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### **CURRENT COMMENT**

### THE MICHIGAN FARMER SAYS:

Merry Christmas to you all!

Well grown is half sold.

We would also favor a truth-in-morals campaign.

Our petitions are for normalcy in health as well as in business.

Selling hogs and buying pork is not a profitable practice for the man who grows the hogs.

Improper nutrition is the farmer's great problem in the fields, in the stables and in the home.

Trying to be gay to keep up with the fashions has very nearly destroyed our good sense and eaten up our religion.

The prudent dairyman applies the seventy dollars' worth of labor required to keep a cow a year on a profit returner, not on a parasitic bovine.

Don't be tempted to purchase the sugar-coated offering of stock from getyour-million-quick promoters who are finding farmers good prospects now that city laborers have no money.

And again we say, "Merry Christmas.'

### Adding to Farm Profits

NCREASING farm profits is a subject of vital interest to every farmer at the present time. How this desirable end can

be accomplished is very properly a subject of careful consideration on the part of every thoughtful farmer. There are two practical ways of increasing farm profits under present conditions, viz., by collective effort and by indi-Both are important and neither should be overlooked under present condi-

Under the first head come cooperative selling enterprises, and in some cases cooperation in various phases of production, such as threshing and harvesting. Also the exercise of mass influence in the readjustment of transportation rates, which vitally affect the farmer's prosperity and in the advancement of other legislation which will be helpful to the public as well as to the basic industry of agriculture. These are matters of organized effort made. They will undoubtedly be help-

to rely on them wholly to this end.

There is another way in which every farmer can help himself to the same end through his individual effort. And this is more true of Michigan farmers than of those of any other state, because of the great diversity of our production and the consequent possible variation in the production of every farm. In the deflation of values of farm products some products have suffered to a much greater extent than others. For example, eggs bring a better relative price than any other farm product at the present time, because production has not kept pace with demand. The Thanksgiving turkey and the Christmas goose are also still in the luxury class. This is an indication that more attention could be profitably given to poultry on the average farm, particularly with a view to the production of winter eggs. Some classes of live stock also afford a better market for farm-grown grains than is elsewhere available. Some staple products also offer better prospects than others so far as probable price is concerned. There is great possibility of varying the acreage of production of staple crops on the average farm to the profit of the farmer, and there is still greater opportunity to increase the side lines of production with assurance that these will add materially to the profits from next year's operations.

Therein lies a profitable field of thought for every Michigan farmer, who has a great advantage in that natural conditions favor a wide line of production, for much of which he has a readily available market in nearby centers of population. This is a natural advantage which should be turned to account in next year's operations as never before.

### A Greater Potato Acreage

THE tendency is to increase the production of potatoes on soils too light for the production of small grains and in latitudes too cool for the economical production of corn.

But under favorable soil conditions yields due to the effect of changing weather influences, vary so that the demand for the crop is over-supplied some years and not fully satisfied other years. This brings about a wide range of prices which may result in loss to the grower or bring a good profit. If facilities could be made available for the manufacture annually of from fifty to three or four hundred million bushels of potatoes into flour, starch, dairy feed or fuel alcohol, as is now done in some countries where potato production is put on a more substantial basis, it would prove a great boon to this crop, to our agriculture and to the nation in general.

### The Value of Disagreement

N the days when the Farmers' Institutes were popular, one of the state speakers advocated the use of raw rock phos-

lowed, a son of the soil got up and asked, "Why don't these institute fellows get together before going out and agree on what they are going to tell to us? Here's a fellow who says that rock phosphate is all right, and a month ago another fellow was around and said that we should use nothing but acid phosphate. How are we common folks going to know what to do when the doctors disagree?"

Then one who was at that time prominent in the agricultural affairs of the state arose and said: "It is a good thing that these fellows disagree subjects of more or less importance.

using it. Disagreement is often an important factor in progress."

Disagreement has its value in progress, for it is often the progress through which truth is made most evident to the public. Disagreements prevail because our experiences and viewpoints vary. They are valuable because they give an opportunity to consider both sides of a question before there is an agreement on the right course to pursue.

Do not break off diplomatic relations with your neighbor because he disagrees with you, for it may be that some time you may have to confess that he is right.

### Keeping the Nation Strong

A CLOSE study of any particular undoubtedly show a surprising set of influences flowing out

to every phase of national life. The business, social and moral contribution made by the thousands of rural communities over the country to our nation has been such that under no consideration can we as a people afford to permit the source of supply to

This means that rural life must be watched with the greatest solicitude. The nation's human seed-bed ought not to be allowed in any degree to lose its richness, and the life of our farm youth should have the eye of every statesman, and of every public-spirited person upon it to the end that the full unfolding of the lives of the rising generation may be accomplished both for individual and national advantage.

Rural communities need a satisfying institutional life. There is required a something that will give the boys and girls of the farm a broad view of the interesting life in which they live. In hundreds of communities in Michigan the boys' and girls' club work is accomplishing this very thing in quite a satisfactory manner. We would that there was developed a sufficient leadership that every last farm boy and girl in the state might have brought into their lives such inspiration and information as comes from association in the most progressive of these local boys' and girls' organizations.

### Stopping the Big Leak

OMEONE has quesfarming in northern latitudes because of the waste of labor

during the winter months. In older countries the handicap has been overcome by farm manufacturing. In this country as time goes on we shall find larger percentage of successful farmers will consist of those who have ain't gold that glitters. worked out some program whereby the labor required for carrying on the rush work of summer will be employed at some profitable work when field operations are at a standstill.

The man who is operating a diversified farm is more fortunate in this rephate at one of the northern Michigan spect than the man who is confined to vidual effort on the part of farmers. institutes. In the discussion that fol- the growing of one or two crops. However there are many opportunities for the good-farmer whose attention is required on many crops to increase his net returns for the year through the men and teams. In this matter the individual farmer must plan his own program of work. Only general suggestions can be given. Logically the turning of raw farm materials into marketable products offers the widest application to farms in Michigan. The conversion of grains and forages into animal products is an old task for the winter, but one that should be given Christmus ain't all muss after all. in which gratifying progress is being and that there is disagreement on all more definite study with regards to its application to the particular condi- of the occasion. tul in making farming more profitable. If we all had agreed that the wooden tions on each farm. Farm forestry is

but it will be a mistake for any farmer plow was all right, we would still be another line which has excellent possibilities for keeping the men and teams at work in cold weather. pair work, pruning the fruit trees and the removal of the brush, cleaning and testing seeds, marketing the grain and live stock, treating and sharpening fence posts, making crates or other containers, repairing and sharpening tools, building racks, cutting wood, lumbering, and many more tasks can all be jotted down as possible work for the farmer during the winter days.

### The Winter Vacation

THIS is the season for the farmer's real vacation. It should be definitely planned. Opportunities for securing good

help to look after the live stock are rural locality would always greatest during the cold months and trips will not need to be made in such haste as is so often the case in summer. If no other arrangements can be made, we offer this suggestion, that you get ready and take in Farmers' Week at the Agricultural College, beginning January 30. This annual event gives farm folks a chance to get away from the home job for a week and to get home some very interesting and valuable information and inspiration on the great business of farming and on rural life.

### Merry Christmus

THEY say you can tell by the way the squirrels is actin' that winter is comin'. Well, I ain't no nature student but I can tell by the way Sophie is actin' that Christmus is comin'. She's a-been poppin' and stringin' pink pop corn the last few days and she won't let me eat the best apples any more.

Then she's been makin' sneaky trips



to town and been hidin' things in The the closet. other day I took a look and seed that she has the nicest sofie pillow marked a Merry Christmus for me. I think it's for the parlor sofie, not

for me. But bein' the case, as it is, I'm going to buy her a safety razer. The society columns say the ladies tioned the ulti- is usin' them and I always wanted one mate economy in of them facial garden rakes to cultivate my hirsute likeness.

They dress Christmus trees different than they used to. It used to be apples, popcorn and cotton, now they go down to the five and ten cent emporium and buy a lot of glistenin' that makes the tree look like it was all in all probability that a larger and dressed up and no place to go. From these decorations I've learned that all

> Christmus is gettin' to be a day of financial importance. Some folks buys them at one dollar down and the rest like rent, and others do it the other way—as soon as one Christmus is over they start savin' for another. So, Christmus is the culmination, or the beginin' of a year of financial en-

This givin' what you think you ought and gettin' what you don't like ain't keepin' the spirit of the occasion. It would be a lot better if they'd take a profitable use of the idle time of both lot of the muss out of Christmus and put a little more of the Christian spirit. in it. Love and good fellowship is always thankfully received and there ain't many folks that's got to save up all year on their good nature to give some at this time of Good Cheer.

But Christmus is worth while for the happiness it brings the children and the poor and the sufferin'. Guess

My greetins' to you with the spirit

HY SYCKLE.

# \$1,380 From Three Acres of Sand

By L. G. Parker

WHEN the clover huller outfit pulled out of the Colclesser barnyard in October, 1921, it was immediately noised about that Reuben would clean up a nice little piece of money.

"Twenty-three and one-third bushels of Hubam annual sweet clover seed from three acres," they marveled, "Worth not less than one dollar per pound, or around \$1,480 and from that

"Nothing but a streak of luck," said the wise ones.

For the natives poke fun at the Colclesser farm up here in the Cutover. Not at the buildings, the good-looking big modern house and the big barn, and silo, and sheds, for they are among the best in the neighborhood. Nor of the neatness of the barnyard and fence corners, nor of the level fields fast becoming stumpless as Indiana or Illinois at their best.

They make fun of the sand. Whenever the wind blows they look over south from the village and tell that old one-Reuben's farm's moving. For it does blow. And it does look pretty light and sandy.

Eight years ago, when the Colclessers, father and son, and the misses, came to Michigan from Indiana, and built the too-good-for - this-country buildings, the natives, in log and tar paper houses, wagged their heads in disapproval.

When the Colclessers pulled stumps they said right out in meeting that that land wasn't worth clearing.

When in 1915 they spread two tons of ground limestone to the acre on a small cleared field and seeded part of it to rye and vetch and the rest to alfalfa, and got rye and vetch thicker than hair on a dog's back, and eight good cuttings of alfalfa in three successive years, the natives admitted that they never would a thought it could be did.

planted to corn. The corn was followed by another planting of rye and tall enough to bind, but Reuben kept for him, at the market price, which vetch, fall sown, with a ton of ground right on hoeing, and the sweet clover limestone to the acre in 1920. That June the growth was all turned under, menced and could not stop. The fall and more rye and vetch sown in July.

In March, 1921, the field was again plowed, another ton of ground limestone and three hundred pounds of acid posphate to the acre was applied, and two and one-half pounds of Hubam annual sweet clover seed, bacteria treated and scarified, was drilled in with a common grain drill April 25.

Reuben found out how long these rows, one hundred and twenty-five of them, were when he went over them three times with a hand-hoe, twice with a one-horse weeder, and twice with a one-horse cultivator.

The summer was dry, dryest the oldest inhabitant could remember, and the crop came slow. Gardens dried up and some farmers quit hoeing early

In 1919 this field was plowed and potatoes, and the hay crop was short, kept on growing. Then the rain comwas warm and wet, and the sweet clover was three feet tall and better, and loaded with seed by the middle of October, when it was cut. A grain binder was used and the bundles were made small and tied as loose as the binder would tie them. The clover had stooled out so thick in the row that only one row could be cut at a time.

It was shocked up western grain style and left in the field about three weeks. It rained most of the time, which rotted down the straw somewhat, and perhaps made it easier to

The seed was hulled out with an ordinary clover huller with canvases spread under, and it yielded almost eight bushels of seed to the acre, or twenty-three and one-third bushels by

weight of salable grain. Besides some seed and chaff which Mr. Colclesser will sow on another field next spring.

The State Farm Improvement Assoand oats and rye in spots did not get ciation has contracted to sell this seed will not be less than one dollar per pound. So this is where the thirteen hundred and some odd dollars come in.

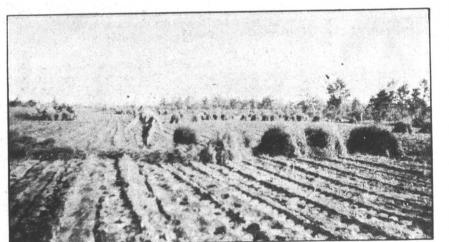
"Oh, yes," say the wise ones, "but another year's crop like Reuben's will knock the bottom out of the seed market, and then where will he be?"

Here is where he will be. He will have a lot of good clover hay, legume hay, that anything will eat, and he will have nitrogen-bearing nodules in his sandy soil, a better farm than he had before he took off this thirteen hundred dollars.

The state is introducing this annual sweet clover not eventually for a seed crop but for a hay crop. It makes a lot of hay the first year from seed. And a legume feed. And any kind of feed is mighty scarce in the cutover with the new settler. We have raised rye and vetch, oats and vetch, billion dollar grass, and soudan, with only indifferent success.

Besides his seed Reuben thought he was going to have a lot of straw. But he did not. From the three acres he got perhaps a good ton of rather chaffy stuff. But the stock like it better than marsh hay which they are sometimes wintered on up here.

A pound of seed drilled in as above will seed an acre. It must have lime, inoculation and care like alfalfa or biennial sweet clover, but results come quickly. There is no danger of winterkilling, and less chances of loss in other ways because it is all over in one year. And the nitrogen-gathering clover roots build the soil. Colclesser's field looks darker for it, and it does not blow so badly. It will eventually stop blowing. We will have to think



The Colclesser Hubam Clover Field.

# A Semi-Annual Invasion of Rural Fields

By One Who Has Been There

WICE a year, once during the rush summer months, and again during the slack winter period, the countryside is harassed, entertained, somewhat enlightened and slightly misinformed by the invasion of a group of men as earnest in their purpose as a confident visiting football team. These semi-annual invasions are as regular and persistent as those of the fly, and in some cases about as welcome. But this is sufficient to introduce the target of our remarksthe fertilizer agent.

Shortly after prices adjust themselves, local "hustlers" from the co- and condition of bags. op, village, hardware, elevator, and even neighboring farms, with the assisttives of companies whose goods they handle, engage in the friendly but in-Grand Champion Oat Producer and the scores of fancy-named brands of commercial plant food licensed and sold in this state. If a conscientious investigator would account for the combined efforts of a season's campaign it would be surprising to note the great variety of jokes, stories, claims, and general information and misinformation imparted to prospective buyers and to patient but disinterested listeners, in the sale of a season's fertilizer. The farmer must surely enjoy many a secret laugh at some of persistent agents after they have used their "very best" sales harangue to "land" his order.

life. The aim of this article is simply er and do not realize that the various to correct some very evident false im- analyses are as different as hard and pressions of the fertilizer consumer soft coal or wheat and oats. and to advise him how to avoid real difficulties commonly met with in purments of leisure time to learn how to chasing commercial plant food. The read and interpret a fertilizer formula; difficulties of fertilizer trading center to find out what the general effects uplargely upon the following points:

1. The proper analysis to use.

3. Mechanical condition of fertilizer

The Proper Analysis to Use.

ance of oratorically-gifted representa- of fertilizer is sold to the consumer ricultural College at East Lansing, the with little regard for its adaptability to his soil and crop; and not sidestepture, Washington, D. C., or the county tion the individual farmer can quite tense competition to pile up orders for ping the issue, there is no denying agricultural agent will gladly supply easily satisfy himself as to the chance "Cracker Jack Wheat Stimulator," that this is largely the farmer's fault. him with such information in detail. of profit in using it on other crops, The outstanding observation of a day's Practical tests of different fertilizer fertilizer canvass among farmers is materials upon his various crops and High Grade vs. Low Grade Formulas. the little knowledge that the majority soils will supply the most certain inhave of the material for which they formation as to the kind and quantity pay anywhere from twenty to fifty or of fertilizer to supply. All this procedmore dollars per ton. The dealer's business is to sell fertilizer—as a rule it is a sideline to another ventureand, as in other lines of business he will naturally sell the article which is most popular with the trade. No one is in a better position than the farmer himself to study his soil and to know its special needs, yet a large number of the conflicting claims and advices purchase their fertilizer in a hit-andmiss manner, giving greatest consideration to price per ton, the brand name But a man's a man, and there are edge of commercial plant food. Many

rogues and honest men in all walks of simply figure that fertilizer is fertiliz-

If the farmer would take a few moon his crop are of the three forms of plant food which make up a formula, 2. Price per ton, terms of sale, etc. and to acquire a general knowledge of the elements which the different classes of soil usually require, he will be able to purchase commercial plant food There is o denying that a great deal far more intelligently. The State Ag-United States Department of Agriculure means merely a little study and observation, with very little extra

When the above becomes the general practice, the analyses which dealers will carry will be determined by popular demand based upon the needs of the community and not merely upon ton is less in the low grade formula, the special brands with which the dealer has worked up a trade.

Are Fertilizer Costs Too High?

and the dealer's usually meager knowl- farm produce and the lesser drop in 0-12-4, etc., and use less per acre he fertilizer costs many agriculturists would surely be making a wise saving.

have decided that it no longer pays to use fertilizer. A little simple figuring, after the following manner, is the surest and easiest way I know of for farmers to decide the wiseness of this decision.

At the rate of 200 pounds per acre it requires one-tenth of a ton of fertilizer. A \$35 analysis would therefore cost \$3.50 per acre application. With wheat selling at \$1.00 per bushel it would require a three and a half bushel increase to pay for fertilizer used, considering only the season's benefits derived by the wheat itself. Few fields in need of fertilizer will fail to respond with a larger increase. A ten bushel increase means a \$6.00 profit and a fifteen-bushel increase a \$11 profit. With this general method of calculaunder present conditions.

It is still difficult to convince many farmers that in purchasing low grade formulas, such as 1-7-1 and 1-8-1 they are paying the long price for their goods. Freight rates, bagging expense, grade as in high grade formulas-but the amount of valuable plant food is labor, sale's costs and the other overhead expenses are just as high in low less. Therefore, although the price per the cost of each pound of valuable material is greater. If the purchaser would buy the higher grade, higher With the big drop in the price of priced analyses, such as 2-12-2, 2-12-0, must settle each season for only the goods that he has sold. For cash payments by July 1 and December 1 he goods carried over are sold at the new season's price. For cash soon after the car arrives he receives a seven per cent discount. These are the general terms of a fertilizer contract and they are valuable facts for a purchaser to keep in mind.

Most fertilizer is handled on a con- moved at the car, the dealer can sel- izations have been very fair in hand- tories there is no denying that a cersignment basis. That is, the dealer dom afford to sell fertilizer at less carries and protects the goods, but than \$2.00 or \$3.00 a ton margin. Consequently, where the buyers make a practice of unloading from the car and paying cash they get the best price receives five per cent discount. The and usually stronger sacks to hold the fertilizer. Under recent and present strained conditions of credit it is not always possible to pay cash. Not a few dealers have run chances of no small loss in carrying dozens of orders on their books and extending fertilizer credit. Where possible, cash payment Unless his goods are sold and re- is the best purchase. Farmers' organ- tilizer taking the whole outputs of fac- load of fertilizer to keep over.

ling sales at very narrow margins.

Hard Goods and Bad Sacks.

heavy summer hail storm. No one salesman who must adjust such difficulties and complaints. There is a trouble since present keen competition boom. With the great demand for fer-

tain amount of uncured goods, inferior sacks, and hard fertilizer came on the "Tombstone" and lumpy fertilizer market. However, manufacturers and and torn and rotted sacks are about as dealers who were fair compensated welcome to a farmer or dealer as a their customers for losses. In many cases the cars should never have been realizes this better than the traveling accepted until the fertilizer was examined and checked over. As a rule there are enough dealers in a place to noticeable decrease with this sort of insure a quantity of superior goods, and if the farmer exercises a little has taken the place of the post-war care in ordering and accepting his goods he will not be caught with a

# LATE AGRICULTURAL NEWS

CLOVERLAND CAN GROW HEMP.

DURING the summer I was shown some hemp fiber grown on muck soil near Seney. The fiber was very strong and fine. Wisconsin is a leading hemp-producer but upper Michigan may also have possibilities for this crop.-C.

### CANNING CLUB AWARDS.

S EVERAL members of Michigan canning clubs have been awarded prizes by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Jar Company for the best individual jars of fruits, vegetables or meats, put up in glass top jars, it has been announced by Miss Barbara Van Heulen, of M. A. C., assistant state leader of girls' club work. Elvis Alford, of Detroit, won second prize on peppers and sixth prize on carrots. Jennett Mason, of Afton, won a special prize on Swiss chard. Wilhelmina Nichols, of Quincy, won a special prize on preserves. The United States was divided into four sections for this contest, Michigan being included in the northern section.

### PROF. BIBBINS TO LEAVE M. A. C.

THE announcement has been made of the departure of A. L. Bibbins, assistant professor of farm crops at M. A. C., who will take up his duties with the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange of Syracuse, N. Professor Bibbins has been secretary of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association for two years and has been greatly instrumental in strengthening that organization as well as promoting the use of better seed within the state. Before graduating with the class of 1915 he was prominent in student affairs, having been junior class president and captain of the baseball team.

### A MINNEAPOLIS MILK PLANT.

A T a meeting of the Club," Mayor Samuel A. Carlson, of T a meeting of the "Farm Hands" Jamestown, New York, spoke of the enterprise of that city in establishing a municipal milk plant and system of municipal milk distribution. The legislature of New York state has passed an enabling act, and Jamestown has issued \$150,000 bonds to erect a botpasteurization plant. city proposes to buy milk direct from producers, pasteurize and bottle it, and distribute it to consumers in the same way as mail is distributed. Mayor Carlson says they will save enough money to pay producers more than they are now receiving for their milk, and be able to cut down the consumer's milk hill

### FARM MANAGEMENT INFORMA-TION NEEDED.

MR. H. B. KILLOUGH, extension specialist in farm management at M. A. C., has the following to say with regard to increased total production

tural production normal, industrial production below normal, the purchasing power of the consuming public decreased by reason of unemployment of agricultural products where it is, the farmer is not content to go on increasing production regardless of cost. The demand is now for definite farm cost accounting and farm management information.'

### AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS.

SUMMARY of part one of the re-Agricultural Inquiry relative to the been issued. The commission recommends, among other things, that the federal government affirmatively legalize the cooperative combination of grading, sorting, processing, or distrib- make up the two teams.

by Michigan farmers: "With agricul- uting their products; that the farmer's ANNUAL MEETING OF MICHIGAN requirements for credit be met by an adaptation of the present banking system, which will enable it to furnish credit of this character; that there and business losses and the price level should be a warehousing system which will provide a uniform liability on the part of the warehousemen and in which the moral and financial hazards are insured.

### ANOTHER MILK AND ALFALFA CAMPAIGN.

TEAMS from M. A. C. began another "Milk and Alfalfa" campaign on December 15, this time in Van Buren county. The campaign was scheduled A port of the Joint Commission of to last until December 23. As before, increased average production per cow cause of the agricultural crisis, has is the aim of the campaign work. To attain this end, growing of alfalfa, the use of better sires, better feeding and elimination of low-producing cows are favored. Members of the M. A. C. farmers for the purpose of marketing, dairy and farm crops department will



Wednesday, December 14.

linist, may become the Austrian foreign minister to America.—England, Japan and the United States sign the "5-5-3" naval limitation agreement.of state of Washington cause the death of thirteen people.—Pontiac, Michigan, will enforce the dance hall ordinance which bans corset checking .- Dr. A. L. Jacoby, psychiatrist of the Detroit the man, not the crime.

### Thursday, December 15.

HE Irish Dail Eireann is still undecided as to accepting the British-Irish peace proposal.—Diplomatic ment O. K.'s the Irish peace treaty. relations between Italy and Turkey have been broken.—The Inter-allied manufacturers to establish a big ex-Reparation Commission authorizes the port business. one-billion-dollar loan to Germany .-Michigan now has 13,846 inmates in its state institution. Only eighty of these are kept under constant restraint.

### Friday, December 16.

ASOLINE mixed in kerosene is claimed to have caused the death of one man and seven children in Roval Oak, Michigan.-Governor Groesbeck is to be one of the old Detroit newsboys who will sell newspapers on the streets' for charity purposes .-Christmas trees are being sold in Cadillac at prices ranging from ten cents to fifty cents each.-Jackson prison has 1,536 inmates although built to accommodate only 900.

### Saturday, December 16.

New York frankfurters or "hot dogs" were in demand at thirty

cents apiece until the police depart-FRITZ KREISLER, the famous vio-ment found that they contained booze. -A twenty-nine-year-old woman in Boston was found masquerading as a man and as the legal husband of another woman during the past two Floods and landslides in western part years .- The flu hits Coblenz, Germany, where the American soldiers are stationed.

### Sunday, December 18.

USSIA pays Poland fifty billion in Polish marks as first payment un-Municipal Court, says we should treat der the Polish-Russian treaty of peace. -A man arrested in Poland confesses to participating in the Wall street bomb explosion which occurred September 16, 1920.—The British Parlia-Secretary Hoover plans to help auto

### Monday, December 19.

THE house of representatives passes a bill authorizing the president to spend twenty million dollars out of the fund of the U.S. Grain Corporation for Russian relief.—Ex-Kaiser breaks a three-year silence when he makes public his letter to Marshall von Hindenburg, in which he says, "As God is my judge, I wanted peace."

### Tuesday, December 20.

MOONSHINE," an old gray mare, seized by the government prohibition agents fifteen months ago, has cost the government \$672 in feed bills and was sold the other day for \$25 .--A poultry breeder in England has produced a cross between a chicken and a turkey which he calls churkey. It makes an ideal table fowl.

### STATE GRANGE.

OR nearly a half century in the history of Michigan as a state there has never been a busier and more interesting week spent by any organization than that of the Michigan State Grange in its forty-eighth annual convention held at Flint last week.

In spite of the hard times and the abnormal conditions on the farm which would naturally restrict the attendance this year of 1921, there was the largest delegation, representing every county in both peninsulas. Headquarters were in the big new Durant hotel and that hostelry was packed with farmers and their wives on every floor. The sessions were held in the large ball room on the second floor. Grange Steward T. E. Niles, who has held that responsible office for a quarter of a century, declared it was a problem to arrange chairs to seat all the delegates.

Few cities in Michigan have convention halls large enough to entertain Michigan State Grange. Besides the officers and delegates, there are several hundred farmers and their wives who attend as visitors. As the Grange is a secret order and there must be a court in the center of the convention hall to provide stations for each officer somewhat as in any regular lodge room, it was found before Tuesday morning that the Durant ball room was too small. During all the sessions the big hall was literally packed, and the court was reduced to the smallest possible space which rendered it difficult to properly work out the fifth and sixth degrees in all that the ritual implies. Kalamazoo won over Muskegon for the 1922 State Grange convention.

State Grange really lasts from early Monday forenoon to Saturday. officers must be on hand to get everything ready and there is much work to do. And the officers must remain until Saturday to clear up the work and attend to all details. The delegates consist of a farmer and his wife, two or more couples from each county and Pomona Grange. There is not another organization in Michigan that holds a larger delegation for a whole week, with an equal number of each sex, and in which the women have for nearly half a century had an equal voice in the deliberation and final vote on every question and resolution presented in the convention.

There were about one thousand delegates and visitors present, some of whom came from the upper peninsula. Delegates from Dickinson, Iron and other counties, came down through Wisconsin by way of Chicago as the shortest and quickest route to the convention. The journey takes nearly two days, or about as long as to ride on a train from Michigan to Florida.

The annual address of the Master is the first thing looked for, after the first more or less social session. And the address of Master A. B. Cook, of Owosso, more than pleased the dele-(Continued on page 611).

# Fall Freshening of Cows

by nature freshen in the spring of ter's job. the year. This no doubt was due mals, were originally independent of man, and spring and summer were obraising of calves, the sole work of a cow at that time.

ly many small farmers that keep no at its best. hired help and yet milk from six to their cows freshen in the late fall. The writer is one of the latter class and is confident that he can bring forward a few good reasons in favor of fall freshening for farmers that mix dairying and farming.

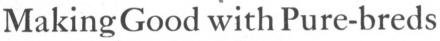
During the spring season farmers are doing their best to get the crops cumstances. in on time and yet have them in right. to give their cows and calves proper giving her a well earned rest .- M. G

N the natural course of events cows care, besides giving the farmer a win-

Most people's cows are freshening in to the fact that cows, like other ani- the spring. This means more milk for the condensaries, cheese factories etc., consequently a lower price for milk. viously the only right time for the Cows properly housed, fed and watered will give as much milk in the winter as those on pasture in the summer, Today many dairymen, and especial- and give it while the price of milk is

No matter whether a cow is giving eight cows, prefer having the most of a small amount of milk or a large amount, it takes just so much feed to keep that cow and all above that amount goes to make milk or is wasted. Even then if the fall cow does freshening in preference to spring consume more feed the price of milk affects the extra cost and gives a nice profit, unless the cow is a boarder, and they never give a profit under any cir-

Two more facts in favor of the fall This means long hours in the field, cow. When turned out to pasture in with the loss of from one to one and the spring the change in feed causes a half hours on each end of the day if her to increase her milk flow. Then he has a half dozen fresh cows and a again, about the time the flies begin half dozen calves to care for. In the to get troublesome and the pasture late fall and winter farmers have time poor, it is time to dry the fall cow up,



By J. V. Sheap

T has been said that "opportunity knocks once at every man's door," but some do not recognize opportunity when she knocks. Much has his herd bull at the Grand Rapids Fair sometimes been made of apparently insignificant opportunities.

When a man well along life's road with \$50 in cash, a few grade cows and some farming experience, starts in to buy a farm and build up a purebred herd of cattle, he may not think he has been dealt a full-sized opportunity. However, he will recognize the fact that he has a full-sized man's job cut out for himself. Yet these are the accomplishments of F. L. Irish, of Shiawassee county, who bought a farm some sixteen years ago, with \$50 in cash and a few grade cows, borrowing an additional \$50 to complete the first payment on the farm. Since that 'time he has never missed a payment. They, Mr. and Mrs. Irish, now own the eighty acres, free and clear, which is worth much more than when they purchased it, also a fine herd of Guernseys which have been winners at Michigan's largest fairs.

Before purchasing the farm south of Owosso, Mr. Irish had made up his mind as to the kind of farming best meeting his needs and best adapted to his farm. A brook of fresh running of water at all times, so Mr. and Mrs. Irish decided that they would raise cattle, and pure-bred cattle at that.

After studying the different breeds registered Guernsey bull and later credited list. made the plunge by purchasing two pure-bred cows from a reputable breeder of New York state for \$450. Some doubt as to the outcome. One morning as Mr. Irish was working at the back end of his farm a neighbor called over the fence, "Vere you get dem new kind of cows?"

"Oh, I got them down east," was the reply.

"Vat dey cost you?" came the query. "Four hundred and fifty dollars for the two. What do you think of them?" replied Mr. Irish.

"Vat I dink of dem?" stormed the German, "I dink you are crazy and you vill soon be selling out."

"We'll see," came the laughing reply. When Mr. Irish showed these same cows with some of their progeny and in 1919 he won most of the prizes of fered and sold every animal he dared let go. He finally accepted an offer of \$750 for the two original cows and sold a bull calf from one of them for a good price. His total sales and winnings at the State Fair at Detroit and at Grand Rapids amounted to \$1,850.

At the Michigan State Fair at Detroit in 1919 he won first on bull and get, first on exhibitor's herd, first calf herd, first two-year-old heifer, and grand champion Guernsey exhibited.

Some time after this he saw his German friend, who asked, "Vat you do mit the cows, get rid of dem?"

"Well, yes," replied Mr. Irish, "I did sell a few, I brought home \$1,850 from stock sold and premiums won at the fairs, and say, what do you think, I got \$750 for those two cows after they had given me some nice heifer calves and a number of bull calves, several of which I sold at the fair."

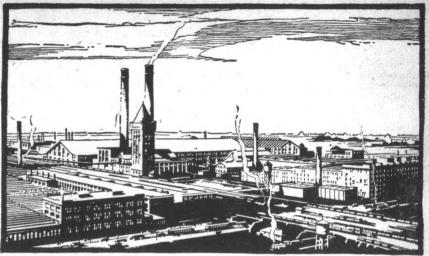
"Oh, gracious, dot's too much," muttered Fritz.

From these beginnings Mr. Irish has build up a choice herd of Guernseys and has always found ready sale for his surplus stock. At the same time water provides fine pasture and plenty he has been bringing up the fertility of his farm so that his yields compare favorably with the majority of the farms in the neighborhood. He has taken advantage of every agency carefully the Irishes decided upon which could help him. He passed one Guernseys and a few years after mov- clean test for tuberculosis and soon ing on to the farm they purchased a expects to have his herd on the ac

Mrs. Irish is as enthusiastic a farmer as her husband and delights to tell what the Guernseys have done for of the neighbors shook their heads in them. Mr. and Mrs. Irish have labored ceaselessly side by side and now are commencing to see their dreams come

> They have recently remodeled their home, making it much more comfortable and convenient and they expect to remodel their barns somewhat later. Such is the reward of knowing a good thing and staying with it.

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# Farm Concreting in Cold Weather

suggest a few simple rules that, cement. if followed, will insure just as weather, as if done in the warmer months.

To begin with, I would not advise any one to attempt doing concrete work in freezing weather if the mix- in charging the mixer, is to determine ing must be done by hand, for the reason that shoveling and spreading the aggregates about, as is necessary to secure a well-mixed mass, would of necessity be so slow and exposed that even if the materials were hot to begin with, they might easily be cooled to the danger point before the concrete could be placed in the forms.

Now, assuming that you have a mixer, and that the temperature is around the freezing point or lower,

First. Heat the water to be used for mixing to 210 degrees F., (boiling point). Most all farmers have means at hand for doing this, the kettles used for scalding hogs, or if the work is extensive, a tank that will hold several barrels may be placed on stones so as to permit building a fire underneath.

Second. Heat all aggregates, sand, gravel or crushed stone, to about 150 degrees F., this may be done by building a fire under a large piece of sheet iron placed on pillars or brick, and the material piled on top, or an ideal way is an old smoke stack, or a piece of steel culvert fourteen to sixteen inches in diameter, placed so the wind will carry the draft through it, and build the fire inside, and place the material against and over it until heated good

HE object of this article is to and hot. Not necessary to heat the of the aggregates, then the required a canvas, building paper, straw or

Third. Having everything ready, good results in placing concrete in cold mix the aggregates thoroughly and that the temperature of the mass will be not lower than seventy degrees when placed. A good plan to follow the amount of water for the batch and put this in the mixer first, then a part

ance of the aggregates, all while the er the weather, the more care you mixer is running, then if possible, have should give in placing this protection, place quickly in the forms, to insure the mixer so placed that you can dump and if severely cold, this protection directly into the forms.

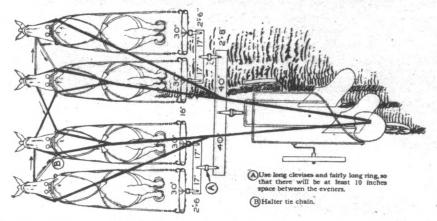
Fourth. Protect the concrete just as soon as possible after placing, to retain the heat long enough to insure the rapid hardening, or "setting" process. This may be easily done by using

amount of cement, and then the bal- fresh manure, and, of course, the coldshould be continued for at least five days after placing.

Fifth. Don't remove the forms until you are sure the concrete has hardened, that it is cured and not merely frozen. You can determine this by testing with hot water. In moderate wintry weather, two to three days is ample time for the concrete to harden,

By following these simple precautions, a most extensive program of cold weather concreting has been done the past three years, with highly satisfactory results, by many of the largest building contractors, and such work has been generally approved by competent authorities, therefore it is obvious that farmers will take no risks whatever in doing such concreting that they may have in mind, during the season when they have most time to do it. Right now you can build that long-wanted ice house, or put the concrete floor in the hen house, or your work shop, and, of course, on any enclosed work that you may have to do, an old stove, or a coke-burning salamder will just do the trick, while foundation work for any of the buildings you may intend erecting, or fruit and vegetable cellars, partly or wholly under ground, are very easily protected by simply spreading a canvas or building paper over them, and if the materials are handled along the lines herein suggested, there need be no fear of the results being anything but the best.

## A Home-Made Four-Horse Hitch



ROM eighty to ninety per cent of without tiring the horses a four-horse the total operating expense on team is often required. farms consists of horse and man labor. Horse labor alone makes up between above is one which can be easily arthirty and forty per cent of it.

labor when used in connection with horse labor, at least twenty miles per day should be covered in actual tillage. To keep up this rate in plowing

The four-horse hitch illustrated ranged at home. The illustration is In order to get the most out of man self-explanatory, the figures thereon indicating inches. As indicated, two of the horses will have to walk on plowed ground. This hitch is a very good one for a two-bottom plow.



E have heard a great deal of late about the War Finance Corporation. To us as well as to most farm-minded folks it has seemed to offer a great deal of relief to farmers, and we have been not a little surprised that the thing has not functioned in Michigan. Recently in connection with our local cooperative enterprises we have had occasion to go into to the matter rather thoroughly and here are some of the explanations.

In the first place, with our great diversity of interests here in Michigan we are not nearly so hard pressed for



funds as are the banks of the great central west. This may seem hard to believe, as the jolt we are getting must lead many of us to think that we are being hit just a little harder than anvone else in the

true nevertheless, that Michigan farmers are in clover, compared to those In the second place, our own local banks, as well as hundreds of others throughout Michigan, are members of the Federal Reserve System. This system, though not entirely satisfactory, still gives the needed relief at the present time, and with less red tape than is required by the War Finance Corporation. At least relations are established and in operation, and the preliminary requirements complied with. Therefore the bankers say, "Why change trading places as long as pres-

# Francisco Farm Notes

By P. P. Pope

"We are all in debt clear up to our farm products has left a great reducthus having the effect of doubling or tripling his indebtedness. In order Corporation he must show collateral other source, and in addition the bank or other organization must guarantee payment. This being the case, says the banker, "Why go to the War Finance Corporation as long as we can handle tion imaginable for a good night's rest. the loan from our own pouch, and can keep that pouch replenished by redisworld, but it is counts with the federal reserve.

serve, as regards the farmer, is the over does not take place in thirty, sixty or ninety days, nor even six months the present outlook the renewal privilege offered by the War Finance Corporation up to a three-year limit looks good, and should the present financial anced. The average farmer is compellyet prove a godsend to Michigan

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care of our legitimate business. In the boy in school, we looked upon it as third place, to quote a leading banker, real sport to go forth into the woods on Saturdays and vacation days and necks." The rapid drop in price of all try our hand with axe and saw. I remember how hard it was then to strike tion in the liquid assets of the farmer. twice in the same place, and how the saw must surely cut faster if we got on and rode. There is something about to secure a loan from the War Finance the woods that has a strong appeal to most red-blooded men. I think I never sufficient to justify the loan from any worked in the woods a single day without experiencing keen delight and a ravenous appetite. An aching back and sore muscles are not uncommon and a day in the woods is the best prepara-

The saw and axe have been worked overtime altogether too much, however, on most Michigan farms. It is a The weak point in the federal re- habit hard to leave off. The result is tem that makes such a thing possible, that many of us now days have little and will result only in prolonging the in many other sections of the country. short time limit. The farmer's turn- or no woods to work in. We feel like planting more, rather than cutting what little there may be left, and we or a year in many cases. In view of have learned to depend very largely on the coal yards for the fuel supply. No doubt this has been economy in normal times, but just now things are unbalstringency continue unabated it may ed to work for practically nothing. Many of our best farms throughout the corn belt have failed to pay even the In our youthful days it was custom- interest on investment, taxes and inary for the winter's supply of fuel to surance, let alone anything at all for be prepared a year or more ahead. I labor. It is only the occasional farmer

thing left for his labor. The bigger the farm, as a rule, the farther it has come from breaking even. The income from hired labor has not paid its cost.

At the same time organized labor, especially of the mines and railways, has been drawing wages close to the peak. Any reduction has been fought to the limit, and only comparatively slight reductions have been secured to date. I am not saying here who is to blame, but the fact remains; and now listen to this. Almost the entire cost of coal at the mines is for labor. The costs of transporting it to your station and mine are made up more than half of labor. Half of the remaining cost of transportation is for coal which as noted above, is most all labor. Thus we see that when we pay out good hard-earned money for coal a very large per cent of that money goes for labor. All right so far, but where the rub comes is the exorbitant charges maintained by this labor in the face of the farmer's plight, and a buying power on the part of the public that is practically paralyzed. It is a vicious sysagony incident to reconstruction. Under these conditions we feel that the less support we can give this system the better, and the quicker will it find its proper place, and "business as usual" will again be with us. So we are buying wood of our farmer neighbors where we know the money has been justly earned. In our own woods we are cutting the few trees not suitable for anything but wood. We are cleaning up the rubbish and the old rail fences, almost the last of them, an ! with the help of the buzz saw saving ent conditions are sufficient to take look back to the days when as a small who, by chance or otherwise, has any odds and ends more closely than ever.

# Our Service Department

FOR SEED.

There is no danger at all in using seed potatoes from a field infested by wireworms. The wireworms themselves come from eggs laid by snapping beetles and I would not hesitate to use healthy potatoes from such fields for seed .- R. H. P.

### LINE FENCE DIVISION.

Are there any laws in which it is stated which end of a line fence a man should build? If my neighbor built the wrong end of the fence, could I force him to move it?—E. H. N.

The line fence can be divided only by agreement or by the fence viewers. When properly divided each party is bound to keep up his own end at the peril of having no remedy for trespassing stock from his neighbor and being liable for any trespasses by his own stock on the neighbor. Building the other end of the fence would be no excuse.-J. R. R.

### WAGES FOR ROAD WORK.

If in the township election last spring the people voted for highway improvement and voted to pay \$7.00 a day to a man with team, and \$3.00 to a man along to work on road repairing, can the township change the wages to \$6.00 to man with team?—F. G.

Suppose, for the sake of argument. that the position assumed by the questioner is sound, who could complain? Certainly not a taxpayer, for he is not prejudiced. Nor could anyone who had made a contract to work for \$6.00, for his contract stops him. But suppose he had no contract at all, then certainly he could not complain. If he had a definite contract, for a definite number of days work at \$7.00 per day he could recover for work done under that contract even without any such vote at the town meeting. If he was merely hired by the day at \$7.00 per day and continued on without notice of change he would have a right of recover at the contract price till notified that the pay would be changed. But when ordered to quit or work at \$6.00 per day thereafter, he can do only the one or the other.-J. R. R.

### FEEDING CULL BEANS.

What is the feeding value of cull eans? I had some ground and mixed it with other chop. My cows seem to relish this mixture. Which is the best to use, wheat bran or buckwheat bran? Please balance a ration for me. I have cull beans, light oats, barley, bran, lots of corn silage and mixed hay.—E. H. C.

Bean meal fed in moderate quantities makes a very good feed. If fed in too large quantities the cows produce a hard tallowy butter-fat. The butter is so hard and crumbly that it will hardly stay in a mass.

Your roughage ration of silage and mixed hay is deficient in protein. It would be proper to feed all the silage and mixed hay that the cows will eat up clean. Then a grain ration ought to be used that contains a goodly percentage of protein. Your bean meal is right in line as beans are rich in protein.

If you will make a combination of 200 pounds of oats, 200 pounds of barley, 200 pounds of bran and 100 pounds of bean meal, and feed in addition be made to the prosecuting attorney about one pound of cottonseed meal of the county. per day I think you will get good remeal on the silage separate from the which is for the jury.-J. R. R.

WIREWORM INFESTED POTATOES other grain. Then feed a sufficient amount of the mixture so that the cows will receive one pound of grain Is it safe to use potatoes for seed per day for every four pounds of milk which are infested with wireworm?— they produce.

### SEEDING ALFALFA.

I would like some information in regards to growing alfalfa. Would it be all right to sow it in a cornfield the last time cultivating? I have a muck field, well-drained. I would like to sow to alfalfa if it would be all right. Also, what time should alfalfa be sown on a summer fallow?—F. P.

It is not considered a good practice to sow alfalfa in the last cultivating of corn. No plant has a good chance to grow in a good corn field during the latter part of the summer. The corn is the commanding plant, taking all of the moisture and shading the ground to the great detriment of other plants, even weeds. While a season might be so favorable that you might get a catch of alfalfa it would be extremely hazardous to attempt to get a seeding in this way.

It would be better to sow the field to oats and seed with the oats in the spring or, if the field is too wet to work early you could seed later, using the oats as a nurse crop to keep down the weeds and then cut them for hay. This would give the alfalfa the command of the field during the latter part of the season, which is the trying time for all young plants. If you sow alfalfa on a summer fallow the consensus of opinion is that about the first half of June is the best time to sow. Cultivate the land thoroughly up to that time, destroying all of the weeds so that the alfalfa can have the best chance.

Most land should be well limed and should be inoculated with the proper bacteria to insure a stand of alfalfa.

### HUNTING ON ENCLOSED LANDS.

I would like your advice about hunters trespassing on my land. The land is enclosed with a fence and I put a notice near each corner on the high-I caught two hunters in there they did not see the notices, and that if they had they would not have gone in. I also forbid them hunting on the other side of the road where I also had a notice. I did not like the way they talked, so instead of coming home, I stopped in the woods to watch them. They both went across the road to hunt, and after they got as far as the woods, one went on with the dog and the other circled around and came back in the woods where I had just driven them out. He told me he was just looking the trees over. Can I sue him for trespassing the first time, and also the second time? What is the fine on hunters in Michigan for trespassing on land where there are notices? Should I notify the game warden, or sue them myself?—H. M.

The statutes of 1917, No. 317, Sec. 3, provide: "No person shall hunt with firearms or dogs, or in any other manner on enclosed lands of another, or upon any farm lands or farm woodlots connected therewith when notices have been posted on such lands by the owner or lessee thereof forbidding hunting thereon."

The punishment provided for the first offense is a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, imprisonment in the county jail or house of correction not more than ninety days, or both in the discretion of the court.

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Father Allen is Tempted

By Alta L. Littell

town and made me an out and her bread. out offer on that forty of his this morning," Father Allen came into the it right in the bank," Mother Allen barn where Bob was pitching hay.

"'Bout time he came out with something," Bob replied as he jabbed the there." fork into the hay and stopped for a rest. "He's been beating about the bush for two months now."

"Says I can have it for twelve hundred dollars," Father Allen continued. "Five hundred now and the rest on a mortgage or a contract. His wife is bent on getting back to Ohio, and she won't give him no rest till he gets out. Twelve hundred is just what he gave for it ten years ago, and he's making us a present of all his improvements.'

"Not us," Bob emphasized the word as he returned to his work. "We've got all the land we can take care of now, and if we hadn't, where's the five hundred dollars coming from?"

"I guess we could raise five hundred dollars if we had to," Father Allen's tone was assured. "We could mortgage the farm."

ma to sign a mortgage," Bob snorted. "You know right well she isn't going to mortgage her home for the sake of Ma's idea is to begin to take life easier."

"She'd sign if I said to," Father Allen boasted, "But I'd no idea of putting a mortgage on the place."

Bob grinned wickedly. "It's a good thing you haven't, because you can push ma just so far," he said.

"Ma's always ready to work with me, she knows our interests are the same," Father Allen insisted. there's lots of ways of getting money when you need it." He paused and chewed a straw as he watched Bob "I should think Milly'd have a neat little wad saved up, she's been making a thousand a year and living off the old man," he ventured finally.

Bob faced his father angrily. "What Milly did before she got married is her own business," he said, "and what she earned then is hers. Don't you go hinting around I might ask her for it."

"Who's hinting?" Father Allen's tone was aggrieved. "Can't a feller make a little remark without your blowing up? Even if I did hint, which I didn't, I don't see anything so awful in it. A wife ought to be willing to do anything she could to help her husband along." He strode out of the barn before Bob could reply.

"Just the same I'll bet she has got good-sized roll,' 'he muttered. wonder if ma knows anything about it. They were jabbering a long time that morning ma borrowed the quarter." He went on to the house and dropped down in a chair by the kitchen door.

Tom came in from the other house with two letters which Milly had asked him to mail.

"I'm going to rest a bit and I'll watch for the mail man." He waited until ma went into the pantry before looking at the addresses, it didn't pay to be too curious when ma was around. One was to the bank in Milly's old home, per cent on his property investment, and the other to the extension department of the agricultural college.

bankbook inside, but then she wouldn't risk and management, after allowing need to send her book to draw out five per cent return on the value of money. He wondered if she was writ- his investment, in 1909 was \$311. In ing to have her account transferred, 1918 it was \$1,278, and in 1920 it was or to get money to spend. How much \$465. Measured in terms of purchasdid she have?

account," he ventured at Mother Al- 1920, \$219.

TWOOD stopped on his way to len's back, as she vigorously kneaded

"If she takes my advice she'll keep gave the bread an unnecessary thump. "I was a fool that I didn't leave mine

"I guess you got a good home with yours," he arose with an injured air. 'But that's just like a woman. 'What's yours is ours, but what's mine is my own.' No idea of being equal partners."

Mother Allen bit her lip, but made no reply.

Outside he wandered towards the road, the two letters in his hand. So they'd been talking, and ma had advised her to hang onto her money. No use trying to find out anything about it from ma or Bob; if they did know they'd never tell him how much Milly had. He studied the letter slyly. Who would know at the bank if he opened that letter, and then sent it on in another envelope? They'd just think she'd got someone else to address it for her. He dropped down on the grass under the big poplar and peered "A swell chance you've got to get at the two houses. There was no one in sight. He tore off the end of the envelope clumsily, taking with it a bit of the enclosure, and drew out a draft saddling us all up with a lot more land. for \$650. More than he could have off the farm in the time Milly had been teaching!

> He replaced the draft in the envelope, not noticing the torn scrap in the grass, and pulling out a wallet put the letter inside. He would have to watch for a chance to re-address it.

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### THE FARMER'S INCOME.

 $A^{
m GRICULTURE}$  has produced from sixteen to twenty-three per cent of the national income of the United 'Give 'em to me," his father said. States, although approximately thirty per cent of the persons gainfully employed in the United States are engaged in agriculture. The average income received by a farmer for his labor, after deducting the return of five is below the average earnings of employes in many other industries. The He felt the first one carefully. No average reward per farmer for labor, ing power, the farmer's reward in 1909 "Milly must have a snug little bank was \$326; in 1918 it was \$826, and in

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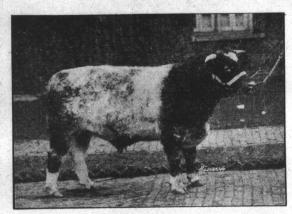
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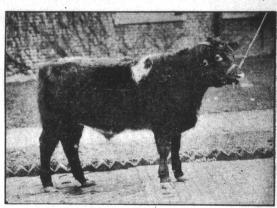
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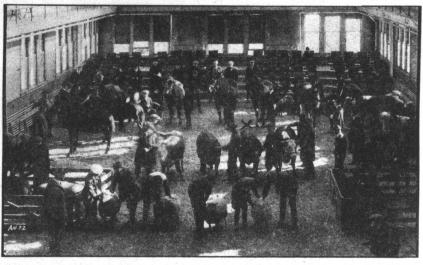
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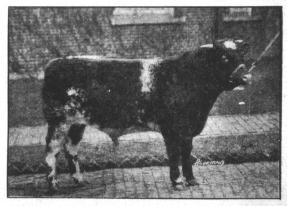


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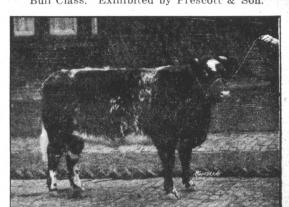
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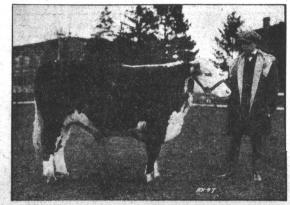
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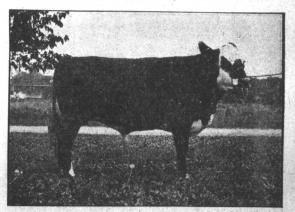
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# THE BLIND MAN'S EYES

"Anything else, sir?" The man, who had finished unpacking his clothes and laying them out, approached respecthad finished unpacking his clothes and laying them out, approached respectfully. "I've drawn your bath, tepid, sir; is that correct?"

"Quite," Eaton said. "There's nothing else."

"Very good. Good night, sir. If ther's anything else, the second button beside the bed will bring me, sir."

When the man had withdrawn noiselessly and closed the door, Eaton stood staring about the rooms dazedly; then he went over and tried the door. It opened; it was not locked. He turned about and went into the dressing room and began taking off his clothes; he stepped into the bathroom and felt the tepid bath. In a moment he was in the bath; fifteen minutes later he was in bed with the window open beside him, letting in the crisp, cool breeze. But he had not the slightest idea of sleep; he had undressed, bathed, and gone to bed to convince himself that what he was doing was real, that he was not acting in a dream.

He got up and went to the window and looked out, but the night was cloudy and dark, and he could see nothing except some lighted windows. As he watched, the light was switched out. Eaton went back to bed, but amazement would not let him sleep.

He was in Santoine's house; he knew it could be no other than Santoine's house. It was to get into Santoine's house that he had come from Asia; he had thought and planned and schemed all through the long voyage on the steamer how it was to be done. He would have been willing to cross the continent on foot to accomplish it; no labor that he could imagine would have seemed too great to him if this had been its end; and here it had been done without effort on his part, naturally, inevitably! Chance and circumstance had done it! And as he realized this, his mind was full of what he had to do in Santoine's house. For many days he had not thought about that; it had seemed impossible that he could a ferrace, part flagged, part gravel, have any opportunity to act for him- part lawn not yet green but with green self. And the return to his thoughts of possibility of carrying out his original plan brought before him thoughts of his friends-those friends who, through his exile, had been faithful to him but whose identity or existence he had been obliged to deny, when questioned, to protect them as well as himself.

As he lay on his bed in the dark, he stared upward to the ceiling, wide awake, thinking of those friends whose devotion to him might be justified at last; and he went over again and tested and reviewed the plan he had formed. But it never had presumed a position for him-even if it was the position of a semi-prisoner-inside SanBy William MacHarg and Edwin Balmer

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information of the structure of the back into bed. The motor driveway turned over and set himself to go to toine's house was one of these. sleep.

> CHAPTER XII. The Ally in the House.

HE first gray of dawn roused Eaton, and drawing on trousers and coat over his pajamas, he seated himself by the open window to growing in the east, showed him first the lake; the light came to him across the water, and from the lake had come

house than he as yet had, to correct which stretches north from Chicago his plan further. But he could not, far into Wisconsin leaves between it without too great risk of losing every- and the lake a broad wooded strip for thing, discover more that night; he spacious grounds and dwellings; San-

Eaton felt that its location was well suited for his plans; and he realized, too, that circumstances had given him time for anything he might wish to do; for the night's stop at Minneapolis and Santoine's unexpected taking him into his own charge must have made Eaton's disappearance complete; for see the house by daylight. The glow, the present he was lost to "them" who had been "following" him, and to his that the house stood on the shore of friends alike. His task, then, was to let his friends know where he was without letting "them" learn it; and

plied, when the plied, when the man had finished dressing him. He found the hall and the rooms below bright and open but unoccupied; a servant showed him to a blue Delft breakfast room to the east, where a fire was burning in an old-fashioned Dutch fireplace. A cloth was spread on the table, but no places were set; a number of covered dishes, steaming above electric discs, were on the sideboard. The servant in attendance there took covers off these dishes as Eaton approached; he chose his breakfast and sat down, the man laying one place for him. This manner of serving gave Eaton no hint as to how many others were in the house or might be expected to breakfast. He had half finished his bacon and greens before any one else appeared.

This was a tall, carefully dressed man of more than fifty, with handsome, well-bred features-plainly a man of position and wealth but, without experience in affairs, and without power. He was dark-haired and wore a mustache which, like his hair, was beginning to gray. As he appeared in the hall without hat or overcoat, Eaton understood that he lived in the house; he came directly into the breakfast room and evidently had not breakfasted. He observed Eaton and gave him the impersonal nod of a man meeting another whom he may have met but has forgotten.

"Good morning, Stiles," he greeted the servant.

"Good morning, sir," the man returned.

The newcomer sat down at the table opposite Eaton, and the servant, without inquiring his tastes, brought pineapple, rolls and coffee.

"I am Wallace Blachford," the stranger volunteered as Eaton looked up. He gave the name in a manner which seemed to assume that he now must be recalled; Eaton therefore feigned recognition as he gave him his name in return.

"Basil Santoine is better this morning," Blatchford announced.

"I understood he was very comfortable last evening," Eaton said. "I have not seen either Miss Santoine or Mr. Avery this morning."

"I saw Basil Santoine the last thing last night," the other boasted. "He was very tired; but when he was home, of course he wished me to be beside him for a time."

"Of course," Eaton replied, as the other halted. There was a humility in the boast of this man's friendship for Santoine which stirred sympathy, almost pity.

"I believe with the doctors that Basil Santoine is to be spared," the tall man continued. "The nation is to might be a prisoner, he was not to be be congratulated. He is certainly one of the most useful men in America. "I think I can go down," Eaton re- The President-much as he is to be

The Christmas Spirit And none are left to grieve alone For Love is Heaven and claims its own 莅▲♀♀▲♀▲♀▲♀▲♀▲♀▲♀▲♀

had blown into his windows through he fell asleep again. the night. As it grew lighter he could see the house; it was an immense structure of smooth gray stone. Eaton was in its central part, his windows looking to the south. To the north of him was a wing he could not see-the wing which had contained the portecochere under which the motor-car had stopped the night before; and the upper part of this wing, he had been able to tell, contained the servants' quarters. To the south, in front of him, was another wing composed, apparently in part at least, of family bedrooms:

Between the house and the lake was shoots showing among the last year's grass. A stone parapet walled in this terrace along the top of the bluff which pitched precipitously down to the lake fifty feet below, and the narrow beach of sand and shingle. As Eaton watched, one of the two nurses who had been on the train came to a window of the farthest room on the second floor of the south wing and stood looking out; that, then, must be Santoine's room; and Eaton drew back from his window as he noted this.

The sun had risen, and its beams, reflected up from the lake, danced on his ceiling. Eaton, chilled by the sharp air off the water-and knowing now the locality where he must be-pulled toine's house. And he required more off his coat and trousers and jumped

the crisp, fresh-smelling breeze that thinking of how this was to be done,

At nine he awoke with a start; then, recollecting everything, he jumped up and shut his windows. There was a respectful, apologetic knock at the door; evidently a servant had been waiting in the hall for some sound within the room.

"May I come in, sir?"

"Come in."

The man who had attended him the evening before entered.

"Your bath, sir; hot or cold in the morning, sir?"

"Hot," Eaton answered.

"Of course, sir; I'd forgotten you'd just come from the Orient, sir. Do you wish anything first, sir?"

"Anything?"

"Anything to drink, sir."

"Oh, no."

The man again prepared the bath. When Eaton returned to his dressingroom, he found the servant awaiting him with shaving mug, razor and apron. The man shaved him and trimmed his hair.

"I shall tell them to bring breakfast up, sir; or will you go down?" the man asked then.

Eaton considered. The manners of servants are modeled on the feelings of their masters, and the man's deference told plainly that, although Eaton treated openly as such.

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compare in service. Suppose the President were assassinated; instantly the vice-president would take his place; the visible government of the country would go on; there would be no chaos, scarcely any confusion. But suppose Basil Santoine had died-particularly at this juncture!"

Eaton finished his breakfast but remained at the table with Blatchford, who scarcely touched his food, continued to boast, in his queer humility, ofthe blind man and of the blind man's friendship for him. He checked himself only when Harriet Santoine appeared in the doorway. He and Eaton at once were on their feet.

"My dear! He wants to see me now?" the tall man almost pleaded. "He wants me to be with him this morning?"

"Of course, Cousin Wallace," the girl said gently, almost with compassion.

"You will excuse me then, sir," hurried off. The girl gazed after him, and when she turned the next instant ing. A graveled path led them around to Eaton her eyes were wet.

"Good morning!"

"Good morning, Miss Santoine. You morning?" Eaton asked. are coming to breakfast?"

"Oh, no; I've had my breakfast; I was going out to see that things outside the house have been going on well since we have been away.'

"May I go with you while you do that?" Eaton tried to ask casually. Important to him as was the plan of ate view of the grounds? He felt were together all through college and

admired for unusual qualities-cannot tial for him to know the grounds. She hesitated.

> "I understand it's my duty at present to stay wherever I may be put; but I'd hardly run away from you while inside your own grounds.'

This did not seem to be the question troubling her. "Very well," she said at last. The renewed friendliness-or the reservation of judgment of himwhich she had let him see again after the interview with her father in the car the morning before, was not absent: it seemed only covered over with responsibilities which came upon her now that she was at home. She was abstracted as they passed through the hall and a man brought Eaton's overcoat and hat and a maid her coat. Harriet led the way out to the terrace. The day was crisp, but the breeze had lost the chill it had had earlier in the morning; the lake was free from ice; only along the little projecting breakwaters which guarded the bluff against Blatchford said hastily to Eaton and the washing of the waves, some ice still clung, and this was rapidly meltthe south end of the house.

"Your father is still better this man living?"

"What did you say?" she asked.

He repeated his question. Was her constraint, he wondered, due to her feeling, somehow, that for the first They were very close friends when time in their short acquaintance he for the purpose of gaining an immedi-

ed her invitation to present him to her the reproach to himself, she also came from her abstraction.

"Yes; father's improving steadily and-Dr. Sinclair says-much more rapidly than it would have been right to expect. Dr. Sinclair is going to remain only today; then he is to turn father over to the village doctor, who is very good. We will keep the same nurses at present."

"Mr. Blatchford told me that might be the arrangement."

"Oh, you had a talk with Mr. Blatchford, then?"

"We introduced ourselves."

Harriet was silent for a moment, evidently expecting some comment from him; when he offered none, she said. "Father would not like you to accept the estimate of him which Mr. Blatchford must have given you."

"What do you mean?"

"Didn't Mr. Blatchford argue with you that father must be the greatest

"He certainly expressed great admiration for your father," Eaton said. "He is your cousin?"

"I call him that, he's father's cousin. they were boys, though Cousin Walwas consciously "using" her, if only lace is a few years older. They entered preparatory school together and the house, it was scarcely less essenthat; but he told himself he was not ever since. I suppose Cousin Wallace

doing the sort of thing he had refused told you that it was he- Those are to do when, on the train, he had avoid- the garages and stables over there to the north, Mr. Eaton. This road leads father. Circumstances now were en- to them. And over there are the tooltirely different. And as he shook off houses and gardeners' quarters; you can only just see them through the trees."

> She had interrupted herself suddenly, as though she realized that his attention had not been upon what she was saying but given to the plan of the grounds. He recalled himself

> "Yes; what was it you were saying about Mr. Blatchford?'

> She glanced at him keenly, then colored and went on. "I was saying that father and he went through college together. They both were looked upon as young men of very unusual promise -Mr. Blatchford especially; I suppose father, being younger, had not shown so plainly what he might become. Then father was blinded-he was just sixteen; and-and Cousin Wallace never fulfilled the promise he had given."

> "I don't quite see the connection," Eaton offered.

"Oh, I thought Cousin Wallace must have told you-he tells almost every one as soon as he meets them. It was he who blinded father. It was a nunting accident, and father was made totally blind. Father always said it was not Cousin Wallace's fault; but Mr. Blatchford was almost beside himself because he believed he had ruined father's life. But father went on and

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HE statement was made within a month in one of the most widely circulated religious periodicals in the country, that a society had recently been formed in New York to spread atheism, free-love and anti-Americanism. The society has one hundred and sixty thousand dollars for purposes of propaganda. A young man belonging to its membership was found, teaching a class of children to steal. Presumably the members of this soci-



ety will not celebrate Christmas. It means nothing to them, and they should not be expected to observe it. There are othclasses who cannot consistently keep this most wonderful of anniversaries.

The people who never look within

the covers of the world's greatest Book will naturally not feel particularly religious on December twenty-fifth. The mystic meaning of God-coming-in-the-Flesh will mean nought to them. The choirs that sing "Joy to the World," ministers who speak of the Babe, the press that refers to the "Spirit of Christmas"-all this has no particular message for thousands, we fear. A friend was telling me the other day of a boy of fifteen, born and reared in Michigan, who had never seen a railroad train, been in a hotel, or seen a pure-bred Holstein cow. The boy was taken on a trip where he saw some of these wonders. At times he would scarcely believe his eyes. He had been within a few counties of these things and yet had never seen them. There are many in America who are near the great realities of the Bethlehem Babe, yet they have never gotten at the meaning of that lowly stable and its manger.

# The Universal Birthday

Our Weekly Sermon—By N. A. McCune

A been occupied with thoughts of Christ and his birth. Christmas means Christmas Day. O. Henry has one, much to literature. John Milton writes entitled, "Gifts for the Magi." A happy one of his most beautiful poems on couple, recently married, lived in a "The Morning of Christ's Nativity," which begins,

"It was the winter wild, While the heaven-born child All meanly wrapt in the rude manger

Nature, in awe to him, Had doffed her gaudy trim,

With her great Master so to sympa-thize."

Longfellow, the favorite of America's verse-writers has a miracle-play entitled, "The Nativity," while his "Christmas Bells" takes hold of heart and imagination:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet

The words repeat, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Joyce Kilmer was one of the rising poets of recent years. He was a deeply religious man. Ill at ease and dissatisfied with himself, he was accustomed to go, we read, to a certain church in New York, and pray each noon. The war coming on, he enlisted. One day he ventured too far in advance of his company, and a sniper's bullet got him. That was a costly bullet to America. One of the finest things Kilmer wrote was, "Gates and Doors, a Ballad of Christmas Eve." One verse runs:

> His heart was full of laughter, His soul was full of bliss When Jesus, on His Mother's lap, Gave him His hand to kiss.' "There was a joyous hostler Who knelt on Christmas morn Beside the radiant manger Wherein his Lord was born. ND so one might go on, mention-

ND yet the greatest minds have Christmas has given birth. Some of the greatest stories are woven around small New York flat. A few weeks before Christmas the young husband lost his job. As Christmas drew near, money got low. The day before Christmas, the bride went out to get her husband a present. She had beautiful hair, long and lustrous. She went to a hair-dresser's and sold it for twenty dollars. With the money she bought a gold watch fob. In the meantime her husband was buying her a present. He had a handsome watch, a wedding present. He pawned it and bought his wife two bejewelled side-combs, such as she had wanted. When Christmas morn arrived, they opened their presents, and lo! she had two side-combs but no hair, and he, a watch-fob but no watch. But after all, it wasn't a farce. Back of it was the Christmas

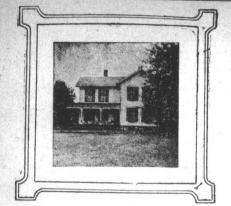
There is no Christ in the Old Testament, but there is the promise of the Christ. The words of the greatest of the prophets come ringing to our ears: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace." One who lives abreast of this description must indeed be a great God. He has been called the Prince of the Four Names.

WONDERFUL Counselor. He was that. Are we not told that He "spake as never man spake?" Do not His words burn into the marrow of A ND so one might go on, mention. His words out into the literary products to which the soul today, as they have ever the knock.

done? Truth is characteristic of all He says. It is not surprising that people were amazed at the words which came from His lips. To this day the New Testament is a mount of more wisdom than any other book. Well does Rosseau say: "How petty the books of philosophy compared to the gospels? Can it be, that these books, so simple and so sublime, are the works of mere man? That he whose life they tell is a mere man? If the death of Socrates is the death of a sage, the life and death of Christ is that of a God." But He is also the Mighty God. Along with wisdom there goes power. It is not enough that He should speak wisdom. We must know that with him is the might to do all that wisdom dictates. As another has said, "He touches tyranny and it crumbles, slavery and it vanishes, wrong and it falls."

Everlasting Father. Wisdom is sublime, might is majestic, but the heart hungers for love. The love of a father is a very beautiful love. Often father is away when the children are put to bed. But when father is at home, they like to have him tuck them in, with his big clumsy hands. The love of the eternal father never goes out. And added to all this. He is the Prince o Peace. It doesn't look like it. There have been four most terrible Christmases, not white, but red. People who want to scoff have the opportunity now. But the end is not yet. The day will come when he will prove that He is the Prince of Peace. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have set justice in the earth." Many things have failed. Government has failed, politics have failed, armament as a method of maintaining universal peace has failed. But one has not failed. That is the Prince of Peace.

Says Sam: Communities, like cars, can't hit on all six unless you take out



This day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love. - Shakespeare.

# Woman's Interests



# essons in the Essentials of Citizenship

N indiscriminate use of the words in some places a description of the on the attitude of the party towards ceive a teacher's certificate. With othmany of us to believe that since the nineteenth amendment the words to sign his own name. are identical in meaning. As a matter of fact, many citizens of the United States are not qualified voters, while sometimes confused. One registers his in some states, some persons not yet citizens are allowed to vote.

Citizenship is conferred by the federal government on persons not naturpower to confer or to refuse citizenship. In addition, a foreign-born woman becomes an American citizen by marrying an American. The right to states, and each state has different qualifications for voters. Colored persons, for instance, were long denied the privilege of voting in southern states, but the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the national constitution gave them that right. Various qualifications are required by the states, as, certain length of residence, while in sixteen states the law says that voters must be able to read and write and in six, voters must pay a poll tax.

That Michigan women may know their rights regarding voting, the following concise statements were compiled by Walter S. Foster:

A woman born in the United States is an American citizen whether or not her parents are citizens, but a United States woman citizen who marries an alien loses her citizenship, and can not vote. She can be naturalized by court proceedings. The naturalization of her husband alone will not restore her citizenship, but the death of her alien husband or a divorce from him, followed by continued residence in the United States, will restore her citizenship. If she was born outside the United States by alien parents, but her parents became citizens of the United States before she reached the age of twenty-one years, then she is a citizen.

"In order to vote in Michigan a woman must be:

"Twenty-one years of age on election day.

"A resident of Michigan for six months prior to election day.

"A resident of the township, village or ward for twenty days preceeding election.

"A citizen of the United States, the wife of a citizen of the United States or the wife of an inhabitant of foreign birth, who, having resided in the state two years and six months prior to Noto that date may vote."

show that some women in Michigan the falling off of attendance at church. who were born here of American parents may thus be deprived of the right ization, see only the groping of the to vote, while other women foreign- whole world after peace and declare born and not yet citizens, are allowed that the spirit of Christmas is winning to vote.

she has registered. Registering is churches are not filled it is simply a merely listing qualified voters, and is sign that the world is weary of forms necessary to prevent fraudulent vot- and is seeking the spirit. They point ing. Registering must be done in per- out that Christ was the non-conform- sal peace. Are there still some to say reau of the labor department was cre-

"citizen" and "voter" has led person is written in the registration various questions. book. Occasionally a voter is required nominees for township offices are se-

Enrolling is a distinct thing from registering, though the two words are name in a book to show that he is a qualified voted. He "enrolls" in a political party to show whether he is a al born citizens, and no state has the etc. In Michigan it is necessary to being simply the time when you express your choice of candidates for the various offices. For instance, if three vote, however, is conferred by the or four democrats wish to be governor of the state, the primaries give voters the opportunity to register their choice of these men. It does not make the man governor. It will be seen that it is necessary, therefore, to state your political party at the primary. You are then given a list of candidates who are running for office in your party, and have a chance to vote for the man whom you think best qualified for the felt. office he seeks. The names of the men elected at the primaries are then put on the regular election ballot to be voted on at the time of general election.

> straight party ticket, you have no other choice. At the general election the on the slip and you may vote as you list of candidates in one party you have what is called a "straight" ticket.

ers are given a chance to express a she was finally ready to teach, and

lected by caucus. In addition the secretary of state, state treasurer, auditor general and state highway commissioner are chosen in convention to which delegates are elected in caucuses.

Enrolling in a party does not make republican, democrat, prohibitionist, it necessary for one to vote the party ticket on election day. It does make enroll at the primaries, the primaries it necessary to vote the one ticket at the primaries.

### JAPAN'S WOMAN LEADER.

ONE of the most interesting visitors to the disarmament conference is Mme. Kaji Yajima, the "Grand Old Woman of Japan," who came to present a peace petition, bearing the signatures of ten thousand women, to President Harding. While not an offi- about their health, so she had no time cial visitor, those who knew Mme. to think of her health and worked all Yajima say that her influence will be

Mme. Yajima is an inspiration to all women who feel that middle life is the time for giving up. She did not begin her life work until she was forty-she is now past ninety years old. Born of At the primary you must vote a a respectable, but not noble family, she was unfortunately married by her parents while she was quite young, to candidates of all parties are printed a man of intemperate habits. For years she was forced to work long choose. If you vote for the entire hours to support herself and him. When his death brought release, she determined to start a warfare on alco-In addition to the primaries we have hol, but first she had to get an educawhat is known as caucases, when vot-tion. When she was forty years old choice for candidates, and to decide was the first woman in Japan to re-

In Michigan all ers she founded a girls' school in Tokio for girls of from fourteen to twenty years of age, where she has taught ever since.

> She retired as head of the school last year, and the girls gave her a present of two thousand yen. This she has used to pay the expenses of her peace trip. Friends tried to dissuade her from making the trip at her advanced age, but she replied, "To die for the cause of humanity in America or Japan makes little difference to me."

> Mme. Yajima attributes her long life and health to four things:

- 1. She was born of temperate parents who did not drink rice wine.
- 2. She led an active life as a girl, with plenty of out-door activities.
- 3. She had many responsibilities at a time when most women are thinking
- 4. She has never worried nor allowed herself to be ruffled.

### WOMAN BUREAU CHIEF LIVED IN MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN hasn't yet given a president to the country, but she has given recently one of the two women bureau chiefs, Miss Mary Anderson, chief of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor. A bureau chief, be it known, is a high-up official, next in importance to a cabinet member, and the appointment must be confirmed by the senate. Miss Anderson was appointed to her position by President Harding. There is but one other bureau headed by a woman, the children's bureau.

Perhaps Sweden would object to Michigan's claim to Miss Anderson, for she was born there, and came to Ludington an emigrant girl when she was fifteen years old. Arrived here without a word of English she took a position as pantry maid, and with an American newspaper as a primer and the family as instructors learned the mysteries of the English language. She has never attended a school in America; her education was obtained in the lower grades in Sweden, and added to by incessant reading. Yet this emigrant girl has won her way to one of the highest places in the country.

From Ludington Miss Anderson removed to a suburb of Chicago where she entered a shoe factory. Membership in a union was, of course, inevitable, and she became a member of the shop committee in which she worked, in this way coming in contact with both capital and labor. President of her local was the next step up, and from that to national organizer for the National Woman's Trade League. There followed eight busy years, and then the war. She found herself drafted by the government and made arbitrator between the government and the women workers in munitions factories. Finally, when the woman's buated last year she was made chief.



# The Christmas Spirit Wins

"There's a song in the air,
There's a star in the sky, There's a star in the sky,
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry.
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King."

WO thousand years since the song was first sung, and what has the vember 8, 1894, declared his intention Christmas spirit accomplished? There to become a citizen of the United are those who say it has failed in its States two years and six months prior mission, prove it by the disastrous war, the continued disorganization, the A careful reading of the above will greed, the breaking down of authority

Others, forgetting war and disorganout. Everywhere men are seeking for No woman, however, can vote unless truth and right, they say, and if the son, it can not be done by proxy, and ist of his day, he went into the syna- it is a failure?—Deborah.

gogue on the Sabbath day, but he went out of it to the fields of corn, much to the horror of the priests.

The world is seeking the Christmas spirit, the spirit of peace and good will. Its reign seems a long time off, but let those who weary for its coming take heart from Dickens' words,

blind man, blind man! not to know that ages of incessant labor by immortal creatures for this earth must pass into eternity before the good of which it is susceptible is all developed. Not to know that any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its mortal life too short for its vast means of

Man's life on earth runs into the hundred thousands of years; Christmas is but two thousand years old. Yet it has drawn all the nations of the world together in a search for univer-

# The Blind Man's Eyes

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did all that he has done, while it stop- look for a book. Left alone, he stood ped poor Cousin Wallace. It's queer listening. how things work out! Cousin Wallace

now," Eaton said quietly.

grounds."

ed out the different objects, watched carefully and printed the particulars and the general arrangement of the surroundings on his memory.

As he looked about, he could see that further ahead the path they were on paralleled a private drive which two hundred yards away entered what must be the public pike, for he could see motor-cars passing along it. He noted the direction of this and of the other paths, so that he could follow them in the dark, if necessary. The grounds were broken by ravines at right angles to the shore, which were crossed by little bridges; other bridges carried the public pike across them, for he could hear them rumble as the motor-cars crossed them; a man could travel along the bottom of one of those that of Mr. Reber, since I have had ravines for quite a distance without twelve years' experience as a teacher, being seen. To north and south out- beginning in the one-room rural school side of the cared-for grounds there and ending as superintendent of were clumps of rank, wild-growing schools. Two years as school examinthicket. To the east, the great house er and four years as county commiswhich the trees could not hide stood sioner of schools may also be added to out against the lake, and beyond and my experience. below it, was the beach; but a man even at night, one traveling along the ness of country school children, bebeach would be easily intercepted.

looked about, she was not regarding wallet. him now. He followed her direction and saw at a little distance a power- condition of mind which fits him or ful, strapping man, half concealed— her for rapid advancement when given though he did not seem to be hiding- the opportunity, I believe is very largebehind some bushes. The man might ly due to certain rural conditions and have passed for an undergardener; but not to the one-room school, but rather he was not working; and once before in spite of it. then away quickly. Harriet flushed town child. slightly as she saw that Eaton observed the man; Eaton understood then duties afford a proper outlet for child that the man was a guard, one of sev- activities and the working habit is eral, probably, who had been put about soon formed. Work and pleasure are the house to keep watch of him.

interest in the grounds as preparatory the habit of being successful. to a plan of escape, and had she therefore taken him out to show him the ences the power of concentration be guards who would prevent him? He comes stronger and thus by natural did not speak of the men, and neither growth the farm child reaches a point did she; with her, he went on, silently, where he begins to feel his power and to the gardener's cottages, where she realizes that he is the equal of his gave directions concerning the spring town cousin who is generally following work being done on the grounds. Then the line of least resistance. they went back to the house, exchanging-for the first time between them- rivalry are now added to the many ordinary inanities.

was going to visit her father; but part successful. way up the stairs, she paused.

called down to him.

"Thank you," he answered; and he went into the library, but he did not consolidated schools.-F. D. Noggle.

As her footsteps on the stairs died thought it was father's, but it was his away, no other sound came to him. own life that he destroyed. He's happy The lower part of the house seemed only when father wants him with him; deserted. He went out again into the and to himself-and to most people- hall and looked about quickly and waithe's only the man that blinded Basil ed and listened; then he stepped swiftly Santoine." "I think I shall understand him he had noticed a telephone. He shut himself in and took up the receiver of "I like the way you said that. Here the instrument. As he placed it to his Mr. Eaton, is the best place to see the ear, he heard the almost imperceptible sound of another receiver on the line Their path had topped a little rise; being lifted; then the girl at the subthey stopped; and Eaton, as she point- urban central said, "Number, please." (Continued next week).

### ANOTHER VIEW ON THE RURAL SCHOOL.

MONG the other good things in A the November 26 issue of the Michigan Farmer, I was much interested in the "Two Views on Rural Schools," one by W. C. Kugler favoring the one-room school, and the other by L. B. Reber for the consolidated school. Both of these writers are farmers and seem to be well qualified to discuss the question, but each gentleman overlooks a vital point which I wish to bring out.

My experience is more in line with

I am moved to answer the argument could not travel along the beach by of Mr. Kugler, that the one-room rural daylight without being visible for school should be given the credit for miles from the top of the bluff, and producing the superior mental alertcause it is an opinion so honestly held Could Harriet Santoine divine these by a large number of people. It is also thoughts in his mind? He turned to an argument used dishonestly by anher as he felt her watching him; but other class of people to obscure their if she had been observing him as he real position as guardian of the old

That the country boy or girl has a

during their walk Eaton had seen an- We are all largely the products of other man, powerfully built as this environment and in this respect the one, who had looked keenly at him and country child has the advantage of the

The ever present, pleasurable farm knit together. Well directed energies Had Harriet Santoine understood his pushed to successful conclusions form

In the absence of dissipating influ-

Class consciousness and a spirit of other influences that tend to make the She left him in the hall, saying she farm boy or girl mentally alert and

The problem, then, is to retain rural "You'll find books in the library of conditions and influences and add to every conceivable sort, Mr. Eaton," she them the superior facilities of the city schools.

The only solution is in the form of

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# Our Boys' and Girls' Department

# History of My Bee Project

ONE of the important features of the high school agriculture course is the project work. The list of possi-ble projects for the Michigan boys is almost unlimited. Whatever the char-acter of the project might be there are always two main purposes in view, to gain practical experience along a par-ticular line of agriculture and to ac-quaint oneself with farm accounts.

During my last year's work the third purpose developed. This being what I wish to explain in this article. The particular project was on bees and the purpose was to give a financial back-ing to a high school student who wished to attend college.

This project was carried on in Grand Traverse county of Michigan. I will give extracts from this student's re-port at the close of the season, this history of the project to show he received practical experience and also financial gain.—W. E. Fowle.

Before beginning the history of my project, dating from April 1, I must give a little outline of the factors which contributed to the success of the project during this last summer.

When I packed the bees last fall I had three very strong colonies. These I wintered with one full depth super on each, in single-colony packing cases. Each super was full of honey, which was very fortunate as the winter was warm and the bees consumed more honey than usual. The first of April I unpacked the bees, and found that all of the colonies had wintered one hun-

The first of May I received a twopound package of bees from Alabama. I put them in a hive with a comb of This hive of bees had a select, tested queen which is now one of my best. At the same time I made two neucleus, and gave them untested queens, one of that neucleus, but the time which cultural college. elapsed in getting the new queen gave the bees an awful setback.

The first part of the summer was very hot and dry. During this time my best colonies made a little surplus honey, while my neucleus built up to full colonies. From the last part of July to the close of the honey flow we had a rain every week or two, which was ideal for nectar secretion, and the bees gathered honey very fast.

The first of September I had my first experience of the summer with swarming. The swarm came from a hive which I least expected would swarm. as they had plenty of room, and were not overcrowded with bees, the swarm was departing when I noticed them.

I had two colonies of hybrid bees that I bought queens for, one of these did not introduce, and I gave them a queen cell. When the virgin went out to mate the bees went with her, but I reunited them with the old swarm, and they worked good on some foundation I gave them

The project has been a success considering that I am an amateur beekeeper. From all my colonies I got seven hundred and sixty pounds of honey, and from my two best swarms I got an average of two hundred and five pounds each. My two-pound package of bees made one hundred and fifty pounds of honey, besides drawing out thirty full depth combs, and have enough stores for winter. I shall always buy select tested queens, they are by far the best.

The account sheets accompanying this project may be summarized as follows: The total value of equipment at the beginning of the project was

By John Hopkins



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\$104.50. His actual hours of laborwire runs for the animals. He feeds received for 750 pounds of

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Total receipts ......\$170.20 His gain being \$138.86 for one sea-Production cost of honey per pound was four cents. His labor returns were \$1.74.

The above history and accounts indicates the boy has gained the first honey, and full sheets of foundation. purposes of the projects namely: practical experience and accounting. The net profit of \$138.86 indicates that he has received the third purpose from this particular project, that of giving them was not accepted. I requeened him a financial start through an agri-

### HOW ABOUT A SKUNK CLUB?

F more boys in Summit county, Ohio, were of the mind of Vernon Schovie, who lives on a farm near West Richfield and who is in his second year of pig club work, there would be skunk clubs as well as pig and calf and poultry clubs run for farm

C. F. Tom, club leader of Summit county, has been to Vernon's farm and has seen the small pack of domesticated "polecats" which the lad is raising for their pelts. It began when he trapped a female, put splints on her broken leg, and kept her in a box-coop in the barn. She has seven little ones all of which, successfully raised, have now multiplied to fifteen.

were eighty, valued at twenty cents them butchers' offal. They give no per hour, or \$16. His total expenses trouble, he declares, and the price of including self-labor, were \$31.34. He the pelts makes it well worth while to raise them.

### MARYLAND BOYS IN EUROPEAN TRIP.

FARM boys and girls from fourteen states competed in the second annual international live stock club judging contest at Atlanta, October 17-22, under the auspices of the Southeastern Fair Association. The Maryland team, which won first place, will be given a free trip by the fair association to England to attend the annual Agricultural and Live Stock Show of the Royal Agricultural Society, and to visit the farms of noted live stock breeders abroad.

The winning Maryland team, which made a score of 3,001 points out of a possible 3,600 in judging representative classes of dairy and beef cattle, hogs and sheep, included the following club members: Warren Rice, Joseph Glackin and George Worrilow, all from Cecil county.

These three club members were the champions in a series of community, stunt competitions. county and state contests in which fifteen thousand picked boys and girls

Each of the teams in the competition at Atlanta, aided by natural judging ability and careful coaching by extension agents, had won first place successively at county and state fairs in their respective states. The thorough and all-around practical knowledge of live stock necessary to win in such Vernon has rigged up box-coops with competition is shown by the fact that

the Maryland team was first in judging Guernsey, Holstein and Shorthorn cattle and second in Duroc-Jersey hogs, two of its members, Warren Rice and Joseph Glackin, standing first and second respectively, in judging all classes at Atlanta.

### CLUB PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

DIG club prizes were awarded at the meeting of the North Huron Farmers' Club at Huron City as follows: First, a sixteen-week scholarship at Michigan Agricultural College, to Irwin Schabel, of Grindstone City; second, John Kilpatrick; third, Murdock Mc-Donald; fourth, Feliz Goretski. A later meeting will be held at the home of S. J. Wallace, in Port Austin.-M.

### CAMPS PROMINENT IN OHIO CLUB WORK.

S OMETHING over 250 country boys and girls have been camping, most of them for the first time in their young lives, during a series of four 4-H Club camps held in August in Montgomery, Washington, Summit and Medina counties.

Last year only Summit county camped out, and this year they held to their idea of separate encampments for boys and girls. At each camp, twenty-seven attended. A club picnic, held on the day the boys' camp broke up and the girls came in, attracted five hundred.

Montgomrey had the largest camp, with one hundred boys and girls. Washington reports a total of fifty youngsters, only two of whom had ever slept outdoors over night before, although all were country-bred.

The camps were run on bugle-schedule, with mess and camp site sanitation handled along army lines. Classes generally took all morning, ranging in subject from live stock to hygiene to kodakery. Afternoons were given to swimming and field sports, and at night came the camp-fire sessions, with talks by the leaders and inter-tribal

### THE CURE.

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And your heart is in your work, And your neart is in your work,
You miss the trifling troubles
That so oft annoy the shirk,
You forget life's petty trials,
And sometimes your dinner, too, When you're really interested In the task you've got to do.

Time passes mighty quickly For the busy man each day, It is night before he knows it, All the hours just slip away. He isn't thinking mean things Of his neighbors or the mob, He is good to know and be with When his mind is on the job.

If you think the world is dreary, And you think that men are mean, If you've time to see the vicious And the vile and the unclean, If you spot the faults of others, Here's a certain cure for you:

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Poultrymen disagree about whether they should be raised on water or not, but it is generally conceded that not more than fifty per cent of the eggs average fertile if raised away from the water, while if raised accessible to water, the fertility will run as high as they certainly are money-makers. eighty-five per cent-hence the water method. Being aquatic birds, they are any other fowl raised.-Mrs. B. H. T. awkward on land, and swimming is to them what litter in a scratching pen is to confined hens-it furnishes exercise.

Younger than two-year-old ducks do not hatch well, although the yearlings make the best layers.

If fed for early eggs, they should begin to lay early in January, and continue well into July.

Ducks for market are almost entirely hatched in incubators. They hatch much better than chickens, and at least ninety per cent live that are hatched. They require warmth like young chickens for only about two weeks, when they are put out to swim and paddle around.

Early ducks bring fancy prices. The eggs are managed in an incubator just like hen eggs, except that they require four weeks to hatch, and after the first four days the eggs have to be cooled for nearly ten minutes morning and night.

Ducks graze like cattle, and should be kept in grassy lots. Their digestive apparatus is not suited for digesting grain, though they enjoy some once in a while. They should be fed twice a day on a mash food the same as hens eat. Ducks will also require grit, oyster shell and charcoal, consuming nearly twice as much as the number of chickens would eat.

Duck raising requires small capital. Thirty ducks and six drakes will start a breeder on a large scale because they multiply rapidly, and their care will amount to almost nothing.

W. E. McMullen.

### AN EXPERIENCE WITH GEESE.

AM a reader of the Michigan Farmer and we enjoy it very much, especially the remedies. I have thought for some time I would write and thank Mr. Kirby for his remedy for geese. It was published just in time to save my flock.

Last year was my first experience in geese raising, and I had nearly a failure. I started with four geese and one We like the shed-roof type of poultry gander. I had heard so much about houses as they are easy to build and setting the geese for good success, but that was where I failed. My geese laid sixty eggs and I set twenty-nine under two geese. They had so much nesting material they spoiled all their eggs. The rest hatched well but went down a big ditch to the creek and failed to return.

But this year I had my same flock. They commenced to lay on March 3 and laid 129 eggs. I had to keep my first till one month old so my first hatched three out of seven. The germ in the others partly developed and

seven in all. The rest I sold at twen- vere dry cold.

ty-five cents each. The goslings grew fine till from two to three months old. Some weighed eight pounds when they began to die.

The paper came when I had lost fourteen nice ones. Someone was having the same luck and had asked for help. So I opened one of the geese and found about three inches from the entrance to the gizzard, worms as large as the head of a pain and oneeighth of an inch long. One had eaten clear through on the under side, but the last one had left just a thin tissue clear around the intestine. I began at once with the turpentine and then decided I would put one tablespoon in one gallon of water for the flock, and I didn't lose any more.

I raised thirty-one fine birds and

There is more money in geese than

### DIPHTHERIC ROUP.

I have a bunch of hens that have some kind of disease. Heads get yellow and a frothy substance appears in their eyes and mouth. Then sores form on head and eyes, and swell the eyes shut. This substance in the throat seems to choke them and makes their breathing difficult. They eat and drink as long as they can, then drop over and die.—F. M.

The symptoms indicate diphtheric roup. The hens that are in advanced stages of the disease will be difficult to cure and had probably best be killed and burned. Treatment is very unsatisfactory in all types of roup. If you have a large flock you might kill the worst cases and try to treat the others. If the flock is small and all are more or less sick it might be best to kill them all and start with new stock after a thorough disinfecting of the house. Such diseases are largely prevented by having the house dry and well ventilated and feeding the flock a balanced ration to keep up the vitality.

Long distance advice on a flock in the condition you describe is rather difficult. It would pay you to have a practical poultryman in your vicinity look over the birds and give his advice after a personal inspection.

### POULTRY HOUSE BUILDING.

How large a house will one hundred Leghorn hens require? Also, would a hollow tile henhouse be damp? Which style of roof is best for the health of the hens?—F. W. H.

One hundred hens need about four hundred square feet of floor space and this will be furnished by a house twenty feet wide and twenty feet deen. If If you prefer less depth to the house. it could be made wider to give the required floor space. But poultrymenfind it pays to allow about four square feet per bird when building poultry houses.

Hollow tile hen houses are not usually considered damp if they are properly made and have a good dry floor. all the water from the melting snow drains toward the back. However, the other styles of roofs are practically as good and some breeders like them better. If other conditions are all right and the roof is not too high, the style of roof does not have a great influence on the health of the hens. Of course, it must be high enough to permit plenty of light to enter the windows and must be leak-proof to insure a dry condition of the scratching litter.-K.

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ville, Tenn.
Yorkshires.—Senior champion boar, senior and grand champion sow and junior champion sow, B. F. Davidson, Menlo, Ia.; junior champion boar, J. E. Brethour and nephew, Burford, Ont.

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Berkshires.—Champ, barrow, Minne-

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Poland-Chinas.—Champion pen and

barrow, Illinois, Duroc-Jerseys.—Championship

and barrow, Nebraska.
Hampshires.—Champion pen and
barrow, Willie Essig, Tipton, Ind.
Champion barrow of show, Minne-

Champion pen of show, Illinois.

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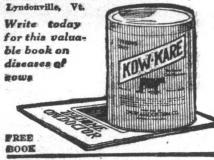
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R. W. G., South Branch, Mich.—You had better consult your veterinarian regarding the ailment of your pigs.

Barrenness.—I bought a three-year-old cow which freshened last May, and since then she has not been in heat. How shall I treat her? E. K., Stephenson, Mich.-Give her one dram ground nux vomica, two drams ginger and one dram of ground capsicum at a dose in feed three times a day. Feed plenty of grain and keep her warm.

Bunch on Leg.—I have a cow with a bunch on one leg about the size of a large apple and I would like to know how it can be taken off. C. C. E., Decatur, Mich.—Either have it cut off, or paint bunch with tincture of iodine daily.

daily Tuberculosis — Shy Breeders.—Is there a quick and inexpensive method there a quick and inexpensive method of finding out whether a family milk cow has tuberculosis? I also have three sows which are shy breeders. Is there any treatment that is practical? O. F. P., Pavilion, Mich.—Testing cattle with tuberculin is work for the qualified veterinarian, therefore I advise you to have the work done well, then you avoid mistakes and perhaps financial loss. If necessary your state veterinarian will do the work. If possible ascertain the cause of your sow's sible ascertain the cause of your sow's failure to breed, if an acid condition of genital tract, flush with a tepid salt solution, made by dissolving a teaspoonful of salt in one pint of clean water. Treat her daily for a few days before she comes in heat, and don't neglect to treat her three hours before she is served. A solution of bicarbon-ate of soda is a proper remedy for

these cases. Spasmodic Colic-Chronic Indigestion.—I have a mare that has been subject to what we termed colic. When the attack comes on, she will lay down, then roll, get up, look back at side; the ailment seems to be chronic. Lately she has had several attacks. I give her one ounce of turpentine, a table-spoonful of ginger in one quart of milk and the second dose caused her bowels to act, she then got relief. After the attack she is weak. How can these attacks be prevented? S. H. R., Linwood, Mich.—Feeding her a good quality of food, keeping the bowels open, and prevent her from overloading the stomach. Mix equal parts of ginger, gentian, air-slaked lime and salt together, give her a tablespoonful at a dose in feed two or three times a day. Unless she is fed the right kind of food and regularly, she will not recover.

Cow Gives Bloody Milk .- Will you tell me how to cure a cow that gives bloody milk? A. L., Decatur, Mich.—Doubtless her udder has been bruised, find out, if possible, the cause and remove the cause and she will cease giving blood with the milk. I might say that careful milking is one of the best remedies, plenty of bedding is another, prevent other cows from hooking her, or colt kicking her. Don't allow her to step over high doorsill, or fence rails.

Teat Obstruction.—I have a seven-

Teat Obstruction.—I have a seven-year-old cow which freshened a little over a month ago. She has one teat that fails to fill up quickly, but there are no hard bunches in the teat. F. A. C., Hastings, Mich.—A partial closure of the milk duct by a membrane may be the cause and if so, your veterinar-ian can open through it, which will soon make milking easier.

soon make milking easier. Heifer Has Five Teats.—I have heifer due to freshen in May that has three teats on one side of udder. The extra teat is in the way of the front teat. Can it be safely tied off with a silk cord? J. A. P., Milan, Mich.—If you intend to remove the small teat yourself, tie it off, use corded silk or lines thread but din it in tingture of linen thread, but dip it in tincture of iodine, also paint upper part of teat with iodine before you apply ligature. If your veterinarian treats the case he will cut off teat, then apply one part iodoform and five parts boric acid to wound daily until healed.

Garget.—Every two or three weeks one of my cows is troubled with caked bag. Have given her poke-root but it fails to help her. D. H., Lake Odessa, Mich.—Apply one part iodine and ten parts fresh lard to caked parts every day or two. Give her a tablespoonful of fluid extract of phytological in feed of fluid extract of phytolacca in feed twice daily.

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Corn.

Detroit.—Old Cash No. 2 yellow at 56c; No. 3 yellow \$55c; new yellow Cash No. 3, 52c; No. 4, 50c.
Chicago.—No. 2 mixed 47\% @ 48\% c; No. 2 yellow 47\% @ 48\% c.

Oats.

Detroit.—Cash No. 2 white 39c; No. 3 white 36@37c; No. 4, 31½@34½c. Chicago.—No. 2 white 36½@37½c; No. 3 white 34@36c.

Beans.

Detroit.—Immediate shipment \$4.30 per cwt. and prompt

Chicago.—Choice to fancy hand-picked Michigan beans at \$4.75@5;

red kidney beans \$6.75.

New York.—The market is steady.

Choice pea at \$5.25; do medium at \$4.75@5; red kidney \$7.25.

Rye.

Detroit.—Cash No. 2, 88c. Chicago.—86. Toledo.—Cash 86c.

Seeds.

Detroit.—Prime red clover, cash at \$13.30; alsike \$11; timothy \$3.15.
Toledo.—Prime red clover at \$13.45; alsike \$11; timothy \$3.12½.

Hay.

Detroit.—No. 1 timothy at \$19@20; standard and light mixed at \$18@19; No. 2 timothy \$17@18; No. 1 clover mixed \$16@17; rye straw \$13.50@14; wheat and oat straw \$12.50@13 per ten in explore. ton in carlots.

Feeds.

Detroit.—Bran \$30; standard middlings at \$30; fine middlings at \$30; cracked corn \$27.50; coarse cornmeal \$24.50; chop \$22.50 per ton in 100-lb.

### WHEAT

Slack demand for wheat both for export and from domestic mills has been the dominating influence in the wheat market during the last week and prices have maintained a slightly lower trend. The visible supply has been decreasing and is now smaller than at this time last year but this factor has not aided the market particularly as the Coradian with larger than the condition of the control of the c ticularly as the Canadian visible supply is materially larger than a year ago. The marked disagreement among the estimates of various statisticians upon the world's wheat situation continues. The International Institute of Agriculture, estimates, the world's Agriculture estimates the world's yields, including Russia and some of the smaller states in the southeastern Europe at about seven per cent greater than in 1920. A British authority connected with the International Institute recently estimated the total surplus in exporting countries at 200,000,000 bushels more than the world's import requirements. It is generally expected requirements. It is generally expected that the government report coming at the end of December will show an in-crease in the yield in this country of 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels.

been noticeably effective. Complaints are being made in certain sections that the banks through which these loans must be made are not trying to help farmers. The visible supply of corn is the largest at this season for over twenty years and the twenty years and at the present rate of arrivals is certain to increase still further. Although there is no reason for expecting that prices will go materially below the present level, it is equally improbable that there will be any substantial advance until the winter movement is out of the way.

The oats market is holding within a small range. Receipts are holding up

fairly well in spite of the small crop and only small inroads have been made upon the excessive visible supply. The International Institute of Agriculture reports that the 1921 yield of oats in countries upon which data are avail-able is thirteen per cent less than in 1920.

**SEEDS** 

Seed markets maintained a firm undertone as stocks are not excessive and the crop of red cloverseed in this country and abroad is known to be light. Active trade next spring is expected as seedsmen are not heavily supplied. Low prices for coarse grains and a possible campaign to reduce the corn acreage may enlarge the demand for clover seed.

**FEEDS** 

Most of the recent advance in prices of feeds has been maintained. Lighter operation of flour mills has strength-ened the market for wheat feeds by reducing the quantities offered for sale and the firmness in this division has aided other feeds. Actual buying is only moderate. If the demand for flour should broaden, increased operations at flour mills would tend to weaken the market for wheat feeds. The price of bran has already diverted some of the demand toward alfalfa hay and

**POTATOES** 

Potato prices are practically unchanged at shipping points, with the demand rather dull. Eastern wholesale markets weakened slightly. New sale markets weakened signtly. New York round whites are quoted at \$1.65 @1.70 per 100 pounds sacked f. o. b. shipping points. Michigan round whites are \$1.45@1.50. In eastern cities the general range of wholesale prices is from \$2@2.20 per 100 pounds while in middlewestern cities round whites are quoted at \$1.60@1.50. Shippents for

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**CHICAGO** 

Hogs.

Hogs.

Estimated receipts today are 20,000; holdover 6,658. Market active, mostly 25c higher on butcher grades. Bulk of sales \$6.75@7.05; tops at \$7.15; heavy 250 lbs up medium, good and choice \$6.75@6.90; medium 200 to 250 lbs, medium, good and choice \$6.85@6.90; light 150 to 200 lbs common, medium, good and choice at \$6.95@7.15; light lights 130 to 150 lbs common, medium, good and choice at \$7.05@7.25; heavy packing sows 250 lbs up smooth \$5.65@6.10; packing sows 200 lbs up rough \$5.35@5.85; pigs 130 lbs down medium, good and choice \$7@7.25.

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cars per day, which is less than two weeks ago and below the average for this season of the year. Prices are at about the same level as this season last year.

HAY

Prices are lower in a number of hay markets due to an increase in receipts and a light holiday demand. The per-centage of low grades arriving is high. The reduction in western grain and hay rates to go into effect on December 27 has been confirmed. This may mean larger shipments from surplus sections but no decrease in freight rates from distributing markets and demand may not enlarge.

**BEANS** 

The market for Michigan beans holds at about the same level with \$4.40 per 100 pounds being paid for choice hand-picked stock f. o. b. shipping points. Farmers are receiving about \$4 for beans in the dirt. A good many beans are being held by dealers until after inventory time among the wholesale grocers when broader demand is anticipated. The California and Colorado bean markets are firm. The red kidney bean market is weak with Michigan prices about \$6.25 per with Michigan prices about \$6.25 per 100 pounds f. o. b. It is making good on the prediction given here early in the season to the effect that it was in much less sound position than the market for white stock.

WOOL

Prices for wool in domestic markets were again slightly higher last week. Mills were the chief buyers although it is said that speculative buying has been responsible for much of the strength during preceding weeks. At the present rate of consumption by mills, wool must be brought in sooner or later no matter how high the tariff quoted at \$1.60@1.80. Shipments for is. Some overtures have been made the entire country average about 400 for the purchase of wool on the sheep's

Cattle.

Estimated receipts today are 5,000. Market slow and steady. Beef steers medium and heavy weight 1100 lbs up choice and prime \$8.25@10.25; do medium and good \$6@8.75; do common \$5.25@6; light weight 1100 lbs down good and choice \$7.35@7.50; do common and medium \$5@8; butcher cattle heifers common, medium, good and choice \$3.50@8: cows. common medichoice \$3.50@8: cows. cows.

choice \$3.50@8; cows, common, medium, good and choice \$3.25@6; bulls,

bologna and beef \$3.15@5.75; canners and cutters cows and heifers \$2@3.25; do canner steers at \$2.75@3.75; veal calves light and handyweight medium, good and choice at \$6.75@8.50; feeder

steers common, medium, good and choice \$5@6.50; stocker steers com-

mon, medium, good and choice \$4.25@6.50; stocker cows and heifers com-

mon, medium, good and choice at \$2.75

Sheep and Lambs.

Live Stock Market Service

Wednesday, December 21.

back from western growers although no deals have been reported closed. Australian and New Zealand markets have been depressed slightly by offer-ings from the new clip but seem to be two. The woolen goods situation in this country is still unsatisfactory, with the market weak and dull. Attention is centering on the opening for the part heavywhicht account which is the next heavyweight season which is expected before long.

### POULTRY AND EGGS

Receipts of eggs at the four leading cities are still running considerably ahead of the same period last year. Prices slumped rather sharply last week, especially at Chicago where it is claimed that prices had been artificially advanced. A reaction after the long continued rise is not at all supports. ncially advanced. A reaction after the long continued rise is not at all surprising. Decreased consumption as a result of tariff quotations may have been a factor as egg prices at retail were somewhat out of line with other foods. Cold storage holdings of dressed poultry are still accumulating rather rapidly. The four leading cities now have 55,845,000 pounds, or about 10,000,000 pounds more than on the same 000,000 pounds more than on the same date in 1920.

Detroit.—Eggs, fresh candled and graded 45@52c. Poultry, springs 20@21c; large fat hens 20@22c; medium hens 19@20c; old roosters 13c; geese 21@23c; ducks 26c; turkeys 43@45c.

BUTTER

General opinion seems to be that big advances from current levels are not probable but that the market, on the other hand, might go considerably low-er. Toward the close of last week a steadier tone was in evidence as consumptive buyers were attracted by the decline in prices. Eastern markets were affected by the arrival of foreign butter. The percentage of fancy but-ter has decreased due to defects com-mon at this season of the year. Fluctuations on this grade were more vio-lent than on butter of medium quality.

Prices on 92-score fresh butter were: Chicago 43½c; New York 44½c. At Detroit fresh creamery in tubs sells for 37½@38½c.

### **GRAND RAPIDS**

Poultry prices for the Christmas and Politry prices for the Unristmas and holiday trade opened the week in Grand Rapids at the Thanksgiving week level, with the demand largely for chickens, ducks and geese. Turkeys were in fair supply. Buying of pork, beef, veal and mutton was only moderate owing to the holiday demand. moderate owing to the holiday demand for poultry. Potato market was quiet. Quotations as follows:

Poultry.—Live weight, heavy fowls 18@20c; light 14@16c; roosters and stags 9@10c; heavy springers 18@20c; light 14@16c; ducks 20@22c; geese 18 @20c; turkeys 36c; dressed 40@42c.

Live Stock.—Live weight, cattle, prime steers \$6; heifers \$4@5.50; cows \$2.25@4; bulls \$2.50@3.50; veal, dressed \$7@11. Hogs, average \$6.50; heavy \$5.50; fat sows \$4.50@5; dressed hogs \$10@10.50. Sheep, ewes, live \$2@4; lambs \$7@7.50. lambs \$7@7.50.

Fruit and Vegetables.—Apples AAgrade, Northern Spies \$3@3.50 per bu; Baldwins \$2@2.50 bu; potatoes 90c@ \$1 bu; dry onions \$5 per cwt; cabbage \$1.50 bu; celery 20@50c bunch.

sheep steady. Lambs 84 lbs down medium, good, choice and prime \$5.75@ 10.75; do culls and common \$7.50@ 1 white \$1.01; rye 65c; barley 85c; ochoice and prime \$7@9.25; ewes, medium, good and choice \$3@5.25; ewes, cull and common \$1.50@2.75; yearling wethers medium, good and choice at \$8.75@10.

# Cattle.

Receipts 20 cars; slow; 50@75c lower on shipping steers-butchers; shipping steers \$7.25@8.50; tops generally \$8; butchers \$7.50@8; yearlings \$9@ \$8; butchers \$7.50@8; yearlings \$3.00 11; heifers \$4@7; cows \$2.25@5.75; bulls \$3.25@5.25; stockers and feeders \$5.6. Calves \$12.

Hogs.

Receipts 50 cars; steady to 25c lower; heavy at \$7; mixed \$7; yorkers \$7.50@7.75; light yorkers \$8@8.25; pigs \$8.25@8.50; roughs at \$5.75@6; stags \$4@4.50.

Sheep and Lambs.
Receipts 15 cars; strong; lambs at \$10.75; yearlings \$8@9; wethers \$5.50 @6; ewes \$4@5; mixed sheep \$5@5.50.

### DETROIT CITY MARKET

The produce market is steady with demand fairly active. Apples are firm but the poultry market is slow, though dealers are expecting a good holiday trade. Fresh eggs are in greater suptrade. Fresh eggs are in greater supply, but the market is firm. Butter and dairy products are active. Apples sell for \$2.50@3.50; cabbage \$1.50@ 1.60 per bushel; potatoes \$2.90@3 per 150-lb. sack; onions \$5.75@6.25 per 100-lb. sack; lb. sack.

### COMING LIVE STOCK SALES.

Draft Horse Sale.—Jan. 13, Michigan Agricultural College. R. S. Hudson, Secretary, Michigan Horse Breeders' Association.

## STATE GRANGE.

(Continued from page 596).

every respect and has more than made As a business executive he has surprised and delighted the officers and members of the order.

In brief, Master Cook's first annual address was a plea for a square deal in business for farmers, for a balancing of prices on farm prducts with those on other commodities to help put the farmers back on their feet and restore the world to normal conditions. The address was punctuated here and there with a program of fairs, pointed out the limited amount of funds available to carry on extenthe rights and best interests of the farmers of the state.

"We all know conditions are bad, business is demoralized, discontent general and crime rampant. This condition is unavoidable following the war. War has the same effect on nations that a terrible spree has on the individual, and this is the day after the night before.

"The farmer cannot and will not do business except on the very smallest scale necessary to the bare basic functions while present conditions exist. His prices are down, others are not, and 'business as usual' is for him entirely unthinkable until an equitable equilibrium of prices is established.

"Compensation in every line must be reasonable and equalized before a condition approaching normalcy can be arrived at; and the sooner this fact is recognized by governmental agencies, merchants, manufacturers, laborers, hotel keepers, doctors, dentists and others, and action taken to correct the glaring discrepancies, the better for all concerned.

"Action to arouse public sentiment along these lines is very much in order just now. A thoroughly aroused public sentiment would do more than anything else to remind the ones who seem glued to the rafters that the war is over and to make them come down.

Master Cook advocated the taxing of truck and bus utilities to help maintain the public highways they use, which highways are costing the taxpayers tens of millions of dollars to build. Railroads seem to be suffering from unfair taxation in that they are obliged to furnish their own right of way and pay taxes on it, while motor trucks and busses have their hight of way furnished by the state.

Other recommendations were fire, storm and life insurance business in the Grange be combined; that farmers organize casualty companies to cover any jeopardy arising under workingmen's compensation laws. Conservation of bird life; deceney in moving picture shows; stricter enforcement of prohibition laws; higher tribunals controlling wage and labor controversies; the sale of the Muscle Shoals air nitrate plant, providing for its use by the government when needed; a state income tax law to relieve the burden on real estate, and increased appropriations for tuberculosis eradications.

Reports of other officers show that the Grange progressed better in 1921 than for several years previous, despite abnormal conditions. There are 630 subordinate Granges in the state, with a total membership of 41,669. At the beginning of the year the state was divided into seven districts, with a deputy in each district, whose duties are along the line of extension work. Grange activities have been materially strengthened in this manner.

Overseer C. H. Bramble, in his address on taxation, finance and transportation was accorded the closest attention during its rendition, and given an ovation at its close. "Taxation; finance and transportation are the

ANNUAL MEETING OF MICHIGAN three greatest economic problems before the people today. The need for a state income tax to swell its revenue and not add additional burdens to algates. He showed himself qualified in ready heavily taxed property is imperative." He urged that the Grange through its officers require every condidate for the next legislature to go on record regarding his attitude toward this law.

Full responsibility for the present economic and industrial crisis in America was laid right at the door of the federal reserve board by Mr. Bramble in his discussion of finances and credits. "A year ago at Grand Rapids we thought we were at normalcy as an agricultural class; but if we were, ecnomy in the conduct of Grange af- then we are now forty per cent below normalcy, as our purchasing power has decreased forty pe rcent in the last sion work and continue the battle for year." He pointed out that the agricultural deflation as in direct proportion to the increase of the gold reserve in this country.

Branding the Esch-Cummins law as the rankest piece of class legislation ever enacted by congress because it guaranteed to private capital a fixed minimum income but did not fix a maximum limit, Mr. Bramble demanded the immediate repeal of the law.

The address of H. H. Halliday, director of agriculture, was a feature of the week's program and will be included next week. Also the various resolutions that were finally adopted. (Concluded next week). -J. H. B.



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