

The Fight Is On

Every moment of your life, when you are at home or abroad, awake or asleep...

Far from it. "Yes, I've heard of him. He's what you call a lion shark, isn't he?"

The Unattainable. Isabel—Auntie, pray tell me why you never married.

Filled. "Ah!" said Bragley, with a view to making Miss Winslow jealous.

Strange as It May Seem. "Senator," asked his constituent, "how does it happen that you have never been mixed up in any of these squabbles or scandals?"

Only One "BROMO QUININE". That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE.

Man with the Bulbous Nose—No you've got to go through the divorce mill, have you?

Love's Test. The young husband's face was aflame with a deathly devotion.

Information. Mrs. Chugwater—What is this "bread line" they talk about so much, Jeanie?

Father Won't Forget. Mrs. Tye-Thrust—Jimmy needs a pair of shoes.

Lame Back Prescription. The increased use of whiskey for lame back rheumatism is causing considerable discussion among the medical fraternity.

No Apologies to Make. Nan—Your nice new waist is all crumpled.

Privileged. "O, but wasn't Tenneyson a great poet?"

Simplifying It. "Doctor, what makes people have the hiccup?"

Gray and the Ring. Thomas Gray kept the egypt by him for nine years before he gave it to the world.

Bees and Their Baskets. Every bee carries his market basket around his hind legs.

Taking Him at His Word. Excited (caller at police station)—I had my pocket picked on the street cars just now!

Uncle Allen. "Sometimes," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "one of these steamship fellows who think he's steering a mighty judicious course between the reefs and the conservators wobbles just enough to make back of 'em sea on him."

His Fatal Mistake. "Sorehead" in life," moralized Uncle Ephraim, "pends altogether on yo' gittin' it right straight. He way I missed it, children, was dat I didn't stay as a Caucasian."—Chicago Tribune.

Erosion Spreads Rapidly. The rapid water-erosion of parts of Cape Colony is attributed chiefly to burning of vegetation and the starting of paths by cattle and wagons.

Elderly Relative—I really think, Gladys, you should marry young.

CAN'T GET DECISION

Supreme Court Leaves Railroads in a Hole.

Obedience to Law Means Ruin

Not Allowed to Play for Use of Industrial Tracks—Will Make New Attempt to Secure Decision.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The supreme court of the United States today denied a rehearing in the case in which the Chicago & Alton and two of its former officers were fined \$60,000 for paying rebates to the packing firm of Schwarzchild & Sulzberger.

The result of the refusal of the court bids fair to be serious to the railroads, as it leaves a number of important questions arising under the Hepburn act undecided.

The act which was declared by the court below to be the payment of a rebate was the payment to the packing firm of \$1 per car for the use of its switching tracks leading from the packing-house to the tracks of the Alton at Chicago.

As a matter of fact, hundreds of traffic contracts have been held in abeyance awaiting the decision of the court, and now the railroads will not know what to do regarding this "new commercial crime," which the lower courts say was created by the Hepburn act.

STAYED BY THE SHIP.

Captain of Ill-Fated Liner Republic Last to Leave.

Woods Hole, Mass., Jan. 26.—The story of the sinking of the big liner Republic and the dogged heroism of Captain Sealby in sticking to his vessel until it had sunk beneath him, was told today by Lieutenant Scott, executive officer of the revenue cutter Gresham.

Lieutenant Scott said that when the Gresham found the Republic Sunday morning the passengers and all the crew but Captain Sealby, the second officer and 35 men, who had volunteered to stay by their chief, had been transferred to the Baltic.

"At 8 o'clock Sunday night," continued Lieutenant Scott, "the bow of the Republic, illuminated by the rays of the searchlights, was seen rising fast. Five minutes later two pistol shots were heard and two blue lights were burned.

"A lifeboat was dropped from the side of the Gresham and a crew under the command of Gunner Carl Johansen started off. The boat returned in three-quarters of an hour with both the captain and the second officer on board. They had been picked up clinging to wreckage. Neither had on life preservers.

Steamer Venture Burns.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 26.—The steamer Venture, owned by the Boscowitz Steamship Company of Victoria, and worth more than \$100,000, was destroyed by fire this morning shortly after starting from Prince Rupert, on her way to Vancouver.

Dogs Worry Boy to Death.

Taft, Mont., Jan. 26.—Hudson Barringer, 8 years old, a son of H. P. Barringer, a ranger in the Lolo forest, died today at the Milwaukee hospital of terrible wounds inflicted Saturday by two large dogs.

Pirates Attack Pearlers.

Manila, Jan. 26.—Word has reached here of an attack on the Pareng pearling fleet by Moro pirates January 20, seven of the pearl fishers having been killed in the fight.

SCHOONER IS WRECKED.

Strikes Near Point Where Valencia Was Lost Two Years Ago.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25.—The American four-masted schooner Soquel, Captain Jamieson, from Callao, Dec. 9, to Port Townsend in ballast, is a total wreck on Seabird Rocks, at the mouth of Pechena Bay, close to where the steamer Valencia was lost with 140 lives on the same day two years ago.

The Soquel was endeavoring to make her way into the straits for Port Townsend, and Captain Jamieson's wife and child were killed by falling spars when two of the masts came down soon after the schooner drove on the rocks.

The steamer Tees and Lebro, the latter carrying the crew of the wrecked Bamfield creek motor lifeboat, with difficulty rescued five of the crew.

The Tees boat picked them up. Six men, one prostrated with a broken leg as a result of a falling spar striking him, could not be got off, and darkness came. They were left on board the wreck and the Tees went to Bamfield to land those saved.

The United States revenue cutter Manning, on special detail as life-saving packet, put out from Neah bay at 4:30 this afternoon to render assistance to the wrecked craft.

The five men rescued by the Tees were recovered from one of the Seabird rocks, which are almost awash at high water. They reached the rocks early this morning. They had built a fire on the rock with driftwood and were huddled about the fire awaiting rescue.

COSGROVE IS WEATHERBOUND

Will Remain in Car at Oakland Till S. P. Road Is Cleared.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Governor-elect Cosgrove is not so soon to leave California for the north. He was due to leave this afternoon at 2 o'clock, but word came that the Southern Pacific lines were blocked and he will remain in his private car indefinitely until he can go through without delay.

In the meantime he is located at the Oakland mole, as his physicians believe it would be unwise for him to go to a hotel. The place is not adapted to quiet, as trains are moving at all hours of the night, but the governor is determined to make the best of a bad situation.

It is said by those close to the governor that he obstinately refuses to discuss the political situation, but that he is anxious to return to Olympia to settle the tangle as to who is governor of the state of Washington.

SWELTERING IN JANUARY.

Chicago Experiences Warmest Winter Weather in 39 Years.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Chicago today experienced the warmest January weather since 1876. The temperature reached 66 above, the former record being 65, this point being reached in 1876, and again in 1876, January 29, 1906, the temperature reached 61 above, but only for a brief time.

Today people went about thinly-clad, forsaking wraps, and in homes and offices all heat was shut off and windows and doors thrown open to the limit. Physicians say the unseasonable weather will result in much illness, as it will plant the germs of pneumonia and kindred ailments.

Continued warm southerly winds are responsible for the peculiar conditions here. Rain is predicted for tomorrow, after which it will become colder. Decidedly warmer weather prevails throughout the middle west, and the snow is disappearing everywhere.

Duke Again Triumphant.

Washington, Jan. 25.—That the Duke de Abruzzi is the only man who has succeeded in reaching the top of Mount St. Elias, in Alaska, was brought out in the consideration by the house committee on foreign affairs of the appropriation asked for marking the Alaskan boundary. This mountain is one of the peaks which are crossed by the boundary line and is an evidence of the difficulties attending the work of marking the boundary between Alaska and Canada.

She Steals to Get Food.

Denver, Jan. 25.—Saying she was dying of consumption and was forced to steal to obtain food and medicine, a woman thief, signing herself Mrs. M. L. Crane, last night left a note in the room of one of her victims, explaining her plight and begging pardon for the thefts. Numerous robberies have been committed in an apartment house on Eighteenth avenue of late, all evidently by the same person.

Man Dies of Nightmare.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 25.—Marion Nice, a farmer, living near Thurston, died early Saturday morning while under the spell of nightmare. Mr. Nice was in usual health yesterday, but has been subject to nightmare for a number of years. When his wife was aroused early in the morning by the groaning of her husband, she paid no particular attention, such spells being not unusual with Nice. When he failed to rise his wife found him dead.

Thugs Dynamite Bank.

Fredonia, Kan., Jan. 25.—The state bank at New Albany, seven miles west of Fredonia, was robbed of \$2900, at an early hour today. The robbers cut the telephone wires leading out of the little town and then dynamited the bank. They then broke into the Frisco toolhouse and securing a handcar, escaped.



Make the Dairy Pay.

There are 21,194,000 milk cows in the United States—an average of one cow to four of the population. The fact that there has been an increase per capita of the consumption of milk and a decrease of cows per capita of the population indicates that there has been an improvement in the quality of the dairy cows of the country.

In the decade of 1890 to 1900 the average production of every dairy cow showed an increase of 1,000 pounds of milk, or a commercial gain of \$211,000,000. Yet with this improvement admitted, there are many dairies that are being operated at a loss.

The life of a dairy cow is estimated at seven years and her annual depreciation represents one-seventh of her full value, which is taken into consideration in computing the profits of the herd. If the dairyman would ascertain if his herd is paying a profit he needs to charge for the help to operate it, the cost of the feed, the interest on the investment and the normal depreciation of the value of the cows.

The receipts of the dairy should not only pay the operating expenses and fixed charges, but also leave a liberal balance for profit.

Homemade Cabbage Cutter.

A cheap and easily made cabbage and root cutter is shown in the cut. Take two 12-inch boards and nail them strongly together. With dividers describe a circle, then saw out and mark in quarters. Cut four slots 7 inches long on a slant, as shown by dotted lines, so the cabbage will fall through easily.

Next cut two circles 4 inches in diameter. Nail one to the large wheel on the back and leave the other loose on the shaft to act as a bearing. Make a frame to admit the wheel, leaving 2 inches clear, and just wide enough so the knives do not strike the side. Make a top over the wheel, and put a hopper on the opposite side from the crank. The knives are 8 inches long and can be made from an old buck-saw and ground down sharp, with a bevel on one side. Screw these on the



ROOT CUTTER.

wheel at a slant according to the thickness the cabbage is wanted. A square hole should be cut through the center of the wheel for the shaft.—Farm and Home.

Time for Oats Land.

An application of 1,000 pounds of lime per acre was practically as efficient in case of oats as an application of 2,000 pounds in tests made at the New Jersey station. In the case of clover the larger application gave the better results. Lime in the form of carbonate produced more dry matter than nitrogen and ash burned lime. The results of the studies of nitrogen fixation were quite irregular, but agree in general in indicating that the addition of fertilizer materials increased nitrogen fixation and that carbonate of lime favored nitrogen fixation to a greater extent than burned lime.

American Limburger Cheese.

It is now claimed that the United States makes just as good Limburger cheese as does the province in Belgium where it originated. The American method is to take a piece of a calf's stomach and set it away in a warm place in a can of whole milk. In about forty minutes the curdling mess is pounded and then the whey pressed out. Afterward forms are filled and further drainage permitted. Salt is rubbed on the outside until it becomes slippery; then the cheese is set away in the cellar to ripen for a month or two and the germs do the rest.

Tobacco Growers Combine.

The Union Tobacco Society, representing tobacco-growing interests in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, with estimated assets of \$30,000,000, has been organized. The purpose of the organization is said to be to protect the tobacco growers from a minimum price, and the consumer from a maximum scale. The interests of the growers in the States named will be pooled and the tobacco sold through a Board of Directors.

Calves' Brains.

Wash the brains carefully and cut each pair into four pieces, taking away all bits of fiber and skin. Rinse well, wipe dry and dip each piece first in beaten egg, then in cracker crumbs, then in egg and again in cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Land Poisoning.

No one knows so well as the practical farmer how rapidly a naturally fertile soil may be exhausted by cultivation. In this country the tobacco lands of Virginia afford an example of this rapid decline in fertility. The abandoned New England farms, too, help to illustrate the effects produced by the constant cultivation of the same fields. Land that once yielded crops as if by magic now requires an artificial preparation before it will reward the farmer for his strenuous labor in the field.

Around the Dairy.

There must be no guesswork about feeding the calf. The stomach of the young calf is easily ruined by siphoned methods of feeding. Think of this when tempted to feed it milk that is too hot or too cold in a bucket that is not as clean and sweet as it should be.

Milk that sticks to the sides of the pail and becomes sour is a bad proposition, as it may cause an attack of the scours. This trouble means a break in the calf's growth, perhaps a stunted calf, and in the end an animal of little value.

Do not oblige the cows to bunk about the straw pile until the chilly nights are past. Dry spots for them to sleep on are usually very scarce at that season of the year.

Don't turn the cattle to pasture too early. A good plan to follow is to wait until you conclude the grass is sufficiently large to turn them on, then wait a week or ten days longer.

A Self-Feeding Crib.

A combined corn crib and feeding shed is shown in the sketch. The feed bunk is covered by a lean-to shed 16



FEEDING SHED AND CORN CRIB.

feet wide. Small doors opening into the crib every two feet just over the manger allow the corn to come out without shoveling. This shed should be built on the south side of the crib in a bright, sunny place. This arrangement is a great labor saver and quite an aid in bad weather, especially if the ends are inclosed.—Farm and Home.

Uses of Corn.

The Crop Reporter is endeavoring to tell for what purposes corn is used. In the year 1899, so this authority states, the total crop was 2,955,000,000 bushels. Of this crop 241,000,000 bushels were consumed in the flour and grist mills; 8,000,000 in manufacture of starch, 9,000,000 for malt liquors, 17,000,000 in distilling of liquors, 40,000,000 for glucose, 190,000,000 for export, and 13,000,000 for seed. This accounts for only 19.3 per cent of the entire crop, most of the remainder being used for feeding purposes. The more one studies the corn crop, the more interesting it becomes. Its magnitude as a food-giver and labor-employer grows with every observation one makes of the corn crop.—Springfield Register.

Farm Wells.

Unsanitary dairy wells are a menace to health, and as the country becomes more closely settled more and more care is necessary to provide good water. The director of the Chicago hygienic laboratory reports that of 153 wells on dairy farms, examined by the inspectors, only eleven were found to be safe for domestic purposes. In all cases the safe wells were those lined with cement, with cement covers, with a protecting flange of cement several feet out from the well. In some of the wells used for washing milk utensils, a high percentage of colon bacteria were found, and in some cases manure could be detected microscopically and by the odor.

Millet for Late Crops.

Millet as a late crop to plant in case of the failure of the corn crop or failure to get corn planted at all, is recommended by the Ohio station. The earlier sorts can be seeded through July, and make fair yields. Hay is the most common use made of the crop, and for this it compares favorably with timothy, both in composition and digestibility. It is good feed for cattle, horses and sheep, but when overripe should not be fed to horses exclusively, as it affects the kidneys. Millet is also grown for pasture seed, and even for silage. As a soil cleaner, it is also almost equal to a summer fallow.

German Mode of Preserving Milk.

A German patent specification describes a process for preserving milk by removing all dissolved oxygen by means of the addition of a small quantity of ferrous carbonate. The process is based on the fact that freshly-precipitated ferrous carbonate in the presence of oxygen immediately assimilates oxygen and evolves an equivalent quantity of carbon dioxide. One part of ferrous carbonate is sufficient for 50,000 parts of milk, and the properties of the milk are not altered in any way by the addition, which should be made before the milk is boiled.

Cribbing Corn.

The corn crib should be narrow and slatted on the sides and ends, so that a free circulation of air is possible in all directions. Some farmers place hollow crates in the cribs as they are filled, so that there will be no heating or spoiling in the center of the mass. Heating destroys the corn germ.

Molasses Cake.

Into two-thirds of a cup of molasses stir a tablespoonful of melted butter, two-thirds of a cup of coffee, a half-cup of sugar, one beaten egg, one and a half teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of hot water, and one and one-half cups of flour. Mix well and bake in a loaf tin.

Raising a Variety.

Diversified farming does not stop at crop growth from the soil, but should include a diversity of live stock. Some good cattle, a few good, capacious brood mares, some good breeding hogs, a few or more sheep, goats and fowls of diverse sorts should be found on every farm, for they do not interfere or conflict with each other.

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Exclusive to the Last. An instance of exclusiveness maintained under difficulties is reported from the ladies' cabin of an Atlantic liner.

It was Sam Weller who made Dickens famous. "Pickwick Papers" were a complete failure financially until this unique character was introduced.

The Coop. "This flat is a mere coop." "Yes, John," said his wife sweetly, "and the coop has just flew it!"

Unhygienic Roosting. The Countryman—Down here, sir, we make it a rule to go to bed with the chickens.

City Man—Does it pay to keep hens these days? Suburbanite—Yes, it pays the hens; they get their board and lodging absolutely free.

Looking for the Great Reaper. "Look here!" cried a stage manager to an actor. "Do you know you laughed while you were supposed to be dying?"

A Sure Sign. "I can't understand how you tell the age of a horse by looking at his teeth," said the city girl.

Stress. "Rivers—How do you accent that word 'taxi'?" Brooks—Well, every time I have taken a ride in one of the things the chauffeur has placed the emphasis on the "tax."

Consecutive. Percy—Pshaw! What if she did? Two negatives in the same sentence are equivalent to an affirmative. Algy—Yes, but she said "Naw! Nit!" and it sounded like two sentences.

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