inventions now pending in the United States Patent Office, according to a statement of the United States Civil Service Commission.

armers Service Bureau

COLLECTING TOWNSHIP TAXES

Can you give me the law governing collection of township taxes? Can a township treasure lawfully Can a township treasure lawfully collect for one per cent after January 10th or is the four per cent compulsory?—S. W., Melvin, Mich.

compulsory?—S. W., Melvin, Mich.

The statute provides that a collection fee of one per cent shall be charged up to January 10th and thereafter a collection fee of four per cent shall be charged. In our opinion, this provision is mandatory and the treasurer has no legal right to charge a one per cent fee after January 10th.—Clare Retan, Deputy Attorney General.

BOY SHARES EQUALLY WITH OTHER CHILDREN

We, being subscribers to your valuable paper would like to ask you a few questions which have been on my mind for some time. A man having one boy by his first wife, dihaving one boy by his first wife, divorced, and marrying again, with three children by his present wife, what share of property would the first boy get, if any? Also the other three and wife at the father's death? And would the property, farm and personal, have to be sold in order to pay the first boy his share? He is not now, nor has, excepting during school vacations, lived with his father. He is nearly 16. And what share of all property is a wife entitled to if a division is made while both are living? This property having a legacy of \$500.00 paid with the first payment from the father's father.—Mrs. M. A. H., Otisville, Mich.

—The boy by the former wife would

The boy by the former wife would share equally with the other three share equally with the other three children. Two thirds of his property would be divided equally among the four children and the widow would receive the other one third. Their share of the farm could be divided equally among the four, or it could be sold and the proceeds be so divided, according to the wish of the majority. There is no provision for the division of property by a husband and wife who are still living together. Such a division would depend upon agreement of the amount of property each owned separately. In no ty each owned separately. In no case can the wife be deprived of her right of dower.—Asst. Legal Editor.

8x8 FLUE IS LARGEST

Will you please give me the facts on how to get chimney flue 4x12, on how to get chimney fine 4x12, taking the same amount of brick, that is 6 for one layer of brick in course, while one 8x8 flue takes the same amount of brick? Which is the larger and in what way as both are 32 inches inside?—J. McG., Sterling, Michigan.

-Apparently you are desirous of securing the greatest amount of flue area for a perimeter dimension of 32 inches. If that is the case an 8x8 fine will have one and one-half times the area of a 4x12 flue. The area of a 4x12 flue is 48 inches and the 8x8 flue 64 inches.—A: H. Lavers, Supt. of Bldgs. & Grounds, M. A. C.

NURSERYMAN MUST HAVE LICENSE

Is it necessary to secure a licens to sell native forest trees in this state?—N. S., Battle Creek, Mich.

—It is necessary for any nursery-man to make an application to the Michigan State Board of Agriculture to have his stock of trees, etc. inspected and secure a license to sell the same under Section 7413 of the Compiled Laws of 1915, as amended by Act 241 of the Public Acts of 1921. By the provisions of Section 7411, as amended by the act above mentioned, a nurseryman is-

"The owner or manager of a nursery who issues a catalogue, advertises or in other ways makes a business of selling nursery stock."

The term "Nursery stock" is de-

fined in the same amendment as in-cluding trees, shrubs, vines, fruit plants, etc. You will note that the definition includes forest trees as well as fruit trees. It would there-fore be necessary for a person to

secure a license to sell forest trees, unless the stock you mention falls within the proviso of Section 7413 providing that it shall not be necessary essary for a person to secure a license to sell shade trees from his own wood lot.—Clare Retan, Deputy Attorney General.

HUSBAND'S LEGAL RESIDENCE WOULD DETERMINE

Seven years ago, at my father's death, I came here with my family of six children, bought the old homestead and my husband remained at Harrisville, 18 miles away. He lives at the hotel and has no property, maintains no home. Last year I was elected on the school board and at a recent meeting we voted to retire the Superintendent we have for inefficiency. Now some say I

have no legal right to vote or hold office here. I am a tax payer on a large farm, have graduated two children from our school here and have one attending.—Mrs. H. M. K., Oscoda Mich

The legal residence of the husband determines the legal residence of the wife for the purpose of voting at school elections or holding school offices.

If the legal residence of your husband is where you live even though he may be away, you are a legal resident of the district and might hold a school office if otherwise qualified.—W. L. Coffey, Deputy Supt. of Public Instruction.

DITCHES ALONG ROAD FILL UP

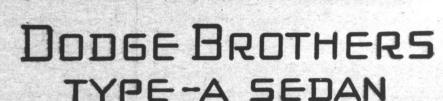
Could you advise me what I could do in regards to the township not wanting to help me to an out-let to take the water off my Farm? I live on a public highway and the roads are all sinking in due to the ditches not being tended to. The ditches are all filling in as it is all black muck and they are full of willows and I have ten acres of

ground that was impossible to be last year which I had to let lay idle on account of water. Now what I want to know can I make the township fix this ditch or pay damages? I am a tax payer and I think it would be no more than fair they help me.—P. S., Ossineke,

—If the matter of drainage is necessary for the proper maintenance of the highway, the matter is within the discretion of the Highway Commissioner and the Township Board; but if the drainage is only desired for the benefit of the adjoining lands, then the matter should be taken up with the County Drain Commissioner, with a view to establishing a county or district drain. Otherwise the land owner is required to provide his own drain.—H. Victor Spike, Assistant Attorney General.

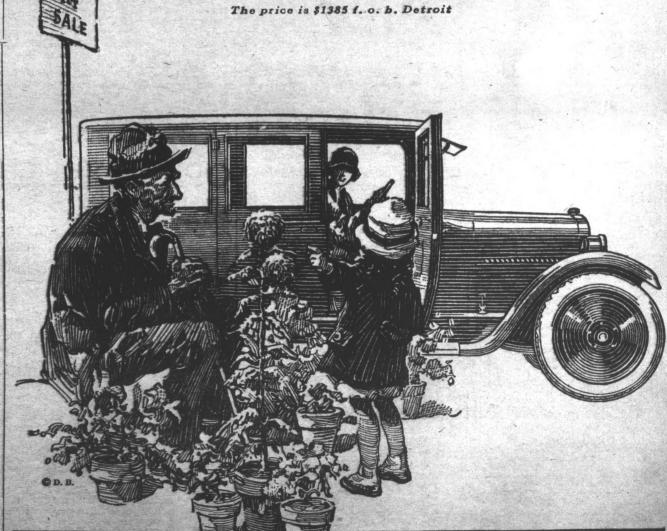
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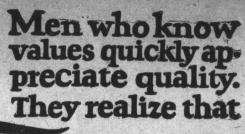
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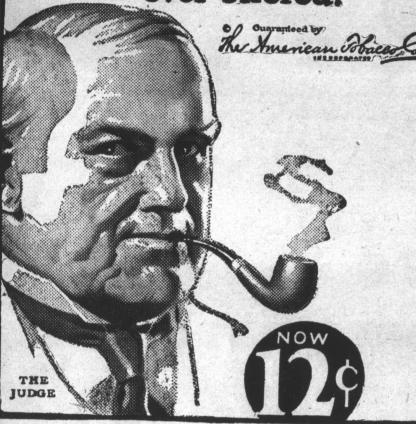
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In Money! Mo ELEANOR H. PORTER

(Continued from April 12th issue.)

EVERYTHING'S the matter," snap-"EVERYTHING'S the matter," snapped Jane. "And positively a more ungrateful set of people all around I never saw. To begin with, take the church. You know I've never been able to do anything. We couldn't afford it. And now I was so happy that I could do something, and I told them so; and they seemed real pleased at first. I gave two dollars apiece to the Ladies' Aid, the Home Missionary Society, and the Foreign Missionary Society, and the Foreign Missionary Society, and the They acted for all the world as if they expected more—the grasping things! And, listen! On the way home, just as I passed the Gale girls, I heard Sue say: "What's two dollars to her? She'll never miss it.' They meant me, of course. So you see it wasn't appreciated. Now, was it?"

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"Perhaps not."

"What's the good of giving, if you aren't going to get any credit, or thanks, just because you're rich, I should like to know? And they aren't the only ones. Nothing has been appreciated," went on Mrs. Jane discontentedly. "Look at Cousin Mary Davis—you know how poor they've always been, and how hard it's been for them to get along. Her Carrie—Mellicent's age, you know—has had to go to work in Hooper's store. Well I sent Mellicent's old white lace party dress to Mary. "Twas some soiled, of course, and a little torn; but I thought she could clean it and make it over beautifully for Carrie. But, what do you think?—back it came the next day with a note from Mary saying very crisply that Carrie had no place to wear white lace dresses, and they had no time to make it over if she did. No place to wear it, indeed! Didn't I invite her to my housewarming? And didn't Hattie, too? But how are you going to help a person like that?"

"But, Jane, there must be ways—some ways." Miss Maggie's forehead was wrinkled into a troubled frown. "They need help, I know. Mr. Davis has been sick a long time, you remember."

"Yes, I know he has; and that's all the more reason, to my way of thinking, why they should be grateful for anything—anything! The trouble is, she wants to be helped in ways of her own choosing. They wanted Frank to take Sam, the boy,—he's eighteen now,—into the store, and they wanted me to get embroidery for Nellie to do at home—she's lame, you know, but she does do beautiful work. But I couldn't do either. Frank hates relatives in the store; he says they cause all sorts of trouble with the other help; and I certainly wasn't going to ask him to take any relatives of mine. As for Nellie—I did ask Hattie if she could'n't give her some napkins to do, or something, and she gave me a dozen for her—she said Nellie'd probably do them as cheap as anybody, and maybe cheaper. But she told

the dozen napkins she'd given me. So I didn't have anything for poor Nellie. Wasn't that a shame?"

"I think it was." Miss Maggie's lips shut in a thin straight line.

"Well, what could I do?" bridled Jane defiantly. "Besides, if I'd taken them to her, they wouldn't have appreciate anything. Why, last November, when the money came. I sent nearly all of Mellicent's and my summer things—and if little Tottie didn't go and say afterwards that her mamma did wish Cousin Jane wouldn't send muslins in December when they hadn't room enough to store a safety pin. Oh, of course, Mary didn't say that to me, but she must have said it somewhere, else Tottie wouldn't have got hold of it. 'Children and fools,' you know,' she finished meaningly, as she rose to go.

Mr. Smith noticed that Miss Maggie seemed troubled that evening, and that she started off early the next morning and was gone nearly all day, coming only for a hurried luncheon. It being Saturday, the Martin girls were both there to care for Father Duff and the house. Not until some days later did Mr. Smith suspect that he had learned the reason for all this. Then a thin-faced young girl with tired eyes came to tea one evening and was introduced to him as Miss Carrie Davis. Later, when Miss Maggie had gone upstairs to put Father Duff to bed, Mr. Smith heard Carrie Davis telling Annabelle Martin all about how kind Miss Maggie had been to Nellie, finding her all that embroidery to do for that rich Mrs. Gaylord, and how wonderful it was that she had been able to get such a splendid job for Sam right in Hooper's store where she was.

Mr. Smith thought he understood then Miss Maggie's long absence on Saturday.

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His first experience of this kind was when he met an unmistakably "down-and-out" on the street one day begging clothing, food, anything, and telling a sorry tale of his unjust discharge from a local factory. Mr. Smith gave the man a dollar, and sent him to Miss Maggie. He happened to know that Father Duff had discarded an old suit that morning—and Father Duff and the beggar might have been taken for twins as to size. On the way home a little later he met the beggar returning, just as forlorn, and even more hungry-looking.

"Well, my good fellow, couldn't she fix you up?" questioned Mr. Smith in some surprise.

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"Fix me up!" glowered the man disdainfully. "Not much she did! She didn't fix me up ter nothin'—but chin music!"

music!"

And Mr. Smith had thought Miss Maggie was so charitable!

A few days later he heard an eager-eyed young woman begging Miss Maggie for a contribution to the Pension Fund in Behalf of the underpaid shop girl's in Daly's. Daly's was a Hillerton department store, notorious for its unfair treatment of its employees.

Miss Maggie seemed interested, and asked many questions. The eager-eyed young woman became even more eager-eyed, and told Miss Maggie all about the long hours, the nerve-wearing labor, (Continued on Page 17.)

OUR READERS' NEW BUILDINGS

Have you built any up-to-date farm buildings lately? If you have send us a picture of the new building and we will print it in this new department. It will show the M. B. F. readers what their distant neighbors are doing to change the scenery. And, incidently, you may be able to help some farmer decide the type of house, or barn, or other buildings he desires to put up. He may like the appearance of your building and will want the plan of it. Kodak pictures are all right if the details show up well. Do not send the negative, just a good print.



HOME OF W. D. PARMELEE AND FAMILY, OF HOPKINS, MICH.

We hear so much and read so much about the farmer being broke and that there is no money in farming, until we are half lead to believe that the country is "going to the dogs." Then just in time, along comes a picture like the one above, and the sun again creeps forth from behind the dark clouds. Such a home as this cannot be built on promises or air. We have a picture of the barn which we will print later.

THE LONELINESS OF JESUS

A SERMON BY MRS. DAVID F. WARNER.

TEXTS: "And when even was come, he was there alone." Matt. 14:23b. He "withdrew again into the mountain himself alone." Jno. 6:15.

NEVER has there been a man, in all ages of the past, who wandered over this earth and was so much alone as was the man Jesus. What, you ask, did Jesus, one who was so great and good, so kind and loving, so pleasant, so winsome, and so self-sacrificing, not have friends without number? Yes, Jesus had friends, but his friends and associates, his comrades and helpers, were so far beneath him, that, after all, he was alone. Then too, those who lived nearest him, those who had the best opportunity to know him and endear themselves to him, absolutely rejected him.

When the babe Jesus was born,

When the babe Jesus was born, no friendly door was opened to receive him. People from all over the country were pouring into the town of Bethlehem. They were hurrying back and forth attending to business. Amidst this hustle and bustle, in a lonely corner of a stable the child Jesus was born in sorrow, poverty, and humility.

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"Jesus came into a dead world. He, the one living man, alive in body, soul and spirit, alive to God in the world." "The world into which he entered, by his human birth, was veritably dying, dead indeed unto God. We realize very imperfectly the distress, the conflict of disgust and pity which the fact of being in such a world as this, and belonging to it, caused in the nature of Jesus Christ, in a soul that was in perfect sympathy with God. Never was there loneliness such as his."

Jesus was a Jew. He was a product of his age and nation; and yet he was so far above his own people that we can scarcely think of him as a Jew. Jesus had no one who could sympathize with him in his life and thought. He stood head and shoulders above those around him. They could come to him for advice and sympathy, but where could he go for counsel? To God and to Him alone was he driven for strength in his trying hour.

True, we can find no one who is more willing to carry our burdens; but how many of us go to God first when trouble and trials come? We are all human, we all have our confidental friends, those who are our equals or superiors, and it is to them that we flee. Many an aching brow and weary soul has been soothed by the gentle hand and sympathizing word of a true Christian friend. Still closer than any of our friends is another to whom we always go first. That, you say, is mother.

mother.

Was Jesus able to receive counsel and sympathy from his mother after he grew to manhood? As we search our Bible we find at different places the statement, "And Mary kept these things and pondered them in her heart." Mary certainly did not understand the greatness of her child. She did not understand his mission, and therefore was not able to help him in his work as one who was his equal—one who lived, thought, and believed as he did.

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As we look back over later history, we find the names of great men. These lived in advance of their age. Luther was a great man, and yet was he alone? No, Melancthon was his helper, his sympathizer, his staff. Upon him he could lean when the clouds rolled dark before him and the storm raged thick and fast. Calvin too, should be noted. But he had Zwingli as a companion in his labors—one who thought and worked as he did. Jesus had no such companion. He lived, thought, and acted in a realmabove that of his fellows.

Jesus might have established an earthly kingdom and he might have had all the world to worship him as a political ruler, but he did not. This humble Nazarene was aiming at some thing greater; and even tho he was obliged to stand alone, he stood firm

stood firm.

At different times Jesus was rejected. Even his home people refused to hear him. Many times,

after preaching at a place, he was driven out and left at the mercy of strangers, or was obliged to depart secretly because his life was in danger. In all these struggles he was obliged to fight alone. No one understood, as did he, the conditions in which he was placed. We sometimes want to question the idea that Jesus longed for companionship. But we should remember the fact that Jesus did lament his condition when he said, "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

Can anything be more sad to the human mind than the fact that some child has been cast out of its home and is obliged to wander from place to place, with no one to love it and no one to give it a home. Jesus' mother did not forsake him, but his own brethren did. His apostles, even, had such a faint conception of who Jesus was, and what he was trying to do, that they did not know at times whether they wanted to follow him or not. Jesus lived with them, travelled with them, and taught them. He tried to explain to them his mission, but it seemed they could not understand. Time and again they left him alone when difficulties stared him in the face.

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During the last week of Jesus' life the very best of his nature was brought out. He held up boldly the sorrowing disciples, but was in the depths himself. Do you know what it is to comfort hearts while your own is breaking? This was true with Jesus many times, but now, that we come down to the last week, the last evening of his life, we can not help but feel that the heart of this humble Nazerene was breaking. On that evening of the great crisis Jesus and his disciples walked quietly along the Jerusalem streets, out of the gate leading towards the brook Kedron. Then they went over the brook towards the enclosed spot in the garden. The night was dark. It continued to grow darker and darker. He left the disciples alone and went farther into the garden, to his favorite praying place. He longed for fellowship, for a warm hand-touch, but none could help. If they followed they would hinder. How black the night! The weight of sinful humanity was upon him. Death stared him in the face. But alone! No human heart in all the world could help him. Jesus hardly thought the cup would be so bitter. He was tempted to shrink from it. It seemed as if the moon and stars, even, shrank from looking upon this scene of agony. To the "Only One" that was left, Jesus lifted his heart in prayer, and "he prayed until the sweat like drops of blood stood upon his brow."

Could it be possible that Christ is lonely today? Do we, at times, wander so far from him that he is in agonizing intercession for us today as during the night in the garden. He has been admitted to some doors but we take no time to visit with him, we have no time for communion with the one whom we have invited into our houses. I fear that Christ gets very lonely and longs for followship.

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Jesus wants us to come to him all alone and tell him all. He is ever ready to give us the very best that he has. May we then, invite Jesus in and take him into our confidence, make him a personal friend, and spend much time in his presence, that it may not be said of us that we pierced those tender hands, broke that loving heart and finally hung upon the cross the one who truly loved us.

(NOTE: The editor of this department being otherwise engaged, his good wife and assistant local pastor, humbly consented to write the sermon for this number or the Business Farmer. He hopes you will be helped by it.)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17:20,21.

OH THAT MEN would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.—Psalm 107:21.

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STRAIGHT TALK

How often after you have read an article do you sit back and wish that the author might have stated clearly and directly what he was trying to get at.

This has probably been particularly true during the past year or so when so much advice has been passed out gratuitously to the farmer, and the thought from Mr. Bennett, who expresses himself fully on page 3 of this issue, will, we believe, ring true with a great many farmers in Michigan who have many times had the same thoughts that he has put on paper in this article.

We have contended right along from this page that the farmer was getting too much advice and not enough real help, that there were too many politicians in the field who were living off the farmer, and that matters would have to adjust themselves in the natural course of events rather than by any radical move which could be made to relieve the present situation.

This may not sound as you would like to have it sound, but it is at least the plain, unvarnished truth as we see it. There is plenty of room on the farms for every good farmer and his son in the United States, and with the aid of machinery they can supply the food products of this country in competition with the cheaper labor from any part of the world. They can live and with their families enjoy life, surrounded by the same comforts which men in the American cities enjoy and with luxuries which the farmers of no other country in the world enjoy.

There is no question but what the advent of modern machinery has lessened the number of men needed to work the farms of America, and with the curtailment of foreign export the present adjustment had to come, yet we firmly believe the conditions which forced the present situation are rapidly passing and those farmers who have held to their trade are going to be the winners in the end.

MICHIGAN THIRD IN SUGAR BEETS

FINAL reports of the 1923 United States sugar crop, received late in March by the United States Department of Agriculture from the sugar beet factories, show that 7,006,000 short tons of beets were harvested and that 6,565,000 tons were sliced for sugar. This is the third largest crop on record, being exceeded only by the unusually large crops of 8,538,000 tons in 1920 and 7,782,000 tons in 1921. More beets were produced per acre in 1923 than in any other year since 1915, the yield per acre being 10.66 tons in 1913, compared with 9.77 tons in 1922 and 9.55 tons in 1921. The 657,000 acres harvested in 1923 were less than the acreage harvested in five of the preceding ten years, but larger than the average of 655,000 acres for that 10-year period.

The 1923 sugar beet crop was worth at least \$58,800,000 to growers, the department says. Some factories reported that additional payments under the contracts may be made to the growers later, if warranted by sales of the sugar made. In the 1922-1923 campaign these late payments amounted approximately to 9 per cent of the total amount finally paid.

The 881,000 short tons of refined sugar made from the 1923 beet crop also is the third largest production of beet sugar in any campaign in the United States. The relatively high yield of the

beets per acre was sufficient more than to offse the moderate acreage and sugar centent. Only 675,000 short tons of sugar were produced from the beet crop of 1922, compared with 1,020,000 short tons in 1921 and 1,089,000 short tons in

Colorado factories used 1,890,000 tons of beets in 1923, followed by Utah with 1,008,000 tons, and Michigan 815,000 tons. Utah led in yield per acre with 12.91 tons, followed in order by Colorado 12.15 tons, Idaho 11.68 tons, and Nebraska 11.04 tons.

Ahout 240,000 short tons of sugar were made in Colorado factories. Factories in Utah made 137,000 short tons of sugar, in Michigan 110,000 short tons, and in California 100,000 short tons.

BOOSTS FOREIGN MARKETS

BILL introduced by Representative Ketcham of Michigan, authorizing innovations in the department of agriculture designed to increase the market for American farm products has passed the house and is now ready for the senate, where it is assured of a favorable hear-The bill would direct the secretary of that department to gather and disseminate more information that would be of value to the farmer in planting and selling his crops.

The outstanding feature of the bill is the authorization of agricultural attaches to the legations and embassies of the United States in foreign lands, charged with the duty of collecting this information. These officials would have the same standing as other diplomatic agents, and Secretary of State Hughes has already indorsed the proposition.

The bill was indorsed also by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and practically all the farm organizations.

The bill would promote American agriculture by making more markets available and expanding the service now rendered by the department in gathering information regarding agriculture foreign fields. The additional information would include all data pertaining to the agricultural production, competition and demand for American farm products that would assist in promoting the sale of such products abroad. The secretary of agriculture would thus be able to get information for the American farmer that would better enable him to adjust his operations to world conditions.

PAINTING UP

N investment in fresh paint for the farm buildings is not altogether a matter of personal pride or a desire to show off to the neighbors.

"Save the surface and you save all" is the slogan chosen in the present paint campaign in the country and yet that is literally a fact, for well painted wood is protected from the weather and may last indefinitely.

The very sight of clean, well painted buildings helps build up a community, keeps the farm family in better spirit, encourages the boys and girls to stay on the farm, and, incidentally, makes it a lot easier to borrow money at the banks when it is necessary.

We remember an old farmer friend of ours who would himself have made a good promoter because in an emergency once he was practically "busted" from an unfortunate investment and needed the help of his local banker. The banker told him he must come out to look over his farm before making any additional loan so he and the boys in the next two days, working into the evenings, painted up all the farm buildings, so that when Mr. Banker came out there was little question in his mind as to whether or not this farmer was a success in his calling.

It is true that the paint job has been neglected on a good many thousand farms in Michigan during recent years and this ought to be a good season to look over the buildings and plan to do the necessary work.

Good paint is considerably cheaper than it was two years ago and rightly applied we consider it one of the best investments any farmer can make.

We have discovered this too, that where one farmer. in a community starts to paint up his buildings, the neighbors follow like sneep and in a few weeks the whole locality looks and feels prosperous and contented. Why not utilize the time in between planting and cultivating for this job? You do not need to hire professional painters if you and the boys are handy with the brush and not afraid to look at the ground from the top of a ladder.

THE BUTTER SITUATION

TOT a little concern is being expressed by the dairy interests, not only in Michigan but in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the other butter fat producing states, in the present situation. When it is considered that the imports for the

ast three months of this year are equal to those of the first seven of last year, it is apparent that this concern is not unwarrantedly taken. heavy increase began last November when shipments to the American market from abroad jumped to 3,830,657 pounds, as compared with 1,202,304 pounds imported in October. In January of this year the total imports were 4,417,326 pounds, and there was an addition of nearly 1,000,000 pounds in February, when the imports amounted to 5,392,593 pounds.

In New York since the middle of February the price of 92 score butter has declined from 50 cents to 38 cents per pound. This market is, of course, a reflection of the butter market in all sections of the United States.

Unquestionably one of the causes which has brought about this condition in the American market is a fall in the Danish exchange rate, which is now 16.64 compared with the par of 26.80; in other words, the Danish butter if sold for American dollars will bring 50 per cent more than if sold for Danish money at home. mark, it must be remembered, is one of the greatest dairy producing countries in the world, and, by the way, one of the best organized from a cooperative standpoint.

The dairy producers of Denmark are not to be blamed for the present situation. Commodities naturally find their way to the best markets. The only way the the dairy interests of America can protect themselves is a higher duty on imported butter. The present rate is 8 cents per pound and it is proposed that an emergency measure be passed at once, raising the duty to 15 cents per pound, which would at least raise the price that much to the American consumer whether the American producer got the benefit of it or not! (Depending on whether you believe in the beneficial results of a protective tariff

It is our opinion that the present situation is short lived. This represents only a temporary set-back to the dairy market which will soon recover. In the meantime there ought to be some way to stem the tide of dairy imports which are competing with our own products.

THE BABY CHICK INDUSTRY

SECOND only to the automobile industry, at least in its record of phenomenal growth, is

that of the baby chick industry in Michigan. No state has a better reputation or is producing more baby chicks for shipment outside of its own territory than is the State of Michigan. This spring the hatcheries have been working day and night, literally turning out millions of baby chicks, which are placed in parcel-post boxes tagged for all parts of the United States. Shipments are made as far as Texas, Florida, eastern coast points, and as far west as the Rockies, and amateur and professional poultry raisers alike are depending on these mammoth hatcheries for their chicks.

The incubator and old mother hen herself are having a hard battle in the face of this modern and efficient motherless system.

We are glad to say that a strong baby chick organization in the western part of Michigan has made it possible for the legitimate and honest hatchers to help clean out the fakirs who always get into a new business of this kind, which promises extraordinary returns. One of their schemes was to advertise baby chicks which they did not hatch; then go out and make arrangements with individual operators of large hatcheries to make their shipments for them. Of course, this placed responsibility nowhere and the customer was very often dissatisfied because the shipment was poorly selected or not made on This practice has been largely cleaned out, due to the efforts of the baby-chick associations and the good farm papers which have refused to carry advertising of this type.

THE BUSINESS FARMER has, from the beginning, done everything in its power to encourage the baby chick industry in Michigan because we believed in it, and we are just as anxious to continue our campaign to keep it a clean industry. We congratulate the hatcheries of Michigan on the splendid progress they have made during the short period in which they have been in opera-tion, to stabilize their industry.

HE WHO LAUGHS, LAUGHS!

DOWN in Monroe County they have worked out a clever scheme, one which will meet with favor with most of those who hear of They are sentencing all automobile speeders, drivers of trucks too heavily loaded, and bootleggers to work on roads of the county which they have helped to destroy. A period of ten days working on concrete roads ought to give a man a wholesome respect for the labor and expense involved in building them. Perhaps one would not be tempted to "burn-up" the roads at quite so lively a clip if he had spent many weary days in helping to build it.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

AN OLD SCHEME WORDED IN A NEW WAY

HARMERS in various parts of the country are receiving through the mails an invitation to part \$2.00 in a novel manner. A l advertisement appearing in papers reads somewhat as

follows:

"Wanting to hear from owner having farm for sale."

Persons responding to this ad received a letter from the New Land Sellers Guide Publishing Company, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., in which is enclosed a printed notice attached to a self-addressed sealed and stamped envelope. The notice contains this announcement:

DO NOT OPEN!

"This sealed enveloped contains the Revised New Land Sellers' Guide, in which are the names and addresses of 260 new farm land addresses of 260 new farm land buyers. Should you wish to keep the Revised Guide, remit according to the terms of the enclosed Special Acceptance Offer. If you do not wish to sell your farm, or take advantage of this offer, remove this slip, and drop the letter in the U. S. Mails, without being opened. We have a complete record of this envelope, which has U. S. Postage attached, and must not be tampered with unless you wish to keep it, as with unless you wish to keep it, as per the terms of the enclosed offer. Fill out the enclosed offer blank, remitting only Two Dollars, and this valuable index of 260 farm buyers belongs to you."

Thus the impression is created that there is a liability attached to the opening of this sealed envelope, unless \$2.00 is remitted. A complaint has reached us to the effect that a number of letters addressed to some of the "260 guaranteed land buyers" have been returned to the sender.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN!

Dear Mr. Slocum—I own quite a large block of stock in the Detroit Packing Company and agents keep coming to me asking me to ex-change it for one thing or another. Right now there is an agent in this vicinity asking Detroit Packing stock-holders to exchange their stock for stock in a mining company in Montana that seems to have excellent prospects. He is offering \$12 a share in exchange which seems pretty low, don't you think so?—Mecosta Co.

WE have expressed our opinion of the Detroit Packing Company many times in this de-partment. We believe the build-ing of this modern packing plant will be of great permanent value to the live-stock industry in this state. The fourth city in America should

The fourth city in America should certainly be able to support a gigantic packing plant many times the size of the present one.

The same men who organized the packing company are still at the helm, which proves that they believe in its future. It has not been an easy task to steer the course, nor is easy task to steer the course, nor is it ever for a new company tackling a great undertaking which must be perfected in the multitudinous departments employed.

Naturally the old line packers, particularly in Detroit, do not relish the coming of this competitor and inasmuch as the stock is so largely held by farmers in Michigan, it is not hard to weaken its position among its stock-holders by inference, gossip and propaganda of a sinister

We would not attempt to decide for any man whether he should hold or sell at a sacrifice the stock for which he paid upwards of \$60 a share in the Detroit Packing Com-Our opinion of this company, its field and the men behind it are entirely personal and therefore not by any manner of means, infallible. But when a reader asks us if we would exchange stock in the Detroit Packing Company for as low a price as \$12 per share, for mining stock, we do not hesitate to unqualifiedly advise against any such move.

If there is any farmer among my readers so flush with money that he can afford to gamble on the contents of the bottom of a mine, I would

suggest that he come into Detroit and apply to the police department for the address of any of the many gambling establishments, where at least he will have a 50-50 chance of the red or black showing and some excitement for the money he is just about as certain to be parted from about as certain to be parted from

THE SHOW CARD FRAUD

WHAT Government officers say is W one of the greatest mail fraud cases in the history of Detroit was revealed April 12th when a squal of United States marshals, headed by Francis E. Shea, Postoffice inspector from Washington, raided the offices of the Detroit Show Card School, at

405 Gratiot Avenue.

According to Shea, who has been in Detroit for a month investigating the case, the "school" operated on a wholesale basis, collecting \$50 each from several hundred victims,

and without making any effort to fulfill its many promises.

Advertisements, he said, were placed in publications, written as follows:

Anyone can make \$15 to \$50 a week at home in spare time by our new lettergraph method. No canvassing, experience un-necessary. We show you how, furnish work, and pay you cash each week, no matter where you live. Write for illustrated booklet.

Also that fictitious letters of recommendation appear in the booklet, and that reproduced checks, purported to have been paid to satisfied correspondents, also were fictitious. Shea, in investigating the case,

wrote to the school, and asked for a list of customers and also a list of students and graduates. The lists, excepting the graduates, were re-ceived by him, and he immediately got in touch with the companies listed as having had work done by the Detroit Show Card School. Many of the names on this list

are thought to be fictitious, he said, and many companies answered that they knew nothing of the "school." Approximately one per cent, Shea said, of the companies referred to admitted any connection and in

admitted any connection and in these cases, they replied they never placed orders with the "school" for more than \$5 or \$10.

The list of students was also found to be irregular, including employees of the company had fictitious names, Shea said.

The school's guaranty, signed by Miss Master, promised to supply the necessary outfit free to enable com-

necessary outfit free to enable communicants to start to work at once; to furnish steady work when applieants became proficient; to advance students, with proper application and practice, far enough in 10 weeks to enable them to start to work for themselves, and to furnish engraved diplomas to graduates. None of these guarantees were fulfilled, Shea said.

The defendants are also charged with maintaining an office at the same address and advertising under the name of "The United States Health and Strength Institute," and representing that by means of their method they could cure nearly all kinds of illness. The fee in the inkinds of illness The fee in the institute was \$28.

Another charge is that the same group of defendants used the mails to promote the "United Detective Training Institute," which had the same group of instructors as the "Health Institute" and the "Show Card Sabool." The tuition in the Card School." The tuition in the detective school was \$20, recently

The offices at 405 Gratiot avenue, scene of the raid, showed about 30 girls industriously answering mail. These girls, according to Shea, answered communications with print-ed slips of paper. The "school" has been in operation more than two years.

Thus endeth another lesson! Come early next week and we will have a surprise for you!

Your paper is the best in the state. Thank you for past favors.—Chris. A. Larsen, Montcalm County.

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MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE



THAT MAN'O'MINE Mrs. Charlotte Byers

S the years are gently passing, And my steps get stiff and slow
I look upon a white-haired head
In the garden plot below.
He straightens out the kink in his back
Then he turns to me with his eyes a shine
And I'll tell you this, My little Miss,
I'm still in love with that Man'O'Mine.

As the twilight shadows deepen
And I sit by his dear old side;
I think of the days of long ago
When he brought me here, a bride.
He's a man who thinks before he speaks
And a love in his heart that is fine
And it's one great joy, My dear big boy
To know I love yet that Man'O'Mine.

When the days are dark and dreary And everything seems wrong, He chases the blues with a twinkling eye And a happy rollicking song.

He's been a father, yes, more than that
He's a DADDY to all of nine,
And I'll tell you this, it still is bliss
To be loved by that Man'O'Mine.

And if in this day of struggle and grief The young folks would only be true To the vows they take at the altar side Their skies, like mine could be blue. For the man is just boy to be held and cajoled.

To be told he is all things divine. And I'll tell you this, My pretty Miss I'll love forever that Man'O'Mine.

-Written especially for the Buisenss

SHORT CUTS TO SPRING CLEANING

(Prize Winning Letter)

S I enjoy reading letters from A people telling how they do their work thus getting new ideas and suggestions, I hope someone may find a helpful hint in mine.

In regard to short cuts in spring cleaning, I think the shortest cut of all is to have as many odd jobs as possible done beforehand. For instance: the window drapes, cushion covers, table runners, etc., may be laundered now, and if new ones are needed have them made. I like to add a few such articles to each weekly washing rather than to do them all in one. Last week we had extra: three pairs of lace curtains, and the draping from the baby's bed and screen.

To avoid bareness which the removal of such things may cause, hang up some plain draw curtains at the living room windows and arrange upon the library table, buffet and dresser, some of those pretty paper doilies you buy at the ten cent store.

Some nice bright day let us go to the store room and empty all the trunks, bags, and boxes,—air, brush, and pack all winter clothing that we do not need any longer, sort out all cast-off clothing and cut into desirable sizes, and have handy for cleaning purposes. Also those old stockings should be put into a covstockings should be put into a core ered can with a few drops of oil, so that they will be saturated and to use to dust with. Look

that they will be saturated and ready to use to dust with. Look over the summer clothing that has been packed away and some evening supply the missing buttons, draw strings, etc.

There is that "catch all" under the sink that might be renovated most any time, and the medicine chest, the sewing machine, and kitchen cabinet,—so many drawers and so many corners to clean out. If I clean the bookcase before long, I may have time to look up that half may have time to look up that half forgotten poem and show sonny the

wonderful pictures in the big book.
Ammonia in hot water applied by clean clothes in the mop stick will clean and brighten that velvet rug amazingly.

When at last the warm day comes when doors and windows can be opened prepare a boiled dinner, as a time saver, or a baked one. Try cooking potatoes and parsnips right in with that beef roast, and don't you like slices of ham baked in the scalloped potatoes? My husband discovered steel wool to be the best agent to make a "short cut" on that dish the potatoes were scalloped in —as it is for all aluminum ware

and the zinc table top.

Then move everything possible from the room to be cleaned, giving glass a coat of Bon Ami, then it is time to clean the room. Go over the furniture with soap suds followed by a polish; it will be a pleasure to have all the trimmings clean and ready with which to dress up the room and one will have such a respectable feeling to know that the

CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE The Farm Home A Department for the Women

Edited by MRS. ANNIE TAYLOR

EAR FOLKS:-With the help of my good readers I am making this issue a special house-cleaning number. The letters from my readers gave me much helpful information and I hope that we,

readers gave me much helpful information and I hope that we, together, save you some time, or make at least one bit of work, a little easier, this spring.

It was just lovely of you to answer the request for "Ammonia Cookie" recipe and I want to thank you all. When you want any help just call on me. Do not forget the garden this year. Right now I am receiving so many beantiful seed catalogs that it just makes me want to sit down and figure out my list. Let us have plenty of vegetables this year for canning and table use. It is the best medicine we can take.

medicine we can take.

your Friend, Taylor Address letters: Mrs. Annie Taylor, care The Business Farmer, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

bottom drawer or the right hand pigeon hole has not been slighted.

When your sleeping room is fin-ished and there are yet no spring flowers to bud their fragrance to its cleanliness, spray a few drops of perfume on the pillows and watch the head next to you bob up and look out the window to see if the lilac bush has bloomed .- E. M. C., Oakley, Mich.

A FEW HINTS ON CLEANING

DON'T know of any short cuts to housecleaning, but am trying not to have it all come at once. I wipe down the walls of the down-stairs rooms, wash all the wood-work, clean the built-in dish cupboard, and all the dishes, pictures on wall, and last the congoleum rug in dining room is cleaned and polished. When weather is warm enough to permit, I can air bedding, rugs, and clothing, clean the upstairs rooms in a few days work.

Whitening on a damp cloth rub-bed over the windows and mirrors, and allowed to dry before wiping off will clean and polish the glass so much nicer and more clear, than much nicer and more clear, than kerosene, which always leaves an oily or shiny look. It also cleans white paint easily and without damage to the paint. A rather stiff dough mixed from water and bread flour will clean wall paper very nicely. When dough gets soiled, mix it over and use again. Rub it gently on paper in downward strokes. strokes.

A large paint brush is the nicest thing to use in dusting the woodwork, also in cleaning it, as it will clean the crevices and carvings which are so hard to get at with a cloth or a floor brush. If you have 2 brushes you can oil one and use as a dustless duster. Make a bag to fit over the broom of old cotton socks. You will need 1 pair. Then sew 2 pairs on the bottom of the bag. It makes a good dust-away mop, easily cleaned. Use it on walls, on floors, windows, etc.—
"Molly B."

SPRING CLEANING MADE EASIER

AM a farmer's wife, having lived on a farm for eighteen years, and these helps are for the farm

The first thing I do toward cleaning is to get my oil stove in good working order, as it has been idle through the winter, having the range in use. If that is done, so many times the supper or the rest of the meals can be prepared in quick order.

Next I clean all drawers in every room, put clean papers, and con-

tents back in good order. saves time and patience. The clothes press comes next. Air all the clothes, and clean. To keep the woolens and things from the moths, and dust, make a large bag of newspapers, glue the top, and the moths will not bother where there is printers' ink.

The first room I clean is my kitchen, so as to get that done before it gets too warm. It comes

fore it gets too warm. It seems as though there never was a room so hard to clean when it is hot, as a kitchen.

Next I clean all rooms upstairs, then the living room, dining room, and the cellar is my last. If it is hot, I have a good cool place to work. Of course all vegetables that have decayed are removed right away, so that there is nothing in the cellar to smell.—Mrs. A. H. S., Tipton, Mich.

VALUABLE HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

NO clean rusty knives, drop them into thick sour milk and let remain overnight. In the morn-

ing they can be cleaned very easily.

The secret of removing a grease spot from silk, without any ring or shadow remaining, is to rub French chalk on the wrong side of the goods. Put away for a few hours, then brush off the chalk and apply it again on the back of the spot if necessary. The powder absorbs the grease and leaves the surface of the fabric as good as new.

When you wish to mend a slight-

When you wish to mend a signt-ly worn table-cloth, use an embroid-ery hoop. In this way it can be nicely darned by using threads drawn from the linen itself. To mend hot-water bottles, clean the torn place with gasoline. Place

a piece of vulcanizing rubber over the hole with glue on it. Then put a hot iron on the rubber and let remain overnight. This will make your bottle like new.

Never pick up tiny pieces of glass with the fingers. Wet a woolen cloth and pat it over the glass particles which will then cling to the cloth. Burn the cloth.

When making lemon pies, let

the filling get cool before putting in the pastry shell and you will find that it will not run as it does when it is put in hot.

Never leave a metal spoon in any-thing you wish to heat quickly as the heat runs up the spoon, thus requiring a longer time to heat the

To remove fresh shellac from a brush, rub a small quantity of borax well into the bristles. Then wash in soap and water. The same treatment will remove shellac from the hands.

screw-driver. When a caster becomes loose fill the hole with putty, then insert the stem of the caster in the soft putty. When the putty becomes hard it

To loosen rusty screws, hold a red-hot poker on the head of the screw for two or three minutes. It

can then be easily removed with a

will hold firmly. The common nut-cracker makes a splendid household wrench to remove the tops from cans and bottles with screw tops. Even glass stop-pers will yield to it.

When hanging small curtains over doors and windows and you haven't any rod, use narrow elastic. It prevents sagging.

MUSIC WEEK INVADES RURAL COMMUNITIES

FOR the first time, we are to have this year a national music week. It will be observed throughout the country from May 2 to 10. Rural districts, especially rural schools, are expected by the promoters of the plan to form one of the strongest links in the chain of music week. National farm organizations, such as the American Country Life Association, the American Farm Bureau Federation, and the Granges, are cooperating and the Granges, are cooperating and helping to stimulate rural participa-tion. The committee in charge is distributing a guide for the organization of local music week which contains special suggestions for the participation of rural schools and rural communities. It may be obtained without charge from C. M. Tremaine, Secretary, National Music Week Committee, 105 West 40th Street, New York City. Community song books with music or word leaflets may be had also from the committee.

They are suggesting a music hour in every home, community songs in schoolhouse, church, or a farm home, which may be the center of communal life and in which a piano, organ, or other musical instrument is available. In some cases families that have a radio receiving set may invite their neighbors to join in listening to the special music week programs which will be provided over the radio. Since music week comes so near

the end of the school term in many rural communities the preparation of special programs may proceed in of special programs may proceed in connection with the preparation for the regular closing exercises and provide a natural climax for the year's musical work. Indeed it is hoped by the committee that music week in 1924 will be but the beginning of the observance of a recurring anniversary which will be celebrated as naturally as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays. Music week should be merely an intensifying during one week ly an intensifying during one week of the habitual use of music throughout the year. In the school, as well as in the home, every day

Personal Column

should be music day.

Earning Money at Home.—I see many inquiries as to how a woman can earn money at home, and wonder if my experience would help someone. When we moved in the country four years ago, I got a loom intending to weave for myself and family only, but after a few months on the farm decided we could use any extra money it was possible to make, so I started to weave for others. Had a chance to sell some rugs by having them made up of rags I had on hand, and finally started buying goods purposely to make into rugs. Have a good business now in both rugs and quilt making. I bought new cuttings from factory by the hundred pounds, and as so many were too small for strips of any length, started plecing flocks of different patterns and there is very little waste on them. Also sewed and made up rugs on shares when one had worn out clothing and no time to sew the carpet rags themselves. time to sew the carpet rags themselves. I do these things beside raising turkeys, geese, and chickens, and still find time for some good reading.—Mrs. J. V., May-ville, Mich.

To Clean Window Blinds.—I would like to ask you through the columns of the Business Farmer if you know how to clean window blinds, which have become solled with use, dust and other ways?

Cleaning a Perculator.—Can anyone tell how to clean and open the fine holes in a coffee percolator? With the best of care they seem to clog, but as I am obliged to use water with quite a bit of iron in it, it might possibly be that. Do any of the readers have this trouble?—Mrs. T. S. Athens

PLANT A TREE ARBOR DAY, MAY SECOND

OVERNOR GROESBECK has issued a proclamation designating Friday, May 2nd, as "Arbor and Bird Day" throughout the state of Michigan. He urges that the people of this state make Arbor Day of 1924 the beginning of an effort to plant a million trees in Michigan before the spring is over. He says: "If every school would plant not only one shade tree but many, if every home owner would plant both fruit and shade trees, if county highway officials would place along the roads young trees, and if the various committees would make the day one of general tree planting, Michigan could easily have one million more trees growing when the spring gives way to summer sun." He also urges that the birds be protected.

Can you plant at least one tree on May 2nd?

Menu for April 26

Cream of Turnip Soup Tomato Sauce

Savory Rice
Lettuce Salad French Dressing
Stewed Prunes Coffee

Bean Croquettes.—One pint white beans, one-half cup cream, yolks of two eggs, one tablespoon fat, one tablespoon flour, one tablespoon chopped parsley, one teaspoon onion juice, one teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Soak beans over night, drain, cover them with fresh water; boil an hour, drain throw away water. night, drain, cover them with fresh water; boil an hour, drain, throw away water, cover with fresh water and boil until tender; drain and press through colander. Rub fat and flour together, add cream, str until almost boiling, then add yolks of eggs. Stir again for a minute over fire, add bean pulp and all seasonings; mix and turn out to cool. When cool, form into cylinders, dip in egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry in hot fat, Serve with tomato sauce.

RECIPES

Ammonia Used in Cookies.—A number of years ago I quite often made ammonia cookies. I bought 5 cents worth of carbonate of ammonia or baker's ammonia as they are the same. I think 5 cents worth was an ounce, and I used one-half of this for a recipe, the size given by "a subscriber". The remainder can be kept until another baking, by putting in a glass can with tight cover. Dissolve in the milk after grating. Try using the grated rind of a lemon instead of oil of lemon.

Molasses Cookies.—Will send my recipe for molasses cookies, made the day before baking. They are very good: One cup baking. They are very good: One cup shortening, one cup granulated sugar, cream together. Three whole eggs, one cup molasses, one rounding teaspoonful soda, stirred in molasses, Rinse out cup with about three tablespoons warm water, one-half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoon cinnamon, one teaspoonful ginger, and one-half teaspoon cloves. I stir in flour with large spoon. Let in cool place until morning. Use good grade cooking molasses.—A Subscriber.

if you are well bred!

Gentlemen in the company of ladies do

Gentlemen in the company of ladies do not smoke.

One need not let his manner toward a young woman on the street advertise the fact that she is his fiancee. The presumption is that the engagement has been announced, to all entitled to know of it, and brazoning the fact by a proprietary manner or an ostentatious show of 'affection is very vulgar.

The Runner's Bible

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These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates. Zach. 8:16.

That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform. Deut. 23:23.

The world is watching you. Give it no cause to say that you do not live according to your profession. Prove your faith by your works. Mean what you say. (Matt. 5:37.) Keep your word—your promise. (Col. 3:9-10.)

WOMEN'S EXCHANGE

To you have something to exchange, we will print it FREE under this heading providing: First—It appeals to women and is a bonlinde exchanges, no cash involved. Second—It will go in three lines. Third—You are a paid-up subscriber to The Business Farmer and attach your address label from a recent issue to prove it. Exchange offers will be numbered and inserted in the order received as we have room.—MRS. ANNIE TAYLOR. Editor.

115—Quilt blocks for Dahlia bulbs. Rugs for any goods I can make into rag rugs.—Mrs. J. Van Antwerp, Mayville, R. 4, Michigan.

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GOOD DRESSING AIDS, TO

BE SURE AND SEND IN YOUR SIZE

1703-4641. An Up To Date Costume.—This Costume comprises Ladies' One Piece Dress 4641, Sleeveless Jacket, 4703. Tan and brown checked suiting was used for the Dress, and tan flannel the Jacket. The Dress has a convertible collar. The Jacket may be finished with a straight or ped closing. The Pattern for the Dress is cut in 7 Sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48 inches t measure. It repulies 4% yards of 40 inch material for a 38 inch size. The Jacket is cut in Sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, and 44 inches bust measure. A 38 inch size requires 1% yard of inch material. The width of the dress at the foot is 2% yard.

22. A Dainty Morning Frock.—Housework seems lighter when one can attend to its various arranged in a dress made from Pattern 4722. Percale in blue and white plaid gingham be an attractive development. This style is also good for linen, linene and sateen. The Pats cut in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. A 38 inch size re-5% yards of 32 inch material. The width at the foot is 2 yards.

4713. A New "Bobble Blouse" Dress.—This jaunty style is fine for school wear. It may be made of checked or plaid woolen or gingham, and is excellent for linen and jersey. The sleeve may be in wrist or elbow length. The skirt is a wrap around model. This Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. A 12 year size requires 34 yards of 36 inch material. For collar, cuffs, belt and packet facing of contrasting material % yard is required.

4721. "Pajamas Up To Date"—Here is a splendid model for albatross, crepe, silk or crepe de chine. The tucks are a new feature. This style is cool and comfortable and especially becoming to slender figures. The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 34-36; Medium, 38-40; Large, 42-44; Extra Large, 46-48 inches bust measure. A medium size requires 3% yards of 36 inch material.



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4707. A Popular Suite Style for a Small Boy.

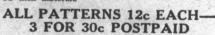
—One could use jersey cloth, linen, repp and flannel for this design. The smock is made in slipon style. The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: 2, 3, 4 and 5 years. A 4 year size requires 2 ½ yards of 36 inch material.

4710. A Jaunty Model.—This "costume" is quite up-to-date, and attractive for any of the material now in vogue. The jacket may be omitted, or it may be made of contrasting material. The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. A 10 year size requires 2½ yards for the dress, and 1 yard for the jacket of 40 inch material. Mustard color linen with stitching in brown floss would be nice for this model or pongee in a natural shade with pipings or bindings of white or green.

4719. A Dainty Tea Apron.—Embroidered voile or Swiss, organdy, lawn or percale could be used for this model. It will also be attractive in asteen or alpaca with binding of contrasting material, or in organdy with a plaited frill at the free edges. The Pattern is cut in one Size: Medium. It will require 1% yard of 36 inch material, cut lengthwise. If crosswise 1% yard is required.

4715. A Pretty "Dance or Evening" Frock.

—Tulle, organdy, chiffon and crepe de chine are desirable materials for this design. Changeable taffeta would also be attractive. As illustrated the dress was made of peach color crepe de chine, with corded pipings of satin, and embroidered chiffon for the yoke portions. A rosette or chiffon and narrow braided girdle finish the waistline. The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: 14, 16, 18 and 20 years. A 16 year size requires 3½ yards of 32 inch material.



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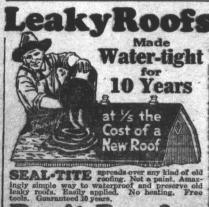




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Children's Flour

HERE'S TO MICHIGAN

ANY laud their praises, MANY laud their praises,
In bits of fancy rhyme.
But I" just put my poorer strength,
To match it for this time.

I think it is the grandest state, For its beauty and its worth, Salt and coal and gypsum, Are taken from its earth.

Lansing is the capital
Its beauty is quite a part,
Of the capitol building with its hosts
Of old and painted art.

Detroit is also growing fast, It ranks the first in size. And Belle Isle with its pretty views, Is first and second for a prize.

The state it is surrounded By a wondrous chain of lakes, To say nothing of the thousand others, Which in all its total makes.

The upper part of Michigan, Has wealth not used as yet. But when it gets into the game; You'll know it you just bet.

Will just mention a few of the cities, Where education is advanced, I mean the college and normal schools, Which we may well enhance.

The normal schools at Marquette, Mt. Pleasant and Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor has the U. of M. M. A. C. at Lansing, too.

Marquette and Jackson has the pens, Owned and used by the state. The school for boys at Lansing, At Adrian for girls of fate.

I fear my poem is over long, But still there's more to tell, Three cheers! for good old Michigan. And may you love her well.

-By Ruby N. Slack, Ellsworth, Mich.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Dear Uncle Ned:—Just a note this time. I have been sick this past week and while sick thought of this story for The Children's Hour, as you said we could send in poems, stories or drawings. (One thing sure, I'll never send in a drawing time tit for anything as I can't draw (One thing sure, I'll never send in a drawing fit for anything, as I can't draw descent). Today is the first day I am able to be up around and write. Tomorrow I am going to start making up my school work, so I'll be up with my class when I return to school. Hoping you receive enough letters from readers of The Children's Hour to convince you that we want a "Correspondence Scramble", I am, sincerely,—Muriel Fray, Caledonia. Michigan. donia, Michigan.

Our Feathered Friends

There was once a little girl named Madge, who lived on a big farm with a beautiful wood lot. On one side of the woods was a pleasant grove of maples, where she sometimes took her little schoolmates for picnics in the summer time.

There were birds of many kinds that itved in these woods—blue birds, woodpeckers, robins, qualls, and wrens. She had made friends with the birds, especially the qualis and wrens. The qualls would answer her when she called "Bob White" and she had bought a fittle wren busse and burgs it in the woods to house and hung it in the woods to pro-tect a mother wren from the birds that

preyed on her.

One day a little neighbor boy named Roy, was given a gum for a birthday present. After he had his gun for a while, he began to brag about how few shots it took to bring down a bird. Madge was sad because he killed birds, and one time was relaying together. was sad because he killed birds, and one time when they were playing together, she told him how she wished he wouldn't kill birds because it was wicked. He told her it was fun, and that she had "girl's ideas" and boys were brave like men. She said it wasn't brave to kill innocent birds, and almost convinced him that she was right.

Just the same he went to the woods hunting that afternoon, and trudged around until he was tired looking for a bird in a position where he could hit it sure. He had seen birds many times that afternoon that he could have killed, but he would say to himself "I'll walt until I find one real close to me."

It was a hot, sultry, afternoon, and

was a hot, sultry, afternoon, and It was a hot, sultry, afternoon, and finally Roy sat down under a big elm tree to rest. He was thinking about Madge's silly girl views, (as he called them). Finally he saw a bird close by He pulled his gun, aimed carefully, and fired. He saw he hadn't killed the bird, but had wounded it, so it just sort of fluttered along. He followed it, and saw it drop to the ground. He picked it up and found it was now dead. He heard a noise and looked around, and there was a nest full of little birds. They were sticking out their little heads and opening their mouths for food, because their mother had been on a return trip to them from hunting food. When Roy realized this, it made him real sad. He knew the poor little thing would starve, now that their mother was dead, and couldn't bring them food. He wondered if he could carry them home and fix a place for them, and try to raise them, because he felt real wicked and miserable.

Just then a big drop of rain splashed on his forehead followed by another, and another. He started up quickly locked

on his forehead followed by another, and another. He started up quickly, looked around for the birds, and then realized that he had dreamed this while asleep under the big elm. He was so relieved that it was a dream. He jumped up quickly, and ran home because it was raining quite hard now. On the way home he vowed to never kill any more of our little feathered friends, but to try his skill on real pests or targets.

Dear Uncle Ned:—Well this is Sunday evening, and I am by my sweet self. I happened to think of my dear Uncle Ned, so I took my pen in hand and am now writing you a nice little letter. Jack Frost is outside, and I don't like him. I don't think anyone does. The month of June is my beloved month, when the beautiful roses are seen in the gardens, and in full bloom. I certainly do love flowers. I am a lonesome little pal, for where I am working at now, I don't go out very often. Will some of the young folks between the age of 14 and 23 years, write me? I will try and answer every write me? I will try and answer every letter I get. As my letter is sort of long, I must close, hoping to get a lot of cor-respondence.—Miss M. A. Miller, 700 W. Ohio St., Bay City, Michigan.

Dear Uncle Ned:—May we enter into your merry circle? We have been silent readers of the Children's Hour and enjoy it very much. We see that everyone that joins this circle describes themselves, so will we. We both are eleven years of age, live on farms, and like it better than in the city. We have brown hair, and lue eyes and are of the same height. We go to school together and we are in the eighth grade, like to study and like our teacher very much. We hope to see this letter in print, but we know that Mr. Waste Basket is waiting for a letter like this one. Isn't he Uncle Ned? Hoping some of the girls and boys will write to us. We will answer all letters we receive.—Martha Szalo and Agatha Centalo, Metz, Michigan. talo, Metz, Michigan.

Dear Uncle Ned:—Would you like to have a new niece? I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I have dark hair, gray eyes and I am four feet six inches tall. I have two pets, a dog named Browney and a lamb named Janey. We have other sheen. We have the stall. We have other sheep. We have four horses and eight cows. I live on a farm of 160 acres. I hope my letter does not reach the waste basket as I think it will. Your niece,-Wilma Roberts, Ithaca, R. 7,

Dear Uncle Ned:—I am a girl in the fourth grade. I weigh sixty-five pounds. I am four feet four inches tall. My hair is a light brown and my eyes are blue. I live on a twenty acre farm. We have ninety chickens, three ducks, five cows, two cats, two pigs, and two horses. I have two sisters and one brother. There are twenty-four children in our school. Your niece,—Martha Wilson, R. I. Alma, Michigan. Michigan.

Dear Uncle Ned:—May I join your merry circle? I hope this letter does not reach the waste basket. I live on a 160 acre farm, eight miles from Grayling. My father has been taking the M. B. F. for quite a while. I read the Children's Hour and enjoy it very much. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. I will describe myself. I am 13 years old, 5 feet 1½ inches tall and have brown hair. My birthday is the 6th of November. I go 4 miles to school and am in the seventh grade. I wish some of the boys and girls would write to me. Your nephew,—Brast Corwin, Roscommon, Mich., R. R. No. 1.

Dear Uncle Ned:—Hello! May I become a member of the Children's Hour? My father has taken the paper for a long time and thinks it is a very good paper. So do I. I live on a 60-acre farm and like the farm very much. I have light brown bobbed hair, blue eyes, and I am very pretty. I am twelve years old and am in the eighth grade. I am writing this letter in school. Your want-to-be niece,—Beatrice Everson, Auburn, Mich., Route 2.



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riculture. Did he fail to produce sufficiently? No, he even produced a surplus. Did he fail to produce economically? No, he produced this surplus with less help than ever, namely, by his own ingenuity and afforts

So much for conditions with which we are all more or less familiar. Now what about the remedy? It is common knowledge that it is comparatively easy to criticize almost any program presented by another. But to outline a remedy as a program to be carried out, is entirely another problem. The complex condition of our economic complex condition of our economic relationship between industries and governments of the world makes the problem so great that to date we have been able to discover no one person who is able to outline a course of action that would solve it. I firmly believe that the task will require the best efforts of many men, honestly and earnestly inclined, without the handicap of selfishness or prejudice, seeking just and fair means for an equitable distribution of wealth. Therefore I submit the following for consideration.

Taxes Must Come Down

Many things have happened in the last few years. Therefore many adjustments will have to be made, among which I will mention only a few which I think most important. First, taxes. The cost of Government should be equitably spread upment should be equitably spread upon real property, including live
stock and machinery, intangibles
such as money, bonds, mortgages,
etc., also upon all citizens, because
all enjoy the benefits and protection
of Government without which they
could not exist. Due consideration
of course should be given their abiltive to any for any few that becomes ity to pay, for any tax that becomes confiscatory is little short of rob-

And in the second place freight rates should be established with more consideration given to the actual value of the commodity shipped. For instance, most farm commodities are heavy and bulky. In many cases the freight bill nearly equals the entire cash value of the shipment. This situation should be promptly and effectively remedied.

In our opinion no solution of the problem would be complete which did not give an important point to

did not give an important point to the subject of co-operative market-ing. The chief reasons why the farmers are trying to develop cooperative marketing are economic
in nature and have to do with the
problem of lowering the cost of distribution of food, which, of course,
is good business for our entire social structure. Our Federal and
State Governments should do everything possible to assist by pointing thing possible to assist by pointing the way and by other means when necessary

necessary.

Good farming is good business applied to farming, meaning good soil, good seed, good stock and good business methods, and I am glad to say that our Governments, both state and federal, are doing everything that they can do to help along this line. this line.

Inflation and Deflation

The writer remembers when a boy, if he was to enjoy coasting down the hill he must by some means get back up the hill again. Now if agriculture is to enjoy its former relationship with other industries it must get back to the pos-ition it occupied in 1919. During this time when money was easy to get, debts were contracted to the largest extent ever recorded in history and we all expected to pay these obligations with our commodities repre enting value nearly, if not quite, double what they now represent.

For example, it took 100 bushels of wheat in 1919 to pay interest on \$3750.00 at 6 per cent. Today, 100 bushels of wheat would pay the interest on only \$1428.57 at 7 per cent. This rate of depreciation is shown, not only in wheat, but in hay, beef, cattle, potatoes and many other items. It is also shown in exchange value, for example, 102 bushels of wheat in 1919 would buy a wagon. Today, it would take 166 bushels to buy the same wagon. Therefore, you see it is unjust to contract a debt under one measure For example, it took 100 bushels

of value and be obliged to pay it under another. Some one will hasten to say that

we have the same money unit today that we had in 1919. I will reply by saying that value only means so much of one thing is given for so much of another. So the value of any given thing, including money, depends upon the amount available and the demand for it. So when money is plenty and cheap everyone is trying to exchange money for things, and when money is scarce, the conditions change and every one is trying to exchange things for money. Therefore money becomes dear.

Tax Exempt Bonds and Securities

The crazy desire to go in debt was not confined to indiviuals, they was not confined to indiviuals, they only follow the example set by our governments and our municipalities. Some of the astounding figures are given below. The debts carried by governments, National, State, County, cities, etc., in 1912 was \$6,814,955,000. This had grown in 1922 to \$32,786,715,000. The increase represents 381 per cent. The per capita debt in that period rose from \$70.20 to \$301.56. That the reader may see what is meant by the unparalleled increase of public debts, the division of responsibility is given as follows:

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one-quarter billion dollars a year.

This great indebtedness was largely augmented by tax exempt bonds and securities, a condition made possible by legislation and capable of being corrected only through legislation.

Therefore I am convinced that the only means by which agricul-ture can relieve the serious conditions which it is in, is by thorough and complete organization, and with its numerical strength, support such men as have a knowledge of the real conditions affecting agriculture, and who are earnestly try-ing to effect a cure. Possibly the greatest results may be obtained by organized support of beneficial laws or rulings and a careful analysis of all measures, so that we may be able to combat harmful measures.

OH, MONEY! MONEY!

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the low wages—wages upon which it was impossible for any girl to live decently—wages whose meagerness sent many a

impossible for any girl to live decently—wages whose meagerness sent many a girl to her ruin.

Miss Maggie listened attentively, and said, "Yes, yes. I see," several times. But in the end the eager-eyed young woman went away empty-handed and Mr. Smith frowned again.

He had thought Miss Maggie was so kind-hearted! She gave to some fairs—why not to this one? As soon as possible Mr. Smith hunted up the eager-eyed young woman and gave her ten dollars. He would have given her more, but he learned from unpleasant experience that large gifts from unpretentious Mr. John Smith brought comments and curiosity not always agreeable.

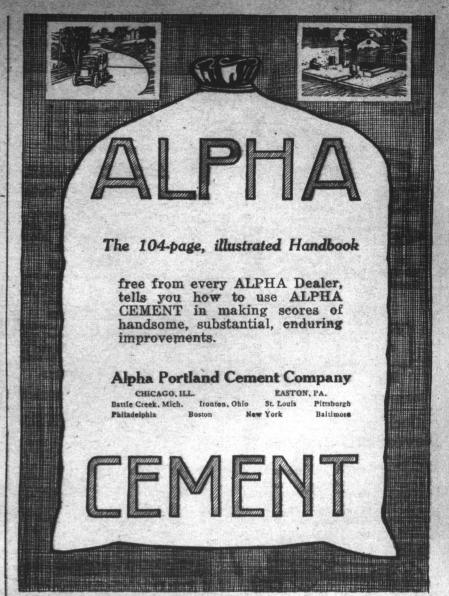
It was not until many weeks later that Mr. Smith chanced to hear of the complete change of policy of Daly's department store. Hours were shortened, labor lightened, and wages raised. Incidently he learned that it had all started from a crusade of women's clubs and church committees who had "got after old Daly" and threatened all sorts of publicity and unpleasantness if the wrongs were not righted at once. He learned that the leader in the forefront of this movement had been—Maggie Duff.

As it chanced, it was on that same day that a strange man accosted him on the street.

"Say, she was all right, she was, old

"Say, she was all right, she was, old man. I been hopin' I'd see ye some day ter tell ye."
"To tell me?" echoed Mr. Smith."

"To tell me?" echoed Mr. Smith."
The man grinned.
"Ye don't know me, do ye? Well, I do look diffrent, I'll own. Ye give me a dollar once, an' sent me to a lady down the street thar. Now do ye remember?"
"Oh! Oh! Are you that man?"
"Sure I am! Well, she was all right. 'Member? I thought 'twas only chinmusic she was givin' me. But let me tell ye. She hunted up the wife an' kids, an' what's more, she went an' faced my boss, an' she got my job back, too. What do ye think of that, now?"
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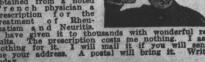
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RECOGNITION of superior animals in Michigan cow testing associations will be given with the establishment of an animal "blue book" for the highest pro-ducing cows, beginning with this year, according to an announcement by the Dairy Husbandry Department of Michigan Agricultural Col-

More than 2,000 cow testing association records were examined in order to arrive at a standard of production, in accordance with the top 12 or 15 per cent of the association cows will be allowed to qualify. All cows in regularly organized associations will be eligible for entry in the new record of performance upon meeting the required standards.

The new plan will establish a system of permanently recording the State's best cows and will stimulate Interest in better feeding, better breeding and better "weeding," ac-cording to Department officials. It also will aid in enhancing the value of superior cows and their off-spring, and will emphasize the value of a bull according to the production records of his daughters.

Certificates of production will be granted for all animals that qualify for the record of performance, besides their inclusion in the annual year book.

Requirements for certification in

the record of performance year book will be as follows for the various classes during the association year:

1. Heifers starting record under three years old must produce 280 pounds or more of butter fat.

2. Cows starting record under four years old must produce 310 pounds or more of butter fat. 3. Cows starting record under five years old must produce 350

pounds or more of butter fat. 4. Cows starting record when five years old or over must produce

400 pounds or more of butter fat.
5. When age is not known, cow is to be classed as mature, and must produce 400 pounds or more of butter fat.

TAKING SHEEP ON SHARES

What share should I have to give for sheep furnished me to raise on shares? I would like to get about 50 head. I have 120 acres of cut-over land with briers and brush. Do you think that to work up to 100 head in three years would be more than I could pasture in good shape? I am sowing mixed grass seed as fast as pastured off.—C. G., Karlin,

There are many different systems used in letting sheep out on shares to Michigan farmers. However, the oldest and most common one is for the sheep to double to the owner in three years; that is, the man tak-ing the sheep stands all the death loss and returns to the owner twice as many sheep of about the same average age and breeding value as the ones he received at the begin-ning of the three-year period.

Whether or not you could carry one hundred head of sheep on your one-hundred and twenty acres of cut-over land would depend first upon the productiveness of your

soil and second upon the amount of open grass not thickly covered with briars and brush and the kind of grass to which it is seeded. The sheep will not do well if confined closely enough to make them clear off very great quantities of the briars and brush, and you will have better results if you start with a smaller number than your pasture will carry and increase the flock as you see that you have plenty of pasture.

A smaller number of sheep well fed and taken care of are much more profitable than a larger number poorly fed and cared for, particularly on the share plan, because the death risk is usually entirely assumed by the man who takes the sheep.—V. A. Freeman, Extension Specialist in Animal Husbandry, M. A. C.

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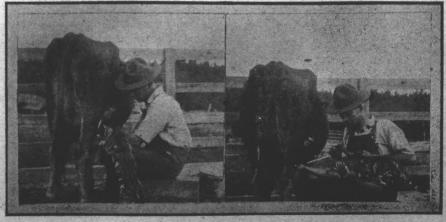
Could you tell me how a dog acts when he has hydrophobia and the cause? Would any other animal get it without the dog biting them? Had a two year old dog in good health and suddenly went mad and would very much like to know the cause.—E. E. R., Wixom, Michigan.

There are two commonly described types of hydrophobia, or rabies; the "Furious" and the "Dumb."

The "furious" type is the type which attracts the most attention and represents the greatest danger to animals or persons. Probably the first represents the greatest danger to animals or persons. Probably the first noticeable symptom is a change in behavior. The animal later becomes very excitable and other disturbances of a nervous nature are in evidence. Frequenta morbid appetite is exhibited; the animal refusing favored food and attempting to partake of indi-gestable objects in preference. Excessive salivation may then make its appearance and the nervous symptoms become aggravated. Affected amimals frequently attempt to get away from their usual sur-roundings and, once they escape, may or may not return. If other dogs are encountered during the

dogs are encountered during the journey, they will probably be attacked without cause or noise. Human beings are less in danger, as rabid dogs mostly avoid them and usually only attack when irritated. In the "dumb" rabies the change in behavior may pass unnoted. The period of excitability will be very short, to be followed almost immediately by paralytic symptoms; particularly paralysis of the muscles of the jaw and throat, followed by the jaw and throat, followed by paralysis of the hind parts of the body. In this form of the disease the patients are usually weak from the beginning, neither bark nor bite, and succumb in three or four

The disease cannot be produced in a person or animal except through the bite of a rabid animal or the inoculation of the virus by other means.—B. J. Killham, State Veterinarian.



AND YE SHALL RECEIVE Mr. Hiram J. Stevens, of Luzerne, Mich., sent this picture to us, and he says that Ezra (meaning the cat) takes quite an interest in dairying.

White Diarrhea

Remarkable Experience of Mrs. C. M. Bradshaw in Preventing White Diarrhea

The following letter will no doubt be of utmost interest to poultry rais-ers who have had serious losses from White Diarrhea. We will let Mrs. Bradshaw tell of her exper-

Mrs. Bradshaw tell of her experience in her own words:

"Gentlemen: I see reports of so many losing their little chicks with White Diarrhea, so thought I would tell my experience. I used to lose a great many from this cause, tried many remedies and was about discouraged. As a last resort I sent to the Walker Remedy Co., Dept. 687, Waterloo, Iowa, for their Walko White Diarrhea Remedy. I used two 50c packages, raised 300 White Wyandottes and never lost one or had one sick after giving the medicine and my chickens are larger and and my chickens are larger and healthier than ever before. I have found this company thoroughly reliable and always get the remedy by return mail.—Mrs. C. M. Bradshaw, Beaconsfield, Iowa."

Cause of White Diarrhea

White Diarrhea is caused by the Bacillus Bacterium Pullorum. This germ is transmitted to the baby chick through the yolk of the newly hatched egg. Readers are warned to beware of White Diarrhea. Don't wait until it kills half your chicks. Take the "stitch in time that saves nine." Remember, there is scarcely a hatch without some infected chicks. Don't let these few infect your entire flock. Prevent it. Give Walko in all drinking water for the first two weeks and you won't lose one chick where you lost hundreds before. These letters prove it:

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Mrs. Ethel Rhoades, Shennandoah, Iowa, writes: "My first incubator chicks, when but a few days old, began to die by the dozens with White Diarrhea. I tried different remedies and was about discouraged with the chicken business. Finally, I sent to the Walker Remedy Co., Waterloo, Iowa, for a box of their Walko White Diarrhea Remedy. It's just the only thing for this terrible disease. We raised 700 thrifty, healthy chicks and never lost a single chick after the first dose." Mrs. Ethel Rhoades, Shennandoah,

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SELL CLEAN EGGS BUT DON'T WASH THEM

F eggs are dirty don't wash them If eggs are dirty don't wash them, is the advice offered egg producers by the United States Department of Agriculture. Washed eggs deteriorate more rapidly than unwashed, and detection of a few washed eggs may cause buyers to penalize the entire lot.

Unusually large quantities of washed eggs are reported this spring, the department says. Although dirty eggs are discounted in price, washing eggs will generally cause producers a greater loss.

Only clean, unwashed, high-quality eggs bring top prices. Production of clean eggs is accomplished by keeping hen house floors and

ed by keeping hen house floors and nests clean, gathering eggs daily and keeping the laying hens during muddy weather in dry quarters until afternoon when most of the eggs will have been laid. Producers will find it more profitable to use the soiled eggs on the farm, and to market only the best quality product, the department says.

FEEDING HENS SKIM MILK

Does skim milk take the place of meat entirely for chickens? We have about 50 hens and I feed them one and one-half peck daily of onehalf barley and one half buckwheat. They have all shells they want and nearly all the skim milk they want. I have one window 2 feet by 3 feet covered with burlap and three ventcovered with burlap and three vent-alators of one and one-half inch pipe which comes about 2½ inches from the floor and 18 inches out of the roof. They all look healthy. What do you think is lacking to make them lay?—W. R., Elkton, Mich.

—A very satisfactory production can be secured when the hens have skim milk available at all times. Ordinarily, however, a slightly higher production will follow the addition of meat scrap in the dry mash, at the rate of ten per cent, as a supplement to the skim milk. A 312 egg record was made by a Barred Rock at the Ontario Station that was fed a ration consisting of skim milk always available, ground oats in the dry mash hopper and a scratch feed twice daily consisting of two parts corn and one of sisting of two parts corn and one of wheat, in addition to oyster shell,

wheat, in addition to oyster shell, grit, and sprouted oats.

More complex rations are being recommended at this time. The most popular ration used in practically all laying contests, would include a scratch feed containing cracked corn, and wheat, and a dry mash available at all times composed of the following ingredients: 20 ed of the following ingredients: per cent bran, 20 per cent corn meal, 20 per cent ground oats, 20 per cent middlings, 10 per cent meat scrap. The protein content can be increased by giving skim milk, buttermilk, semi-solid, or nowdered milk

milk, buttermilk, semi-solid, or powdered milk.

The laying hen will ordinarily consume four ounces of feed daily. During the winter months a slightly higher percentage of scratch feed should be supplied and after May first the day's ration should consist of two ounces of scratch and two of mash. mash.

It seems to me that you would find your hens in a more responsive mood if the laying house was modelled, including more window space, and a more effective ventilation system. The outlet flue should be at least twelve inches in diameter, preferably fifteen or eighteen, and should some within eighteen. should come within eighteen inches of the floor, and extend be-

south side should be lighted.—E. C. third of the Foreman, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, M. A. C.

Freckled-faced Mickey plays in Hal Roach's "Our Gang" comedies. His mother says he never steps out of the character he portrays on the screen. The other evening she asked him to pour her a cup of tea. Mickey hied himself to the kitchen and returned in due time with the

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DAIRYMEN TO HAVE CENTRAL MILK MARKETING AGENCY

(Continued from Page 4)

that the central sales agency proposed would be able to hold single distributers in check, and negotiate fair margins for cash and carry, with uniform prices for each serv-

Some form of pooling plan for equitable harmonious distribution of returns to producers, was clearly in the minds of various speakers. The sharp division in the ranks of New York dairymen, due to their pooling plan, was referred to re-peatedly, but there seemed to be general belief that such troubles could be avoided. Manager Clifford Hough of the Connecticut Milk Pro-ducers' Association offered his or-It is goganization as an instance. ing forward under a somewhat similar pool with increasing efficiency, prosperously and harmoniously, fair play bringing fair play and uniform

Manager Bradford of the famous Turner Center system favored the central sales proposal, but cautioned against over-ambition and too wide a "spread" between fluid and surplus prices; "first aid" now is to keep that spread narrow enough to avoid over-temptation to milk manufacturers.

President Little finally put his idea in the form of a resolution, calling for "action toward the establishment of a common market-ing agency covering New England, on a basis of equalizing returns to all;"—a broad wording intended to allow wide latitude in formulating the ultimate plan. This resolution, after full debate, was adopted by an overwhelming majority, everybody present being allowed to vote. To study the question and carry the plan forward a committee was elect-

To the writer the outstanding was the phenomenon of the meeting was the speech of Manager Richard Pattee of NEMPA, now become, since the lamented death of Secretary Manning of New York, the senior and dean of eastern cooperative dairy leaders. Considering the size of the brain producing it, this speech was out of all comparison the briefpet the simplest and the quietest of est, the simplest and the quietest of the meeting—as unruffled as a Mediterranean calm. It voiced the deep and undisturbed conviction of the speaker that the cooperative movement is certain to go on, what-ever temporary obstacles it may encounter, until its service to proencounter, until its service to producer and consumer has been fully rendered. Mr. Pattee has an unshakeable faith, he said, in the foundation common sense of the farmer, and in his ability to work out his own problems as they con-front him. "We are up against a front him. "We are up against a calamity," he concluded, "which that common sense cannot solve. When we have determined what we ought to do, we shall go forward to-gether and do it."

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COOTE'S MARKET LETTER

BY W. W. FOOTE

Spring Has Arrived
CPRING is usually pretty late in SPRING is usually pretty late in arriving in Michigan and the surrounding states, where returns temporarily to cold days and nights are likely to happen at any time, but we have now reached the period of the year when farmers are out in the fields in preparation for the coming months of growing and reaping. They have learned the lesson of the danger of putting all their eggs in one basket furnished by the last year's wheat crop, and their eggs in one basket furnished by the last year's wheat crop, and there is no probability that the many tillers of the soil who have made sharp reductions in wheat acreage will have cause to regret doing so. In a short time the pas-tures will be green once more and ready for cattle grazing, but there is danger of turning in stock before the grass has had a fair start and thereby injuring its growth. This thereby injuring its growth. This year there has been a slow movement in stocking farms with thin cattle for grazing and feeding, but tt is getting late, and at any time a starting up in the demand for stock-ers and feeders is likely to take place. These cattle have been selling below their real values in many instances, and they are bound to go higher before long. It is not an easy matter to ascertain approximately the number of brood sows on farms in the corn belt this spring, but from all that can be learned it appears that the number is much less than a year ago, and there are reasons for believing that the Department of Agriculture falls short of the facts in estimating that there are but 13 per cent fewer sows this spring than a year ago. Probably enough hogs will be raised to satisfy requirements, but there promises to be a marked falling off from the enormous over sup-ply of 1923-24. It is diffcult to pre-dict the future course of prices, but conditions point to higher prices for hogs, an advance of at least \$1 per pounds over last winter appearing not unreasonable. In some states there is a movement to raise alfalfa and soy beans, and it is understood that the Wisconsin farmers are going to double their alfalfa and soy bean acreage. In most farming districts efforts are being made to intensify production to the acre, and many farmers are giving their land a good dressing of lime. Light Trade In Wheat

Judging from the trend of prices in the wheat market for several weeks, there is little in the sur-roundings which is encouraging to holders, and many owners have closed out their lines either in part or wholly. It is noticed that speculators are much less in evidence than in former years, and this is true also of corn and oats. Unfor-tunately, prices for the several grains are no longer made by the export trade, which is much smaller than in other years, and so long as other exporting countries continue to undersell us, there can be no marked change in our exports. Rye appears to be an exception to the rule, as it sells at far lower prices than formerly and recent purchases have been made, it is stated, for export to Norway. bread is mainly used in northern Europe, and rye for May delivery is extremely low priced, selling about 22 cents a bushel lower than a year ago. Stocks of rye decrease slowly, and the visible supply in this country is up to 21,500,000 bushels, comparing with 18,415,000 The visible bushels a year ago. wheat supply is decreasing at a moderate pace, and aggregates around 56,000,000 bushels, which compares with 45,476,000 bushels a year ago. For some time the price of wheat in the Chicago market has averaged a little over \$1 a bushel while a little over two years ago wheat for May delivery sold on the Chicago Board of Trade as high as \$1.43. Most of the time the wheat exported from North America is furnished by Canada, an a short time ago it was stated that there were MARKET SUMMARY

Wheat and oats steady. Corn and rye unchanged. Demand for beans slow. Butter and eggs active and firm. Potatoes steady. Supply of dressed calves exceeds demand and market is easy. Cattle steady to lower. Hogs and sheep decline.

(Note: The above summarized information was received AFTER the balance of the market page was set in type, it contains last minute information up to within one-half hour of going to press — Editor.)

175.000.000 bushels left over there for shipment. A reduction is reported in the area devoted to spring wheat in the United States, but the winter wheat acreage is regarded as too large for these times. In fact, some well-informed authorities be-lieve there is danger that the aggregate wheat crop of this country will be larger than that of 1923 if the crops turn out all right. A short time ago wheat for May delivery sold at \$1.03, comparing with \$1.26 a year ago. Less Demand for Corn

Conditions have changed materially in recent months, and prices for corn have gone much lower under larger sales by owners and a slower demand from various quarters. Recent sales have been made a few cents lower than at this time 1923, but around two years ago May corn sold on the Chicago Board of Trade as low as 59 cents. The prevailing belief is that the corn acreage planted this spring will be as large as usual. Fewer cattle and hogs are being fed than a year ago, and it is predicted by close observers that less corn will be fed to swine for the coming half year than a year ago. The demand in the Chicago and other markets for corn to ship to eastern points has fallen off materially, but very fair amounts have gone to western and southwestern districts. Sales in the aggregate of cash lots of corn have fallen off a good deal, while farmers west of the Missouri river sold freely, but Illinois farmers were light sellers. Oats seeding has been in progress and a good acreage is claimed. Oats have been selling at about the same prices as a selling at about the same prices as a year ago, but about two years ago May oats sold as low as 37 cents a bushel. The visible supply in the United States is about 14,000,000 bushels, comparing with 26,900,000 bushels last year. May corn sold a short time ago on the Chicago Board of Trade at 79 cents, or about the same as a year ago. May oats sold on the same day at 47½ cents. comparing with 45% cents cents, comparing with 45% cents last year; and May rye at 65% cents, comparing with 86% cents a year ago. Recent selling of September corn was based on expectation of an increased acreage and on reports of reduced consumption on farms.

Prime Beef Cattle Advance Most of the time there are sufficient beef cattle offered on the Chicago market to meet trade requirements, although fewer cattle are re-ported in feeding districts of the corn belt than a year ago. there are not many strictly prime long fed heavy steers in the country and the percentage of choice to fancy steers and heifers offered on the market is very small most of the time. Now and then there are larger supplies of prime fat weighty steers than usual, and several days ago Nebraska was handsomely represented with about 375 head of fat steers weighing from 1325 to 1500 pounds, which sold at \$12.25 to \$12.35, with a sale of 28 of the lot which averaged 1549 pounds at \$12.60, the highest sale in a long time. On Monday when these sales were made the cattle receipts aggregated 22,618 head, and the general market was at least 25 cents lower. Last week's cattle receipts were much larger than a week ear-lier, but the local and shipping de-mand was surprisingly large for Holy Week, and prices advanced after earlier declines. The bulk of the beef steers sold at \$8.50 to \$11.50, with the choicer lots of heavy steers at \$11.60 to \$12.60 and no good steer sellings under \$10.25 and

sales down to \$7.25 to \$8.50 for the commoner to fair light weights. Interior little steers sold at \$4.50 to \$7.20, and the best yearlings offered sold at \$11.50. Butcher cows and heifers found buyers at \$4 to \$10, canner and cutter cows at \$2.25 to \$3.75 and bulls \$3.75 to \$7.50. Calves were sold at \$5 to \$11.50. There is only a moderate de-mand for stockers and feeders at \$4.50 to \$9, sales being largely at \$6.25 to \$7.50. Combined cattle receipts in twenter markets for the year to late date amount to 3,565,000 head, comparing with 3,644,000 a year ago. A r ago common to prime beef stee sold at \$6.65 to \$10.35 and two years ago at \$6.25 to \$9.25. Late sales last week averaged 25 to 40 cents lower than a

week earlier.

Hogs Still Plentiful

Now and then there is a marked falling off in the marketing of hogs in Chicago, but most of the times there is no scarcity, although small-er numbers showed up last week. Weakness in prices developed at Weakness in prices developed at times last week, and eastern ship-pers bought much less freely than a few weeks ago, while local packers held back, claiming a loss at pre-vailing prices for hog products. The general quality of the hogs offered showed a marked falling off, and inshowed a marked falling off, and inferior lots sold badly. The bulk of the hogs sold within a range of 20 cents, with heavy butchers at the top and selling 10 cents above the best light bacon weights. Recent receipts of hogs averaged 234 pounds, being five pounds lighter than a year ago and the same as than a year ago and the same as the ten-year average for correspond-ing weeks. 14,517,000 hogs, com-paring with 13,755,000 for the corresponding period last year and with 10,202,000 two years ago. Hogs are selling much lower than in recent years. A year ago they sold at \$6.60 to \$8.50 and two years ago at \$9 to \$10.70. Recent smaller receipts in the Chicago market checked the downward course of prices, and late sales were made of hogs at \$6.65 to \$7.65.

Chicago Lamb Market Despite continued meager receipts recently, there was a big tumble from the previous time, prices having reached almost a prohibitory level when prime handy weight lambs sold for \$17.10 per 100 pounds. However, there is no kick coming from sheepmen, their profits being extremely large. Hang on to the flocks and market only prime lots. Unshorn lambs have been selling at \$13 to \$16.50 and feeding lambs at \$14.25 to \$15.75. A year

ago top lambs brought \$14.60 and weight years ago \$11.65.

Early Lamb Situation

Because of the embargo on eastern shipments of California lambs and the continuation of the very unfavorable conditions during March in Kentucky and Tennesee the market supply of early spring lambs before June 1 will be very much smaller than usual according to a report made by the United States Department of Agriculture. These three states furnish most of the spring lambs marketed before June

While the indications are that the market supply of sheep and lambs during April and May will be the smallest in some years, with fed stock making up an unusual per-centage of the total, the market supply in June and July may be the market somewhat larger than that of last year because of the delayed move-ment from the earlier areas, the large early crop in the north west and the indicated increased production in the corn belt.

Prices in the Detroit wheat market made several small advances during the fortnight ending April 19. Trading is not active as dealers are holding off to await congressional action. They seem to be doing as little as possible and making no effort to extend trade. On the supply and demand outlook the market is weak as there is an abundance of wheat and foreign demand is small. Reports of the growing crop indicate a small crop this season.

CORN

Reports that the corn exchange this year will be bigger than last weakened the market last week and buying is not active. One of the large corn products companies has gone into the production of corn sugar on a large scale, it is said. This is a new thing in the corn trade. Detroit is firm at unchanged prices. Detroit is firm at unchanged prices.

OATS

Oats are very scarce at Detroit and a firm tone prevails in the market. An advance in price of one cent last week failed to bring out any offer-

RYE

The Detroit rye market is quiet and easy and the price is 1 cent under two weeks ago.

BEANS

Prices in the Detroit bean market during the last two weeks have worked a little nearer to the \$4.50 level predicted by some of the buyers and there is a quiet tone to the trading. The New York market is inactive. Trading is not enough to cause the price to advance and dealers are not willing to sell at lower prices so the price remains uner prices so the price remains un-changed. In event the \$10,000,000 appropriation for relief of German children passes at Washington, it is believed that this huge fund released for the purchase of food stuffs will have a tremendous bearing have a tremendous bearing on the Michigan Bean market and upon the acreage for this year. Several well known men interested in Michigan beans are working to see that Michigan beans will be considered as one of the first foods to be purchased.

POTATOES

The Detroit market eady with demand has been moderate. There is a fair supply of old stock on the market at present. The Chicago market is weak on whites but firm on reds with demand and trading very slow. A steady demand is noted at eastern points.

The hay markets show some effect of the seasons duliness but the very small offerings of the better sorts keep these prices very firm and therefore buoy up the situation as a

There is also the seasonal influence of bad country roads which are restricting shipments to some extent this week. On the other hand the large proportion of low grade and unsound stock keep this end of the market dull and weak.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

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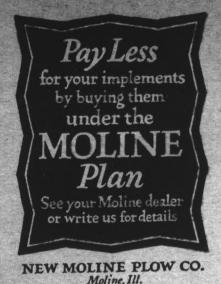
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Week of April 27

THE tail end of a storm area will be leaving Michigan be leaving Michigan as this week begins with the result that winds will be in the west to northwest and north with moderate-

ly cool temperatures.

By Tuesday temperatures will rise to much higher readings which will be the warning of the storm of high winds and rains to follow. These conditions will moderate shortly af-ter the middle of the week and the sky clear off.

However, although we believe the barometer will have a tendency to retain more or less high at this time, there will be a renewal of wind and rain storms at the close of the week.

rain storms at the close of the week. Temperatures during last half of week will remain quite steady but with a general tendency to rise.

Week of May 4

Over the greater part of the United States during this week rain fall is not expected to be heavy. With the exceptions of the very first part and the very last part of this week, Michigan will be practically free from any heavy general falls of rain.

During opening days of this week

During opening days of this week temperatures will be low for the season but on or before Friday will have risen considerably above the seasonal normal.

May to be Warm Month
There will be numerous electrical storms during May in Michigan.
Thunder and local rains will be plentiful but we do not figure that the rainfall will come up to the usual state readings. From about Friday of this week to the beginning of the last week of this month temperatures will show a rising tendency. eratures will show a rising tendency. From the last week of May to the first days of June the reverse will take place and temperatures will average a downward trend.

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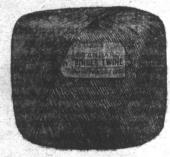
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The Black Fox Magazine for January says editorially:
During December, particularly the latter part, the Charlottetown newspapers were full of advertisments soliciting furs. Numerous buyers from the United States visited the province, including representatives from the big fur houses of Alfred Eisenback, Jaeckel & Sons and Roy Pines, of New York, and several buyers from Quebec, while the consignment houses of Frederick Huth & Co., C. M. Lampson & Co., and the Canadian Fur Auction were actively soliciting consignments for their auctions.

Mr. Geo. B. Herzig, of New York, well known to Silver Fox breeders, particularly since the National Live Fox Exhibition at Milwaukee, where he was one of the judges, spent two weeks with Mr. W. Chester S. McClure buying Silver Fox skins. Mr. McClure's office on those days would certainly cure any pessimist or anyone who doubts the possibilities of Silver Fox farming. It was positively thronged with Fox farmers carrying large and small bundles of Silver Fox Furs. And in the two weeks it was estimated that over \$270,000 was paid out in cold cash. This included the purchases in Summerside, Prince Ed. Isles.

It is estimated that the industry will bring into the province this year a total of \$1,500,000, of which over a million will be for skins. As the agricultural products had to be sold this year at a comparatively low level, the activity in the Silver Fox market has been a distinct boon to the island.

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