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# SELECTING SEED CORN.

HE result of the present season's planting has taught a much need. more favorable conditions. Thousands of acres of ed lesson. corn are carrying only half a stand or The reason for this very unfortuwas used was imperfect, if not decidedly lacking in vitality. Many fields were replanted and even then only a partial stand was secured. Never will there be a poor stand of corn. Farmers everythe field and dry it properly this year. As much as \$10 per bushel was paid for good seed corn last spring—and it was easily worth it, as a couple of additional bushels per acre this year will more than repay the extra cost. However, it is an enormous price to pay, and no farmer should again be caught in such circumstances as to make it necessary to pay such a high price when by a few hours work he can have corn on his own farm that will be equally as good, if not better.

Very properly, the first point to be emphasized in field selection of seed corn is that the corn will dry properly and that the embryonic, or tiny little plant within each kernel will be properly developed and preserved. This will insure growing vitality when the seed corn is planted next spring. To be safe on this point the seed corn must be selected early in the fall and dried out before frost or freezing weather has affected it.

The manner of gathering may be very A man may first decide upon the size and type of ear that he wishes to use as a standard. That ear he should carry with him constantly where he can If that is not done the large and varied number of ears of different shapes will confuse any man and in the end he would have many different types of ears in his collection. No doubt the easiest way is to use a large sack with a strap from either end tied at one corner and passing over the man's shoulder. carry the sack in this manner with the open end in front. When an ear is seen that looks at all likely to be a seed ear it is examined by raising the husks on one side. If this examination shows the ear to be what is wanted, it is husked completely and dropped into the sack. A man will be able to gather in ordinarily heavy corn as much as he can carry in There are several very short time. convenient ways of disposing of the corn as the sack may become heavy. Boxes or bags may be kept at one or both ends of the field and the seed corn emptied each trip. A wagon may be used in the same way or the corn may be piled on the ground temporarily.

A large number of very important factors may well be considered in field selection. The kind of a stalk upon which the ear grew is worthy of attention. The size of the stalk should be suitable to A stalk with the ear too the climate. A stalk with the ear too high is likely to break over in the wind. One with the ear too low is very likely to have an ear upon it that is under- cellar the air is usually so damp that where the corn is stored, so long as the dried.

good ear that has grown and matured used. The two ends are tied together. tioned, and more.

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another such season of short crop due to dry air. On the ordinary farm one can-occur if they were to touch. where are going to pick seed corn from make the best use of the means at hand, on one string can be handled as easily be lacking in a circulation of air. The when any other method is used. same is true of the farmhouse. In the

under normal conditions is more likely to An ear of corn is laid in the middle of produce satisfactorily than one which the doubled string. The strings are then has reached the same development under crossed, the two strands being held about Selection in three inches apart. Another ear is laid the field has been one of the most im- in and the strings crossed as before portant factors in improving our corn to This is kept up until the end of the its present standard. Men are finding it string is reached. Then one open end nate condition is that the seed which profitable to gather their seed corn in may be drawn through the other and the the field for the numerous reasons men- string of ears hung up by it or handled as desired. The strings between the ears The ideal place to dry seed corn would keep them from touching, which is very be where there is a circulation of warm, necessary as moulding no doubt would not provide ideal conditions-he must is desired to move the corn all the ears Any sort of a closed building is apt to as a single ear, which is not possible

Once dried thoroughly it matters little



Seed Corn Selected from the Hill and Properly Of Corn Next Spring.

the hill. The latter has had a very isfactory plan that can be used in hangmuch better opportunity and might have ing up corn to dry is undoubtedly the
germination test and sold at an average norse inhaling the dust on the bronchial
been only an ordinary specimen if it had one devised by two Iowa boys. A binder price of \$6.00 per bushel or more. shared with one or two other ears. A twine string, about ten feet in length, is

sized. It must not be overlooked that corn will not dry out at all. An open place is dry. Freezing does not damage vent their becoming injured is a task the stalks surrounding the one upon shed where the wind can blow through corn that is perfectly dry, at least not so that very few will court after they have which a seed ear grew are very likely to and which will shelter the corn from rain that it can be noticed. The kitchen at- passed through the ordeal once. the represented in the parentage of the has given very good results in practice, tic or an unused room on the second floor quires much longer time to dry out damp be represented in the parentage of the has given very good results in practice. He of an unused room on the second noor quires much longer time to dry out damp ear. It is, indeed, well to examine the For years the writer lived in Nebraska of the house will rank among the most oats than it does damp wheat, and the new stalks for if the ear under examination has been fertilized by barren at seed corn picking time. We simply storage free from rats and mice is abso-often resorted to, and damage by must or inferior stalks, certainly we do not strung the corn up in the open, taking lutely essential. Last fall the writer and dust follows. want it for seed. An ear that grows on care to carry it inside if rain threatened. happened to stay with a farmer who had a stalk in a hill where there are two or In the more humid regions such a plan in several upper rooms of his home, seed three other stalks is to be preferred to is not safe.

corn several inches in depth. The corn musty, they should not be fed to horses another that grows on the only stalk in The simplest and all around most sat- was dry and of most excellent type. In directly from the bin without some methcorn several inches in depth. The corn musty, they should not be fed to horses

Minnesota. H. E. MCCARTNEY.

# HANE NG DAMP GRAIN.

k Journal in the State.

As a rule, it is not customary for those who write for the agricultural press to look upon the gloomy side of things, but they are supposed to always have an agreeable and optimistic outlook before

The present season has certainly been a very unusual one, especially since the harvesting of the grain has begun. Rains have been prevalent throughout a large portion of the country, and it has been almost an impossibility to secure the grain before it has become more or less damaged by excessive moisture.

It may not be wise to describe the annovances that confront one under such conditions as we have experienced during the present harvest, but it will be well to avoid if possible, some of the dfficulties that are likely to arise in consequence of the grain becoming more or less damaged. To the experienced individual, some of the serious results are so familiar that it seems appropriate to offer a few words of caution that may benefit some, not only this present year. but in years to come.

The ancient custom of putting capsheaves on the shocks of grain after it is shocked up is not as prevalent as in former years. While it takes a little more time to cap the shocks, it more than repays the trouble in keeping the grain in good condition during a rainy To many the art of capping season. the shocks well is a lost one, but it would be well if it were regained again in order to insure the grain against serious damage and loss.

Putting Grain in Mow or Stack.

It is customary with many to put grain in the mow or stack before it is either well cured or the moisture that comes from rains has dried out, believing that the sweating process will dry out the grain, and that it will be nearly if not quite as good as if it had not been dampened.

To handle grain just at that period requires not only skill but excellent judgment in order to secure the best results. Where the grain, especially oats, is ripe and dry, and the stalk is green or damp, the grain can be allowed to sweat in the mow or stack two weeks and then thresh without injury to the grain, as the grain itself will still be dry; but if the grain is left longer, until it is past the sweating and heating process, it will absorb moisture from the stalk and will not be in as good condition for putting in the bin as it would have been at the end of two weeks

Handling damp grain after it has been threshed requires skill and good judgment in order to prevent loss and damage that may follow the use of dusty and musty grain. If grain is damp, it ought not to be left in the bin after threshing more than 24 hours before it is stirred. It should be spread on floors or in bins at a depth not to exceed 12 or 15 inches. and then the grain should be stirred at least once a day until it has entirely To attend to damp oats and pre-

# Feeding Damaged Grain.

After oats have become dusty and a peculiar cough that is the forerunner

of more serious difficulties. Such grain be some protection over should be mixed with bran and damp- it must be cut by hand it would probened before feeding, or else mixed with ably not pay to cut it at all this fall. In some other kind of grain and ground before feeding to horses.

Those damaged grains, however, that Those damaged grains, however, that are injured by being allowed to become musty and dusty in the bin may be fed to other classes of stock without as much serious injury as is experienced when being fed to horses. Poultry, hogs, hoever and cattle do not seem to be affected by the use of damaged grain as fected by the use of damaged grain as much as are the horses.

Seed Oats.

There are but few who seem to realize that grain which has become heated in the mow or stack and subsequently in the bin is injured for seed. The heating process destroys the germs in many of the kernels, and to use such grain as seed will ultimately bring disappointment. It is by far cheaper and better to secure seed that has not been injured in any Oats that have passed through the heating process, while they may grow, produce only sickly and feeble stalks and diminish the ultimate yield of the grain. It is worth the while to keep these facts in mind in order to insure a maximum crop the following season.

N. A. CLAPP. Oakland Co.

# FARM NOTES.

Seeding Clover in Buckwheat.

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I have 30 acres of land that is a little light. This land was sown to wheat and rye last fall and seeded to clover this spring, but the June drought killed the seeding. As I have not got the time to fit this ground this fall for seeding. I have planned to plow the ground early in the spring and summer fallow up until about the last of June and sow to buckwheat and clover at the same time. Would this be a reasonably sure way of getting it seeded? Another plan I have in mind is to plant this ground to corn wide enough apart each way so as to cultivate the row with a riding cultivator and then run a spring-tooth harrow between the rows so as to have the ground in the best possible condition for seeding the latter part of the summer. I wish to get this ground seeded and at the same time get something for my labor while doing it. This is a rented farm and if I should move off one year from next spring I would get no compensation for my work. To seed in a fall crop would almost be certain failure in case of a drouth. Which would be the better method, the former or the latter?

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This plan of seeding clover in buckwheat is one which would probably be successful in a season such as we have had this year, since there has been plenty of moisture from the time it would have the soft tile, and I think on the whole, been sown. In a season when there was a severe drouth, however, the fate of the seeding would probably be similar to that burned, or the glazed tile. in wheat and rye this year

The same factors would largely control suggested in this inquiry. This year has been an especially favorable one for seeding in corn. On the writer's farm a piece of alfalfa was seeded in corn at the has made a rapid growth since, the alfalfa now being from three to six inches shaded. The effect of the sunlight upon corn field. densely shaded portions of the field.

opinion that the suggestion made in this nure spreader and work it in with the inquiry of planting the corn rather wide cutaway harrow. apart one way where it is to be seeded to clover is a good one. If the wide south direction so that the sun at mid- to pull in ten days. I plowed my bear day could get better access to the ground, ground in April, worked it good and have young clover very materially. In a nor- ground will be as clean as a floor. mal season, it is the writer's opinion that this plan would probably be worthy failure. I mowed mine down and never of a trial, although experience has dem- raked it up, it was so thin. But I have onstrated that seeding in corn is rather a fair catch of clover on the field. uncertain proposition, depending the success attained. The experience of killed it all out. readers along the line suggested in this others as well as to this inquirer.

of alfalfa is concerned it would be un- September it will be a good height. not be cut later than in September, Lillie answer this question? since it ought to get growth enough to

any event it should not be cut until the new shoots have started from the crowns Winter vs. Spring Rye.

Spring rye is grown to only a limited extent in Michigan. This is very good proof that it is not so well adapted to Michigan conditions as winter rye. writer has seen it grown to a limited extent only, and then without any apparent inclination on the part of those who have grown it to follow up its culture from year to year, but has no authentic data as to comparative yields or

## SOFT DRAIN TILE VS. GLAZED TILE.

I am thinking of draining some sand loam land. Would you advise using the soft tile or the glazed tile, and will the soft tile retain its normal condition in the ground as well as the glazed tile?

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Common clay drain tile will absorb a considerable amount of moisture and in the winter time if they lay on top of the ground they will absorb enough moisture so that when it freezes they will crumble, but if they are laid above the ground so that they cannot draw the moisture from the soil they will not be injured by cold weather, that is, they do not absorb enough moisture by simply being rained upon so that when it freezes it has any effect upon them at all. Now when they are laid in the ground below the frost line, as tile drain ought to be, two and a half or three feet deep, they will not be affected at all by the weather, and they will last probably just as long as the glazed tile. It is a splendid thing, however, at the mouth of the tile drains, the last half dozen tile, to use glazed tile if you use the common soft clay for the rest of the ditch, because at the mouth of the ditch they may absorb moisture and freeze and crumble and it will work quite an injury. It is quite a job to keep the mouth of a tile drain open, as it ought to be anyway, and you cannot take too much pains, and I would use glazed tile at the mouth of the ditch. As I have said before, glazed tile break less in handling and in shipping than do that there isn't very much difference whether you buy soft clay tile properly

COLON C. LILLIE.

## the success of the seeding in corn, as SUCCESSFUL CULTURAL METHODS ON A SANDY FARM.

I have the best piece of corn I ever raised and if we don't have a hard frost last cultivation. It came up at once and before the first of October it will go 100 bushels per acre. The field from which will fill my silo will be ready high according to how much it was September and is eared heavily, but there are some fields of corn in this secthis plant is especially noticeable in this tion that will have very few ears on. My Wherever there happens to land is very sandy. I plow my corn be a missing hill the alfalfa has made ground in April and get it worked down twice the growth which it has in the more good; sometimes I plow it in the fall. From now on I shall put my manure on From this experience it is the writer's top of the plowed ground with the ma-

Beans in this section will be a good I have a field that looks fine. The crop. space between the rows is in a north and vines cover the ground and will be ready it would stimulate the growth of the no weeds, so when I pull the beans the

The wheat crop around here was a manure. largely upon weather conditions as to not done so that dry spell would have

This spring I top-dressed a corn stubble inquiry would probably be beneficial to field with stable manure and about the first of June I went on with my cutaway When to Cut New Seedings of Alfalfa.

I have about two acres of apple orchard which I seeded to alfalfa in June without a nurse crop. I cut the weeds with a seythe in spots about the first of August. Where I did not cut the weeds it has got a good growth. Ought I to cut it this fall, and if so how soon? The trees are full of apples and I cannot cut it very well with a machine.

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E. F.

So far as the future value of the store. So far as the future value of the stand way my alfalfa has grown, by the last of necessary to cut it this fall. It should it be a good plan to clip it? Will Mr.

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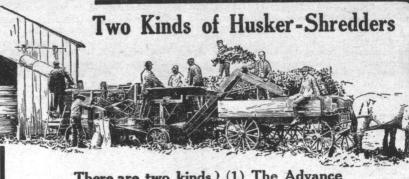
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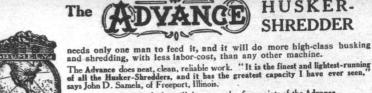
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several expedients have been adopted by dairymen at various times supplementing dairyman or by the middleman is ever the campaign carried on educationally a safe thing for the consumer. The term for the production of clean milk. This "Pasteurized Milk" is a very fanciful one campaign has been productive of slow and carries with it to the consumer a results, as is nearly always the case in meaning of security which is not at ail all educational campaigns. Business men real in so far as that particular milk is have not been content to wait the results concerned. of educational propaganda work but have Pasteurization Does Not Destroy Spores. been compelled to take milk as it is It is the consensus of scientific opinion produced commercially, and to so modify that the pasteurization of milk has very it in one or another way that it becomes at least a merchantable article of food. Influence of Bacteria in Milk Has Been

marked appreciation of the role which their turn produce a very active bacte-bacteria play in milk it has been found rial flora of the same undesirable genthat to produce a commercial product from milk has depended in no small On the other hand, if to the pasteurized measure upon the controlling of the bac- milk a certain amount of starter, or culmeasure upon the controlling of the section is added the very activity of the trial flora in the milk. In the cheese ture, is added the very activity of the factories the cheese maker has known for new culture or starter, elaborating its factories the activity of the var- waste product, will hold in check the deious bacteria affects the finished product. So true is this that it is now common knowledge that certain varieties vitality was much lessened through pasof cheeses owe their marked characteris- teurization. tics entirely to the peculiarity of a specific organism which has been encouraged to grow in that particular cheese to the exclusion of most other types of bacteria.

that he could produce certain desirable may be minimized by resorting to home fiavors and desirable aromas by the cul- pasteurization of the milk. To pasteuture of a certain specific organism in rize milk in the home, a bottle of the the cheese he found that unless he had product may be placed in a large can or the conditions more or less under conpail, cold water filled around the outside trol that very undesirable, haphazard results were obtained in the manufacture ly rapidly until the water on the outside of cheese. In other words, taking milk of the milk bottle has begun rapid boilas it comes to the cheese facory, the ing. variety of organisms present each pro-ducing in a measure its own particular used with a high degree of safety, in the end products, develop a variety of fla-vors, and variety of odors, which uncon-far as trolled militates seriously against the is not production of any uniform cheese.

Advantage of Pasteurization. After some experimentation some cheese makers and butter makers ascertained that by pasteurizing the milk then subsequently inoculating this pasteurized milk with certain definite organ- of that article. isms the fermentation of the milk could be controlled. It became necessary to resort to pasteurization because most of the milk produced in the country was produced under such unclean conditions that a very great variety of bacteria began growing in the milk. If the milk same degree of satisfaction and as high were pure to begin with, that is, perdegree of safety with the milk at retail feetly devoid of bacteria, there would be in cities except its pasteurization be no need of the introduction of cultures or for the pasteurization of the milk.

What Pasteurization Means.

Pasteurization in so far as cheese production is concerned and the ripening of der certain conditions does, counteract milk for butter making is concerned many of the evil effects of unclean milk means simply the giving the milk a fresh start. By employment of pasteurization nor in a single instance, take the place most of the bacteria present are killed of clean milk. and then when a fresh culture is stirred into the milk it begins to grow immediately and developes along its own particular line. It may be well to state that the practice of pasteurization of milk arose because clean milk was not generally a commercial product and recbefore pasteurization, provided it is clean. not true of glucose. Consequently pasteurization does not place sufficiently early it may make appetizer is less necessary for swine than merchantable a product which otherwise for other classes of farm anmals." would speedily become of no value.

Pasteurized Milk Not so Valuable in City Milk Supply.

eration in creameries and in cheese fac- glucose.

tories, the analogy does not necessarily hold when applied to city milk supply. In city milk supply there is practically no expedient which will do away with In marketing milk and its products the necessity for clean milk. It is doubtful if the pasteurization of milk by the "Pasteurized Milk" is a very fanciful one

It is the consensus of scientific opinion little influence indeed, on the vitality of the spores of the spore-forming bacteria. Consequently if the milk is not consumed Recognized Before. very shortly after pasteurization the Since the advent of a more or less spores may go on developing and in eral type as existed in the parent germ. velopment of the spores of the undesirable type which were killed or whose

Home Pasteurization Best.

For city milk supply the ideal point of pasteurization is in the home after the milk has been delivered. If, then, there is any doubt or suspicion as to the whole-Before the cheese maker ascertained someness of the milk supply, the danger up to the neck and the same heated fair-The milk is then cooled down as The pasteurization of milk in so far as the city milk supply is concerned is not now as much in favor as was at one time supposed it would be and various cities which have been quite insistent on the subject have relinquished their energies and are now quite con-vinced that the pasteurization of milk early in the stages of its incubation and as generally performed in the city, adds very little, if any, to the general safety

Pasteurization Not a Substitute for Cleanliness.

Pasteurization is an expedient which is of service in a cheese factory and in the creamery. It is doubtful if it may be practiced with anywhere near the performed at the home directly before the same is to be used in the family. In other words, pasteurization is an expedient which is designed to, and unbut does not in any sense of the word,

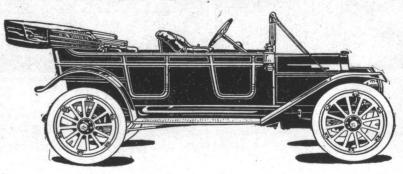
# LABORATORY REPORT.

I would like to know which is the best feed for horses, molasses or glucose? Glu-cose is much cheaper than molasses.

We are compelled to give our preferognizing that it was impossible to secure ment to molasses over glucose. Our reaclean milk without a prolonged educa- sons are because molasses has been tional campaign, butter makers and studied in its relation to the animal racheese makers found that the next ex- tion, whereas we are not familiar with pedient was to pasteurize milk sent to any extended ex eriments on this point them and then to inoculate this pas- with glucose. A second reason is that teurized product with a fresh culture, or molasses possesses a higher value from starter, and continue the development in the standpoint of palatability than does The pasteurization of milk in glucose, molasses having a much more so far as it may concern creameries and pronounced sweet taste and on this accheese factories has many distinct ad- count we think should be superor to vantages over the raw, commercial, un- glucose. A third reason is that molasses, clean product. The milk, however, is not especially the best molasses, possesses as satisfactory after pasteurization as a marked content of protein, which is

Prof. Thomas Shaw states, "Molasses improve clean milk. It does, however, has been fed successfully along with make unclean milk more usable and in skim-milk. Its use, however, in feeding some instances when pasteurization takes swine will probably be limited, as an

We think that possibly glucose might enter into better advantage in swine feeding but with horses and cattle we While pasteurization of milk has a have no hesitancy in advising at the very legitimate and desirable field of op- present time molasses in preference to



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### FARM NOTES.

## Seeding Clover in Buckwheat.

I have 30 acres of land that is a little light. This land was sown to wheat and rye last fall and seeded to clover this spring, but the June drought killed the seeding. As I have not got the time to fit this ground this fall for seeding I have not approach to play the ground and I have not seeding I light. seeding. As I have not got the time to fit this ground this fall for seeding I have planned to plow the ground early in the spring and summer fallow up until about the last of June and sow to buckwheat and clover at the same time. Would this be a reasonably sure way of getting it seeded? Another plan I have in mind is to plant this ground to corn wide enough apart each way so as to cultivate the row with a riding cultivator and then run a spring-tooth harrow between the rows so as to have the ground and then run a spring-tooth harrow between the rows so as to have the ground in the best possible condition for seeding the latter part of the summer. I wish to get this ground seeded and at the same time get something for my labor while doing it. This is a rented farm and if I should move off one year from next spring I would get no compensation for my work. To seed in a fall crop would almost be certain failure in case of a drouth. Which would be the better method, the former or the latter?

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This plan of seeding clover in buck-

This plan of seeding clover in buckwheat is one which would probably be successful in a season such as we have had this year, since there has been plenty of moisture from the time it would have been sown. In a season when there was a severe drouth, however, the fate of the seeding would probably be similar to that burned, or the glazed tile. in wheat and rye this year.

The same factors would largely control suggested in this inquiry. This year has been an especially favorable one for seeding in corn. On the writer's farm a piece of alfalfa was seeded in corn at the last cultivation. It came up at once and has made a rapid growth since, the alfalfa now being from three to six inches high according to how much it was shaded. The effect of the sunlight upon this plant is especially noticeable in this Wherever there happens to corn field. be a missing hill the alfalfa has made twice the growth which it has in the more densely shaded portions of the field.

opinion that the suggestion made in this nure spreader and work it in with the inquiry of planting the corn rather wide apart one way where it is to be seeded to clover is a good one. day could get better access to the ground, young clover very materially. In a nor- ground will be as clean as a floor. mal season, it is the writer's opinion onstrated that seeding in corn is rather a fair catch of clover on the field. depending very largely upon weather conditions as to not done so that dry spell would have the success attained. The experience of killed it all out. readers along the line suggested in this This spring I top-dressed a corn stubble inquiry would probably be beneficial to field with stable manure and about the others as well as to this inquirer.

very well with a machine.
Oakland Co. E. F.

not be cut later than in September, Lillie answer this question? since it ought to get growth enough to Ingham Co.

new shoots have started from the crowns

Winter vs. Spring Rye.

Spring rye is grown to only a limited extent in Michigan. This is very good proof that it is not so well adapted to Michigan conditions as winter rye. . The writer has seen it grown to a limited extent only, and then without any apparent inclination on the part of those who have grown it to follow up its culture from year to year, but has no authentic data as to comparative yields or advantages.

## SOFT DRAIN TILE VS. GLAZED TILE.

I am thinking of draining some sand loam land. Would you advise using the soft tile or the glazed tile, and will the soft tile retain its normal condition in the ground as well as the glazed tile?

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Common clay drain tile will absorb a considerable amount of moisture and in the winter time if they lay on top of the ground they will absorb enough moisture so that when it freezes they will crumble, but if they are laid above the ground so that they cannot draw the moisture from the soil they will not be injured by cold weather, that is, they do not absorb enough moisture by simply being rained upon so that when it freezes it has any effect upon them at all. Now when they are laid in the ground below the frost line, as tile drain ought to be, two and a half or three feet deep, they will not be affected at all by the weather, and they will last probably just as long as the glazed tile. It is a splendid thing, however, at the mouth of the tile drains, the last half dozen tile, to use glazed tile if you use the common soft clay for the rest of the ditch, because at the mouth of the ditch they may absorb moisture and freeze and crumble and it will work quite an injury. It is quite a job to keep the mouth of a tile drain open, as it ought to be anyway, and you cannot take too much pains, and I would use glazed tile at the mouth of the ditch. As I have said before, glazed tile break less in handling and in shipping than do the soft tile, and I think on the whole, that there isn't very much difference whether you buy soft clay tile properly

COLON C. LILLIE.

## the success of the seeding in corn, as SUCCESSFUL CULTURAL METHODS ON A SANDY FARM.

I have the best piece of corn I ever raised and if we don't have a hard frost before the first of October it will go 100 bushels per acre. The field from which will fill my silo will be ready in September and is eared heavily. there are some fields of corn in this section that will have very few ears on. My land is very sandy. I plow my corn ground in April and get it worked down good; sometimes I plow it in the fall. From now on I shall put my manure on From this experience it is the writer's top of the plowed ground with the macutaway harrow.

Beans in this section will be a good If the wide crop. I have a field that looks fine. The space between the rows is in a north and vines cover the ground and will be ready south direction so that the sun at mid- to pull in ten days. I plowed my bean ground in April, worked it good and have would stimulate the growth of the no weeds, so when I pull the beans the

The wheat crop around here was a that this plan would probably be worthy failure. I moved mine down and never of a trial, although experience has dem- raked it up, it was so thin. But I have top-dressed it with manure. If I had

first of June I went on with my cutaway When to Cut New Seedings of Alfalfa. harrow and chopped the ground up thor-When to Cut New Seedings of Alfalfa.

I have about two acres of apple orchard which I seeded to alfalfa in June without a rurse crop. I cut the weeds with a seythe in spots about the first of August. Where I did not cut the weeds it has got a good growth. Ought I to cut it this fall, and if so how soon? The trees are full of apples and I cannot cut it very well with a machine.

harrow and chopped the ground up thoroughly and then dragged it frequently until the middle of July, when I sowed it to alfalfa. I have a good stand. It is six inches high now. I did not inoculate the seed. I may be wrong, but I laughed at the idea of inoculation. I have a neighbor that has started three different fields and he never inoculated. Now the So far as the future value of the stand way my alfalfa has grown, by the last of of alfalfa is concerned it would be un- September it will be a good height. Will necessary to cut it this fall. It should it be a good plan to clip it? Will Mr.

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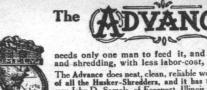
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that to produce a commercial product terial flora in the milk. In the cheese factories the cheese maker has known for some time that the activity of the various bacteria affects the finished product. So true is this that it is now common knowledge that certain varieties of cheeses owe their marked characteris- teurization. tics entirely to the peculiarity of a specific organism which has been en-couraged to grow in that particular cheese to the exclusion of most other types of bacteria.

that he could produce certain desirable fiavors and desirable aromas by the cul-ture of a certain specific organism in rize milk in the home, a bottle of the the cheese he found that unless he had product may be placed in a large can or the conditions more or less under conpail, cold water filled around the outside trol that very undesirable, haphazard up to the neck and the same heated fairresults were obtained in the manufacture ly rapidly until the water on the outside of cheese. In other words, taking milk of the milk bottle has begun rapid boilas it comes to the cheese facory, the ing. The milk is then cooled down as variety of organisms present each pro-ducing in a measure its own particular used with a high degree of safety, in the end products, develop a variety of fla-vors, and variety of odors, which uncon-trolled militates seriously against the is not production of any uniform cheese.

Advantage of Pasteurization. After some experimentation some cheese makers and butter makers ascerthen subsequently inoculating this pasteurized milk with certain definite organ- of that article. isms the fermentation of the milk could be controlled. It became necessary to resort to pasteurization because most of the milk produced in the country was that a very great variety of bacteria be-

or for the pasteurization of the milk. What Pasteurization Means.

Pasteurization in so far as cheese promeans simply the giving the milk a fresh most of the bacteria present are killed of clean milk. and then when a fresh culture is stirred into the milk it begins to grow immediately and developes along its own particular line. It may be well to state that the practice of pasteurization of milk arose because clean milk was not generally a commercial product and recognizing that it was impossible to secure ment to molasses over glucose. Our rea clean milk without a prolonged educa- sons are because molasses has been tional campaign, butter makers and studied in its relation to the animal racheese makers found that the next ex- tion, whereas we are not familiar with pedient was to pasteurize milk sent to any extended ex eriments on this point them and then to inoculate this pas- with glucose. A second reason is that starter, and continue the development in the standpoint of palatability than does so far as it may concern creameries and pronounced sweet taste and on this accheese factories has many distinct ad- count we think should be superor to vantages over the raw, commercial, un- glucose. A third reason is that molasses, clean product. The milk, however, is not especially the best molasses, possesses as satisfactory after pasteurization as a marked content of protein, which is before pasteurization, provided it is clean. not true of glucose. Consequently pasteurization does not place sufficiently early it may make appetizer is less necessary for swine than merchantable a product which otherwise for other classes of farm anmals." would speedily become of no value.

Pasteurized Milk Not so Valuable in City Milk Supply.

eration in creameries and in cheese fac- glucose.

tories, the analogy does not necessarily hold when applied to city milk supply. In city milk supply there is practically no expedient which will do away with Pasteurization of Milk. no expedient which will do away with In marketing milk and its products the necessity for clean milk. It is doubtseveral expedients have been adopted by ful if the pasteurization of milk by the dairymen at various times supplementing dairyman or by the middleman is ever the campaign carried on educationally a safe thing for the consumer. The term "Pasteurized Milk" is a very fanciful one results, as is nearly always the case in meaning of security which is not at ail

It is the consensus of scientific opinion

that the pasteurization of milk has very it in one or another way that it becomes little influence indeed, on the vitality of at least a merchantable article of food. the spores of the spore-forming bacteria. Consequently if the milk is not consumed Recognized Before. very shortly after pasteurization the Since the advent of a more or less spores may go on developing and in marked appreciation of the role which their turn produce a very active bacte-bacteria play in milk it has been found rial flora of the same undesirable general type as existed in the parent germ. from milk has depended in no small On the other hand, if to the pasteurized measure upon the controlling of the bac- milk a certain amount of starter, or culture, is added the very activity of this new culture or starter, elaborating its waste product, will hold in check the development of the spores of the undesirable type which were killed or whose vitality was much lessened through pas-

Home Pasteurization Best.

For city milk supply the ideal point of pasteurization is in the home after the milk has been delivered. If, then, there is any doubt or suspicion as to the whole-Before the cheese maker ascertained someness of the milk supply, the danger may be minimized by resorting to home The pasteurization of milk in so far as the city milk supply is concerned is not now as much in favor as was at one time supposed it would be and various cities which have been quite insistent on the subject have relinquished their energies and are now quite contained that by pasteurizing the milk vinced that the pasteurization of milk early in the stages of its incubation and as generally performed in the city, adds very little, if any, to the general safety

Pasteurization Not a Substitute for Cleanliness.

Pasteurization is an expedient which is of service in a cheese factory and in produced under such unclean conditions the creamery. It is doubtful if it may be practiced with anywhere near the gan growing in the milk. If the milk same degree of satisfaction and as high were pure to begin with, that is, perdegree of safety with the milk at retail feetly devoid of bacteria, there would be in cities except its pasteurization be no need of the introduction of cultures performed at the home directly before the same is to be used in the family. In other words, pasteurization is an expedient which is designed to, and unduction is concerned and the ripening of der certain conditions does, counteract milk for butter making is concerned many of the evil effects of unclean milk but does not in any sense of the word, start. By employment of pasteurization nor in a single instance, take the place

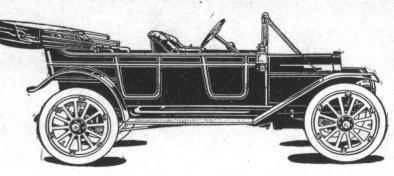
# LABORATORY REPORT.

I would like to know which is the best feed for horses, molasses or glucose? Glu-cose is much cheaper than molasses.

We are compelled to give our prefer-The pasteurization of milk in glucose, molasses having a much more

Prof. Thomas Shaw states, "Molasses improve clean milk. It does, however, has been fed successfully along with make unclean milk more usable and in skim-milk. Its use, however, in feeding some instances when pasteurization takes swine will probably be limited, as an

We think that possibly glucose might enter into better advantage in swine feeding but with horses and cattle we While pasteurization of milk has a have no hesitancy in advising at the very legitimate and desirable field of op- present time molasses in preference to



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The conditions mentioned are theseyoung hogs at four months of age, being cost of 3.46 per 100 lbs. of gain. Lot II farrowed about April 1, have had an abundance of grass pasture which is ideal for the best development later in their lives. If the feeder does what he lbs., at a total cost of \$11.18, or \$3.37 should for his hogs on grass he will feed per 100 pounds. The pigs in Lot I made a some corn or other grain along each day daily gain of 1.09 lbs, with an average to furnish the pig more nutrients than he daily consumption of 3.5 lbs. of feed per can secure in his grass diet and also to head, while the pigs in Lot II made an heip concentrate his ration. If this is average daily gain of 1.18 lbs. each with kept up to the time in the pig's life an average daily consumption of 3.29 lbs. when he is six, seven, or even eight of grain mixture and 3.5 lbs. of skimmonths of age he is then a large pig, milk per day. No difference was noted growthy, strong, but not in any condition between the thrift and feeding ability of to market. He has built up his frame the two lots. and muscle work large enough so that by feeding six weeks or two months ionger he can be finished off on corn into the prime pork the market pays the long price for. This last period is called the finishing or fattening period; but this does not mean that the pig, which has been allowed to roam over a grass pasture (or better still, a clover pasture), and been fed perhaps a pound or two pounds of corn or other grain in the gain was slightly greater where skimevening just to keep him growing fine, should be kept in an eight by ten foot pen and stuffed on corn. He will not do best under these conditions. He wants some good clean soil to eat every day as he had all the rest of his-life. He wants a 50 yard straightway where he can scamper and shake up his intestines which are as full as a city boy at grandmother's on Thanksgiving Day.

Now corn alone and a lot to scamper in will not be all that is necessary for finishing these hogs. They are still to grow some and their growth requires protein material and this protein material must be in excess of that found in the corn. Nothing could be better than the clover field or the alfalfa field, but as these are frosted or covered with snow and skim-milk, the average cost of prothe Canadian field peas can be used that duction per 100 lbs. with the tankage rashould have been threshed out some weeks before. for best results and fed in slop. If this middlings, corn meal and water, \$4.09. In slop could be made of the fresh separatcannot the hog is thankful for the field tion by laying on their carcasses a pound each day.

ground, and the field peas, which ought to be ground, is very well mixed and from the three tankage rations was 0.98 makes a good ration when about five lbs.; from the three skim-milk rations, parts of corn are fed with one part of 1.08 lbs., and from the check ration 0.8 pea meal, mixed in a fairly thick slop. Should the feeder not have the pea meal and has only the skim-milk, it is well to purchase shorts and make a good slop producing this increased gain was someof the shorts and milk and feed all the pigs will clean up without leaving the minutes before putting the slop before satisfactory from the standpoint of gains them.

an unreasonably long time thereafter.

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FEEDERS' PROBLEMS.

Tankage as a Substitute for Skim-Milk. What feed will best take the place of skin-milk for young pigs? Is tankage a good feed for growing pigs and can it be added to their ration with economy?

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Several experiments were conducted at the Michigan station to determine the comparative value of tankage and skimmilk for growing pigs, the results being reported in Bulletin No. 237. The results of these tests indicated that while skimmilk returned slightly larger gains, the cost of gains was relatively higher than with tankage when the skim-milk was valued at 20 cents per cwt. as compared with tankage costing \$1.621/2 per cwt. One of these tests was conducted during a period of 56 days in the winter season, two lots of five pigs each being used, weighing respectively 313.3 lbs., and 323 Lot I was fed 420 lbs. of corn meal, and do it as economically as can 420 lbs. of middlings and 140 lbs. of tank-These pigs gained 307.7 lbs. during age. the 56 days at a total cost of \$10.67, or a was fed 461 lbs. of corn meal, 461 lbs. middlings and 980 lbs. of skim-milk, making a gain during the 56 days of 331

Two other tests were made during the summer season with pigs from 50 to 128 days old. In this trial the amount of middlings was double that of corn meal in the ration, with 10 per cent as much tankage by weight as of both corn meal and middlings, while the lots being fed skim-milk were given approximately three pounds of milk to one pound of the mixed grain. In both of these trials the milk was fed, but the cost of gains was cheaper in both lots of tankage-fed pigs, being \$3.27 as compared with \$3.78 per in one trial and \$3.33 as compared with \$3.71 per cwt, in the other.

In order to further verify the results of these tests, two lots of pigs were fed on corn meal and middlings mixed in the same proportion as in the last mentioned test, but without either skim-milk or tankage. In these check tests the cost of gains was \$4.01 and \$4.18 per cwt., respectively. The general conclusions reached as a result of all of the tests above mentioned are summed up in the bulletin as follows:

"In the three tests including tankage tions was \$3.35, with the skim-milk ra-These should be ground tions \$3.62, and with the check ration of the three original tests the tankage raed milk so much the better but if it tion pigs consumed an average of 3.14 lbs. of meal mixture per pound gain; peas and corn or the skim-milk and the those receiving skim-milk in the ration corn, and they will show their apprecia- required 2.48 lbs. of meal mixture and 5.67 lbs. of skim-milk per pound gain. In to two pounds more of fat and muscle the check ration, consisting of corn meal and middlings, the average amount of The ration of corn, should you have it meal mixture required per pound gain was 4.09 lbs. The average daily gain lbs., though the ration containing skimmilk made a slightly greater gain than where tankage was used, the cost of what greater.'

It will thus be seen that when tankage trough. We find the pigs like the slop is used in connection with corn meal and of this kind very much and we feed our middlings as a feed for growing pigs the corn, if shelled on a floor, some 20 to 30 results are very satisfactory; nearly as made and more satisfactory from the Some feeders overfeed hogs and do not standpoint of the cost of gains, which is know why their hogs fail to do best for the relatively most imprtant factor in the them. Hogs fed twice a day all they economy of a ration. It should be rewill clean up of the above mixture before membered, however, that tankage is a they lie down to rest will usually make nitrogenous concentrate, carrying a higheconomical gains and come steadily up- er percentage of protein than any other ward in their weight. When the feeder concentrate in common use, and not a observes his hogs leaving some of the complete food in itself. For this reason food given them and he wonders what's it should be used in limited quantities in the matter, if he is active he will think connection with other grain feeds for of the dinner at Thanksgiving time and the purpose of producing a proper balknow that too much of a good thing pre- ance between the nutrients in the ration. vents partaking of the good things for It should also be borne in mind that tankage is manufactured for fertilizing So it is not most economical to keep purposes which is not suitable for stock food before hogs all the time, but it is feeding. The product used for feeding is conducive to best results to feed no more ordinarily designated as "digester tankthan they will clean up at feeding time, age" to distinguish it from the other product mentioned.



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Some of these farmers raise the lambs they feed, others not having sufficient pasture to summer a large enough flock of ewes to furnish what they want, buy enough to make out the required num-Still others who desire to follow the feeding practice do not keep a ewe flock but purchase all the lambs they

Many have come to be so skillful in feeding and caring for their lambs that they seldom fail to make a handsome profit, and very rarely sustain a loss from their lamb feeding operations. Many others, failing to exercise the proper thought and care, and to give attention to the details of their work are not so successful.

It may be true that some men could never train themselves to be successful sheep feeders, and it may be that, like poets, the best are "born, not made." But a careful and systematic study of the subject of sheep feeding will surely enable the average farmer to so direct his efforts that some degree of success may be assured to him.

The feeds and the methods of giving them, also the necessity of supplying pure, fresh water and using conveniently arranged and properly constructed feed racks are the best understood phases of sheep feeding, while the breeding, the type, the quality, the condition, etc., are little looked after by many feeders, largely because they do not appreciate the important bearing they have upon the question of final success or failure.

Intelligent attention to these details may mean success instead of failure or a larger degree of success in many cases.

It is of much importance to have lambs of the type that give the most desirable results in the feed lot. The increase in weight should be as rapid and uninter-rupted as possible. To this end great vigor and a strong constitution which tend to an active digestion are necessary that nothing may interfere and so retard the rapid progress desired.

Good breeding counts in the feed lot as well as in the breeding flock. Lambs from high-grade ewes and pure-bred sires have a great advantage over those indiscriminately bred that are so common in many sections. Well-bred lambs are invariably far more uniform as to type and they possess a far greater degree of merit than the ordinary common kind. The quick maturing lamb that, when fat, weighs nearly or quite a hundred pounds, not more, seems to be the quickest seller and to bring the highest price per pound. To meet these requirements the bone should not be too heavy or the frame too large, but such as, with only a medium amount of fat, will present a carcass smooth and plump at about the desired weight. It is the blocky, low set, thick type that possess these qualities in the highest degree. It is obvious that to secure the greatest profit in feeding the gain must be made as rapidly as possible. Early maturity in all the different kinds of farm stock is an important consideration and lambs are no exception. The younger the animal the cheaper will be the cost of gain.

The preference from the market standpoint is for this same low-set type, because in this type the leg, the loin, and the rib are developed most perfectly. In a well bred and well fattened lamb these parts will embrace about 70 per cent of the total dressed weight and they will bring perhaps from 85 to 90 per cent of the price paid by the consumer. It is not difficult to understand the extra valthat attaches to lambs possessing these desired qualities. Cleanliness of bone, fineness of the skin, and softness of the hair covering the face and legs denote a lamb of high quality.

That lambs when finished for market should be in the best condition is necessary to bring the highest price. Not only should a lamb be well developed in the most useful parts but the covering of flesh should be evenly distributed over these parts and to a good depth. It is surprising to see how little attention some feeders give to the condition of their lambs at any time during the feeding period. When conditions are as they should be lambs will begin to show the effects of good feeding plainly by the end of the first month. During these

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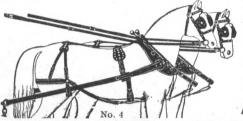
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# SELECTING AND FEEDING LAMBS.

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first days of the feeding period they seem to be getting ready to put on fat, although some fat is probably nearly all the time being deposited internally. Old feeders tell us that one of the best and most reliable indications of progress is for the lambs, when standing leisurely, to assume a partially stretched posture.

Careful observation shows makes its first appearance at the root of the tail and then seems to pass directly along the back and over the shoulders to the base of the neck, then gradually from this time to extend downward and envelop the sides. The feeder should be a good judge of the condition of a fartening sheep. There are times when it is of vital importance to know whether a lamb is gaining rapidly or slowly, or whether it is gaining at all or not. There are certain times when gain is made most rapidly and cheaply and beyond a certain time there is never any profit in feeding. In determining the condition most feeders have some particular place they examine first, and thereon largely base their judgment. Some rely much upon the condition at the tail, some at the flank, others at the purse, or the middle of the back.

It must not be assumed that all sheep fatten evenly in all of these parts. Some are fairly good in one or more parts and comparatively deficient in other parts. In a lamb that is well fattened there is usually a trough or crease running along the back from the tail to the shoulder. All lambs do not fatten smoothly or uniformly. One of the worst defects found, as well as the most common, is a thinness of the fat on the loin and a lightness of the hind quarters.

By careful study and observation only can one so familiarize himself with the market demands and the feed lot possibilities as to reach the highest efficiency in feeding. It is obvious that the feeder who desires to turn out as near a perfect finished product as possible, one that will bring the top price, will, if he breeds his feeding lambs himself, give due care to the selection of his ewes and sires that his lambs may be uniform and of the desired type. If he buys his lambs on the market he will endeavor to select lambs in which uniformity and good feeding type are characteristic.

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# LIVE STOCK NOTES.

According to Frank Henry, of Montana, some recent heavy rains over a large area of Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota, are pretty sure to delay the marketing of many cattle and sheep that would oherwise come freely in the next few weeks, as the late pour-downs have made grass green and sappy and stockmen will be inclined to hold back until the grass cures.

Northern Colorado sheep feeders have picked up their sheep and lambs for winter feeding as fast as possible of late and a great many New Mexico lambs have been contracted—in fact, most of the stuff for sale down there has been bought by northern Colorado feeders, prices ranging at \$5@5.25 at loading points for good stuff. A few very early contracts were made around \$4@5. Those who were lucky enough to get in at these figures should make a "killing," but they are few and far between, and the contracts were made several months ago. Northern Colorado is going to feed a lot of lambs this fall and winter if the stuff is available.

Iowa's hog crop will be short this fall

available.

Towa's hog crop will be short this fall and winter according to reliable reports at market. A big Ottumwa operator says over 75 per cent of the breeding sows which produced last spring's pigs have been sold and only a slim number of the breeding sows used last winter will again be in service the coming season, because prices have been too high to warrant prices have been too high to warrant holding. Eastern Iowa is shipping prgs freely now and predictions are made that Iowa will market fewer hogs in the next year than have come from there this

year.

Edward Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing Company, is a bear on meat prices and has of late stated it is his belief that lower meats will soon be available to the consumer. "Cheaper meats will come," says Mr. Cudahy, "and come soon, especially cheaper beef. The season of grass-fed cattle has arrived and the heavy run of medium grade cattle will force prices down. Pork also will drop, but not until about January when there will be a decline of about 10 per cent. By next summer pork will have dropped one-third. This is all due to the tremendous crops now being harvested in the west. With so much corn and feed of every kind meat prices are bound to go down."



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# CURRENT COMMENT.

# Conservative Mar-

ples may well devote special attention to crop and market conditions regarding them. The official crop statistics of September 1, published in a recent issue of the Michigan Farmer, unfortunately, do not include statistics with regard to beans. Such statistics, however, would not be of great value at this time owing to the fact that the bulk of the bean crop is yet to be secured and much will depend upon weather conditions during the harvesting and threshing season as to penal institution. Thus many counties

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States, while there was a general fail- of an off-hand knowledge upon ure in the southwest with the result that subject. in a large section of the country potatoes were so high as to be beyond the reach of a large mass of consumers, there is no cause for alarm that the cheap prices of some years ago will prevail throughout the marketing season for this important Michigan crop.

For this reason it would be the part of wisdom for growers who are equipped with proper storage to store at least a portion of the crop in order that it may be placed upon the market gradually as needed for consumption, as by this means the best average prices will be secured and the greatest net revenue derived

# The probem of the

ployment of short term prisoners in the county jails of the state is a perplexing one to solve in a wholly satisfactory manner. During very recent years the question of employment of short term prisoners has been given considerable consideration by county officials and the experiment of working the prisoners on the highways has been tried with a varying degree of success.

The question of the employment of county prisoners has recently become With the approach of one of greater import due to the fact the harvesting sea- that county prisoners are no longer acson for the important cepted at the Detroit House of Correccash crops of beans tion, to which penal institution many and potatoes, the growers of these sta- county prisoners, particularly from adples may well devote special attention to jacent counties, were formerly sent. The harvesting and threshing season as to penal institution. Thus many counties harvesting and threshing season as to penal institution. Thus many counties the yield and quality of this crop.

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ket in this country with, of course, the and be amply rewarded for good be-tariff added to the foreign price; but haviour during their term of imprison-this is not a sufficiently important factor ment. Society has advanced to a stage to require consideration at this time in which there is a well defined sentiment of those who are guilty of infrac-With the market comparatively bare tions of the law, and a more general considerable portion of the new crop this class as unfortunates rather than as

a considerable portion of the new crop will not be of good market quality on account of its lateness and the uncertainty of weather conditions, it would seem that the bean grower need be in no hurry to accept a speculative price for his product and that conservative marketing on the part of bean growers would add to the agregate revenue of Michigan farmers from this important cash crop.

Statistics with regard to potato production would make it appear that this year's crop will be a large one, although an analysis of September i government, as compared with 59.8 on September i was \$1,2 of normal, as compared with 59.8 on September 1 was \$1,2 of normal, as compared with 59.8 on September 1 was \$1,2 of normal, as compared with 59.8 on September 1 when the total production, but here again we find that the acreage for the present year is but 1.9 per cent larger than that of 1911.

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# HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK.

### National.

Citizens of Duluth have appealed to Governor Ebehart, of Minnesota, for troops to quiet the riotous outbreaks in that city. About 5,000 street car men and sympathizers compelled the company to suspend service and the police were wholly unable to give the public protection.

Last Friday. Edward H. Schrieter, for-mer clerk of the common council com-mittee of Detroit, testified before the police court of the city, giving in detail the facts concerning his connection with the boodle cases against 17 of the city's aldermen.

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Aviator Paul Peck, of Washington, D. C., holder of the American duration flight record, was fatally injured in a fall from his biplane in Chicago last Wednesday.

A military court has been called to investigate the slaying of John Eisy, a Syrian who it is reported, was killed by Captain Blackman, of the Michigan National Guard, near Jackson prison last Friday night. The victim was suspected as a party to a conspiracy to blow up the walls of the prison.

Wm. Haywood, general organizer of Industrial Workers of the World, was arrested at Boston, Mass., on a warrant issued as the result of an indictment charging him with conspiracy in connection with the strike of the textile workers at Lawrence, Mass.

Six persons were drowned near Chicago, Sunday, and five others are missing. The victims went for a pleasure sail on Lake Michigan and were caught in a lake squall. They, however, returned to within 100 feet of the shore before the traged occurred.

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The funeral of Emperor Mutsuhito was heid on September 13. Unusual preparations were made by the country in paying their last respects to the dead monarch. The entire route from Tokio to Yokohama was electrically lighted. Warships in the harbor fired salutes and enermous crowds were gathered.

## THE WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR.

Perfect fair weather during the entire

Perfect fair weather during the entire week contributed to an unusually large attendance at the West Michigan State Fair. The grounds were thronged with visitors from both city and country, the crowd being exceedingly large on both Wednesday and Thursday. The show itself was of the usual high standard which has been set by this fair in previous years. Although the exhibits in the live stock department were not as numerous as has sometimes been the case, perhaps owing to the earlier date of the fair and probably also to some extent to the severely hot week which preceded the fair. In the horse department the elimination of harness classes decreased the exhibits to some extent, although there was a very good showing of horses, big exhibitors from outside the state were not attracted to the same extent as in previous years. The quality of the exhibits, however, was very good and the exhibit on space was very well filled.

In the cattle department the dairy breeds showed up strongly with a fair exhibit of beef breeds, the exhibits averaging very good in quality.

The hog exhibit was not large owing no doubt to the very unfavorable weather conditions which have prevailed in the high price of grain which has not stimulated the fitting of hogs to a great extent. The several breeds were, however, well represented, many of the good Michigan herds being seen and a few from outside, including an exhibit of Mule Foot hogs by an Ohio breeder, the first that has been seen in Michigan and an exhibit which attracted a great deal of attention from fair visitors. Considerable comment was heard from live stock men who are well informed with regard to the breed characteristics and type of this comparatively new breed of purebred hogs, the individuals averaging much finer and smoother in type than this comparatively new breed of pure-bred hogs, the individuals averaging this comparatively new breed of pure-bred hogs, the individuals averaging much finer and smoother in type than the average live stock man had in mind as the type of this breed. This herd showed good uniformity with smoothness and rather fine bone, the type being in-termediate between the bacon and large types, which are characteristic of the better known breeds

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The sheep exhibit was rather larger than the swine exhibit, an overflow tent being used for that portion of the exhibit which the regular space would not house. There was a goodly sprinkling of the old Merino types, a fairly good showing of Rambouillets, a good exhibit of the middle wool mutton breeds and representative exhibits of coarse wools. The bulk of these exhibits were from the state, although there were some show flocks present from the big circuits, making competition keen in nearly all classes.

The poultry exhibit was especially fine, the two large buildings assigned to the housing of this exhibit being insufficient in capacity and making it necessary to use a tent for the overflow. Notwithstanding the fact that this fair came at an unfortunate time so far as making poultry exhibits of good appearance is concerned, due to the moulting season, it was a grand exhibit in appearance as well as character and did great credit to West Michigan farmers, as well as to the management of this department of the show.

The machinery exhibit was large and

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# FOR A NIGHT—BY HELEN I. CASTELLA.

doubt the world would be a very com- am I going to do?" monplace, prosaic old place indeed without any of the startling climaxes which

willing to assume their share of the

But to start at the beginning, Nina sat all through breakfast with an open letter before her and cried. Salty tears flavored her orange, they trickled down into the oatmeal, they added their piquant flavor to the bacon, and still they were not exhausted. Finally, after mopping her eyes for perhaps the twenty-fifth time, she got up and spread her handkerchief over the chair back to dry. Phil then pushed back his chair and made a noisy pretense at departure. "Well, sorry I can't suggest anything to help you So long, sis. Good-by, everybody."

Nina didn't even deign him a parting glance. Brothers were horribly devoid of sympathy. It was to Aunt Katherine that she turned her tragic, tear-stained "Do tell me what I am going to

"It seems dreadful," began mother; in a half shocked, half indignant voice, "to be so ashamed of one's home." But her young daughter interrupted her.

"It's not that at all! You know your-self that I have plenty of friends, and they all know that we haven't any money, and that it's a mighty hard pull for and Aunt Katherine until I get through college, but of course they are the people who have known me all my You don't suppose that I am going to have Evelyn Markham come here, do you? She and her mother? To this little, sixteen-dollar-a-month house, in a side street-back street, I should say! mother, Evelyn is an aristocrat! She is the one girl in college of whom I stand in awe! Her mother sends her, every month, a check for one hundred dollars, just for spending money. Think of it! One hundred dollars!"

"Well, I think it's a sin," said mother, "That's what I think of it. And, moreover, I don't think it shows good judgment on your part to pick out such girl for your particular friend. thought I brought you up more sensibly!"

"Oh just listen, Aunt Katherine." Nina turned toward the aunt who had a warm place in her heart for her pretty young niece. "As if I picked Evelyn out! Why, I wouldn't have dared! No, dear mother, I wouldn't have dared! No, dear mother, Up for the weary, laden beast; it was Evelyn herself who first showed Up for the greatest, up for the least; a partiality for me, and all the girls in Up in its beauty, up in its power; our particular set are just a little bit Inexhaustible, hour by hour jealous, let me tell you. But what in the Over the brink of the earthen bowl world she and her mother want to stop Pouring the wealth of nature's dole; Rainbow tints in the shining day, way home from Canada, is more than I Sliver pure when the skies are gray, can tell. And she writes that they will Rollicking on in the sun's bold sight; can tell. be delighted to spend the night with me, Singing the song that the sirens sing, Luring life to the living spring. so that her mother will have an opportunity of meeting my mother and the of pictures of their place."

trifle sarcastic as she asked the question, Katherine, do suggest something!" for Nina flushed clear up to her eyes.

about anything but you know you can the mother.

but that's no way to start the story, large or as handsome as their garage! maybe Evelyn would think, they, too, direction of his down-hearted sister, and We all know that if we had the power If I only could get word to her in some could come to my cousin's. Most prob- then he began to talk. His conversation of second choice, or the right to recall way, but they've already started, and ably all her relatives are wealthy." our hasty acts, we would do quite differ- they will be at the station tomorrow evently the second time, and without a ening by seven, and what in the world

That was Nina's cry all day long. ably. 'What am I going to do? What will I those invariably follow upon our indiscretions. do?" It seems there are times when something like that, and then about halfTo this day nobody knows just who to mothers fail to rise to an emergency. It past six I'll paste it on the front door, stands, furniture and all," said the boy. put the blame on, or the praise either, was so in this case. By the end of the and we'll pull all the shades down, for that matter, although I must confess day mother was saying quite tartly, and—" that every one of the family was quite "Well, I don't see that you can do any- "Well, my father's Abraham! Kath-

signs, scarlet fever, or yellow It seems there are times when something like that, and then about half-

thing but let them come. They can have erine Jennison, are you losing your mind? my bedroom, and I-" but at that Nina Nina, don't I smell the beans? And the Jellinghause is away. He won't be back

Of course, if it was to do over again mother, our house isn't anything like as they would have to hunt up a hotel, and row. Phil stole several glances in the was chiefly about a house he had taken "Probably," sotto voice from mother. a prospective customer through that day "Well," said Aunt Katherine. This -its elegant furnishings, its completetime her face brightened up consider- ness, ready for occupancy, although the "Couldn't we get hold of one of present owner was abroad, where he had been for more than a year.

"We have it up for sale, just as it enthusiastically, "and I believe I've got a customer for it. The man I took "Well, my father's Abraham! Kath- through today. If he buys it I tell you it'll mean something for me, until Friday, and I've been tending to the business of the office all alone. was wishing today I could take you folks through the house, just so's you could see what a dandy place it is. the keys here in my pocket." them out and laid them casually on the table. The brother's and sister's eyes The same thought was in each. Nina bent over her plate with a peculiar

> It was after supper when she and Phil got together on a corner of the porch to whisper over what at first seemed to Nina to be a diabolical plot. "Oh, Phil," she half breathed, a shade of hope in her whole voice. "It would be lovely, but I don't believe we could ever persuade them to do it!"

> "'Course we can," said Master Phil, eliantly. "I'll put it to them. You

If anyone had told Mrs. George Washingten Framingham that before she retired to bed that night she would have consented to remove herself and family and contents of her larder on the following day, and occupy another person's property over night just for the purpose of satisfying her young daughter's ideas as to the proper way of entertaining her guests, that lady would straightway have informed them that they were crazy. Nor yet would she have believed anyone who told her that she and Aunt Katherine would spend the greater part of the next day in roasting a pair of chickens, in preparing dainties which could be easily warmed up, and yet deceive one's palate into supposing they had just popped, first-hand from the oven, in making layer-cake, fresh peach pie, and grape

It was five o'clock when she and Nina and Aunt Katherine turned the key in the lock of their own tiny habitation and started forth with baskets, a suit-case, and Aunt Katherine's black leather bag which she insisted on carrying herself.

"I guess I have to take my toilet things," she snapped, when remonstrated with for burdening herself with so much.

There was a walk of about two minutes after they alighted from the car, and then, just as they rounded the corner, they saw Phil standing on the front steps, and mother cast agonizing glances Gives to the soul the sense of power, steps, and mother cast agonizing glances. That the draught of nature holds in around, and Nina's knees began to tremble and shale beneath her. Phil was talking to a policeman!

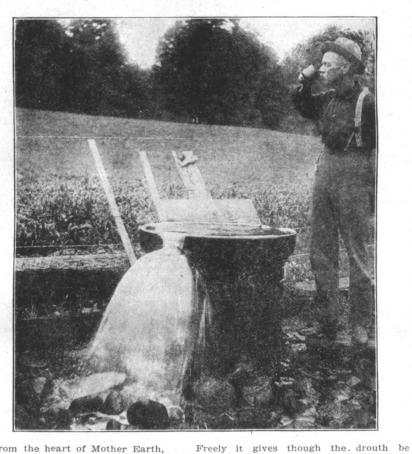
where will we go: began mother. And fair are the dreams of his restful excitedly. "And what will we do? Just when I thought I could put this heavy = suit-case down! Oh, to think that it's a policeman! Oh, if I had only done

But Phil, at that moment catching place to live in, with no calamities or lead, saying grimly, "Come on. Remem-

than meat. Frankly, mother had econ- were all quite weak. They flopped down make things sound a little better than "I wouldn't have the nerve," replied omized on the menu, not knowing just in the hall on anything which came

# THE DRAUGHT OF NATURE.

BY CORA G. CARREL.



Up from the heart of Mother Earth, Straight from the source of its mystic

Pure as the offspring of the cloud, Dimpling, gurgling, laughing aloud. Up, straight up for the thirsty soil; Up, straight up for the sons of toil.

Be a hard drinker, if you will—
Come to it often, take your fill!
Never the stream of the laden vine
From the terraced hills of the vaunted

great; Volumes it pours when the storm clouds

With its tingling spur to sluggish brain As it courses madly through pulsing vein, Gives to the eye the radiant light, Gives to the arm the strength and might,

Nothing it takes for what it gives, Exacts no penalty, but he lives Long and well who drinks of it deep

rest of the family. Of course, to Evelyn, wrung her hands and wailed again, "Oh, irons are hot if you want to press your come to this! That I am running from this isn't a bit out of the way, for she don't tell me any more! How can I ever pink lawn." lives in almost a palace. I've seen lots face Evelyn and her mother in this little Nina cast a despairing glance at her what my conscience dictated!" box of a house? Why, my tongue would aunt. The front door opened just then 'And what does she suppose you live stick to the roof of my mouth! I would and Phil came in whistling merrily as sight of them, beckened with his bunch in?" Perhaps mother's voice was just a not be able to say a word! Oh, Aunt though the world were a very pleasant of keys, and Aunt Katherine took the

"Suppose you meet them at the station troubles of any kind floating through the ber Joan of Arc, and Mary Queen of "Well, mother, of course she knows we and say that the family are all out of air. Phil was always hungry, and as Scots, and Stephen!" are not rich, and that I am going to town, and that you are staying with a soon as he came in the family sat down. The policeman moved off as they near-teaching right away next year, as soon cousin, or something," said the aunt to supper. Mother passed the stew, ed the steps, and Phil swung the heavy as I graduate, and I've never really lied thus appealed to, not daring to look at which today consisted of more vegetables door back and ushered them in. they really are if you tell it right. Why, the girl, with a shudder. "Why look, what might be expected of her tomor- handy, and the boy's smile widened into

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an expansive grin. keep up your nerve," he said, genially, bed.' thought I'd tell him the house was going to be occupied over night, in case monstrated Nina they suspected burglars, don't you know,

Mother got up and took a long "I belong to a respectable fama church member in good standing all ing the door carefully behind her my life. Of course, I'm not telling these lies, but you two are my own flesh and middle-aged spinster aunt had a revol- helpless across the table, until her fingers blood. It wouldn't surprise me a mite to find myself branded like Cain! You for an instant that her sister was pre-restored her scattered senses, and she show me where the kitchen is, Phillip, and pared to add murder to the category of bent forward where she could be sure to if I live through tonight and tomorrow crimes of which she already stood con- a certainty. morning, I want the rest of you to let victed, she would flatly have refused to Someone was again coming in the front me alone and not speak to me for a

the dining-room and kitchen was enig-matical. "Well, you wanted me to go into the real estate business," was what she ever set foot in the house, was to the wall for the electric button. When

station to meet the Markhams, Nina and her aunt hurriedly made up the beds, for herself the red tablecloth, in case her revolver as any woman would want to some reason assigning a lovely bedroom niece should be poking around and dis- handle. "Hell!" said the newcomer, and Nina said afterwards that sometimes Providence puts it into our heads to do certain things, but her mother empha-

will ask, with a twinkle, and to this question his mother is strangely deaf.

The Markhams were delighted with the reception which was accorded them, and they were delighted with the dinner, anyone could see that. If they thought that the Framinghams were a particularly nervous family, of course they made no comment. If they thought it strange that out of the half dozen clocks scattered round on mantel-pieces, etc., not one was going, it is presumed they thought this was a family who took no account of time. During the course of again under his own vine and fig tree. the evening it grew so oppressively warm that Mrs. Markham did suggest, after looking around and seeing that every door and window was closed tight as a drum, that they have a little air. But no together in a grim line. She could try it, one moved to act on the suggestion, and anyway, and if she failed, well, there mother threw such an appealing glance at Aunt Katherine that Phil felt called posed. Upon a chair, just back of the on to explain.

voice just a little. "It's very private, of course, but some of the cases are quite ably to bed without at least investigating at present in hiding until morning, when dangerous, and we don't open the win- each room on the main floor. Nor was dows after dark. We think it's better to she mistaken. Along came Mr. Owner, possession. You can go down the cellar that we're safe."

Evelyn and her mother.

Mrs. George Washington Framingham's lips moved, but whether in prayer for herself or her son it would have been hard to say.

It was shortly after that when the Markhams retired. They said they were very tired, and they would have to get up early to make their train, etc., but Nina, who went up with them, came down and reported that they looked under the bed, and in both closets, and back of the bureau, and as she was coming down stairs she heard something like a heavy object being dragged across the floor to the door.

Mother arose, and with a stately 'Good-night" retired to the room which do a thing of this kind, but under the sneeringly had been alletted her. "Come on, Aunt circumstances— Katherine," said Nina, "Let's you and I go to bed You, too, Phil, because you made her hold her hands to her ears in we ought to get up very early in the morning and lose no time in getting the suitcases, carrying them to a place ful owner of this house, who is at presoff ourselves after they go."

inals who, having started on a career of den, "he may own the house, but he "Sufferin' cod-fish," he said, under his depravity, found it hard to step, and pos- don't know how to talk to a lady!" sibly it was some mystericus influence. Now what was going to become of Because the law don't hold them respon-like that which forced the lady into the them? Phil would lose his position, of sible!" His tone now changed toward complication in which she seemingly course, and there would be that much the lady. He addressed her as though involved herself. In the first place, she gene from the slender resources of the he were soothing a baby. "Yes, yes, went upstairs peaceably with Nina and, family, and perhaps the boy couldn't get rightful owner of the house, of course! as the girl started to undress, she daw- anything else to do, for Mr. Jellinghause Come on, let's you and I see what's in dled around, investigating bureau drawers, and drumming nervously on the window sills. Finally she said, with a much perhaps Nina wouldn't be able to go back one eye warily on her, but as the cover exaggerated yawn. "I believe I'll go sleep to college and finish her last year, but came off the first suit-case, disclosing to

"Say, you want to It won't be so warm as here, two in a a position in a store while she and her

"But you won't have any covers," re- along! All these

so I showed him my cards and things much this kind of a night. I'll run down ing with bated breath for a sound from from the real estate office, and told him and get that red tablecloth that was ov- the little pantry alongside the kitchen,

Nina didn't make any objections, and and in. searching look at herself in the hall with a grim look of satisfaction on her But her long vigil was nearly over. The face, Aunt Katherine took her black bag morning light was just breaking across ily," she said, sternly. "And I've been and departed from her niece's room, clos- the sky when the second thing happened,

ver, but had Mrs Framingham imagined coming in contact with something cold

she had just gotten up to move her said, and if there's anything else exsizes emphatically that Providence had limbs, which were cramped from sitting presses the same meaning, I don't know nothing to do with this affair, first or so long, when, what was that? Surely what it is last. "The Evil One started it," she will she had heard a sound, as though somelast. "The Evil One started it," she will she had heard a sound, as though some-say, sternly, "by putting a desire into one was fitting a key in the lock. In an and judicial Inwardly she was quiver-Nina's head to appear more than she emergency like this mother would have ing like the proverbial "bowlful of jelly," prayed, but Aunt Katherine forgot her but her words were rattled off so glibly "Yes, but who ended it, Mom?" Phil prayers; she even forgot the revolver, her brain was paralyzed with the one learned them by rote. thought that the catastrophe which she had been dreading had come-here was the owner of the house!

He switched on the electric light and deposited his two large suit-cases on the floor. Peeping through the crack of the door the half-frantic woman saw him, a typical traveler, with a slouch hat pulled down well over his eyes, and a raglan overcoat. Taking a few steps forward. he surveyed himself in the mirror and gave a sigh of relief at finding himself

And so they were to be exposed just when the hour of victory was so near at hand! Was there any way to save the situation? Aunt Katherine's lips came were worse places than jail, she supdoor, she climbed, red tablecloth in hand. ter an absence of a year, and go peacea little uncomfortable and feel sure the light in each room as he entered. He to give me your word that you won't the light in each room as he entered. He to give me your word that you won't "Oh, yes, to be sure! Please don't stood on the threshold of the den, and in make any noise."

At this, Mr. Powdermaker fairly dancetter for the world!" begged but an instant the red tablecloth descended open them for the world!" begged both an instant the red tablecloth descended enveloping him in its folds, and somenation he felt as though he were in the rapidly across the floor and into a com-

wall for support, then, getting down on whose overwrought nerves were already her knees, she put her mouth to the key. giving way, dropped in a heap at his hole. "Mister," she called, doing her feet, and the revolver hung limply in her best to keep the quake out of her voice. only using the house over night. I give fussing around the parlor and kicked at you my word we will depart peaceably in the suit-cases which stood behind the the morning, leaving you in possession of door. the house. I deeply regret that I had to

But the language which greeted her bags?" horror. She sped down the hall after of concealment behind the parior door, ent in the pantry, waiting for morning Aunt Katherine didn't look like an un. "At any rate," she said to herself grim. when I have promised to release him." derhand woman, or one who was deceit- ly when, after having turned off the ful in any way, but I have heard of crim- lights, she went back to her place in the at her, a new light dawning on his face.

mendation.

sister would do plain sewing to help thoughts flew lightning-like rapidity through "Oh, I'll do all right. I won't need Katherine's brain as she sat there, listen-I was expecting some prospective buyers or the basket and put under me. I can and again listening to the weird creak-who wanted to test the house before pay-ing any money down." be harmed a mite." and again listening to the weird creak-tings and rustlings which seemed to come from everywhere, above, below, outside

> and this time Aunt Katherine stiffened It was no secret to the family that the in her chair and her arm fell limp and

come. The litt'e woman now, weapon in door! Not quietly, cautiously, as had hand, sped down the stairs and along the the owner, but puffing and blowing with Phil's remark, as he led the way to hall to a small room in the rear, which the exertion of carrying his heavy valise the owner evidently used as a den. Her up the steps, this individual worked his plan, which had reached maturity before way through the door and felt all around sit up all night, in case that something he touched it the light flooded the hall, After her brother had departed to the unforseen should turn up. But first she and he straightened up and looked diwent into the kitchen and procured for rectly into the barrel of as pretty a little up on the third floor to the Markhams. cover that she had not come up to bed, he took a step backward. Of course, Hour after hour she sat there, her that isn't a nice word to use, and I nerves too much on the alert to doze, and oughtn't to put it in, but it's what he

that one might almost have supposed she

"I am a desperate woman!"

"So am I, lady," said the fat man, taking out a large silk handkerchief and mopping his perspiring brow freely. "Very desperate. So put down that there toy, and git! See?"

"No, I do not see," firmly. moreover, I am using this house at present, and it seems well that I am, if I am the means of preventing a robbery. will permit you to take yourself off quietly, sir, if you go at once."

The fat man's eyes nearly popped out of his head, "Say, are you crazy?" he "Things have come to a pretty yelled. pass when a man can't come into his own house near morning without being held up by a revolver! I'll have that Jellinghause strung up for this, sure's my name's Jimmie Powdermaker!'

Aunt Katherine weakened just the "You see, next door to us there's a It wasn't likely that anyone, be he man least mite, but her hold on the revolver private asylum," he began, lowering his or woman, would return to his house, af- never relaxed. "This is not your house," she said firmly. we are going away, and he will take be a little uncomfortable and feel sure humming softly to himself, turning on and hide until morning, but you'll have

on him like an angry cloud, completely ed up and down on the floor in his rage. "You impudent hussy!" he shouted. "So thing, wirey, determined, (to his imagi- it's not my house, isn't it? It's your house, I suppose! Who are your we? clutches of a huge spider), pushed him Bring on your gang! Bring a dozen of rapidly across the floor and into a comthem! Fifty of them, I'll fight them all! partment, where he was released, and the Yes, and I'll fight you, too; I'm not afraid door slammed to and locked and bolted of your penny gun!" He made a sudden The excited woman leaned against the movement toward her, and the poor lady, hand. Thus relieved from the uncertainty Don't be alarmed, I beg of you. I give of gazing into cold steel, the man began

"All ready to skip, were you?" he said, sneeringly. "I wonder how much of my valuables you've got stored away in your

Aunt Katherine arose to her feet with

The fat man turned around and looked breath. "I sure had one narrow escape! certainly wouldn't give him a recom- the bags! Don't want to? All right, you Perhaps, oh horrible thought, watch me, and I'll show you." He kept in that little room at the end of the hall. instead would have to go out and take view the contents, his mood changed.

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"I've got you now!" he roared. "Burg-

lar's tools! Bring on your gang! Pretty lot they must be to use you as a hold-up for a man. Oh, you're a wonder, you My grandpa is my oldest friend, are!"

Just then a voice was heard, descend ing the stairs. "Aunt Katherine, are you up? I thought I heard you singing. Let's get breakfast and have it all ready, so that we can go away right after."

Aunt Katherine jumped for the man's arm and held it as though in a vise. "Don't say a word," she hissed, rather than spoke. "Promise that you won't say a word till after they're gone, and I'll give you one of the best breakfasts you ever ate! Come here, Nina dear. This is Cousin Jimmie, from the west! This is Cousin Jimmie, from the west! When captain gives command; fore. He just came, an hour or so ago, My grandpa is a veteran gray— He just came, an hour or so ago, and he's hungry, so we must see about breakfast.'

Nina shook heartily the hand which Cousin Jimmie feebly held out. "Why, isn't that nice!" she said, with enthusiasm, "Are all these bags yours, and these things your mining tools? Well, the idea, and you carried them all yourself! My, I wish Phil could go west and learn how to do things!"

Cousin Jimmie went along out in the kitchen with them and sat down in the rocker which Aunt Katherine moved out to the middle of the floor. She enveloped herself in a big gingham apron and started in to fulfill her promise about getting him the best breakfast he had ever

Poor mother! She might as well have been eating ashes as the delicious ham and eggs, the hot muffins, or the coffee! Who was that fat man sitting there in the chair but someone who was to lead them all to the station house when this miserable farce was over? His eyes roamed around the table as though he were trying to unravel a complication, but he was afraid to speak, for every time he looked at the lady in the white shirt-waist with the wilted collar and her frizzes out of curl, she laid her hand on her lips and motioned him to silence. That is, when they were unobserved. If anyone was looking in their direction, however, she made some pleasant remark about Texas!

It was not until the Markhams had gone, after affectionately embracing the female members of the family, and telling everyone what a delightful time they had had, that Aunt Katherine plunged into explanations.

She told him about Nina's false pride, and she told him how the family weak- to send an officer around here. of a house, and she told him about Phil's ward whom he looked, "I will trouble

MY GRANDPA.

BY RUTH RAYMOND.

And when he walks with me We're just two boys, so we pretend, And everything we see We talk about, for grandpa knows How birds build little nests, And where the first spring blossom grows, And which wild fruit is best.

He tells me stories of the days When war was in our land, And teaches me some soldier plays, To shoulder arms and stand; To march, and halt, and fire-away, In war he lost his hand

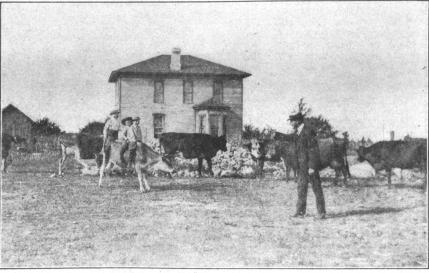
He does not like some things, I know, That thoughtiess people do, He says the world is more for show And folks are not as true As once they were, when simple ways Made all the neighbors kind; He often longs for those old days That come again to mind When we are walking up the lane, Or through the pasture green, Or watching while men cut the grain With some new-styled machine.

My grandpa seems so good to me That I have formed the plan That like my grandpa I will be When I am grown a man; 'll love the right and hate the wrong, And help the poor who need, And banish sorrow with a song, For that is grandpa's creed.

Jimmie, pausing to wipe the perspiration from his face. He opened the door on a crack and peeped in. Then he opened it a little wider and stuck his head in. Aunt Katherine, her curjosity getting the best of her, wriggled under Mr. Powdermaker's arm and put her hand on a piece of white paper, pinned to the table. broken window told its own story. lines contained in the note were brief:

"Dear Lady:
I'd like to wait until morning, but on second thoughts concluded to leave my baggage for security and call again. I've been up against a good many things in my life-time but you're a new one on me."

Mr. Powdermaker's "Humph," was ex-Again he addressed himself pressive. to Phil, who was quaking in his shoes. On your way to the office you better stop at the police station and tell them ened. She told him about their little box am," this time it was Aunt Katherine to-



When Papa Caught us Riding on the Back of Bess, the Little Jersey.

good position, which they had hoped you for your address before you leave. I would lead to better things, but which may see you again" she was now afraid he would lose because They were eating their supper that of the threats Mr. Powdermaker had evening, a very subdued and chastened made against the firm of Jellinghause for family, when the door-bell rang. Nina not guarding his property in a more secure manner. "And now," she finished back she had a curious expression on her tragically, (no one had spoken a word face, during her recital), "what is to become "It of that man locked in the pantry?"

ing himself to Phil who looked a little in his hand, and he asked for Aunt Kathwhite now, now that he realized into erine." what jeopardy he had placed his position, "hunt around and get a clothesline. I think you and I, between us, can tie the fellow up before we hand him over to a policeman." Banging on the pantry to himself when alone?" door, he shouted in most stentorian "I don't know," was the reply. door, he shouted in most stentorian "Hey, you! Get ready to come tones: out! Your time's up!"

There was no response from within, quainted with him?" and no noise of any kind. "Look out a dangerous criminal!" cautioned Cousin alone."

went to

"It's Powdermaker," she said slowly. "And he has a big box of candy "Son," said Mr. Powdermaker, address- under his arm, and a bouquet of flowers

> The case concerned a will, and an Irish. man was a witness. "Was the deceased," asked the lawyer, "in the habit of talking

"Come, come, you don't know, and yet you pretend that you were intimately ac-

"The fact is," said Pat dryly, "I never there, you wimmen folks! No doubt he's happened to be with him when he was

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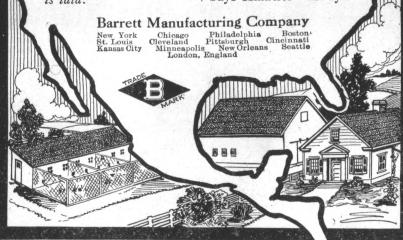
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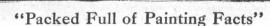
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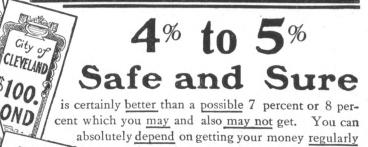
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Have you noticed how gray Miss Bayberry's getting?

That Maidenhair dyes, I could almost be betting.

Mrs. Oak-leaf's new dress is russet, I near

some ruffled, of course, but rather severe. vere.
Did you notice how Ivy-leaf blushed with delight
At Jack Frost's seeing her home last night?
Just look at those Lily-pads wade in that

puddle.
Oh, it's going to rain, and we'll be in a muddle.
Well, drep in again when you're going

Did you hear—must you really—all right, then. Good-bye." And that is but part of what the leaves saides yellow, leaves orange, leaves rus-set, leaves red.

## WHY THE SKY IS BLUE.

Why is the sky blue? has been asked so often of Prof. L. R. Ingersoll, of the physics department of the University of Wisconsin, that he has prepared the following brief explanation of the phenom-

"It would seem as if the explanation of such a universally observed fact should be generally well known, but the truth is that the real reason for our sky colors and beautiful sunset tints has been known even by scientists for only a comparatively few years, although the general principles of color have been understood for a long time.

"A leaf appears green because it reflects or sends back to us more of the green than of the other colors which go to make up the white light with which it is illuminated. White paper or paint appears white because it reflects all colors equally well, and black looks black because it absorbs all colors, sending

"All these facts have been known for many years but they apparently led to no explanation of sky color for the simple reason that the air itself is colorless. Lord Raymond, the English scientist, finally attacked the problem from a somewhat different standpoint and so discovered the true reason for sky color. Realizing that even the purest air always contains more or less fine dust suspended, he studied the effect of such particles on a beam of light and found that they could turn aside or shatter in all direc-tions a certain small share of this light and that the finer the particles were, the more blue would be the shaftered light. The general blue of the sky is due, therefore, to this shattered light turned aside in all directions by these fine particles dust in the atmosphere. The higher we go the finer the dust we should expect to find and consequently the deeper the blue color. This is the reason for the deep blue or even the indigo blue sky seen from high mountain tops. Conversely, the lower levels of the air have relatively larger dust motes and these turn aside all colors equally, hence the whitish appearance of the horizon sky.

"The sun and the surrounding clouds at sunset appear red because the light has been robbed of so much of its blue color by its passage through the great thickness of air through which we see the rising or setting sun. Anything that tends to increase the amount of fine dust or smoke in the air enhances the beauty and brilliancy of the sunset, as was illustrated in the years 1883 and 1884 after the eruption of Kragotoa, which literally filled all the air in the world full of very fine dust.

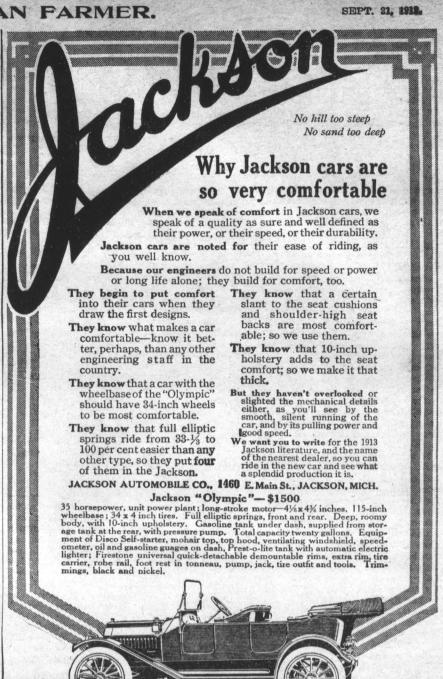
"How did that couple ever make love, for neither one is talkative?"

"That may be so, but, you see, she has such a speaking countenance, while his money talks.'

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And that you may know him better as a Man-that you may decide from that knowledge whether or not he is your kind of a Man for president—these personal facts are given.
For thirty years Mr. Taft has been active

in public life.

But with him public life and publicity have meant two entirely different things.

He not only refuses to seek notoriety, but he continually avoids it.

He hasn't any desire to see his name "on the front page," nor his portrait in colors on every dead wall.

He is not the man behind the megaphone. This is not from mock modesty—but because Mr. Taft prefers to let the things he does stand on their own merits and prove in their results.

And because he has some "old-fashioned

ideas" about the dignity of his office.

He doesn't send for reporters to tell the world of his greatness—nor for camera men to catch his latest pose. \* \* \*

Mr. Taft frankly admits that he is not a

politician—which is true.

He is not a politician, but he is a statesman and a born judge. His grandfather and his father were both judges. His father left the Superior Court Bench to become a member of Grant's cabinet.

So William Howard Taft came by his judicial temperament, and broad, intelligent vision on public and corporate matters by

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When President McKinley asked him to give up the bench and his prospect of pro-motion to the Supreme Court, and to "shoulder the white man's burden"-to go and teach the Filipinos self-government-

He put his own ambitions aside, and took

up the thankless task.

The Filipinos were hostile, suspicious. They resented his coming. At first he was in serious personal danger.

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be, this is the most foolish of charges. No Sir, Mr. Taft is certainly not "bossridden," nor driven by any interest but the

people's interests.

There never was a president who stuck straighter and truer to his own ideas and

There never was a president who more completely and positively refused to be influenced against his own convictions.

And nobody knows this better than Mr.

Roosevelt.

For if Mr. Taft had been weak-spined, docile,—a puppet in Roosevelt's hands,—there would never have been a new party.

President Taft does not "play politics." His political advisers, who have urged him

to do this thing and that for policy's sake, have found him not to be moved the fraction of an inch.

That he would "rather be right than President" is not a mere saying with him. He lives up to it in every action every day of his life.

Like Lincoln, he does the thing without fear, on his own decision,—"as is given him the power to see the right."

President Taft knew when he asked for a Tariff Board that he would injure his political chances. But that didn't stop him.

It didn't prevent him from lifting the Tariff investigation clear of politics, and appointing a commission of competent men of all political creeds to get at the heart of the actual net costs of production and manufacture, at home and abroad.

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He was the first President to lay his hand

upon real Tariff needs. The first President to show the nerve to go into the Tariff in an absolutely scientific

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President Taft did not talk on the Monopoly

Question—he acted on it.

And the result is, that independent manufacturers in all of these different lines today, have a fairer show than they ever had before.

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# HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL and FROLICS BY MARY MASON WRIGHT.

is an excellent time for the country host- caps. ess to entertain friends and neighbors. These harvest-home festivals and parties appropriate for such a festival. Harvestshould be informal affairs. All imita- home songs can be sung, and some will tions are bad, so the country hostess not consider the entertainment complete should be original, and not strive to copy the formal receptions, luncheons and din- ing. The refreshments for such an ocners given by the city hostess, which are usually expensive, and take several servants to carry through successfully. Har- kinds, or else buttered rolls with cold vest home festivals, corn and pumpkin meats, doughnuts, nutcakes, gingerbread, carnivals, or Jack-o-lantern parties are tarts, fruits, lemonade, sweet cider and all delightful ways in which to entertain buttermilk. The refreshments can be one's friends whether from the farm or

Nature during the autumn months has provided lavishly in way of material for decoration of house, porch or barn. Nothcan make more appropriate or effective decorations than the gay autumn leaves, the pretty grasses and golden grains, late vines and berries, corn husks with their red and yellow ears, branches of oak with acorns, the decorative varieties of vegetables and fruits, milkweed pods, cat-tails, and the golden rod, wild-asters and other late flowers that may be found by many country There are great artistic possibilities in these common things for the bright hostess. If the festival is to be held on Thanksgiving day select the best material, and that which is richest in color, and lay aside for your scheme of Vines with their bright berries may be gathered in October and suspended in the cellar where they will keep nice until used; autumn leaves can be preserved for the occasion by running them over with an iron that has first been passed over paraffin wax. In using fruit for decoration choose the brightest and most perfect red and yellow apples, russet pears, and purple, red and white grapes. Polish the fruit with soft

the preparation of a barn party is to make the barn as spotlessly clean as flags, bunting, grain, glowing pumpkins and other vegeis well covered. A continuous divan can be made around the walls by using baled revealed. hay or straw, and covering it with rugs and cushions. If the barn is roomy and wish to divide it into two departments-one for the games, and one from which to serve the refreshments-it can Seed." Guessing contests such as, guessbe readily done by making portieres of ing the weight of a large pumpkin, or the autumn leaves, sewing yellow or brown number of seeds it contains are always dation. Or a temporary framework can be made of lath for the partition, and To make this more interesting each one covered with autumn leaves or with can be asked to carve out a particular vines, grape vines with clusters of the face, or to have the Jack-o-lanterns to make a nice covering. Even cornstalks let the company vote on which is the can be arranged to make an excellent best representation, partition. Jack-o-lanterns and carriage A table spread with white, and declamps, or ordinary lanterns decorated to orated with yellow and green may be suit the fancy, should be used for illumi-nation. Too much light will detract from porch. The centerpiece for the table the scene, so the light should be sub- should be a large pumpkin bowl filled pasting red paper over the openings in by parsley. If liked, the supper can be the Jack-o-lanterns.

yellow, the autumn colors. The skirts of kin shells lined with paraffin paper. the women can be made of turkey red

FTER the fruits of the earth have can be dressed in khaki trousers, or else been garnered, and all are rejoic- khaki leggings over their trousers, white ing in nature's bounteous gifts, it blouse shirts with red neckties, and red

Rake, corn and pumpkin drills are all without instrumental music and danccasion should be of the homely, substantial sort, such as sandwiches of various The refreshments can be served in buffet style if liked. Decorate the table by nailing lath to the four legs which should stand about four feet above the top. On top of these wire Jack-o-lanterns. Place in the center of the table a bowl filled with golden-rod or wild asters. Have pumpkin shells and wooden trenchers piled high with sandwiches, cakes, fruits, and such like; also a stack of wooden plates, or paper ones, and plenty of Japanese napkins, and let the guests help themselves. If preferred the guests can be seated and served by waiters. If tables are used it is best to improvise long narrow tables out of pine boards and barrels arranged along the sides of the barn.

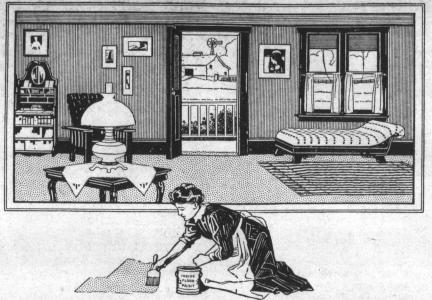
A pumpkin frolic or Jack-o-lantern party can be made a very jolly affair. A bolt or two of green and yellow cheesecloth or bunting will be needed for decoration, festoon it about the veranda, parlor and hall, and suspend and place Jack-o-lanterns wherever they will prove most effective. A row of pumpkin jars should be filled with golden-rod or wild asters and arranged along the edge of the veranda. Pumpkin jars or vases filled with autumn flowers should be placed here and there in hall and rooms. In each corner of the room place a corn shock, and pile pumpkins of various sizes Mannel until they shine. Vegetables around the base of them. You can have should be thoroughly cleaned, and also at this party "Old Lady Bountiful and polished.

Her Pumpkin Plentiful." The "Pumpkin A great, roomy barn is just the place Plentiful" is made by selecting a huge for a harvest-home festival that is held pumpkin, cutting off the top, and holin September or October, or before the lowing out to a thin shell. Place in it need of a fire is felt. The first step in small souvenirs of various kinds wrapped up in pumpkin colored crepe paper tied with green ribbons. "Old Lady Bountipossible; then decorate lavishly with ful" can be dressed in a yellow and branches of autumn green costume, a mask on the face and leaves, vines, stalks of corn, sheaves of a sunbonnet on the head, and preside over the "Pumpkin Plentiful." grain, glowing pumpkins and other vester the "Pumpkin Plenuful." Each guest tables, fruits of red and yellow corn, and is asked to select a ribbon and pull, then such like. Be sure everything unsightly there is much merriment while the packages are being opened and the contents

game of "Bultton, Button, The old Who's Got the Button?" can be changed for the occasion to "Pumpkin Seed, Pumpkin Seed, Who's Got the Pumpkin leaves on a red muslin or cambric foun- popular. If liked, part of the evening can be spent in carving Jack-o-lanterns. purple fruit hanging on them, or the bit- represent certain characters. After all ter-sweet vine with its bright berries have finished arrange them in a row, and

A red light can be obtained by with fruits or vegetables, and surrounded served in pumpkin dishes lined with par-At a harvest-home festival there affin paper, or if you wish something should be a harvest queen to preside ov- more informal and jolly the refreshments er the games, and crown the victors. All for two can be placed in hollowed out sorts of games, old and new, can be pumpkins, with lids put back on. Burn played. If liked the guests can be ask- in the top the initials of a girl and boy, ed to come in costume to represent cer- then let the partners find the pumpkins tain vegetables or fruits. A prize or two decorated with their initials. Have at could be awarded for the best costume, each plate a little Jack-o-lantern made or the best representation; or the guests out of an orange, if a table is used. The can be asked to come dressed in red and ice cream can be served in small pump-

A corn party is an appropriate form of calice or cambric, and the blouses out of entertainment for the autumn months, yellow calico or cambric; while the men and is easily arranged for. Decorate the



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rooms with a dado of cornstalks with the ears left on and the husks turned back. Have pumpkin jars filled with tips of cornstalks and with cat-tails. Huge ears of red and yellow corn make attractive decorations, and can be suspended here and there about the rooms, and from the plate rail in the dining-room. Maizecolored cheesecloth, draped here and there and caught up with bunches of golden-rod, or with ropes of corn adds to the artistic effect. Corn kernels can be dyed any color desired by soaking in dye water for several days and then may be strung to make pretty portieres.

On the table use napkins and dollies made out of corn husks. There is a beautiful blending of colors in the inner husks, and pretty baskets, cases, and such like may be woven out of them. A woven corn husk basket over a wire framework, or a pasteboard foundation can be filled with yellow apples, pears, bananas and oranges, and makes a delightful centerpiece for the table. Corn husks can be colored any color desired, and we have seen flags made entirely out of corn husks.

At one corn party a corn drill was given by the girls and boys. The girls were dressed in beautiful corn husk costumes over a foundation of cheesecloth, with strings of red and yellow corn around their necks and shoulders; while the boys carried a cornstalk in one hand and a yellow or red ear of corn in the other. A short program in which "corn is king" can be carried out, with plenty of music between. Guessing condests will add to the interest, and there can be a hunt for red ears of corn hidden here and there about the premises

Some of the things, that are appropriate to serve at such a party or festival are: Corn oysters, corn popovers, corn fritters, hominy croquettes, escalloped corn, corn muffins, Johnny cake, corn meal and maple syrup, popcorn and milk, popcorn balls, cornstarch cake, and cornstarch ice cream served in corn husk cases.

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I am indebted to Fannie Merritt Farmer, the well-known Boston Cooking School lecturer and writer, for the following recipe for gherkins. I have used it many times with the best success. Wipe 400 cucumbers and soak in a brine made of one cup of salt to two quarts of boiling water for 24 hours. Drain, wipe and soak six hours in one gallon of boiling water and add one tablespoonful of alum. Drain and cook the cucumbers in the following mixture: Two quarts of vinegar, four red peppers chopped, two tablespoonfuls of mixed spices, two tablespoonfuls whole cloves, two four-inch sticks of cinnamon broken in pieces, first boiling the mixture eight minutes. Put the pickles in a crock and strain the vinegar over them. These are to be made with very small cucumbers, not more than two inches long. Do not let the cucumbers boil in the spiced vinegar, just cook up and dip out.

Subscriber:-To make dill pickles. Lay in a crock a layer of medium-sized cucumbers, then a layer of dill leaves and so on until the crock is filled. Pour over all a brine as for ordinary pickles and set in the cellar. When ready to use take out the cucumbers, rinse in cold water and finish as you do common pickles.-Mrs. M.

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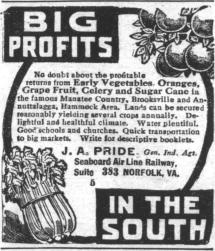
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Not the least interesting section of this important division of the show was that made by the Michigan Agricultural College, where at all times a representative was on hand to serve the fair patrons in any way possible. This included exhibits from the agronomy department, including samples of grain with interesting data concerning same, samples of soil for comparison, etc. Likewise the department of botany had an interesting and educational exhibit, including live specimens of the ten worst weeds of the state, also poisonous plants, mushrooms, etc., with regard to which information was furnished to all who were interested. Simple experiments were also in progress of an interesting and educational nature, as well as an exhibit illustrating plant diseases.

The vehicle exhibit included a number of makes of automobiles and large exhibits of horse vehicles, harnesses, etc. In this building was also housed the special dairy exhibit which was good as usual. There were also a number of special exhibits which were attractively and tastily arranged.

As usual, the Grand Rapids merchants put up an attractive exhibit in the art hall, while the second floor was devoted to educational exhibits from the schools of Western Michigan.

The entertainment features of the fair were good, including fast automobile races in which the record for the track was lowered. The midway was quietly conducted and the fair was a clean and attractive one. Altogether the management of the West Michigan State Fair are to be congratulated upon this season's event.

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The Marquette County Fair, held at Marquette, Sept. 3 to 6, inclusive, was biessed by fine weather and visited by record crowds. While this county is not a farming county, so to speak, it has been demonstrated that some lines do fine here. The fruit was exceptionally fine, also a good exhibit of poultry. Some good Holsteins from the Michigan State Hospital at Newberry, and a flock of good Hampshire Downs shown by S. B. Carrol, of Trout Creek, were among the best in the stock line.

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# CROP AND MARKET NOTES.

Newaygo Co., Sept. 7.—August was another wet and cold month, but September has come in very hot, with no rain up to date, and it looks as though September will be favorable for maturing the corn crop as well as beans. Lots of potatoes and beans ruined on the low grounds. Threshing is progressing with a poor yield of wheat. Oats are fairly good. A large second crop of clover just cut. Hay is high in price for so early. The cucumber crop is not as good as usual owing to the cool weather. Local prices: Wheat, old, 97c; oats, old, 40c; new, 30c; corn, shelled, 80c; rye, 60c; eggs, 20c; butter, 25c; pork, 6%@9%c; chickens, 10c.

Mecosta Co., Sept. 11.—September has not to date been quite so wet as July and August, yet we have had plenty of rain. Crops are growing better now than they have any time this summer. Should frost stay away until the first of next month we will have a good corn crop and fairly good potato crop. Wheat was almost a total loss owing to the wet weather which would not permit of getting it in until most of it was sprouted. Rye was also damaged, and the oats was a short crop owing to dry weather the fore part of the summer. No horses on the market here. There has been about five car loads of horses brought in here during the past year. Cows are selling for from \$20@50; feeders and fat cattle from \$20.050; the certain of September 1 concluded our wet weather. Since that date we have had some very hot weather. The results are the corn and bean fields are making rapid progress toward ripening. The dry weather also aided in clearing up the harvest fields, which has been such a long drawn out task. Clover fields have made a grand growth. Pasture is good. Butter has made an advance of 2c, 26c being the present price. Farmers are buying feed-

fields, which has been such a long drawn out task. Clover fields have made a grand growth. Pasture is good. Butter has made an advance of 2c, 26c being the present price. Farmers are buying feeding cattle to fill their stables but prospects are that rough feed will be plentiful so few are willing to sell. Markets for all produce are quiet and dull.

Genesee Co., Sept. 5.—After the departure of August with its 27 days on which rain fell this county has had two weeks of fine weather. This will probably mature the corn crop as so far no frosts have visited this section. Many silos will be filled, the yield promising to be very good in spite of the gloomy outlook earlier in the season. Beans are about ready for harvesting. Wheat seeding now being done under particularly favorable conditions. Help to secure autumn crops is extremely scarce. Pastures are excellent and live stock is looking well. Potatoes promise well, digging not yet begun to any extent. Sugar beets not quite up to the average.

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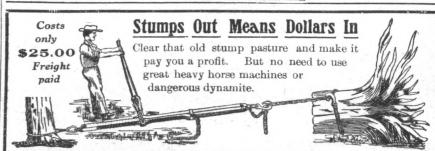
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Kent Co.

P. M. D.

Both alfalfa and clover can be successthem when they are green and placing this would chop them up so that they through a cutter box and chop them up make good ensilage. This would be genfine so that they will settle down close be put in, however, with a fork and by into the silo and he can't save it in any taking a great deal of pains to tramp other way, but oats and peas you can them you can make fairly good ensilage, save in another way, and have already However, if the weather was at all favorable I would prefer to make the second putting them into the silo. The corn crop of both the red clover and of alfalfa crop is the best crop for silage. It is a into hay and then put what corn I had into the silo. I believe you would get alfalfa and the clover if it was made way of the inclement weather and save into hay as you would the other way, it with the least possible loss. and it would handle much easier. Of course, if the weather was bad and it was impossible to cure it into hay then put it into the silo. If you haven't got corn enough to fill the silo, why you can very important part of the program is feed what you have, feed a less amount to give the calves the right amount and

as you possibly can cut it and put it into the silo and you will never know the difference in the feeding value of the silage

Cabbage and cabbage leaves make very good silage. I think they ought to be cut up or you would not get them packed close enough to exclude the air and probably a large part of them would spoil. Of course, if you had any considerable depth in the silo it would only spoil on top because they would heat up and settle down and exclude the air, but it would be much better to cut them up. I think you could run cabbage fully made into good silage by cutting heads through the ensilage cutter, and them in the silo. It is better to run them would be fine enough to settle down and uine sauer kraut for the cows. Now a together and exclude the air. They can crop like this one can save by putting saved them, and I would not think of crop hard to cure late in the fall, especially if the weather is bad. By putfully as much feeding value out of the ting it into the silo you get it out of the

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hay and alfalfa hay. You don't add to formed and these may pertain as well to the food value of a plant by putting it mastication and digestion as to conduct. into the silo.

## OATS AND PEAS, ALSO CABBAGE, FOR SILAGE.

As I am just about to erect a silo and this will be my first experience in filling one, I thought I would write to you for a little advice as my corn is rather late and I do not think it will mature. If I understand it right, the ensilage will not be so good when the corn is too green. I am just cutting some oats and peas mixed, and as the silo is not ready I am making hay of it. Would you advise me to mix this with the corn when I fill it? I am going to have lots of loose cabbage heads, and leaves, will it be all right to put them on top of corn in silo? If so, will it have to be run through ensilage cutter or not?

Alger Co.

It wouldn't do to put the oats and the silo and this will not grow a large paunch at a time when it can most easily be developed. It is better to supply them with the necessary nutrients by feeding more of the bulky feeds and less grain, since the former tends to produce this vigorous digestive system.

Milk ought to be continued at the calves.

When the calves are a few months old particular attention should be given to their roughage feed. If they do not have a sufficient amount of grass or good nitrogenous hay, of which they are like-ly to take liberal quantities, the calves will not grow a large paunch at a time when it can most easily be developed. It is better to supply them with the necessary nutrients by feeding more of the bulky feeds and less grain, since the former tends to produce this vigorous digestive system.

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air. I don't think you will have any The calf will be greatly benefited by trouble in keeping your corn. It will exercise. The functions of the alimenprobably get mature enough so that it tary canal cannot properly be carried on will make good silage. I would not cut unless the muscles are called upon to do it until after the ears have glazed and work. By giving the calves plenty of some of them have begun to dent unless range their natures will cause them to it was touched by frost. In fact, I would take what exercise is necessary to keep leave it and run the risk of getting it their bodies in a healthy condition. But nipped by the frost. Be already to cut in giving them range, one should not fail the corn and then leave it until the to provide protection against storms. frost comes. Just as soon after the frost Wayne Co.

each day and supplement with the clover quality of feed. Habits of life are early By giving the calves food that will encourage a large digestive capacity one is more certain to get cows with this desirable dairy quality. Hence the importtance of looking after the feeding of the

Milk ought to be continued at least peas, after they have been dry cured, for six months. After the first two weeks into the silo and mix with the corn. It skim-milk may be substituted gradually would make the mass so dry that it for the whole milk. When the calf is would not keep well. Of course, if you four weeks old skim-milk may be fed particular pains to wet this it entirely and continued until the animal would probably keep but after you have is six months or older. Grain is necesthe oats and peas for hay what is sary to supplement the skim-milk. As the use then of putting them into the soon as the skim-milk is started the calf silo and curing them over again into anshould be tempted with a little grain. other form of food. You want some dry Oil meal is a good grain for this purpose; feed to feed with the corn silage, so keep bran, ground oats and even ground corn the oats and peas for hay. You can put are often used with success. Gradually oats and peas, when you cut them green, increase the grain so that when the calf into a silo and make pretty good ensil- is receiving a full ration of skim-milk age out of them, but it don't keep as it will get about one-half pound of grain well then as corn because the stems are per day. Should one change from one hollow and they don't settle down and grain to another the change should be

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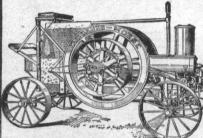
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I have 14 acres of cabbage, some planted early on land which had been cropped for years. Those planted later are on drained muck land which had been in pasture for years. Many in both pleces are affected with stump rot. The earlier planted are the worst. All looked very thrifty until this came. What is the cause and what is the remedy? By an swering you will confer a great favor, not only to myself but to others who also have the same trouble.

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It must be stated that the presence of

It must be stated that the presence of the disease in this cabbage field is a surprise. Having been in pasture and other crops for several years previous it would be supposed that no live germs could be in the soil. The best informed biologists tell us that in two or three years after infection the germs will have died. But they also point out that plants allied to the cabbage, such as mustard, cauliflowrape, turnips, etc., may also be hosts of this disease; and if the ground has grown these plants the infection may have come through them. Or the disease may have gotten into the patch by the planting of diseased plants, or the spreading upon the ground of litter from plants that were diseased.

One helpful practice of truck gardners and cabbage growers is to starve the disease out. This is done by a rotation of crops, the rotation being so planned that cabbage or allied plants does not occupy the soil oftener than once in three years, prefarably longer. Where the strictest attention is given to this phase of the work much less damage occurs. But the care should reach to the wild mustard that grows in waste places if it is to be of the greatest value.

A supplementary practice is to add lime to the soil. For some years men have known the retarding effect of lime upon the disease. Many growers have gained considerable faith in the treatment where the lime is applied in quantities ranging from two to five tons per acre. More experimentation should be done with this practice, but the evidence at hand leads to the conclusion that lime is helpful, and when used liberally in a proper rotation the results are quite certain to be satisfactory.

# PRUNING PEACHES-GRAFTING

Can you tell me if I should cut back this year's growth of peach trees that I set out last spring, that is, 1912? They have made a growth of about two feet, some of the branches being not over 18 inches long, others possibly 30 inches. A fruit tree agent told me the other day that I should cut these back right away in order to harden up the wood. I would like to know for sure, before I do so. Also, I have on my place a hedge-row of plum trees bearing plums yellow in color, very sweet and about an inch in diameter. They appear to have been cultivated at some time now past, and it has occurred to me that I could perhaps graft them with some more desirable varieties I have, and transplant some of them. Can I use the tips that I cut from my young plum trees this fall after the leaves have fallen, as scions? They would be this season's growth. Can I expect success from root grafting them this winter? Ordinary cleft grafts and budding would seem to be rather hard in this case, since I can't get at the stocks to cultivate them and they do not make very vigorous growth.

Jackson Co.

The general practice is to cut back the neach trees late in the winter or early in

the spring. The terminal buds of the of salsify. peach are more vigorous than are the mitted to grow unhampered the result is it is cheaper to buy than to raise. As a bare limbs, due to the weak lateral buds extra work on the part of the plant is at dying out to the advantage of the ter- least a questionable economy. could be no harm resulting from pruning extra work of planting out the second back these branches this fall, but you year. would perhaps save time by leaving the work until late winter or early spring.

for use in grafting next spring. Root grafting on whole roots in the winter is practiced quite generally and in the same manner as root grafting of apples, but it does not appear to be as reliable for the plum as crown grafting. When root grafted the plants appear to start slowly.

## AUTUMN GARDENING.

If partial to young onions, now is the time to set out the top onion for supplying the table with this fresh vegetable almost as soon as the melting snows reveal the location of the bed. These onions are perennial, increasing from the roots, but very much more through the clusters of "sets" which appear at this season from the ends of the leaf stems. A bed of them once started will continue to flourish for years, but the product is more tender and appetizing if renewed every fall, the small bulbs being planted or sowed in rows in the same way that the spring "sets" are started.

These top onions never mature large bulbs, but are more like the scullions, though the base of the stem, which is blanched for a considerable distance, is appetizing to anyone fond of young on-The early ones displayed on the market are quite likely to be of this type They are unless grown under glass. slightly stronger in flavor than the tender varieties, but if soaked in salt water for a couple of hours before serving this trouble will be remedied.

We are apt to forget the weed destroying in our labor to save the fast maturing vegetables, forgetful of the fact that every weed allowed to mature seed renders the work of another year very much greater. If there are vacant spaces where the wheel hoe can be used, good. single working with the weed cutting attachment will finish hundreds of weeds, and with very much more ease than the work could be done with the common hoe, besides saving much time.

Chickweed comes as a simple and harmless weed, and yet if allowed to have its own way it soon monopolizes the surface of the ground, creeping along where no dignified plant would strive for position, and eventually choking out everything in its path. It will continue to thrive long after the frosts have cut down all vegetables, and is the first thing to appear in spring. It madures seed quickly, and all in all, it is a decidedly bad weed. The only way to get rid of it seems to be to wage war against it at all seasons.

If the beans get caught in an early frost, those large enough to use as shell beans yet not mature enough to dry, may be saved by parboiling and then drying as usual. Tomatoes may be picked from the vines and ripened in the window. But a more satisfactory way is, when certain that they cannot longer exist outside, to pull the plants up by the roots and hang them in the woodshed or cellar. They will then ripen a few at a time, and one may in this way have fresh fruit for weeks after the natural season is ended. Melons may be packed away in the haymow when not fully ripe, and thus aid in the celebration of the Thanksgiving feast.

large pailful of fertilizer from the stable should be placed over each root of rhubarb after the tops die down. This will protect it from freezing, and during the first warm days of spring it may be worked into the soil, and thus help to hurry on the tender stems which are so appetizing. Parsnips are better left in the ground, the freezing never injuring them in the least, but giving to them an peach trees late in the winter or early in added sweetness. The same may be said

Save only the best of any vegetable for seed, and there are some varieties which a little bushy growth on the end of long, rule, any seed-raising which calls for By cutting back the growth cucumber exerts more energy in maturfrom one-half to three-quarters of that ing a single fruit than in furnishing many made during the previous season, it is possible to have a compact top with vig- or squash does duty for seed without in orous shoots throughout. Where head- the least increasing the drain upon the ing-in is done during the fall many of plant, or interfering with its food prothe shoots are apt to be partly winter- ducing work. As a rule, it is cheaper to killed, thus making it necessary to prune buy seed of cabbage, beet, turnip, and them back again in the spring. There other biennials rather than go to the

> BESSIE L. PUTNAM. Pennsylvania.

one could expect a fair degree of success by handling the plum trees as is suggested by the inquirer. Stone fruits, however, are not quite as successfully grafted as are the pome fruits like the apple; but with the work carefully done, the result should not be discouraging.

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commensurate induce them to offer

writer, Eden Reeder Latta, and set to music by Professor Charles H. Gabriel. by These will be furnished free of cost to any who are interested, and who would use them in simple exercises connected with the observance of "Memory Day." Address John T. Daniells' R. F. D. No. 39, St. Johns, Mich. This and all material to be used in connection with "Memory Day," is for free distribution, is not for sale, and there is no financial scheme connected with it.

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Our Motto—"The farmer is of more consequence than the farm, and should be first improved.'

SOME GOOD SUMMER MEETINGS.

Ingham Pomona patrons have held two is September 30, which is just four months from the observance of Decoration Day. It is hoped that the National Congress will soon comply with the request made and thereby extend the idea by declaring the day as applied to the whole country. It is not a legal holiday and does not in any measure affect commercial or manufacturing life.

The intent of the observance of this day is to extend the sentiment connected with Decoration Day to the recognition of the claims of all the dead. It is fitting that it should be placed at the close of the summer, as it thus in no manner detracts from the interest rightfully belonging especially to the soldier.

The feast for "body" was all that the dead, and since it affords a fine opportu-

close of the summer, as it thus in no manner detracts from the interest rightfully belonging especially to the soldier dead; and since it affords a fine opportunity for the cleaning up and beautifying of the cemeteries in which dear ones rest, before the autumn frosts make totally unsightly the abundant verdure of summer, and before the winter snows shall have spread their blanket of white over the seared vegetation.

The thought of thus caring for the universal dead on Memory Day, grew out of the affectionate care of a public minded farmer of Clinton county, Michigan, who has for years devoted himself to the memory of a dear wife, who in an early day left college with him, and entered the wilderness where they made the home farm, on which he and she long resided happily, and where he now lives, waiting for their happy reunion. The little rural cemetery in which she lies buried, is, next to the pleasant farm-home made possible by her long years of devotion to it and him, the pride and care of this snow making to extend the tender sentiment of care for the loved departed, is in a measure a tribute to her memory. He is hopping that he may, by the free use of means afforded by a successful farming career, so interest others as to induce them to offer commensurate tributes to the dead whom they cherish

use of means afforded by a successful farming career, so interest others as to induce them to offer commensurate tributes to the dead whom they cherish dearly in memory.

Starting from the thought of the interest of the originator of "Memory Day," this should be a fitting opportunity for starting an interest in rural communities especially, which shall result in the yearly autumnal decoration of rural cemeteries, which are in many localities safely neglected. The sweetly cherished memory of their personality should prompt the observance of the day in many localities in which there is a good public spirit.

Do you cherish the memory of a loved come lying in a more or less neglected cemetery by the side of the road? If so, why not be the first in your community to suggest the effort at observing this "Memory Day?" Make a simple program, talk with your neighbors about it, and give them a copy of this appeal which will be sent you free of charge for the purpose, and arrange for the afternoon if no more, to be spent at the cemetery by as many of the community as can be interested. The result may not be striking at the outset, but it will be better as the thought grows on the public mind. If the enterprise is entered upon with interest, all will feel better for knowing that the resting place of the dead has received the care which the sentiment associated with death suggests—that these are not dead dead, but living dead.

Mr. John T. Daniells, the originator of "Memory Day," will be glad to receive enquiries concerning the project, and to offer such suggestions covering the matter as may seem helpful. He has had prepared by the Michigan poet, will carleton, a beautiful poem, entitled, "Memory Day," and a song with the same title, written by the great song writer, Eden Reeder Latta, and set to music by Professor Charles H. Gabriel. These will be furnished free of cost to music by Professor Charles H. Gabriel. These will be furnished free of cost to music by Professor Charles H. Gabriel. These will be furnished free of

The Annual Plowing Match conducted by Marion Center Grange, of Charlevoix county, is announced to occur on Thurs-day, Oct. 17, the committee in charge of the event having been appointed at one of the August meetings.

COMING EVENTS.

Pomona Meetings.

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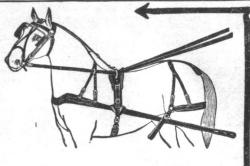
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DETROIT WHOLESALE MARKETS.

September 18, 1912.

Grains and Seeds.

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Wheat.—The wheat market is slightly stronger than a week ago. Most of the bearish news is from this side which consists of large crops being gathered in the different wheat sections and the delivery of large quantities of wheat at western grain centers. The bullish news is made up of the strong demand for flour, causing millers to seek cash grain, and the urgent request coming from abroad due to a shortage on the European markets. South America is shipping in little wheat and most of the European countries report a smaller crop than has usually been produced. Altogether, conditions have caused cash wheat to advance while futures remain about the same as a week ago. The visible supply increased nearly 4,000,000 bushels. One year ago the price for No. 2 red wheat on the local market was 90c per bu. Prices for the past week are as follows:

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Beans.—But little activity is apparent in this trade. Cash beans were marked down 20c last Saturday. Although much damage has been done this crop by excessive rains this season the past several days has improved the outlook. Following are the nominal quotations for the week:

														Cash	Oct
Thursday									١.	į.				\$2.70	\$2.3
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Monday														2.50	2.3
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	-														Anna M.

Clover Seed.—The tone of this trade has improved. The few days of hot, clear weather favored filling, but the rains since have made the outlook appear more discouraging than it has been thus far this season. As a result prices have advanced from the low level reached last week. Alsike shares in the higher values. Quotations are as follows:

	•									Oct.	Alsike.
Thursday										\$10.75	\$11.75
Friday .										10.75	11.75
Saturday										10.75	11.75
Monday										11.00	11.75
Tuesday										11.00	11.75

Rye.—An improved demand for this grain advanced prices last week 2c, No. 2 rye now being quoted at 73c per bu.

Timothy Seed.—The gradual decline in quotations for timothy seed has finally been checked and the price remains the same as one week ago, it being \$2.10 per bu. for prime spot.

Flour, Feed, Potatoes, Etc.

FlourMarket	is	active	with.	prices
unchanged. Straight		,		\$5.20
Patent Michigan				5.80
Clear				5.00
Feed.—All clas	ses	of fee	ed co	ntinue

steady with last week. Carlot prices on track are: Bran, \$28 per ton; coarse mid-dlings, \$28; fine middlings, \$31; cracked corn and coarse corn meal, \$34; corn and

# THE MICHIGAN FARMER.

Dairy and Poultry Products.

Butter.—The advanced price in creamery butter noted last week has been maintained, with first creamery a half cent higher. The condition of the trade appears to be on a firm basis of supply and demand. Dairy stock remains steadly. Quotations are: Fancy creamery, 29c; first creamery, 27t½c; dairy, 21c; packing stock, 19c per 1b.

Eggs.—This product continues firm. There is little change in the output and the demand is given strength by the increase in meat prices. Current receipts candled, cases included, are quoted at 24c per dozen, the price given a week ago.

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news Poultry.—The tone of this trade is grain, to the supply being sufficient to care for from an inactive demand. Broilers are down Euro-a little as is also true of ducks. Quotations are as follows: Broilers, 16c per f the lb.; hens, 13@13½c; No. 2 hens, 9@70c; crop old roosters, 9@10c; turkeys, 15@16c; downstations are as follows: Broilers, 16c per f the lb.; hens, 13@13½c; No. 2 hens, 9@70c; crop old roosters, 9@10c; turkeys, 15@16c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 12@13c; young ducks 14@15c per lb.

Weal.—All grades steady. Fancy, 13½ @14c per lb; choice, 9@10c.

Cheese.—Market steady. In wholesale of No. lots, Michigan flats, 14½@15c; York state flats, 16¼@16½c; limburger, 14@15c; domestic Swiss, 17½@18½c; brick cream, 14½@14% c.

### Fruits and Vegetables.

Peaches.—Offerings restricted and prices advanced under a good demand. Fancy Eibertas, \$2.50; AA, \$2.25; A, \$2; B, \$1.50 per bushel.

Pears.—Bartletts are quoted at \$1.50@

Pears.—Bartletts are quoted at \$1.50@ 1.75 per bu.

Plums.—Steady. Per bu., \$1.25@1.60.

Apples.—New apples are quoted at \$1.75@2.25 for fancy, and \$1@1.50 for common; poor, 75c@\$1 per bbl. Good apples by the bushel are selling at 40@60c.

Grapes.—More's Early, per 8-lb. basket, 15c; Champion, 14c; Worden, 16c.

Honey.—Choice to fancy comb, 15@16c per lb; amber, 12@13c.

Tomatoes.—Per bushel, 40@50c.

Onions.—Per bushel, 75c.

## OTHER MARKETS.

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Friday 80 82
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Monday 77 79
Tuesday 75 77

Oats.—Oat offerings continue liberal, thus giving an easier tone to the trade. Prices show a half cent decline from last week. A large crop of oats in Europe is curtailing the trade from that quarter. One year ago the local price for standard oats was 45½c per bu., or 10c above present quotations. The visible supply shows an increase of over 1,000,000 bu. Following are the quotations for the week:

Standard Oct.

No. 3 Vellow.

Grand Rapids.

Four hundred loads of fruit and farm produce were offered on the city market Tuesday morning. Tomatoes were in good supply but sold readily at 60c. Fifty loads of potatoes went at 40@50c. Other produce sold as follows: Cucumbers, 40 (50c; corn, 10c; cabbage, 25@35c; cauliflower, \$1 per doz; celery, 15c; water-mole, 40c; muskmelon, 50c \$21. Fruit brought the following prices: Peaches, \$2.25@2.50; pears, \$1.50; plums, \$1@1.75; delta to the visible supply shows an increase of over 1,000,000 bu. Following are the quotations for the week:

Standard

Boston.

Wool.—There continues to be an active market for wool. The volume of trading past week was less than for the value past week was less than for the volume of trading past week was less tha

# THE LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Buffalo.

September 16, 1912.

(Special Report of Dunning & Stevens, New York Central Stock Yards, East Buffalo, New York).

Receipts of stock here today as follows: Cattle, 225 cars; hogs, 102 double decks; sheep and lambs 110 double decks; calves, 1,500 head.

With 225 cars of cattle on our market here today, and with the weather very rainy and warm, and without a load of strictly good cattle in the whole day's receipts, we quote the market 10@15c per cwt. lower than last week.

We quote: Rest 1,350 to 1,500-lb. steers \$9@9.50; good prime 1,200 to 1,300-lb. do., \$8.50@8.75; do. 1,100 to 1,200-lb. do., \$8.50.85; medium butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,000, \$6.50@7; light butcher steers, \$6@6.25; best fat cows, \$5.50@6; butcher cows, \$4.50@5; light butcher cows, \$3.50. (d. 25; best fat heifers, \$7@7.50; medium butcher heifers, \$6@6.50; light butcher heifers, \$6@6.50; light butcher heifers, \$4.475@5; light stockers, \$4.50.95; prime export bulls, \$5.75.96; best butcher bulls, \$5.25.95; loogna bulls, \$4.20.50; stock bulls, \$4.40.50; best milkers and springers \$60.70; common kind do., \$35.60. Receipts of hogs here today were very liberal, something over 100 double decks, and the general run of the hogs poor in quality, lacking much in weight, and a scarcity of choice 200-lb, hogs was noted here today. Supplies at western markets were not excessive, but with so many of one kind here, market suffered a severe setback, general sales beling 25.835c beliow Saturday's best time. Best hogs selling at 9c generally, with a few decks of selected yorkers a little more, with a good many of the ordinary hogs from \$8.75.08.90. Pigs, as to quality, sold from \$8.75.08.90. Pigs, as to quality sold

is expected. The good call for packing hogs is significant of free action in lard trade and there is no complaint of dull consumer call for loins and hams. The hog meats are moving freely into consumer channels by reason of the public having cut down on beef consumption since price of the latter commodity has gone to new record high level. Matured hogs are scarcer than usual at this time of year and the trade is looking for small supplies in the next two months, which strengthens belief in the final materialization of much higher prices. The

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Lambs had decidedly the best demand in ovine trade, advancing 25@40c in last week while yearlings went 25c higher and the ewes and wethers declined 10@15c from the previous week's basis. Range stock continued to predominate in the supply and quality was good. Only a small run of feeder stuff has been at market thus far in the month and for the year to date there is said to be a shortage of 180.000 feeder sheep and lambs regeived at the five principal western markets. Prime range lambs sold at \$7.50@7.75 with a fair to good kind at \$7.15@7.40 while feeders paid \$6@6.70 for a small crop of thin western lambs. Native lambs sold at \$5@7.60 and native and range yearlings at \$5.50@5.75. Plain to fair wethers brought \$4.25

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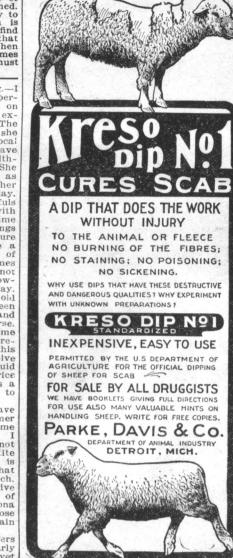
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Loss of Appetite—Indigestion.—Have heen a reader of the Michigan Farmer

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BREEDSVILLE, MICHIGAN.

Have for sale a five months old bull, 7 white. His dam has an official record of 25.50 lbs. butter and is a granddaughter of Hengerveld DeKol. His sire's dam has an official record of 26.73 lbs. butter, and is a grandson of De Kol Burke. First

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# **MARKETS**

DETROIT WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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Wheat.—The wheat market is slightly stronger than a week ago. Most of the bearish news is from this side which consists of large crops being gathered in the different wheat sections and the delivery of large quantities of wheat at western grain centers. The bullish news is made up of the strong demand for flour, causing millers to seek cash grain, and the urgent request coming from abroad due to a shortage on the European markets. South America is shipping in little wheat and most of the European countries report a smaller crop than has usually been produced. Altogether, conditions have caused cash wheat to advance while futures remain about the same as a week ago. The visible supply increased nearly 4,000,000 bushels. One year ago the price for No. 2 red wheat on the local market was 90c per bu. Prices for the past week are as follows:

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Veal.—All grades steady. Fancy, 13½ veal.—All grades steady. In wholesale lots, Michigan flats, 14½@15c; York state lots, Michigan flats, 14½@15c; domestic Swiss, 17½@18½c; brick cream, 14½@14¾c.

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Corn.—The improved outlook in this crop has lent the trade a bearish tone. Recent weather conditions have encouraged the crop and increased the probability of a larger portion of it maturing. As a result prices have declined about six cents during the week. Early this week indications of frost offered a little strength, but as little or no damage resulted from this source, prices dropping 3c ed from this source, prices dropping 3c on Monday and 2c on Tuesday. A year ago the price for No. 3 corn was 68½c per bu. Quotations are as follows:

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Oats.—Oat offerings continue liberal, thus giving an easier tone to the trade. Prices show a half cent decline from last week. A large crop of oats in Europe is curtailing the trade from that quarter. One year ago the local price for standard oats was 45½c per bu., or 10c above present quotations. The visible supply shows an increase of over 1,000,000 bu. Following are the quotations for the week:

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\$10@10.50; wheat and oat straw, \$8@3 per ton.

Potatoes.—There is promise of a good crop of potatoes in most sections of the country and prices are depressed in most of the iarge markets, Detroit's decline amounting to 15c. They are going slowly at 35@40c per bu. The ruling price for southern offerings is \$2 per sack.

Provisions.—Family pork, \$22@23; mess pork, \$26; clear, backs, \$21@24; hams, 15½@16½c; briskets, 12½c; shoulders, 13c: picnic hams, 12½c; bacon, 16½@16c; pure lard in tierces, 12½c; kettle rendered lard, 13½c per lb.

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# THE MICHIGAN FARMER.

Dairy and Poultry Products.

Butter.—The advanced price in creamery butter noted last week has been maintained, with first creamery a half cent higher. The condition of the trade appears to be on a firm basis of supply and demand. Dairy stock remains steady. Quotations are: Fancy creamery, 29c; first creamery, 27½c; dairy, 21c; packing stock, 19c per 1b.

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Pears.—Bartletts are quoted at \$1.50@
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Plums.—Steady. Per bu., \$1.25@1.60.

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Honey.—Choice to fancy comb, 15@16c

per lb; amber, 12@13c.

Tomatoes.—Per bushel, 40@50c.

Onions.—Per bushel, 75c.

### OTHER MARKETS.

Grand Rapids.

Four hundred loads of fruit and farm produce were offered on the city market Tuesday morning. Tomatoes were in good supply but sold readily at 60c. Fifty loads of potatoes went at 40@50c. Other produce sold as follows: Cucumbers, 40 @50c; corn, 10c; cabbage, 25@35c; cauliflower, \$1 per doz; celery, 15c; watermelon, 40c; muskmelon, 50c@\$1. Fruit brought the following prices: Peaches, \$2.25@2.50; pears, \$1.50; plums, \$1@1.75; apples, 50@65c; grapes, \$1.25 per bushel. Hay is worth \$12@15; dressed hogs, 10½ @11c. Live fowls are quoed at 10c.

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Cattle.

Receipts. 2.254. Market 10@15c lower than on Wednesday; canners very dull; general market about same as last week.

We quote: Extra dry-fed steers, \$8@ 9; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, \$6@ 7.50; do. 800 to 1,000, \$5@6; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, \$4.25@5.50; do. 500 to 700, \$4.25@4.75; choice fat cows, \$5.25@6.50; good fat cows, \$4.50@5; common cows, \$3.25@3.95; canners, \$2@3; choice heavy bulls, \$4.75 \$5.25; fair to good bolognas, bulls, \$4.75 \$5.25; fair to good bolognas, bulls, \$4.75 \$5.25; stock bulls, \$3.25@3.75; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, \$5.25@5.75; fair do., 800 to 1,000, \$4.50@5; choice stockers 500 to 700, \$4.50@5.10; fair stockers, 500 to 700, \$3.75@4.25; stock heifers, \$3.50@ \$4; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$40@65; common milkers, \$25@35.

Haley & M. sold Rattkowsky 4 cows as \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$6.25.

\$10. 4 av 200 at \$11, 3 av 120 at \$8; to Goose 6 av 200 at \$4.75, 7 av 155 at \$4.75, 4 av 180 at \$4.75; to Hammond, S. & Co. weighing 110 at \$8, 5 av 140 at \$10.50; to Thompson Bros. 2 av 175 at \$10.50; to Thompson Bros. 2 av 175 at \$10.50, 2 av 175 at \$10.50; to Burnstine 2 av 150 at \$7, 3 av 150 at \$10.50.

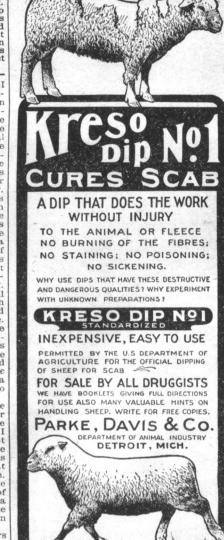
Spicer & R. sold Schufel 2 av 205 at \$5.50; to Burnstine 1 weighing 120 at \$9, 1 weighing 130 at \$10; to Applebaum 2 av 130 at \$8.50; to Parker, W. & Co. 3 av 150 at \$10, 1 weighing 250 at \$5; to Thompson Bros. 2 av 100 at \$8, 6 av 140 at \$10.50, 1 weighing 160 at \$11; to McGuire 5 av 150 at \$10.

Bishop, B. & H. sold Parker, W. & Co. 7 av 125 at \$10, 3 av 130 at \$10, 1 weighing 250 at \$5; to Thompson Bros. 2 av 100 at \$11; to McGuire 5 av 150 at \$10. 3 av 130 at \$10, 1 weighing 250 at \$7, 1 weighing 120 at \$9.50; to Goose 1 weighing 140 at \$11, 10 av 227 at \$4.75, 15 av 225 at \$5, 11 av 230 at \$4.50, 7 av 240 at \$4.50, 1 weighing 140 at \$11: to Hammond, S. & Co. 5 av 145 at \$10.50, 2 av 200 at \$8, 1 weighing 130 at \$11: to Hammond, S. & Co. 5 av 145 at \$10.50, 3 av 350 at \$5.50; to McGuire 3 av 170 at \$11; to Parker, W. & Co. 4 av 155 at \$10.50, 2 av 180 at \$10, 3 av 210 ct \$7, 4 av 170 at \$10.50; to Newton B. Co. 6 av 145 at \$10.50, 6 av 165 at \$10.50; to McGuire 2 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 av 250 at \$6, 6 av 155 at \$10.50; to McGuire 3 a

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