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I Am Resolved

That down through the days of the coming year
To add just a bit to my fellows cheer,
To brighten some path ere the months are spent,
To lighten a load for a back that's bent,
Or haply by word or token or deed
Give courage and strength to a soul in need,
I'll count it worth while if only I may
Hold a tiny light o'er a gloomy way.

'T would be fine to stand midst the surging throng
And out of ones heart pour a wondrous song
That would move the world to nobler plain
And lighten the hearts that are filled with pain,
That would thrill mankind with its lyric sweet
And lead men nearer the Savior's feet—
Yet 't will be worth while if a few may say
I've helped a little to brighten their way.

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CURRENT COMMENT

A Happy & Prosperous New Year

THIS old and familiar holiday greeting this year carries with it a hitherto unwonted significance. With the cause of world-wide sorrow and suffering for the present—and we hope forever—removed, the people of the whole world have before them an opportunity for the pursuit of happiness which has not been vouchsafed to many of them since the great struggle between autocracy and democracy was started more than four years ago.

And so far as the people of our own country are concerned, a new era of prosperity seems certain to accompany their renewed opportunity for increased happiness. For the farmers of the country and of Michigan a prosperous as well as a happy year is in prospect, and we wish each and every one of them the full measure of happiness and prosperity to which the success of the great cause of democracy in the struggle which they have so loyally supported and aided during the past year has so fully entitled them.

State Police Activities

THE policing of the state by the state constabulary provided by law and maintained as a war measure by the State War Preparedness Board was a new experiment so far as Michigan was concerned. The recent report of Colonel Vandercook, in command of this state police force, seems to indicate that the activities of Michigan's initial police efforts have been quite as successful as those of the renowned constabulary of Pennsylvania where the system has been in operation for some time.

This report shows that 2,937 arrests were made by the state police and convictions secured in 1,776 cases. A summary of these arrests and convictions show that they covered some forty-four crimes ranging from simple larceny to highway robbery. The largest number of arrests were for draft evasion, and the next largest for violation of the state prohibition law. For the latter

crime 1,102 arrests were made and 1,064 convictions secured. A total of 17,229 gallons of liquor were seized by members of the state police acting as border guards. The greater proportion of this large amount of liquor was collected on the southern state line since the state prohibition law went into effect, and a relatively smaller proportion was taken on the upper peninsula state line.

This record would seem to be sufficient to warrant a continuation of this organization, especially in view of the difficulties in adequately enforcing the prohibition law of the state.

How Peace Affects Marketing

IN accordance with the policy of restoring war-time regulations to a peace basis as soon as conditions warrant, the special regulations governing distributors of fresh fruits and vegetables have been repealed, effective December 10. The Food Administration is anxious that the repeal of these regulations should not be considered by the trade as a relaxing of all control between the time of the armistice and the signing of peace. The food control act still governs and it is still unlawful to hoard food commodities or to engage in any unfair or wasteful practice, or to make any unreasonable change in connection with the sale of food commodities.

The Food Administration will no longer make adjustments of difficulties arising between shippers and receivers of perishable food products. This will necessitate shippers who make use of the Bureau of Markets inspection service to take their cases to the courts where the certificates issued by the Bureau will stand as prima facie evidence of the condition of the shipment at the time the inspection was made.

The canceling of the Food Administration's regulations regarding fruits and vegetables leaves the matter of potato grading voluntary rather than compulsory from this time. We understand that the Bureau is working hard on the potato grading proposition and that the tolerance is to be increased to six per cent, but in order to make the grading compulsory it is going to require special legislation for the standardization of fruits and vegetables. A bill authorizing the establishment of uniform standards and classification of these products has already been introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Lever, chairman of the agricultural committee. The act is to be known as "United States Fruit and Vegetable Standard Act."

If the Bureau of Markets could work out some plan whereby they could use the food inspector's certificates as a basis in making proper adjustments between shippers and receivers, without the cases awaiting for weeks or months in the courts, it would prove of great benefit to all parties interested in the transaction. Quick action is needed all along the line in handling perishable food products and if this service could be given it would prove a most popular and welcome move on the part of the Bureau of Markets.

The Farm Labor Problem

THOSE farmers who have to hire labor, either by the year or by the season have long been confronted with a perplexing problem, which has been made still more difficult by the withdrawal of men to satisfy the man power requirements of the country at war. The rapid demobilization of the major portion of the army will doubtless relieve the farm labor shortage to some extent but the wage scale will remain high, and the tendency of men to seek permanent situations may be expected to continue. Thus the difficulty of securing transient labor for the summer season or for special requirements will doubtless continue to be marked.

Each year it is becoming more apparent that the farmer who must have one or more season hands will find it to his advantage to provide a comfortable tenant house for each man and so arrange his campaign as to employ the men through the year. Such provision will go far toward solving the labor problem for many Michigan farmers, and increase the opportunity for profitable production while food prices are at a high level.

Price and Wage Re-adjustment

WITH the gradual release of government control on materials and food-stuffs, some price re-adjustments may be expected. Where control has held commodity prices down there is likely to be an upward tendency, or a downward tendency in the wage scale in the industries affected, or both, as the case may be. As business again gets back on a peace basis a general reduction in prices may be expected as war inflation is overcome. But once the effect of direct price control has been neutralized, such changes will be gradual and general, rather than sudden and in spots.

And the more gradual and natural the readjustment of wage scales the better for all concerned. A continued high standard of living for all our people is essential to continued prosperity. Sudden changes which tend to lower the standard of living of any class of our citizens, affect all other classes to a very appreciable degree.

The Packers and the Government

A MASS of evidence intended to prove the charges of the Federal Trade Commission that the five big packing interests are in a gigantic combine to control the meat industry of this country and South America, submitted to the President by the chairman of the commission, was made public on Saturday last. The conclusions of the commission, which the evidence submitted were intended to substantiate were reported as follows:

"The five big packers are in agreement for the division of live stock purchases.

"The companies exchange confidential market information and jointly employ persons to obtain it.

"There is joint contribution of funds expended under secret control to influence public opinion and governmental action.

"Swift, Armour, Morris and Wilson control shipments of meats from South America to the United States and other countries.

"The five companies act collusively in the sale of fresh meats.

"Two or more of the five interests have joint ownership or representation in 108 concerns."

Further allegations of the commission were that certain of the packing interests entered into a pool in June, 1914, for the control of shipments of South American meats to the United States and Europe, and that the evidence showed a determination on the part of the packers to control retail prices of meats, as well as the price of live stock by a division of purchases of the 86.4 per cent of all the meat animals sold in this country which the commission's tables show to have been handled by the five big packing concerns. Press reports do not indicate whether or not this evidence relates to the operation of the packing interests since the establishment of federal control of these interests as a war measure. There can be no doubt, however, that the submission of this evidence at the present time points toward a reconstruction problem of the first importance.

The facts, relating to which this evidence has been collected and submitted, should be definitely established by the department of justice in courts of competent jurisdiction as a matter of public interest as well as a guide to congress in providing for the continua-

tion or establishment of adequate control which will protect the public interest against unfair price control which might be exercised by a group of interests controlling such a large percentage of an important and staple line of food stuffs. There have already been sufficient and more allegations and denials with regard to the conduct of the great packing interests of the country. It is an opportune time for the sifting of all the evidence and the establishment of all determinable facts with regard to the marketing of live stock and the distribution of live stock products, and for the establishment of a national policy which will adequately protect the interests of both the producers and consumers without injustice to the legitimate business of manufacturing and distributing live stock products.

News of the Week

Wednesday, December 18.

THE Holland government is making plans for the return of former emperor of Germany to Berlin.—Wilson is reported as standing for the admission of Germany to proposed league of nations on the probationary plan.—French suffragists are asking for the right to vote.—The American fleet returning from Europe will be reviewed by Secretary Daniels Christmas Day.—Dr. James W. Inches is appointed police commissioner of Detroit.

Thursday, December 19.

PRESIDENT WILSON plans to hold conference with Lloyd George during the coming week.—America is urged to use her financial position to force desired terms in the coming peace conference.—United States delegates are agreed to ask that German battle ships be destroyed in order to avoid contention among the Allies.—Toronto is threatened with a city-wide strike, following the walk-out of four hundred union members of the police force.—The United States House of Representatives O. K.'s war contracts aggregating \$1,675,000,000.—American warships are ordered to the Baltic Sea to aid British ships in preserving order.

Friday, December 20.

A CONFERENCE of representatives from all German states is called for the purpose of electing a president.—It is announced that food control by the government will cease January 1, except to prevent profiteering in food distribution.—United States Senate amends the second-class postal rate by reducing charges to one and a half cents per pound maximum.—There are still 66,892 casualties, of which only 1,680 are on the death list of the American expeditionary forces that remain unpublished.—President Wilson plans to return to America the first week in February.

Saturday, December 21.

OVER 300,000 soldiers have already been discharged from the American army.—A new world's endurance record was established by a dirigible balloon of the United States navy, which remained in the air thirty-two hours.—The British fleet plans a world trip in which the United States will be visited.—During the day 3,220 American soldiers from the western front, among whom many are Michigan boys, arrive in New York.—Attorney-general of Michigan holds that the state cannot legally contract debts to build or maintain roads, hence the state highway commissioner favors the issuing of \$20,000,000 of bonds for constructing connecting links in trunk lines.

Sunday, December 22.

THE date for the general conference to elect a president for Germany has been set for December 29.—The United States Senate adopts all features of the 1920 tax bill.—What is believed to be the largest bombing plane in the world is now being completed in Detroit; it is propelled by three Liberty motors and has a plane spread of 185 feet.—The deportation of Jews from Bohemia has been checked by the Czech leaders.—Over 10,000,000 persons in the United States have enrolled in the Red Cross during the recent campaign.

Monday, December 23.

GERMAN press warns that the German people will again rise and fight should the Allies be too harsh in their demands.—Walter Hines Page, former ambassador for the United States to Great Britain, dies at Pinehurst, N. C., after a long illness.—Postmaster Burleson announces that long distance telephone calls made during the day will be at a higher rate after January 21.

Holding Small Growers in Line

ORGANIZING a growers' association is one thing, but operating it harmoniously is quite another. There are numerous books and government bulletins that tell just how successful associations have been started and give their by-laws and figures of earnings. But the plain commonsense of management, the knack of dealing with human nature, inside politics and outside dangers, are not in the books and bulletins. These must be sought among men of experience in handling such organizations.

The first step toward creating a co-operative feeling in a selling organization and holding the small growers in line is that of encouraging them to attend all meetings and feel that they are a part of the selling organization. The association should not be run by a few members who are attempting to dominate its policy and management, while the majority of the members stay at home. Such a policy so disgusts many members that they sell their produce to independent operators, ignoring their association.

Much can be done to prevent this lack of interest by making all the meetings attractive to members. The annual business meeting, for hearing of reports and election of new officers, is hardly enough to keep interest alive. Such routine business may very well be abbreviated, or even done by mail,



and a program of speaking or demonstration may be offered in its place.

Members value the opportunity to meet and listen to experts in their particular fields of agriculture, and to learn about the latest developments in the growing end. They are also interested in the different men connected with the marketing of their produce, such as commission men, brokers, f. o. b. buyers and the retail merchant. These men can tell them things worth while in their own business, and very often the difficulties and misunderstandings of marketing disappear when they appear in person and tell how matters appear from various stand-

points. Meetings along such lines may be held several times a year just as easily as once in most sections where there is an association, and women-folks and outsiders will enjoy them just as much as members.

Most of the troubles of a growers' association are due to lack of interest and understanding among members. Every successful association is operated in a way that keeps members informed about its affairs and enthusiastic in promoting them. Somebody always has to run the live association. It may be a paid manager, or the president, or the secretary, or the leading grower in the locality, or a group of

officers and directors. The organization must have a policy and a purpose. It must be going somewhere, and the whole membership must know where it is going, and how, and why, and be enlisted in the work of getting there.

An association bulletin is an excellent device for holding members in line, especially during the marketing season. At that time the affairs of the association are live news, and full, frequent information sent to the members will prevent manipulation by outsiders.

The best way to deal with cliques and discords is to keep a sharp watch for them, and to deal with them when they are young. Most of the disrupting influences in association affairs are due to misunderstanding, suspicion and personal feelings. If allowed to grow they will surely lead to internal strife and party politics, laying the association open to attack from outside. But if the management is alert, making the true facts known and letting all the men concerned be heard, these cliques and discords can be checked. An intelligent policy, laid out by the management and backed up with full information, brings out the enthusiasm of members. It gives that good balance between membership and management that leads to harmonious, successful working in an association—and that is real cooperation.

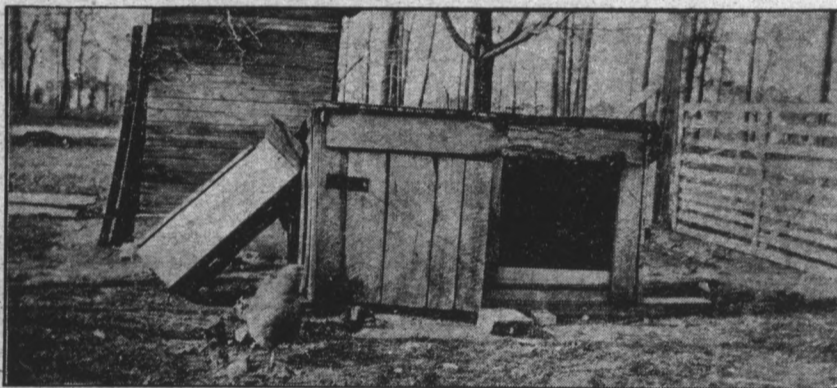
Some Farm Flock Experience

By W. C. Smith

THE farmer who attempts to increase his poultry flock in accordance with requests of the food administration will most likely find it necessary to increase the capacity of his house or build some new ones. This will be necessary even where but one hundred hens are kept and this number will probably be about the limit on most farms. In fact, it is not the wish of the department that poultry production be made an exclusive or even extensive department of the farm work and if the average is raised to the number stated great good will have been accomplished and the poultry and egg industry put upon a firm basis as a food supply.

In most of my visits to farm plants, and in fact it is my experience on our own place, the tendency is to overcrowd. We try to keep too many hens in a given space and to economize on buildings. Lately we have been allowing at least five square feet of floor space to each of our Rocks and Orpingtons and results are much better. The house which is shown in the illustration holds sixty hens. It is 12x24 feet and has droppings boards and platforms for mash hoppers, drinking vessels, etc. This allows the entire floor to be used by the hens and makes the house easier cleaned.

These houses are built of cheap material. The frame material was cut on the farm and taken to a mill where it was sawed. The siding is rough lumber and roofing paper and was used to



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batten the cracks. The roof is a good grade of prepared roofing and later when we are more able a better grade of siding will be put on. We use the open-front house exclusively and use a curtain in stormy weather or when it is extremely cold. Last winter we seldom had this curtain down and got eggs all winter. Our chicks are brooded in coops that admit plenty of fresh air and later when they have passed the brooder stage go into open-front colony houses. We aim to sell our stock of old hens as soon as the egg yield drops off in the early summer and this gives us room for the pullets. They go into the laying houses by the first of September and get accustomed

to their permanent quarters in time to begin laying in November or early in December. About one-half of our layers are yearling hens and occasionally a two-year-old hen is held over for the breeding pen.

We keep our layers confined to the houses throughout the winter but in summer they have the run of the meadow or corn field. Breeders have free range in the spring as soon as the snow goes off the ground. We have had best results in using one and two-year-old cock birds with yearling hens and well-matured pullets although a good many breeders say that two-year-old birds have passed their usefulness. Hens are used for hatching to some

extent but incubators are depended upon for the majority of the chicks for, as we hatch in March and early in April the supply of setting hens is not large enough.

We also use a very cheaply constructed brood coop for our hen-hatched chicks. It is a light frame covered with roofing paper and netting. Such coops cost less than \$1.00 each and will last for years if stored in the winter. We build these coops A-shaped, like the illustration. They are thirty inches wide at the bottom and about four feet long. This gives the chicks the opportunity to exercise when it is necessary to keep them shut in. The coop is very light and can be easily moved from one place to another. The floor is simply a small platform and is not fastened to the coop. Their cheapness, durability and the ease with which they can be cleaned are their chief recommendations.

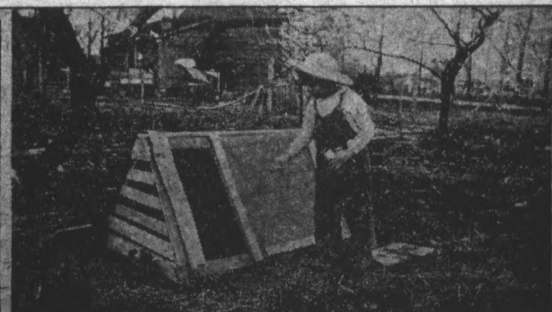
In building houses it should be remembered that convenience counts for much. The handy house saves much time and when one is caring for a hundred or so hens in addition to the other farm work this is of importance. Our experience of the last ten years has taught us that a house does not need to be expensive but it does need to meet certain requirements. It should admit plenty of fresh air but have no drafts, it should admit as much sunlight as possible without making the house too cold, and it should be dry. (Continued on page 626).



A Warm House that Holds Sixty Layers.



Happy Hens Lay Eggs.



An Inexpensive Brood Coop.

Fruit and Vegetable Standard Act

THE bill authorizing the establishment of uniform standards and classifications of fruits and vegetables which was introduced in congress last week by Representative Lever, gives the Secretary of Agriculture authority to investigate the harvesting, inspection, grading, packing, transportation, storing, labeling, marketing and utilization of fruits and vegetables and from time to time, to establish standards of classification according to grade, which shall be known as the official standards of the United States for such fruits and vegetables.

The Secretary of Agriculture, by the bill is directed to give public notice of the establishment of any such standard, or of any change therein, but such notice of the establishment of a standard shall be issued not less than one year before the effective date thereof. Before issuing any such public notice of the establishment of a standard and before making any change in a standard so established, the Secretary of Agriculture, by such means as he shall find appropriate for the purpose, shall afford an opportunity to the interested public for consultation or hearing.

Section 4 provides: "Whenever any standard for any fruit or vegetable shall become effective under this Act no person thereafter shall make or enter into any transaction, involving the shipment or delivery for shipment of such fruit or vegetable in commerce, by a grade within the scope of such standard unless such grade be one of the grades of such standard. No person shall in any invoice, bill of lading, other document, or any mark, brand, tag or label involving or involved in a shipment or delivery for shipment in commerce, describe or in any way refer to such fruit or vegetable as being of a grade within the scope of such standard unless such grade be one of the grades of such standard."

It is provided that nothing in this Act shall require any person to use the grades of the official standards in or in connection with transactions

according to variety of product only.

Section 5 provides: "Wherever any standard for any fruit or vegetable shall become effective under this Act, it is provided that no person thereafter shall, pursuant to or in contemplation of any transaction, ship or deliver for shipment in commerce any such fruit or vegetable in a closed package, unless such closed package be marked, branded, tagged, or labeled so as to plainly and conspicuously show the name and address of the producer, packer or distributor, and the grade of its contents, according to the official standards of the United States; except that, if the transaction involving such shipment or delivery for shipment be not by grade, the statement of the grade may be omitted, in which case there shall be plainly shown in or in connection with such marks, brands, tags or labels, without the use of terms which are false or misleading or so similar to the grade designations in the official standards as to be confused therewith, that no representation as to the grade is made. It is provided that the foregoing requirements of this section shall apply only to closed packages of a kind which the Secretary of Agriculture shall in his regulations under this Act find it commercially practical to mark, brand, tag or label in accordance with this section. The marketing, branding, tagging, or labeling required by this section shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed for the purpose by the Secretary of Agriculture.

"The requirements of Section 4 and 5 shall not apply in the case of any transaction made or entered into directly and exclusively between the individual producer and the individual consumer with respect to fruits and vegetables grown by such producer."

Section 6 provides: "That no person shall ship or deliver for shipment in commerce any lot or parcel of fruits or vegetables which in the outer layer or the exposed surface are so superior in quality or condition to those in the interior or the unexposed portion as materially to misrepresent the entire

contents of the container."

Section 7 provides: "That the Secretary of Agriculture may, in his discretion, upon presentation of satisfactory proof of competency, issue to any person a license to inspect any fruit or vegetable for which standards shall be effective under this Act, and to certify the grade thereof in accordance with such standards, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe for the purposes of this Act. For the issuance of such license the Secretary of Agriculture may require the payment of a reasonable fee. Any such license may be suspended or revoked by the Secretary of Agriculture whenever he is satisfied, after opportunity afforded to the licensee for a hearing, that such licensee is incompetent, or has knowingly or carelessly graded any such fruits or vegetables improperly or according to grades within the scope of such standards other than the grades of such standards, or has issued any false certificate of grade, or has accepted any money or other consideration directly or indirectly for any neglect or improper performance of duty, or has violated any provision of this Act or of the regulations prescribed hereunder. Pending investigation the Secretary of Agriculture, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a license temporarily without hearing.

Section 8 provides: "That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to investigate and certify to shippers and other interested parties, upon application, upon appeal from determinations inspectors licensed under this Act, or upon his own motion the quality or condition of fruits and vegetables, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and he is authorized to require the payment of such fees as will be reasonable for the service rendered upon any such application or appeal. Such certificates, issued by authorized agents of the Secretary of Agriculture, shall be received in all courts of the

United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the findings therein contained.

Section 9 provides: "That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he may deem necessary from time to time for the efficient execution of the provisions of this Act."

Section 10 provides: "That it shall be unlawful for any person forcibly to assault, resist, impede or interfere with any officer, agent, or employee of the United States in the execution of any duty authorized to be performed under this Act, or improperly to influence or attempt improperly to influence any inspector licensed under this Act, or falsely to represent himself to be such licensed inspector, or for any inspector licensed under this Act knowingly to issue any false certificate of grade, or to accept money or other consideration directly or indirectly for any neglect or improper performance of duty under this Act, or, when purporting to act as such licensed inspector, to grade or certificate the grade of any fruits or vegetables in which he is directly or indirectly financially interested. Any person who wilfully violates any provision of this section, or of sections four, five or six of this Act, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment not more than one year, or both."

Section 11 provides: "That there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$250,000 available until expended, for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, including the payment of such rent, the expense of such printing and publications, the purchase of such supplies and equipment, and the employment of such persons and means in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem necessary. In carrying out the provisions of this Act the Secretary of Agriculture may cooperate with other branches of the government, with state, county, municipal or marketing agencies, and with associations of producers."

News of the Agricultural World

BEE-KEEPERS PLANNING TO SPEED "BUSY BEE."

MEASURES for speeding up and otherwise making the already busy bee a more profitable wage earner for her keepers will be discussed from February 24 to March 2 at the Michigan Agricultural College. The bee-keepers have been invited to attend a week's conference at M. A. C. at that time, during which the honey business will be studied and demonstrations of better keeping methods conducted. A card to the director of short courses, M. A. C., East Lansing, Mich., will bring more detailed information.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION NOT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.

THE New York Federal Food Board received word this week from the United States Food Administration that beginning with December 12, which was on Thursday, the board would not make any more adjustments between shippers and receivers or vice versa. This naturally is a very important order. The federal boards all over the country have done remarkably good work in handling complaints of shippers against receivers and also complaints of receivers against unfair shippers. While the board has tried to hold strictly to the rule that it would

not be used as a collection agency nor could it be used for the purpose of settling disputes that should go through the civil courts, at the same time it has adjusted many differences with satisfaction to all parties concerned.

A WELL-EQUIPPED SECRETARY.

JOHN A. DOELLE, secretary and business manager of the War Industries Board which comprises the upper peninsula, has been appointed secretary and manager of the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau. Until a few months ago, Mr. Doelle has been superintendent of the Houghton and Portage township schools, a position which he held for fifteen years. During his career as an educator he became noted for his hard work, his aggressiveness and his ability as an organizer. He has been a forceful exponent of American citizenship and as such has been in demand for a number of years as one of the leading public speakers.

Born on a St. Clair county farm, which was too small for a family with eight boys and girls, his education was mainly obtained in the school of hard knocks. Handicapped in his boyhood by the inefficiency of the little red schoolhouse, his greatest ambition has been to secure a better system of rural schools and obtain for the boys and

girls on the farm, a practical training for country life within their own neighborhood. Over twelve years ago, he outlined a plan for a consolidated rural school fully equipped for teaching agriculture, manual training and home economics; provided with transportation facilities for the pupils from and to their homes and intended to serve as a social center for the surrounding community. After six years of patient and persistent work in shaping public opinion, he succeeded in establishing the Otter Lake Agricultural School, the first of its kind in Michigan and its beneficent effect upon the surrounding community has been far greater than he anticipated.

Raised on a Michigan farm and in sympathy with the needs of rural communities, Mr. Doelle is thus well equipped for his work and his influence should stimulate the bureau's work along broader lines of agricultural development.

DEMAND FOR SEEDS.

GROWERS of commercial vegetable seeds in the United States will meet a much larger foreign demand for their product during the year ending July 1, 1919, than they had during the previous year, according to figures given out by the Seed Reporting service. Prompted by great interest shown by the producers, figures have

been compiled showing the total shipments contemplated on orders received up to September 15, 1918, with comparisons with the totals of each of the two previous years.

Every one of the eight principal items chosen shows a large increase over last year in the contemplated shipments. Garden pea seed leads the list with 4,150,000 pounds, as compared with 2,713,101 pounds for the year ending July 1, 1918. The foreign demand for beet seed, shows an increase of almost 150,000 pounds, while carrot seed shows a gain of more than 400,000 pounds. Lettuce, onion seed, parsnip and radish seed are other items of the list.

WHAT THEY DID.

TALK about economy. That little island known as England and Scotland has always been noted for "intensified farming." Since the war they have "reclaimed 1,500,000 acres." Listen. England only raised one-fourth of the food consumed before the war. With the greatest war in history and the gigantic task of war production in every line, England, though handicapped for workers, has reached the point where she raises four-fifths of her food. Brave little nation. The women care for and shear the sheep over there. They say our women can't. What nonsense!

WANTED---Lime at Less Cost

EVERY farmer knows that if he can grow a good crop of clover or alfalfa he can grow almost any other crop he wants following it. In other words, a legume crop, such as the clovers and alfalfa, cleanses and replenishes the soil as nothing else does. It is Mother Nature's favorite method of soil burning. But Mother Nature finds peculiar difficulties to contend with in Michigan, which require the help of man.

Chief among these difficulties is the general acid condition of the soil. In the west the irrigated lands produce immense yields of alfalfa. The plant grows waist high and there are three or four good crops annually. It is the alkaline condition of the soil that is responsible. In the more or less arid regions the alkaline salts have been accumulating for centuries and the bacteria of the alfalfa plant, as well as that of most clovers, flourish in the fields. These bacteria find a home sweet and congenial, and, like men, they can work hard where such home conditions prevail.

Michigan soils and most of the eastern soils have on account of the abundant rainfall in this region, been leached of most of their soluble salts, including the lime. The lime has collected in lakes and swamps and other low places in the form of marl. It must be again incorporated with the soils if we expect them to do their full duty. The present acid condition is not conducive to the sweet-home-loving bacteria of the legumes. How to get this lime back at reasonable cost is the problem that thousands of Michigan farmers are facing.

There are great limestone deposits throughout the state and enormous accumulations of marl. The cost of crushing the limestone fine enough for agricultural use and distributing it over our transportation lines wherever needed is almost prohibitive as it is being done at present in a limited way. Farmers could afford to pay the crushing costs if that were all; but the freight charges bring the expense too high.

As for the marl, which is a most excellent form of lime for soil, many beds are reasonably accessible and are now being utilized. The labor expense, however, considering the wet, sticky condition in which this product is mostly found, is almost beyond reason. The marl has to be dried and pulverized to be easily spread and made effective as an acid neutralizer. As yet there is no satisfactory way of doing this. It may be scattered in lumpy form over the fields and when "air-dry" dragged and harrowed to pieces; but experience with results hardly justifies the practice. It requires years to completely mix it with the soil particles as it should be.

What, then, is the solution to the

An Adequate and Inexpensive Source of Lime is Essential to a Permanent Agriculture in Michigan

By M. E. DUCKLES, Grand Traverse County Agent

problem? Clover, alfalfa, and other legumes are necessary crops in every successful rotation. Without them our farms are soon abandoned as is evidenced by the hundreds and thousands of monuments to failures already scattered over the state and continually increasing in number. With these legumes made more universally possible, old lands will be reclaimed, new lands will be developed, even portions of the

tion to relieve the situation. The two resolutions are given here:

Resolution 1.

"Whereas, it has been demonstrated that most of the farm lands of Michigan are in need of lime in order to produce satisfactory yields of clover and alfalfa, on which crops farmers must largely depend to maintain the productive value of their soil, and

"Whereas, the present cost of securing lime in the proper form for application to the land is almost prohibitive

mendation includes the following paragraph:

"We believe that hunger throughout the European countries is a thing to be greatly feared during the coming years, and the eastern half of the United States must do much in saving the situation. In a great part of this area production is hampered by soil acidity, which can be corrected only by plentiful use of lime. Meeting the lime deficiency of these soils should be our first consideration. Experiments running through long terms of years at various experiment stations and the experience of thousands of practical farmers, indicate clearly that our acid soils will not produce the clovers unless lime is supplied. There has also been full demonstration of the fact, both by experiment station and repeated farm practice, that many staple crops can not profit rightly from applications of fertilizers until the lime requirement has been met. The prices of lime and limestone now are very high. They were advancing before the war on account of the newly created demand on the part of farmers, and now the high cost of labor and fuel has made further heavy increase. Inability to secure delivery by transportation lines, together with the great advance in the cost of material is limiting the liming of land in a serious degree."

It must be quite plain to any student of the present situation as regards soil fertility that something should be done at once to meet the increased demand for lime at lower cost. Any public funds appropriated for this purpose would be returned a hundred fold in newly created agricultural wealth.



A Limestone Quarry in Northern Michigan.

pine plains, and new homes will spring up to testify to the agricultural wealth of Michigan. The problem is an important one and for the sake of our future prosperity must be solved.

At the recent conference of county agents held in the city of Cadillac, the question came up for discussion. It was generally agreed that farmers would avail themselves quickly of the lime if it could be obtained in quantity at lower rates, particularly in the northern counties. Last season nine carloads of crushed limestone were purchased by the farmers of Grand Traverse county at an average cost of \$4.25 a ton. This cost was too great, but it shows that our farmers are now awake to the need of it. This year in order to obtain the same product in similar form it would cost \$5.25 a ton. What shall we do?

The Cadillac conference concluded its discussion by passing two resolutions, one asking the lime companies now in operation to sell directly to farmers' cooperative associations less the fee usually allowed agents; the other requesting some form of legisla-

tion to the land owners of a large part of the state.

"Be it Resolved, that we, the county agents in conference assembled, recommend that this matter be brought to the attention of the state legislature through the Extension Department of the Michigan Agricultural College, in cooperation with the Michigan Agricultural Development Association, with the view of securing suitable legislation to enable farmers to obtain the needed lime at a price that will encourage its universal use on the agricultural lands of Michigan."

Resolution 2.

"Be it Resolved, that we, the county agents in conference assembled recommend to the various lime-producing companies that they provide for the sale of their product directly to farmers' cooperative associations, less the fee allowed to local agents, thereby recognizing the cooperative principle as economical and permanently established in Michigan."

The importance of lime as an agricultural asset was recognized in a striking way by the Agricultural Advisory Committee during its session in Washington last August. As a result of their recommendation lime was put on the preferred list by the War Priority Board. The text of the recom-

USE OF LANDPLASTER.

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M. S.

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W. M. K.

The Georgia Land Owners' Association are making "dog control" the first step in their sheep campaign. The fact is, it should be the first step in every state now agitating for sheep. With the proper control of dogs the sheep business would develop rapidly.



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Live Topics for Fruit Men

HERE are reviews of papers and talks given to Michigan fruit farmers at the recent Detroit meeting, for which space was lacking in last week's issue:

Federal Inspection Service.

Frank L. Bloom, Federal Inspector, United States Bureau of Markets, explained the workings of this service and urged growers and shippers to take advantage of it whenever necessary. "The inspection service," said Mr. Bloom, "is only one of the many things that the government is doing to solve the problem of shipping and marketing farm products. On account of the perishable nature of fruit products a quick inspection is one of the main factors. Our reports on diseases is valuable to both the growers and government authorities inasmuch as it helps in determining varieties and localities where disease is prevalent in crops. The Bureau of Markets stands in the center of a triangle made up of shipper, carrier and receiver so that when a car of your produce reaches the market you can find out just how it arrived. Such reports are also an aid in improving your methods of packing your fruit, loading the cars, refrigerating and heating and any questions you may ask will be answered. We can give you the temperature of the fruit, amount of bruises and so forth, in the cars."

Mr. Morrow said: "I have listened to this discussion with a great deal of interest and I believe that the commission men are a whole lot more square than the shippers, and I say this after forty years' experience as a grower and shipper of fruit. A car has to be loaded right to ride to market in good shape and unless it is loaded right someone is going to be let down and it is not fair that the commission man should suffer from such careless loading on the part of the shipper or grower. Through one of my men neglecting to properly load one end of a car of fruit I shipped to the Detroit market, I lost more than three hundred dollars, and that was not the fault of the commission man."

Dr. U. P. Hedrick, Horticulturist, New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, New York, gave an interesting address on preparing and fertilizing orchard soils. The summary of this address will appear in a later issue of the Michigan Farmer.

Some Things for Women to Do.

Mrs. Caroline Bartlett-Crane, chairman, Michigan Division Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, made a forceful address on Women's Work in National Defense. "Proper health regulations for rural homes," said Mrs. Crane, "are some of the problems in which the women of Michigan can do much to bring about needed reforms. In many villages and rural districts we find high schools and grade schools where the sanitary conditions are intolerable. Why should the children not have as good advantages as those in the cities and why should we not encourage and foster the children who show evidences of genius? What would be the loss to the country and society had not some of our great scholars been provided with proper advantages in the matter of schools. Let us think about the great movement toward better health conditions in our public schools, and keep it absolutely free from politics. What a wonderful thing it would be, if we could use the organization of war nurses who will soon be returning to this country for district rural nurses. Now all of these things are sure to come to us now that we realize how many men have been examined for our army and found physically unfit. If we permit our babies to die faster than the soldiers who go over the top we are neglecting to do the greatest benefit to posterity. It is

to the women of our country that we must look to bring about these reforms. It is always our duty to prepare the world for the next generations by adjusting social conditions and lifting us out of our present condition into a better one."

The Outlook for Fruit Growing.

Prof. H. J. Eustace, of M. A. C., who has spent more than a year at Washington with Mr. Hoover, gave many interesting observations on factors affecting the fruit industry. Mr. Eustace said: "There never has been a time when self-examination would do us more good; the labor problem surely was never as bad as last year and next year it bids fair to be better, but it is not at all possible that too much labor will be available, and I do not think it best that there should be. High prices this year are due to the high prices of labor. Men who sell fruit in some of our big industrial centers could hardly unload it fast enough and that is what has made prices. The fruit packers in New Jersey paid four dollars a day for any kind of labor. So in all our complaining about our labor shortage do not forget that it reflects back in the prices for fruit. When the laborers do not have money there are no good markets. The first thing a laboring man does when he gets good money is to fill up on good food, then jewelry and then quite work. They can make enough in four or five days to live on during the week."

One of the most conspicuous things that stands out in the fruit growing industry is the injury to trees last winter. All of this is extremely unfortunate to those who have lost fine orchards. There can be no question but that for some years the peach crop in northern localities is going to be light because the trees are killed. In southern New England in 1917 a crop of 223,000 bushels of peaches was harvested and last season hardly a bushel. In New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other localities the reductions were more than half. In Michigan and Ohio the reductions were still greater. This represents a tremendous loss and it means that there are likely to be good opportunities for peach growing. To the man who has good locations it would seem that now is a good time to put out peach orchards.

"The injury to apple orchards was severe, but the results cannot be so accurately shown in regard to apples as peaches, but injury is there just the same. Good crops of apples have been marketed just the same and we have had no export trade. This, and higher freight rates, has worked harder on the coast growers than on those nearer markets. This also applies to all fruits such as pears, grapes, plums and other kinds of fruits. The constant urging of the food administration to use more fruit has tended to increase consumption and this urging is to be continued until there will be many people who have acquired the fruit eating habit that they will retain after normal conditions have returned. Many people who have found out the health-giving properties of fruit are going to eat more. During the past few years little fruit has been exported because ships have had to carry more condensed and non-perishable products. If apples are again sold for export it is going to make more room on our home markets for apples from Michigan. Just how much we can depend on the export trade it is difficult to say because of the poverty in European countries. Fruit must have been neglected in these countries."

At the annual business meeting of the session the following officers were elected to work with those whose terms held over: James Nichols, of South Haven, president; George Low, Bangor, secretary; J. P. Munson, of Grand Rapids, treasurer.



Why the Dog?

A RECENT bulletin published by the Extension Department of the International Harvester Company presents such a strong indictment against the dog that we are reproducing it in full and urge that its careful reading be followed by letters to congressmen requesting the addition of a federal tax on dogs to the bill now under consideration at Washington.

"Sheep or dogs—which? What have dogs done that they should have more rights than their owners?

"At the time when the woods and plains were inhabited by wild animals, some useful as a source of food and clothing, and others a menace to his safety, man found the dog a most useful and dependable aid in the chase or as a sentinel and defender. Thus originated a racial attachment that continues to the present. But these old-time conditions are changed. Man now has recourse to breeding and raising the domesticated animals, the cow, the hog, the goat and the sheep for a large part of his meat and clothing supply. Regarding this combination the dog has reversed his former position until now, so far as sheep and goats are concerned, he has become a

year, which means \$1,000,000,000 worth of food consumed right here in the United States by dogs; and furthermore it is finished product (in most cases cooked food) that costs, fuel, labor and skill to produce. Yes, we know much of it is scraps, but scraps are excellent chicken feed and more than one pig has grown into the family's meat supply by eating the scraps. Furthermore, the old plea that 'my dog doesn't cost much' is a sorry, lame statement. He may not cost you much, but remember he is getting his living some place; that is one thing sure about the dog. Unless he is chained to his kennel, someone is going to furnish his rations. Dog history is full of instances where the home-starved dog has killed \$100 worth of neighbors' sheep or raided the neighbor's poultry yard. He may go on short meals for a while, but look out when his opportunity comes to make up by killing and crippling.

"In a review of five thousand farmers in all parts of the United States, all but eighteen have dogs as the main reason for the scarcity of sheep. The dog is a carrier of hog-cholera, stomach and tapeworms, lice, ticks, fleas, rabies, and foot-and-mouth dis-



One Severe Chasing by a Dog, and the Flock is Ruined.

menace and disadvantage where he was formerly a most efficient helper. His value now is almost wholly sentimental on account of his past service. The question to be decided now is, does his past service as a helper give sufficient value to justify his ravages of the flocks of sheep and goats which now are so necessary to man as a source of food and clothing?

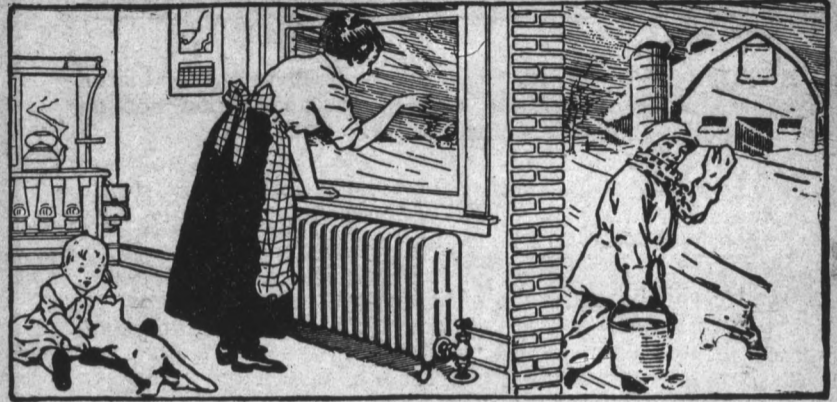
"Since the sheep and the goat are producers of food and clothing, and the dog produces nothing, but on the other hand is a consumer of and a destroyer of one of the most important food resources, man must deny his sentimental appreciation of the dog in favor of his more pressing need of meat and clothing, and substitute the sheep and the goat for the dog. There are about 30,000,000 dogs in the United States. Five years ago it was estimated and accepted as standard that a common dog ate \$34 worth of food yearly. This amount of money put into hog feed would keep a brood sow ten months. It is estimated that human food prices to the consumer have advanced sixty-two per cent since 1913. We shall assume that the increase in food prices will increase the cost of keeping a dog to \$50 a year. Granting that in some cases the dog gets part of his living from bones and scraps that might not be utilized in any way, and cutting down his feed bill by giving him the advantage of every doubt, he still costs a sum that takes on staggering proportions when we begin multiplying by the number of dogs. Let us be liberal with the dog beyond any favors yet shown him in the accounting of his board bill. Say he eats \$40 worth per year. Grant that 5,000,000 of the 30,000,000 are pups and small dogs that eat less than the ordinary dog. We still have left 25,000,000 dogs at \$40 per

ease. He brings contagious diseases home to the family. He runs at large, practically unrestrained, enjoying undisputed rights and all for what? What has the dog ever done that he should have more rights than his owner? All states have dog laws that if enforced would lessen dog troubles, yet dog laws are in most cases dead laws.

"What is the remedy? First—enforce the laws already passed until better ones are enacted. Put the dog on the same legal status as sheep, hogs, horses and cattle. Take away his right to run at large day or night. Compel every dog owner to keep his dog on his own premises or under his control when away from home. A dog, to be of any value to his owner, must be about his owner's business. How long would law or public opinion allow a 100-pound shote or a three-month-old calf to follow its owner to town, down the street, into the store, blacksmith shop, post office and on the way home gallop through the neighbor's fields, yards, sheep folds, and feedlots?

"Anyone has a right to own a dog, but no one has a moral right to maintain a nuisance. Dog-proof fences are all right, but let the dog owner build them. A fence that will keep dogs out will keep dogs in. Dog chains and muzzles are inexpensive. The use of both can be prescribed by law. The dog problem is not solved by license. Licensing a dog, requiring the owner to buy a collar for him or to pay a heavy tax on him, does not keep the dog from killing sheep or being a worthless cur. Require the dog owner to be responsible for the whereabouts of his dog. Back this requirement with public sentiment and officers with backbone not of gristle, and sheep will come to their own."

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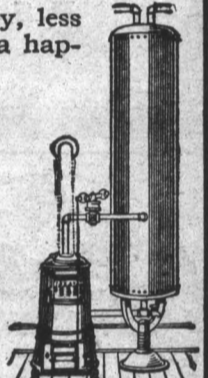
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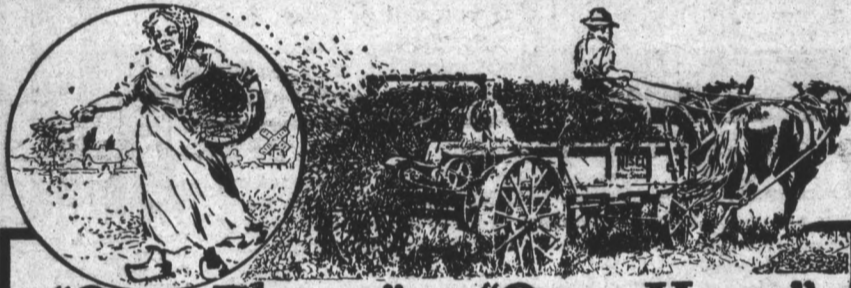
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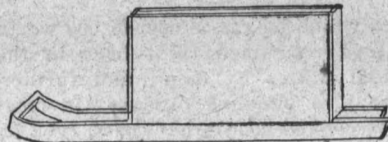
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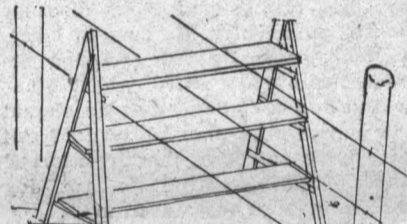


Hang the Tools Fork End Upwards.

hooks put in this second board and the whole can then be hung up by means of the hooks. Simply bore a hole (X) and saw into it as shown. The handle of the tool slips readily into the hole (X). Make as many holes as there are tools to be held. Hang the tools with the shovel or fork end upwards.—G. P.

ARRANGEMENT TO CLIMB FENCES EASILY.

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W. M. K.

DO MANGELS INJURE COWS?

Enclosed is a leaf from Farmers' Bulletin No. 465, date of October, 1911, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Now I have about fifty bushels of mangels which I raised to feed my cows, but this article scares me, although I have fed mangels for about ten years, and never had any trouble with my cows. However, if it should be that the feed takes a long time to develop the disease I would stop using mangels.

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RYE FOR YOUNG PIGS.

I have a bunch of August pigs and all I have to feed them is rye. What is the best way to feed rye, ground fine in a slop, or feed it dry, or do you think to feed it whole does any good, and would it pay to feed tankage with the rye, and is there any place in Muskegon to buy tankage, that you know of? I can buy cull beans at \$1.50 per cwt; would it pay to sell the rye and buy beans and cook them, mixed with corn meal?

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Rye is a fairly good food for pigs but if fed alone they soon tire of it and will not eat a sufficient amount to make good growth. It should always be fed ground, or any other small grain like wheat or barley, because the pigs do not take the time to properly masticate these small kernels of grain. You can feed a portion of the rye in the form of a slop. If you have some skim-milk to mix with the rye, it would make a much better ration and one that the pigs would like better, but if you do not have it you can mix it with water. You could also feed some of the ground rye in a self-feeder dry, letting the pigs eat what they want of it. I am quite sure that it would pay to feed tankage in connection with the rye because the pigs need more protein than the rye will furnish but it may be that you cannot get tankage without sending to Chicago for it.

It would be an excellent plan to buy cull beans and cook them and you could mix this meal with the beans. Beans are rich in protein and when they are cooked pigs like them very well. I am sure that it would pay you to sell some of the rye if necessary and buy cull beans at \$1.50 per hundred. You could get along very well without tankage if you brought the cull beans. It will do no harm to use some corn meal also with the rye as pigs like corn meal better than they do rye meal.

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We believe in a League of Nations to maintain peace, and that there should be a determinant group made up from those nations that have made such a peace possible by their devotion to right. We believe that representatives of the erring countries should be denied admission until such times as they have purged themselves of the delinquencies in character. To have the equal voice of nations at the present time would be subversive of the aim and purpose of the League.

The rights of citizens in a world democracy must rest upon education and training for mutual service, and justice, and righteousness among nations. To this end we ask that the federal government establish at our various colleges, schools for such service in vocational education and discipline as will inspire and train our young men to establish and maintain universal peace.

We believe that the United States Department of Agriculture, in opposing and obstructing the work of determining the cost of farm products and the consequent establishment of arbitrary prices upon products mainly of northern farms, while successfully resisting the limitation of cotton prices, is unparalleled in sectional discrimination, especially during a period of war for national and international right and justice. We believe that the determination of prices by representatives of such industries as coal, iron, steel and other products, based upon cost plus a fair profit, was just, and the denial of a similar right to most of the great food products from the farms as unjust.

We endorse and commend the work of the United States Food Administration and ask that some form of such office be maintained as a permanent feature of service to agriculture.

Resolved, that we endorse the fourteen propositions as formulated by President Wilson, as a working basis upon which we can predicate a satisfactory and lasting peace.

Resolved, that we favor the elective franchise for women and the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the National Constitution.

Resolved, that we favor a federal law prohibiting interstate commerce in mill sweepings and unnutritive wastes in dairy feeds.

Resolved, that we favor the retention of the railroads, telegraph lines, express companies, etc., until such times as permanent unification and reforms are instituted and a fair determination of government control in peace times be made in comparison with corporation control.

Whereas, our country has been engaged in the terrible struggle for the freedom of the world, and our Allies are looking to us for help to make the world safe for democracy, and

Whereas, the best of our young men have been called to take arms in this great struggle, therefore

Resolved, that we, the Farmers' Clubs of Michigan, offer ourselves to our country, that we pledge ourselves to put forth every effort to bring to pass the object sought—a universal, lasting peace.

Resolved, that we help to sustain the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. of the country to the extent of our ability; that in whatever way our country needs us we will do our part, not grudgingly but freely.

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The Quality of Holding On

By E. L. Vincent

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A good many folks in this world are quite like that. Something is missing out of their characters. They do not stick to their job and so they fail. First we hear of them here, then somewhere else. The work they are doing today is dropped for some new line tomorrow. And the result is that like the rolling stone, they gather no moss. For gum-stick-'em is just as necessary in the case of a man as it is with advertising matter on the billboards.

A farmer boy of our neighborhood

was one day backing into a barn with a team and heavy wagon on which there was a rigging to get a load of hay. To reach the barn floor he had to back over a bridge some fifteen feet long and ten feet down to the ground. Just as the team struck the middle of that bridge, one of the sleepers gave way and let team, wagon and boy all down in a heap. Nine out of ten boys would have jumped for the barn floor and let the horses go where they would. This lad, however, stuck tight to the lines, and landed on the back of

one of the horses, the lines still in his hands. In spite of the bad situation, he stuck to his job and everything came out all right, not a thing broken and only a few scratches on the horses.

Some time I expect that boy will make his mark in the world, for he has the fine quality of sticking and keeping cool in tight places. Sometimes boys wish they could go away from the farm to some place where things happen that call for the heroic. But where could they go to find greater opportunity for steadiness of purpose, the ex-

ercise of manliness or the display of courage than right on the farm? There is scarcely a day passes when something does not happen that calls for the very best there is in a boy. Just watch and see if this is not so. More things take place on the farm of an exciting nature, things that demand quick action and quicker thinking by far than in any factory or store. And upon what boys do under such circumstances will depend in large measure their ability to cope with emergencies when they come in later life.

Some men are quick to know what to do; some are easily rattled, lose their heads and do just what they ought not to do when a tight pinch comes. A man passing our house with a team, broke down almost in front of the house. It would have been amusing if it had not been so serious to watch that man as he flew around helplessly trying to think what to do

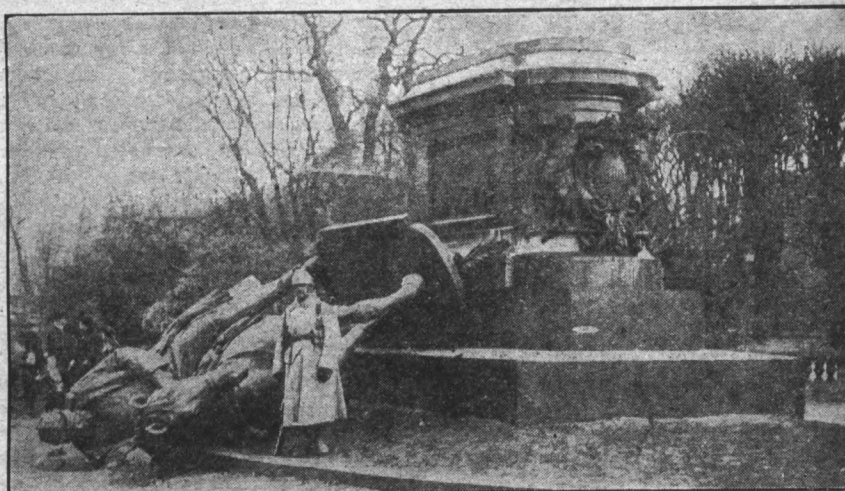
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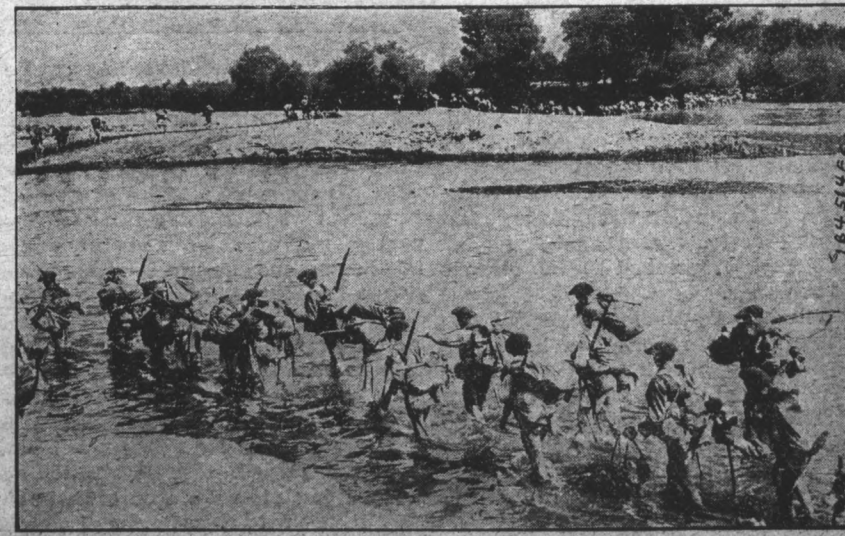
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By RANDALL PARRISH

In the Palace of the Intendant.

THE huge palace of the Intendant, between the bluff and the river, was ablaze with lights, and already crowded with guests at our arrival. I had seen nothing of Chevet since the morning, nor did he appear now; but Monsieur Cassion was prompt enough, and congratulated me on my appearance with bows, and words of praise which made me flush with embarrassment. Yet I knew myself that I looked well in my new gown, simple enough to be sure, yet prettily draped, for Sister Celeste had helped me, and 'twas whispered she had seen fine things in Europe before she donned the sober habit of a nun. She loved yet to dress another, and her swift touches to my hair had worked a miracle. I read admiration in Cassion's eyes, as I came forward from the shadows to greet him, and was not unhappy to know he recognized my beauty, and was moved by it. Yet it was not of him I thought, but of Rene de Artigny.

There was a chair without, and bearers, while two soldiers of the Regiment of Picardy, held torches to light the way, and open passage. Cassion walked beside me, his tongue never still, yet I was too greatly interested in the scene to care what he was saying, although I knew it to be mostly compliment. It was a steep descent, the stones of the roadway wet and glistening from a recent shower, and the ceaseless stream of people, mostly denizens of Quebec, peered at us curiously as we made slow progress. Great bonfires glowed from every high point of the cliff, their red glare supplementing our torches, and bringing out passing faces in odd distinctness.

A spirit of carnival seemed to possess the crowd, and more than once bits of green, and handfuls of sweets were tossed into my lap; while laughter, and gay badinage greeted us from every side. Cassion took this rather grimly, and gave stern word to the soldier escort, but I found it all diverting enough, and had hard work to retain my dignity, and not join in the merriment. It was darker at the foot of the hill, yet the crowd did not diminish, although they stood in ankle deep mud and seemed less vivacious. Now and then I heard some voice name Cassion as we passed, recognizing his face in the torch glow, but there was no sign that he was popular. Once a man called out something which caused him to stop, hand on sword, but he fronted so many faces that he lost heart, and continued, laughing off the affront. Then we came to the guard lines, and were beyond reach of the mob.

An officer met us, pointing out the way, and, after he had assisted us to descend from the chair, we advanced slowly over a carpet of clean straw toward the gaily lighted entrance. Soldiers lined the walls on either side, and overhead blazed a beacon suspended on a chain. It was a scene rather grotesque and weird in the red glow, and I took Cassion's arm gladly, feeling just a little frightened by the strange surroundings.

"Where is my Uncle Chevet?" I asked, more as a relief, than because I cared, although I was glad of his absence because of De Artigny.

"In faith, I know not," he answered lightly. "I won him a card, but he was scarce gracious about it. In some wine shop likely with others of his kind."

There were servants at the door, and an officer, who scanned the cards of

those in advance of us, yet passed Cassion, with a glance at his face, and word of recognition. I observed him turn and stare after me, for our eyes met, but, almost before I knew what had occurred, I found myself in a side room, with a maid helping to remove my wraps, and arrange my hair. She was gracious and apt, with much to say in praise of my appearance; and at my expression of doubt, brought a mirror and held it before me. Then, for the first time, did I comprehend the magic of Sister Celeste, and what had been accomplished by her deft fingers. I was no longer a rustic maid, but really a quite grand lady, so that I felt a thrill of pride as I went forth once more to join Cassion in the hall. 'Twas plain enough to be seen that my appearance pleased him also, for appreciation was in his eyes, and he bowed low over my hand, and lifted it gallantly to his lips.

I will not describe the scene in the great ballroom, for now as I write, the brilliant pageant is but a dim memory, confused and tantalizing. I recall the bright lights overhead, and along the walls, the festooned banners, the raised dais at one end, carpeted with the skins of wild animals, where the governor stood, the walls covered with arms and trophies of the chase, the guard of soldiers at each entrance, and the mass of people grouped about the room.

It was an immense apartment, but so filled with guests as to leave scarce space for dancing, and the company was a strange one; representative, I thought, of each separate element which composed the population of New

France. Officers of the regiments in garrison were everywhere, apparently in charge of the evening's pleasure, but their uniforms bore evidence of service. The naval men were less numerous, yet more brilliantly attired, and seemed fond of the dance, and were favorites of the ladies. These were young, and many of them beautiful; belles of Quebec mostly, and, although their gowns were not expensive, becomingly attired. Yet from up and down the river the seigniors had brought their wives and daughters to witness the event. Some of these were uncouth enough, and oddly appareled; not a few among them plainly exhibiting traces of Indian blood; and here and there, standing silent and alone, could be noted a red chief from distant forest. Most of those men I saw bore evidence in face and dress of the wild, rough life they led—fur traders from far-off waterways, guardians of wilderness forts, explorers and adventurers.

Many a name reached my ears famous in those days, but forgotten long since; and once or twice, as we slowly made our way through the throng, Cassion pointed out to me some character of importance in the province, or paused to present me with formality to certain officials whom he knew. It was thus we approached the dais, and awaited our turn to extend felicitations to the governor. Just before us was Du L'Hut, whose name Cassion whispered in my ear, a tall, slender man, attired as a courier du bois, with long fair hair sweeping his shoulders. I had heard of him as a daring explorer, but there was no premonition that he would ever again come into my life,

and I was more deeply interested in the appearance of La Barre.

He was a dark man, stern of face, and with strange furtive eyes, concealed behind long lashes and overhanging brows. Yet he was most gracious to Du L'Hut, and when he turned and perceived Monsieur Cassion next in line, smiled and extended his hand cordially.

"Ah, Francois, and so you are here at last, and ever welcome. And this," he bowed low before me in excess of gallantry, "no doubt will be the Mademoiselle la Chesnayne of whose many charms I have heard so much of late. By my faith, Cassion, even your eloquence had done small justice to the lady. Where, Mademoiselle, have you hidden yourself, to remain unknown to us of Quebec?"

"I have lived with my uncle, Hugo Chevet."

"Ah, yes; I recall the circumstances now—a rough, yet loyal trader. He was with me once on the Ottawa—and tonight?"

"He accompanied me to the city, your excellency, but I have not seen him since."

"Small need, with Francois at your beck and call," and he patted me playfully on the cheek. "I have already tested his faithfulness. Your father, Mademoiselle?"

"Captain Pierre la Chesnayne, sir."

"Ah, yes; I knew him well; he fell on the Richelieu; a fine soldier." He turned toward Cassion, the expression of his face changed.

"You depart tonight?"

"At daybreak, sir."

"That is well; see that no time is lost on the journey. I have it in my mind that De Baugis may need you, for from all I hear Henri de Tonty is not an easy man to handle."

"De Tonty?"

"Ay—the lieutenant Sieur de la Salle left in charge at St. Louis; an Italian they tell me, and loyal to his master. 'Tis like he may resist my orders, and De Baugis hath but a handful with which to uphold authority. I am not sure I approve of your selecting this lad De Artigny as a guide; he may play you false."

"Small chance he'll have for any trick."

"Perchance not, yet the way is long, and he knows the wilderness. I advise you guard him well. I shall send to you for council in an hour; there are papers yet unsigned."

He turned away to greet those who followed us in line, while we moved forward into the crowd about the walls. Cassion whispered in my ear, telling me bits of gossip about this and that one who passed us, seeking to exhibit his wit, and impress me with his wide acquaintance. I must have made fit response, for his voice never ceased, yet I felt no interest in the stories, and disliked the man more than ever for his vapid boasting. The truth is my thought was principally concerned with De Artigny, and whether he would really gain admission. Still of this I had small doubt, for his was a daring to make light of guards, or any threat of enemies, if desire urged him on. And I had his pledge.

My eyes watched every moving figure, but the man was not present, my anxiety increasing as I realized his absence, and speculated as to its cause. Could Cassion have interfered? Could he have learned of our interview, and used his influence secretly to prevent our meeting again? It was not impossible, for the man was seemingly in close touch with Quebec, and undoubtedly possessed power. My desire to

Do You Play "Mumblety Peg?"



DURING these days it surprises some of the older farmers to take a trip away from home in an automobile and find that it is a fact that "old things have passed away" with a vengeance. Many of the old-fashioned ways of doing things are, of course, out of style, and the young folks sometimes do not even know the recipe and details of operation of the old game of "mumblety-peg," or mumble the peg, that our fathers and grandfathers used to play.

Several times we have stopped at farmers' homes in various parts of the country and met boys who never saw this game played. The boys in the accompanying picture never even knew what it meant to mumble the peg. And so we instructed them in the details and then they vowed they would for-

ever preserve the recipe thereof.

It all happened on a pleasant day in May between the chip yard and the kitchen door on a Calhoun county farm. After the excitement of repeatedly slinging and tossing the big jack-knife for a spell by each of these four farmer boys had culminated in finding the biggest boy was it, we made a big wooden peg and drove it into the ground. Usually the rule has been to drive it flush with the surface soil, but in this case we left it sticking up so its exact latitude and longitude would show in the picture.

Then we set up the camera and coached up our movie actors into the proper position and spirit of expression of great excitement and intense interest in the job about to be performed.—J. H. BROWN.

see De Artigny was now for his own sake—to warn him of danger and treachery. The few words I had been able to overhear passing between La Barre and Cassion had to me a sinister meaning; they were a promise of protection from the governor to his lieutenant, and this officer of La Salle's should be warned that he was suspected and watched. There was more to La Barre's words than appeared openly; it would be later, when they were alone, that he would give his real orders to Cassion. Yet I felt small doubt as to what those orders would be, nor of the failure of the lieutenant to execute them. The wilderness hid many a secret, and might well conceal another. In some manner that night I must find De Artigny, and whisper my warning.

These were my thoughts, crystallizing into purpose, yet I managed to smile cheerily into the face of the Commissaire and make such reply to his badinage as gave him pleasure. Faith, the man loved himself so greatly the trick was easy, the danger being that I yield too much to his audacity. No doubt he deemed me a simple country maid, overawed by his gallantries, nor did I seek to deceive him, even permitting the fool to press my hand, and whisper his soft nonsense. Yet he ventured no further, seeing that in my eyes warning him of danger if he grew insolent. I danced with him twice, pleased to know I had not forgotten the step, and then, as he felt compelled to show attention to the governor's lady, he left me in charge of a tall, thin officer—a Major Callons, I think—reluctantly, and disappeared in the crowd. Never did I part with one more willingly, and as the Major spoke scarcely a dozen words during our long dance together I found opportunity to think, and decide upon a course of action.

As the music ceased my only plan was to avoid Cassion as long as possible, and, at my suggestion, the silent major conducted me to a side room, and then disappeared seeking refreshments. I grasped the opportunity to slip through the crowd, and find concealment in a quiet corner. It was impossible for me to conceive that De Artigny would fail to come. He had pledged his word, and there was that about the man to give me faith. Ay! he would come, unless there had already been treachery. My heart beat swiftly at the thought, my eyes eagerly searching the moving figures in the ballroom. Yet there was nothing I could do but wait, although fear was already tugging at my heart.

I leaned forward scanning each passing face, my whole attention concentrated on the discovery of De Artigny. Where he came from I knew not, but his voice softly speaking at my very ear brought me to my feet, with a little cry of relief. The joy of finding him must have found expression in my eyes, in my eager clasping of his hand, for he laughed.

"'Tis as though I was truly welcomed, Mademoiselle," he said, and gravely enough. "Could I hope that you were even seeking me yonder?"

"It would be the truth, if you did," I responded frankly, "and I was beginning to doubt your promise."

"Nor was it as easily kept as I supposed when given," he said under his breath. "Come with me into this side room where we can converse more freely—I can perceive Monsieur Cassion across the floor. No doubt he is seeking you, and my presence here will give the man no pleasure."

I glanced in the direction indicated, and although I saw nothing of the Commissaire, I slipped back willingly enough through the lifted curtain into the deserted room behind. It was evidently an office of some kind, for it contained only a desk and some chairs, and was unlighted, except for the gleam from between the curtains. The outer wall was so thick a considerable

space separated the room from the window, which was screened off by heavy drapery. De Artigny appeared familiar with these details, for, with scarcely a glance about, he led me into this recess, where we stood concealed. Lights from below illumined our faces, and revealed an open window looking down on the court. My companion glanced out at the scene beneath, and his eyes and lips smiled as he turned again and faced me.

"But, Monsieur," I questioned, puzzled, "why was it not easy? You met with trouble?"

"Hardly that; a mere annoyance. I may only suspect the cause, but an hour after I left you my ticket of invitation was withdrawn."

"Withdrawn? by whom?"

"The order of La Barre, no doubt; an officer of his guard called on me to say he preferred my absence."

"'Twas the work of Cassion."

"So I chose to believe, especially as he sent me word later to remain at the boats, and have them in readiness for departure at any minute. Some inkling of our meeting must have reached his ears."

"But how came you here, then?"

He laughed in careless good humor.

"Why that was no trick. Think you I am one to disappoint because of so small an obstacle? As the door was refused me I sought other entrance, and found it here." He pointed to the open window. "It was not a difficult passage, but I had to wait the withdrawal of the guards below, which caused my late arrival. Yet this was compensated for by discovering you so quickly. My only fear was encountering someone I knew while seeking you on the floor."

"You entered through this window?"

"Yes; there is a lattice work below."

"And whose office is that within?"

"My guess is that of Colonel Delguard, La Barre's chief of staff, for there was a letter for him lying on the desk. What difference? You are glad I came?"

"Yes, Monsieur, but not so much for my own sake, as for yours. I bring you warning that you adventure with those who would do you evil if the chance arrive."

"Bah! Monsieur Cassion?"

"'Tis not well for you to despise the man, for he has power and is a villain at heart in spite of all his pretty ways. 'Tis said he has the cruelty of a tiger, and in this case La Barre gives him full authority."

"Hath the governor grudge against me also?"

"Only that you are follower of La Salle, and loyal, while he is heart and hand with the other faction. He chided Cassion for accepting you as guide, and advised close watch lest you show treachery."

"You overheard their talk?"

"Ay! they made no secret of it; but I am convinced La Barre has more definite instructions to give in private, for he asked the Commissaire to come to him later for conference. I felt that you should be told, Monsieur."

De Artigny leaned motionless against the window ledge and the light streaming in through the opening of the draperies revealed the gravity of his expression. For the moment he remained silent, turning the affair over in his mind.

"I thank you, Mademoiselle," he said finally, and touched my hand, "for your report gives me one more link to my chain. I have picked up several in the past few hours, and all seem to lead back to the manipulations of Cassion. Faith! there is some mystery here, for surely the man seemed happy enough when first we met at Chevet's house, and accepted my offer of assistance gladly. Have you any theory as to this change in his front?"

I felt the blood surge to my cheeks, and my eyes fell before the intensity of his glance.

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A Neighborly "Prize Fight"

By C. C. Johnston

NOT only does everybody—wise or otherwise—relish a little nonsense now and then, but few are proof at any time against the ludicrous. The most dignified high-brow will indulge at least in a smile when he sees a fellow-creature arising apparently unharmed from a sprawl on the ice.

Intellectual as well as ignorant people are often uproariously moved by the slap-dash antics of the screen comedian. A knock-about exhibition, whether actual or clever horseplay, has a universal human appeal. I see no reason why we should be ashamed of yielding to harmless emotions of our nature.

These remarks, therefore, are introductory—and not offered in way of apology—to an account of one of our Field Day features. A good hearty laugh is such a wholesome thing in itself as to make unnecessary any quibbling over the cause. But first I should perhaps tell about the field day, as that is of the most importance, after all. Our neighborhood is some four miles from town, a trifling distance for the rapidly-growing number of automobile owners. Regardless, though, of the form of conveyance, it was a very general custom with our people, particularly the young men, to go to town Saturday afternoons. I believe in the half-holiday policy, and feel that it would be an abnormal sort of person who did not like to go to town, within moderation.

Still, a community of three thousand people does not afford a very wide range of diversion. Most of the time the only thing going on is the usual routine of trade. It was a question in my mind whether the half-holiday always spent in the same way was yielding the enjoyment that it should. My neighbor Thompson insisted that it was. Possibly one reason why we liked to be together so much was because we disagreed in a good many things. He qualified his opinion by saying that if people did not enjoy a thing they would not make a habit of it. Thompson and I frequently went to town, too, often together. Having leisurely attended to our errands, we did not linger for the mere purpose of putting in the time. As a rule, we spent the half-holiday loafing about his place or mine, sociably discussing matters of mutual interest.

It was my observation that much of the time of our people in town was spent in visiting with one another. The thought occurred to me that this pleasure might be indulged in to just as good, if not better, advantage nearer home. Out of this conviction grew the field day project. When I broached the idea to Thompson he took the contrary side as to its probable success, but one of his fine traits was that of not holding back in a worthy cause because of his lack of faith. I knew I could count on his support, which was a valuable asset, as he had large influence and was a good organizer.

Ever since my college days I had kept up my interest in athletics, though no longer active in them, and it came easy for me to map out a program of events. It included foot-races for short distances, jumping, pole-vaulting, hammer throwing, tug-of-war and other familiar tests of strength and endurance. A pasture space of mine adjoining our district school had good possibilities as an athletic field.

The first meet was announced two weeks in advance, and in the interim we raised a small purse to cover some inexpensive prizes. We counted upon curiosity, if nothing else, to bring a good turnout, and were not disappointed. The affair went off well. There was one contest for ladies and two for children, in addition to the men's sports, and everybody had a chance

for fun, both as spectators and participants, and no one failed to get a share in one form or the other.

The interest was such that a committee was created on the spot, at the suggestion of Thompson, who was now an enthusiast, to arrange for meets every other Saturday afternoon. They were continued well into the fall, and we are going to resume when warm weather comes again. Our people got better acquainted and learned to like each other more than ever before in their lives, and I am sure some of them grew younger.

But now for the special feature I started out to talk about. It was for our fourth meet that we advertised a grand prize fight. Some of our good folks took the announcement seriously and were rather dubious about giving the event the approval of their presence. The "stunt" was an ancient one. I saw it first years ago, put on by the only lodge to which I have ever belonged, and I have no doubt but that it has been widely used by various organizations.

Two strapping young fellows were easily secured to serve as the pugilists. All of our young men had become keen on the field day. At the appointed time, as a wind-up to the list of events, the pair appeared upon the improvised platform, stripped to undershirt and trousers. Boxing gloves were tied upon their hands. Fastened about the waist of each was a rope, the end extending a short distance in the rear and held by attendants. It was explained to the audience that this precaution was to control the fighters so that they could not do too much harm to one another. After being instructed by the names of well-known ring characters, the antagonists were blindfolded and time was called.

The master of ceremonies, who had drawn a boxing-glove onto one of his own hands, gave the nearest pugilist a tap on the neck—just hard enough to slightly raise his dander—and jumped out of reach. The fellow who had been hit, thinking the blow was by his antagonist, struck out wildly in the direction from which it had come. As a matter of fact, the two had been pulled back at more than safe distance from each other by the attendants who had hold of the rope-ends. Attention, with similar results, was next given the second fellow, by the master of ceremonies, who continued to gravitate between the two, keeping them both beating the empty air, in the effort to land a return blow.

The essentially funny nature of such an exhibition was added to by the fact that the boys were so well known, and by the further circumstance that they displayed unusual spunk and spirit. I had never seen an audience approach so near to hysterics. Hilarious cries of encouragement came from the crowd. The women enjoyed it as much as the men. People who had not been known to have a real laugh for years joined in the general enthusiasm.

Not the least comical phase of the affair was when, after a short series of exciting "rounds," the pugilists had the bandages taken from their eyes and found themselves at a considerable distance from one another. The expression on their faces set the audience off anew. The situation was explained to them. They shook hands cordially, and stepped down from the platform to a fame that will live in the neighborhood as long as any of the ringside spectators remain alive.

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"Beyond the Frontier"

(Continued from page 629).

"If I have, Monsieur, 'tis no need that it be mentioned."

"Your pardon, Mademoiselle, but your words already answer me—'tis then that I have shown interest in you; the dog is jealous!"

"Monsieur!"

He laughed, and I felt the tightening of his hand on mine.

"Good— and by all the gods, I will give him fair cause. The thought pleases me, for rather would I be your soldier than my own. See, how it dovetails in—I meet you at the convent and pledge you my aid; some spy bears word of our conference to Monsieur, and an hour later I receive word that if I have more to do with you I die. I smile at the warning and send back a message of insult. Then my invitation to this ball is withdrawn, and, later still, La Barre even advises that I be assassinated at the least excuse. 'Twould seem they deem you of importance, Mademoiselle."

"You make it no more than a joke."

"Far from it; the very fact that I know the men makes it a matter of very grave concern. I might, indeed, smile did it concern myself alone, but I have your interest in mind—you have honored me by calling me your only friend and now I know not where I may serve you best—in the wilderness, or here in Quebec."

"There can nothing injure me here, Monsieur, not with Cassion traveling to the Illinois. No doubt he will leave behind him those who will observe my movements—that cannot harm."

"It is Hugo Chevet, I fear."

"Chevet—my uncle—I do not understand."

"No, for he is your uncle, and you know him only in such relationship. He may have been to you kind and indulgent. I do not ask. But to those who meet him in the world he is a big, cruel, savage brute, who would sacrifice even you, if you stood in his way. And now if you fail to marry Cassion, you will so stand. He is the one who will guard you, by choice of the Commissaire, and orders of La Barre, and he will do his part well."

"I can remain with the sisters."

"Not in opposition to the governor; they would never dare antagonize him; tomorrow you will return with Chevet."

I drew a quick breath, my eyes on his face.

"How can you know all this, Monsieur? Why should my uncle sacrifice me?"

"No matter how I know. Some of it has been your own confession, coupled with my knowledge of the man. Three days ago I learned of his debt to Cassion, and that the latter had him in his claws, and at his mercy. Today I had evidence of what that debt means."

"Today!"

"Ay! 'twas from Chevet the threat came that he would kill me if I ever met with you again."

I could but stare at him, incredulous, my fingers unconsciously grasping his jacket.

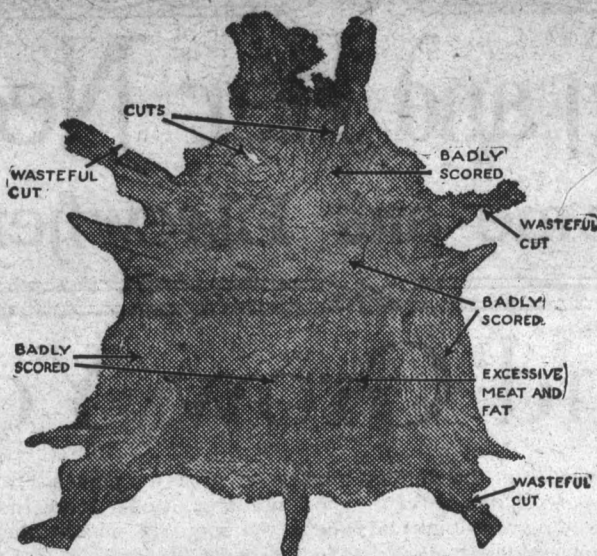
"He said that? Chevet?"

"Ay! the message came by mouth of the half-breed, his voyageur, and I choked out of him where he had left his master, yet when I got there the man had gone. If we might meet tonight the matter would be swiftly settled."

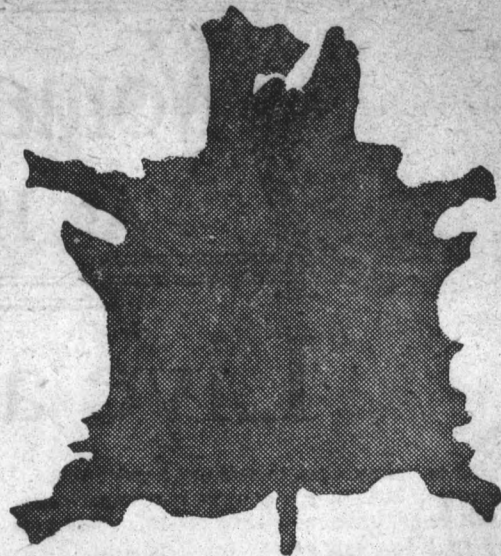
There was a voice speaking in the office room behind, the closing of a door, and the scraping of a chair as someone sat down. My words ceased, and we stood silent in the shadow, my grasp still on De Artigny's arm.

He gazed out into the darkness, and I saw his hand close on his knife hilt.

(Continued next week.)



Country Hide



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Woman and Her Needs

At Home and Elsewhere



Live and Grow Young

LIFE holds so many compensations for growing old, that when you stop to count them it seems almost a pity that you can not be born old. Youth has a glory of its own, but it is as the glory of the stars compared to the glory of the sun of mid-life or the silver light of the moon of old age. For what is physical beauty, color and form and action, compared to the beauty of mind and spirit which only life can bring?

What is youth anyway? Is it the condition of having a new body or is it a state of mind and soul which holds perennial spring? Which is older, the stripling who delivers his high school oration and settles all the questions of the centuries, or his father who sits grinning in the audience? Which is younger, the lad who thinks he knows, or the man who has found out that he doesn't know much of anything, and so might as well enjoy life?

The saddest sight in life to me is a young folks society where the members get together to reform the world. It may be a debating society or a church league, but which ever it is, if the members are imbued with the idea that they have a mission and a message different from others they are pathetic,

aged figures. I speak from the depths of experience. I once was one of them. For some years I knew I had a special message to reform mankind.

It was a good minister with a sense of humor who took the idea out of me. There was quite a group of us, young men and young women, all so worried about the world and the others in the group, that we couldn't see we needed any personal changes. I suspect we tried that poor preacher sadly. At any rate after an unusually strenuous evening meeting where we tackled every social problem and every person not present, but neglected to ask the Al-

mighty to give us personal aid, our good minister arose, read the verse about the mote in our brothers' eye and the beam in our own, and then in gentle tones told us to recall that the Great Jehovah had been struggling for several odd thousands of years to reform the world and so far had not made a perfect job. Therefore, did it not seem hopeless for a band of young men and women, however earnest, to expect to do the job in a decade. And hadn't we better give it up and tackle something easier, like getting the Sunday dinner every other week so mother could get out to church, and paying a

little more for our board at home so father could discard the overcoat he had worn for the past generation?

Mostly we followed his advice and we all began to grow younger from that day on. We began to see what a futile thing worry is, and little by little wisdom came to us, and with it youth.

For youth comes only with years. If you don't believe it, watch the generations. Who enjoys the children more, the parents or the grandparents. Father and mother are too filled with the terrible responsibility of bending the twig aright really to enjoy the boys and girls. Parenthood is real and earnest to them and they are constantly on the alert for bad habits to nip in the bud. Grandfather and grandmother have learned from bringing up their own that we all go through the same sets of experiences and that everything rights itself in time. So they laugh with the children. Probably father and mother complain that the old folks are getting childish. But they are getting wise.

The properly developed human grows younger as the days slip by. Those who don't, have been thwarted of full and free development. **DEBORAH.**

Get Ready for Child Labor Day

CHILD Labor Day, which will be observed throughout the country on Sunday, January 26, in the churches and in the schools on the following Monday, these dates having been designated by the National Child Labor Committee, will be an occasion for reviewing the work and achievement of Children's Year.

The Children's Year work includes, besides the baby-saving campaign, a crusade against wartime child labor and a nation-wide back-to-school drive, in both of which the National Child Labor Committee is participating. The coming Child Labor Day will be a time for asking, in respect to the protection and education of the children, how the country has been preparing in war time for the period of reconstruction.

Washing Without Worrying

NEXT to high prices as a topic for conversation, the scarcity of labor takes rank. Competent farm labor, always hard to secure, has about reached the vanishing point so far as the fields are concerned and the housekeeper no longer even dreams of getting her washing done, to say nothing of securing other help. The work is all up to the house-mother, and she must "live or die, sink or swim, survive or perish," unaided by human hands.

The situation in the cities is the same. Employment bureaus long ago hung out the "No Domestic Help" sign. There are no girls seeking domestic employment, with factories offering three times the wages. Housekeepers in the towns have for some time been facing the situation and adjusting their lives to the change. Their solution of the question is one which many farm women can adopt—power appliances to do much of the work formerly done by hand. Motor power washing machines have forever supplanted the washwoman in hundreds of homes. They are always on the job, never late, quiet, efficient, courteous if treated well, never demand a ten o'clock lunch, and don't tear the clothes.

The electric machine is perhaps most convenient if you have electric power, but it is by no means the

only thing. There are water power machines, dog power machines, a working out of the old familiar treadmill, where your household pet furnishes the power which does your washing, and machines which are run by the gas engine. As to types of machines, they are legion. The best known are

the cylinder machines where clothes are put in a cylinder which revolves through a tub of hot suds.

Whatever the type or whatever the power employed, the power machine is something which every woman who can afford it should buy. The wringer is also operated by the same power

which washes the clothes, so that the hardest part of washing is carrying the wet clothes out to hang up. Not only do you save muscle, but you save time. Could you, for instance, wash nineteen blankets in the old way in one forenoon and go to a Grange picnic in the afternoon? This is what one farm woman did. Another on the same day did a two weeks' washing for a family of six, and threw in two blankets and the curtains for twenty windows, then baked and put up her picnic lunch, and was as fresh as a daisy in the afternoon.

The machines cannot perform miracles, however. Do not think for a minute that they are going to do the washing while you sit upstairs and read a book, as the advertisements picture the pretty lady. They are like any machine—they must be operated. Starch must be made, clothes fed to the wringer, tubs filled with rinsing water and lines got ready. You will not sit down while the washing is on. Also, if the clothes wind around the wringer or you try to put too thick a garment through—well, your machine is likely to stop in the middle of the washing, and you must wait for someone who understands its internal workings to set it going. Care in feeding the wringer makes this unnecessary, however. And,



The Hardest Part is Carrying the Wet Clothes Out to Hang Up.

to boil or not to boil, is another question. Most agents say it is not necessary—that good soap powder, scalding water and sun are all you need. Personally, I prefer boiling. Wristbands and soiled spots do not need to be rubbed on the board if you use sufficient care. Soap all these spots carefully and let the clothes soak over night. If the spots show when they come out of the tub, soap them again and wash a second time. Only on rare occasions will you need to rub them.

Home Queries

Household Editor.—Will you please give a recipe for braised liver? Thanking you very much.—E. L.

Wash the liver and skewer into shape. Lay over it one-half pound of salt pork, cut in strips, the strips held in place by toothpicks if necessary. Chop fine one onion, one carrot and one red pepper and crumble in one bay leaf. Lay the vegetables over and around the liver in a covered baking pan, add two tablespoons of butter and a half-teaspoon of salt to two cups of boiling water, pour over all, cover the dish and bake one and a half hours. Remove cover, and bake fifteen minutes longer uncovered. Remove liver to heated platter and set where it will keep hot. Add juice of one lemon to the liquor in the pan, thicken with two tablespoons of flour, pour over liver and serve.

Household Editor.—I am writing to see if I can find out through these columns how to make a kitchen floor covering from an old rag carpet. There is a preparation that is spread on the carpet and then varnished, and is said to wear almost equal to linoleum, and is much less expensive. Would be very glad if I could find out how this is done.—Mrs. E. W. C., Fenton, Mich.

Mrs. A. A. C., Springport.—I never knew of anyone playing ball battledore and shuttlecock except the good little children in English story books. It is played, however, with a small racket, the battledore, and a shuttlecock made of some light material like cork, and surrounded with a crown of feathers. The object of the game is to see who can keep the shuttlecock in the air the longest.

THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION AND THE SUGAR SUPPLY.

In view of the large number of inquiries as to the reasons for the removal of restrictions upon the use of sugar in households, and especially from the service of sugar in the public eating places, the Food Administration issues the following statement:

Since its inception, the Food Administration's policy has been to adjust its conservation requests with conservation necessities and the public has shown its appreciation of this frankness by immediate response.

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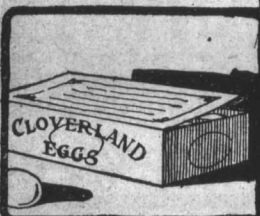
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The Quality of Holding On

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and really doing nothing worth while. He had to be helped out of his pinch by men who came to the rescue. Now, you may be sure that that man had not learned when a boy to keep cool, to think calmly and then work fast and to some purpose.

How can boys gain that self-mastery which will enable them to meet the hard things that will surely come to them some time or other? That is the thing all want to know, and two or three things will help. In the first place, try hard to avoid accidents of all kinds; but if they do come, say to yourself, and say it quick, "Now it is up to me to deal with this situation. I must keep my thinking cap on. I will not get excited. I will look things over and then do what seems to me best." And then, learn to be independent. That is, when things happen, don't give up beaten. Stick. Work. Be master of the situation. Meet trying things like a man, and it will help you in the days when more difficult conditions arise.



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LATEST MARKET REPORTS

SECOND EDITION.

The markets in this edition were revised and corrected on Thursday afternoon, December 26.

WHEAT.

Wheat values are being maintained at the higher figures recorded last week. Domestic consumption of white flour is active and foreign demands for American wheat continue urgent. Primary receipts are generally running below those of a year ago. At this date in 1917 No. 2 red wheat was quoted on the local market at \$2.17 per bushel. Present prices here are:

No. 2 red	\$2.30
No. 2 mixed	2.28
No. 2 white	2.28

CORN.

On Saturday the corn market showed considerable strength which was accounted for in part by continued rainy weather. Advises also show that in the surplus corn states there will be about 150,000,000 bushels less of this grain than for the average year. Old stocks are being tolerably well depleted and any considerable interference with the delivery of corn from farms promises to have a direct influence on prices. Generally speaking, the market is in a fairly strong position. One year ago No. 3 corn was quoted at \$2.05 per bushel. Present prices here are as follows:

No. 3 corn	\$1.50
No. 3 yellow	1.55
No. 4 yellow	1.50
No. 5 yellow	1.44
No. 6 yellow	1.38
No. 3 white	1.55

Chicago.—Chicago's market fluctuated with January corn quoted at \$1.38% and May at \$1.35%.

OATS.

Oat trading is being conducted on about the same plane as a week ago. There is a broad demand for this grain although foreign shipments are not so large as they have been. Primary receipts are of about normal volume. Standard oats a year ago were quoted here at 82c per bushel. Present prices are as follows:

Standard	75
No. 3 white	74½
No. 4 white	73½

RYE.

Quotations here remain unchanged with the close of last week. Buying is of a mediocre kind. No. 2 cash is now quoted on the local market at \$1.61 per bushel.

BEANS.

No changes are noted in prices. The volume of business is small. Government buying has been the chief support to the trade the past fortnight. At Detroit cash beans are quoted at \$9 per cwt. at shipping points. The Chicago market has liberal stocks and a slow demand. Prices there are easy but unchanged with Michigan hand-picked pea beans of choice to fancy grades quoted at \$9@9.25 and red kidneys, choice to fancy, new at \$11.50@12.

SEEDS.

Values are unchanged in this department, with prime spot clover quoted on the local market at \$25; March at \$25.25; alsike \$19.25; timothy \$5.10.

FEEDS.

Mill feeds are higher than last week. Detroit quotations for feed in 100-lb. sacks to the jobbers are: Bran \$47; standard middlings \$50; coarse corn meal \$62; cracked corn \$63; corn and oat chop \$50 per ton.

HAY.

This market has held steady following the reduction in prices a week ago. Demand is fairly good and supplies are moderate. Quotations are as follows:

No. 1 timothy	\$28.50@29.00
Standard timothy	27.50@28.00
No. 1 mixed	25.50@26.00
No. 1 clover	24.50@25.00

Pittsburgh.—Arrivals of hay here are extremely light, especially of the good grades. Prices show an advance since a week ago. They are:

No. 1 timothy	\$30.00@30.50
No. 1 light mixed	27.50@28.50
No. 1 clover mxd	27.50@28.50
No. 1 clover	26.50@27.50

POTATOES.

There is very little activity in producing sections and prices are not much changed from last week. On Monday morning the Detroit trade was slow and the movement draggy with only moderate supplies on hand. The Michigan round and long whites in generally good condition were quoted at \$2.75 per 150-lb. sack, and a few small lots were sold at \$2.75. At Cleveland Michigan stock sold at \$1.90@2.00 per cwt. for U. S. Grade No. 1; at Columbus \$2.25; at Cincinnati \$1.90@2; at Pittsburgh at \$2.00; at New York \$3.15@3.20 per 150-lb. sack, and Chicago \$1.80@1.90 per cwt. The Chicago market has been leading in prices among the central western markets during the past few days. In Michigan growers are receiving at warehouses \$1@1.30 for round whites, bulk U. S. No. 1. Some growers are storing, believing that prices will improve some later on.

APPLES.

There is a moderate movement of apples and the demand is about normal. At Detroit on Monday sales from cold storage were made at the following prices: Baldwins \$4.50@6; Kings \$6.75 per bbl. The Chicago market is firm at steady prices. Spies bring \$6.75@7.25 for the best grade, and Kings \$6.50@6.75.

EGGS.

The majority of the markets show some weakness. The continued warm weather has been an aid to production. In Chicago prices have declined with first candel at 59¢@60¢; ordinary firsts at 5¢@37¢. The Detroit price has declined three cents to 60¢@61¢ for extra firsts candel in new cases and 59¢@60¢ for firsts. The New York market is weak with nearby western henry stock ranging from 70¢@85¢.

BUTTER.

The trade is rather slow and buyers are taking only small quantities. Receipts have been coming forward in only fair supply but in spite of this stocks are not being reduced much owing to the hand-to-mouth trade. On the Detroit Market fresh creamery firsts are easy at \$64@65c a pound. At Chicago creamery stock is quoted

at 55¢@66½¢, with the market reported lower. In New York trading is lower, with the range in creamery prices from 63¢@69¢.

CHEESE.

This trade continues quiet and easy. The consumptive demand is small and stocks are being used to build up the storage supplies, especially in larger markets. Young Americas are quoted at 37c in Chicago and Daisies 36c. In New York the market is firm with the fresh specials quoted at 36½¢@37½¢, and do. average run at 35¢@36¢. The Detroit trade is about steady with flats quoted at 36¢@36½¢ and daisies at 37¢.

POULTRY.

The warm weather has been a disappointment to the poultry trade. Retailers have apparently been afraid to load up and this has hurt the business all along the line. At Detroit live poultry is quoted as follows: Best spring chickens 27¢@28¢; hens 22¢@27¢; ducks 34¢@35¢; geese 26¢@27¢; turkeys 35¢@36¢; dressed hens are quoted at 29¢@30¢; springs 30¢@32¢; ducks 38¢@40¢; geese 30¢@32¢; turkeys 42¢@45¢. Rabbits are quoted here at \$3.50@3.75 per dozen.

DETROIT CITY MARKET

The nearness of the holidays has given new life to the city markets. Prices observed early this week are as follows: Potatoes \$1.10; onions \$1.25; carrots 50¢@55¢; cabbage 50¢; parsnips 60¢; rutabagas 75¢; popcorn \$3 per bushel; butter 75¢; eggs 85¢ per dozen; dressed chickens 35¢; dressed ducks 45¢; geese 48¢; turkeys 50¢; pork 23¢.

LIVE STOCK NEWS.

Several districts of Indiana, Iowa and Illinois report the prevalence of influenza among the hogs, and a serum is used by veterinarians for checking the malady, with good results. The hogs cough, lay around and do not eat, and pigs and hogs alike are affected.

For several weeks it has been impossible to obtain quick service in the Chicago stock yards because of the enormous receipts of cattle and hogs, unloading, weighing and other facilities being inadequate. Delivery of

feed has been delayed at times, and shippers have complained of resulting shrinks.

There has been a large showing of hogs weighing from 200 to 240 pounds in the Chicago marketings recently, and young hogs have been making rapid gains on rations of new corn, the weather conditions having been favorable for putting on weight. Never in the past has average quality been so good or weight so heavy at this season. Recent receipts of hogs have averaged 223 pounds, being 16 pounds heavier than a year ago, 30 pounds heavier than two years ago and 12 pounds heavier than the general average for the corresponding week in the last eight years.

Were it not for the government fixed minimum price for hogs in the Chicago market, hogs would be selling several dollars lower than they are, the receipts having been greatly excessive much of the time.

There is a fair demand for breeding ewes, which are scarce, and feeder lambs are in moderate request. In the Chicago market. The demand runs mainly on good young ewes. The greater part of the lambs offered on the Chicago market recently came from Iowa and Illinois, with a few scattered shipments from Indiana and Wisconsin. Decidedly too many half-fat flocks are being marketed.

There is a good demand in the Chicago market for feeding steers weighing 900 pounds and over, but little stock steers weighing around 500 to 700 pounds are neglected.

"Peach-Growing," by H. P. Gould, pomologist in charge of fruit production investigations of the United States Bureau of Plant Industry. This book discusses the general field of the growing of peaches and how to place them within the reach of the consumer. The volume is thoroughly illustrated, contains over 400 pages, and is sold by the Macmillan Company, New York, at \$2 per copy.

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Live Stock Market Service

Reports for Thursday, December 26th

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mixed steers and heifers .. 8.00@ 9.00
Handy light butchers .. 7.00@ 8.00
Light butchers 6.00@ 7.00
Best cows 8.50@ 9.00
Butcher cows 7.00@ 8.50
Cutters 6.00@ 7.00
Canners 5.50@ 6.50
Best heavy bulls 8.50@ 9.50
Bologna bulls 7.50@ 8.00
Stock bulls 5.50@ 7.00
Feeders 8.50@10.50
Stockers 6.00@ 8.50
Milkers and springers .. \$ 65@ 125

Veal Calves.

Receipts 720. Market active.
Best \$18.00@19.00
Others 6.00@16.00

Sheep and Lambs.

Receipts 2,868. Market steady, with sheep 25c lower.
Best lambs \$ 14.50
Fair lambs 13.00@14.00
Light to common lambs .. 10.00@12.00
Fair to good sheep 8.00
Culls and common 5.00@ 7.00

Hogs.

Receipts 7,275. Market steady.
Mixed hogs \$17.50
Pigs 16.50

BUFFALO.

Cattle.

The cattle market is steady. Prime steers \$17@17.50; fair to good \$15.25@15.50; plain and medium \$11@11.50; coarse and common \$10@11.50; choice heavy butcher steers \$15@15.50; fair to good \$13.50@14; best handy butchers' steers \$11.50@12; fair to good at \$10.75@11; light and common \$9@9.50; yearlings, choice to prime \$16@17.50;

medium to good \$12@15.25; best heavy heifers \$11@11.75; fair to good \$10.25@10.75; good butcher heifers \$10@10.25; fair butchering heifers \$8@9; light common \$5@7; best fat cows \$10@11; butchering cows \$7.50@8.50; canners \$5@5.50; cutters \$5.50@6.50; fancy bulls \$10.50@11; butchering bulls \$8.50@9.50; common \$6.50@8; feeding steers \$8.50@11.50; stockers \$5@7; milkers and springers \$75@150.

Hogs.

Pigs are slow at \$17; others \$17.50. Sheep and Lambs.
The lamb market here today was weak, with the top price reaching to \$15.75; calves from \$7@20.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.

Receipts 6,500. Beef steers 25¢@50¢ higher; butcher cattle and feeders are mostly 25¢ higher.

Good choice and prime \$15.75@19.75; common and medium butchers \$9.50@15.75; heifers \$7.85@14.54; cows \$7.75@13.50; bologna bulls \$7.25@12.50; canners and cutters \$6.75@7.75; stockers and feeders, good \$10.50@13.75; do. common and medium \$7.50@10.50.

Hogs.

Receipts 28,000. Market steady. Tops \$17.80; bulk \$17.35@17.75; heavy at \$17.60@17.80; mixed and light \$17.50@17.75; packers' hogs \$16.65@17.40; medium and heavy \$17.25@17.50; light bacon \$16.75@17.60; good choice pigs \$13.50@15; roughs \$15.50@16.75.

Sheep and Lambs.

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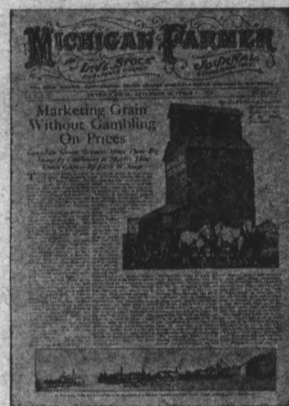
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