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MANY GOVERNMENT SALES

The United States has been acquiring tracts of timber land in the Appalachian mountains until now the government owns about 400,000 acres principally in the southern Appalachians and in the White Mountains.

These lands are being bought primarily to protect navigation. Congress held, in providing for their purchase, that the constitution prohibits the government from buying lands for these eastern forests, except at the headwaters of navigable rivers, and for the purpose of regulating stream flow and preventing the silting up of the channels of commerce, yet the production of timber will also be made one of the objects of applied forestry as the government will practice it on these areas. Not all the lands is well timbered now, as much of it has been culled or cut over, but it is expected the timber will increase in quantity and value under the stimulus of proper forest management and protection. A considerable revenue will therefore be derived from the sale of timber.

Many people have the idea that the forest service objects to the sale of timber from the national forests, while on the contrary, timber sales constitute a large source of revenue. Two large tracts of timber are now being advertised for sale near Boise, Idaho, aggregating 750 million feet. There is a considerable tract of timber now being advertised for sale on Mill creek, on the Minam National Forest. Contracts for the sale of large quantities of timber cover as long a period as ten to twenty years for its removal.

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LIVED UP TO THE TEXT.

It Made a Deep Impression on Little Julia, and She Did Her Best.
"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."
The foregoing quotation is from chapter xiii, verse 2, book of Hebrews, and it is introduced solely because it constitutes a vital part of this story. Julia is ten years old, and she goes to Sunday school. It appears that on a recent occasion the Sunday school teacher had considerable to say about this matter of "entertaining angels unawares." Anyway, it made a deep impression on Julia.

A few days after the lesson Julia's mother left her in charge of the house for a few hours. When the mother returned she went to a particular cup in the cupboard to extract therefrom a half dollar. In this cup is kept the family pin money, and Julia's mother knew that she had put 50 cents there before she had gone out. But the half dollar was gone. There was an expression of anxiety on Julia's face, and mother scented mischief.

"Did you take that money?" asked the mother, somewhat severely.
Julia broke into tears. "I gave it to a man that came to the back door," sobbed the little girl.

"Gave it to a man?" exclaimed the mother. "What for?"
"I thought he might be an angel unawares," replied Julia. — Kansas City Star.

One Way to Collect Taxes.

Tardy taxpayers are induced to pay by an ingenious system in Cotta, Saxony. In all the restaurants and hotels of the city lists are displayed bearing the names of the delinquents. If the proprietors of these hostilities supply meat or drink to the persons who neglect to pay their taxes their licenses are revoked.

Cholera Carriers.

As there are "typhoid carriers" in this country so, it has been found in India, there are "cholera carriers"—persons who, though healthy themselves can convey it to others.

Russia's Inland Waters.

Russia has over 178,000 miles of navigable inland waters.

Drivers' Warnings.

Drivers of every country have their own peculiar way of warning any one who crosses in front of them. In England a driver calls "Hey!" in Germany, Austria and Hungary "Hop!" in Switzerland he cracks his whip, and in Spain and Portugal says "Phist!"

Iceland.

Men and women are political equals in Iceland. The nation numbers 70,000 people and is governed by representatives elected by men and women together.

Too Much For the Oyster.

A perfectly formed hard shell crab about the size of the end of a person's thumb was found in an oyster shell. The crab had evidently been swallowed by the oyster, but presumably the crab proved too much for the oyster, as there was no oyster in the shell when it was opened.

Buffalo Milk.

Milk of the Indian buffalo is richer than that of the European cow.

Wood Pulp Sponges.

Treated with chloride of zinc, wood pulp forms a viscous mass. When salt is added and the mixture has been rinsed with alcohol and compressed a fair imitation of a sponge results.

FALL OF THE INCAS.

Fate of the Great Race That Has Left Only Traces Behind.

What became of the people who built the Cuzco ruins? Were they the ancestors of those stolid and down-trodden Indians whom one sees today peddling their rude wares in the market place of Cuzco? Mr. Bryce discusses the question in his "South America." He says:

"The sudden fall of a whole race is an event so rare in history that one seeks for explanations. It may be that not only the royal Inca family, but nearly the whole ruling class, was destroyed in war, leaving only the peasants, who had already been sorfs under their native sovereigns. But one is disposed to believe that the tremendous catastrophe which befell them in the destruction at once of their dynasty, their empire and their religion by fierce conquerors, incomparably superior in energy and knowledge, completely broke not only the spirit of the nation, but the self respect of the individuals who composed it.

"They were already a dulle and submissive people, and now under a new tyranny, far harsher than that of rulers of their own blood, they sank into hopeless apathy and ceased to remember what their forefathers had been. The intensity of their devotion to their sovereign and their duty made them helpless when both were overthrown, leaving them nothing to turn to, nothing to strive for.

"The conquistadores were wise in their hateful way when they put forth the resources of cruelty to outrage the feelings of the people and stamp terror in their hearts."

VALUE OF GRASSES.

They Are in a Measure the Most Useful Plants in the World.

Probably the grasses are the most useful plants in the world. It may be that more than half the individual plants in the world are grasses. It is a great family of more than 3,500 species, embracing species that are so tiny that they hardly reach an inch in height and giant bamboos of the tropics that sometimes grow to be 100 feet or more.

Corn is a giant grass, and wheat, rye, oats, barley, rice and sugar cane are all grasses. Then there are millet, sorghum, Kaffir corn, broom corn—all grasses.

The number of species of grasses is enormous, yet we have adopted into our system of agriculture but a few sorts. In part that is due to the ease or difficulty of seeding grasses. Timothy grass, for example, is so easily sown and the seed so easily gathered that it is soonest set of any and has become the standard hay grass of northern climes.

In some regions of Kentucky blue grass is the almost universal pasture grass because it comes in of itself. In other regions with different soil (poor and incline in blue redtop has possession. Naturally the farmer follows the line of least resistance, yet it is by no means certain that he has adopted into his agriculture all the best grasses that nature has provided. Some day we shall do more toward using now neglected grasses.—Joseph E. Wing in "Meadows and Pastures."

The Glacial Epochs.

Several times in recent years it has been observed that great explosive volcanic eruptions (Kraakau, Pele, Katmai) by charging the upper atmosphere in the isothermal region with fine dust have markedly diminished the amount of solar radiation received at the earth's surface. It seems evident, according to Professor W. J. Humphreys, that the effect of this process must be to reduce the temperature of the air near the earth, since the dust scatters a great amount of the solar radiation. Thus a period of excessive volcanic activity, if long continued, would produce the thermal conditions of an ice age. The geological record is said to furnish evidence that such a period actually began shortly before the last ice age and has continued with diminishing intensity to the present time.

Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the conditions of a certain Chattel Mortgage executed by J. H. Millering, mortgagor, to Gaar-Sweet Co., mortgagee, dated on the 5th day of September, 1910, and filed for record in the office of the county recorder of deeds, county of Union, Oregon, on the 6th day of September, 1910, and the nature of such default is the non-payment of Eleven Hundred Dollars, with interest at 7-10 per cent, per annum from the 5th day of September, 1910, which is the amount claimed to be due thereon at the date of this notice, of which mortgage and the debt therefor secured, the undersigned is now the owner and holder, and no suit or proceeding has been had for the recovering of the debt thereby secured and one hundred dollars for expenses for foreclosure and attorneys fees.

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Dated at La Grande, this 19th day of F. A. Cook, Agent
M. RUMLEY COMPANY,
Owners of said mortgage.
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