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from Kansas, where he went to look after property he owns in that state. He says the advanced prices of land there is astounding. "A few years ago," said the doctor, "I lived in Kansas and land was considered high at \$25 an acre. To my surprise on this trip back I found that same land selling for \$75 an acre. It is so all over that country—a constant advance in value and a constant improvement in conditions. In fact, this is a great, great country we live in and it is getting better every year."

**Value Placed on Buckingham Palace.** London, June 19.—The new and comprehensive valuation of Buckingham Palace and its contents was published today. The value of the historic building and all it contains is placed at \$17,500,000. The valuation was made west country as well as the western order to reinsure the palace because states. Dr. Upton recently returned of suffragette outrages.

### CAUGHT THE INFECTION.

The Fool Gunboat Took a Mad Freak Just Like the Moros.

Captain John E. Morris, who spent a long, long time in the Philippines chasing the Moro, tells a story about a Spanish military governor in Jolo who, in the peace of fancied security, allowed a whole flock of his soldiers to go swimming one day.

Now the Moro has a habit of going juramatado when religion hits him. When a Moro goes juramatado he takes the most disagreeable weapon he can find and carves up the first Christian he meets.

When the Moros saw the soldiers in the water several of them thought it was the very best time to go juramatado, with the result that those soldiers never went swimming any more. The sultan, who had charge of that particular bunch of Moros, promptly was sent for. The Spaniard wanted to know why his men were slaughtered in such manner.

"How could I help it?" the sultan asked. "They went juramatado." "Nobody wants to interfere with anybody's religion, of course, but there was a Spanish gunboat lying around loose in that immediate vicinity. The governor sent for the commander of that gunboat.

"You haven't had much target practice lately," he remarked to the naval officer, "and you might try a little. Now, a few Moros make fair targets. When I want target practice to stop I'll run up a flag, but until the flag is run up keep at it."

It was one glorious bombardment. A lot of Moros accidentally got hit, and somehow the post flag was mislaid, so it couldn't be hoisted.

It was a most excited sultan who showed up before the Spanish governor. If that gunboat didn't stop its nonsense he wouldn't be a sultan any longer, because he wouldn't have any subjects to sultan over. And he told the governor so.

"How can I help it?" demanded the governor, with some heat. "The fool boat has gone juramatado, and I can't interfere with the religion of the blessed navy."—San Francisco Chronicle.

### PERSIAN GULF SPRINGS.

Fresh Water That Bubbles Up From the Bed of the Ocean.

Bahrain Island, in the Persian gulf, is said to be the hottest place on earth. It is usual there to find the thermometer at 140 degrees F. On the coast of this island, where practically all the people live, there is no fresh water, which is needed above all things in so high a temperature. And it is to be had from the bottom of the sea. Here and there scattered over the floor of the harbor of Bahrain are springs of pure fresh water, which wells up through the sand to mingle with the salt water of the sea.

It seems a difficult task to find these threads of fresh water amid the ocean's volume, but the islanders are thought to have found them ages ago and to have passed on their location from generation to generation. A diver equips himself with a water bag made of skins, the mouth of which is closed, and descends to the bottom of the harbor at a point where one of the springs issues. The bag is carefully inverted over the current of fresh water as it flows up from the sand, the mouth is opened, the skin is filled, the mouth is closed, and the diver returns to the boat awaiting him on the surface.

One scientist gives it as his belief that at some period in the shadowy past that which is now the harbor's bottom was not covered by the sea. The springs were then on the shore and ready for the islanders' needs. Little by little the sea encroached on the land, but the location of the springs was not forgotten.

**An Annoying Speed Limit.**  
An old man of nearly eighty years walked ten miles from his home to an adjoining town. When he reached his destination he was greeted with some astonishment by an acquaintance.  
"You walked all the way?" the latter exclaimed. "How did you get along?"  
"Oh, first rate," the old man replied genially—"that is, I did till I came to that sign out there, 'Slow down to fifteen miles an hour.' That kept me back some."—Youth's Companion.

**The London Policeman.**  
London goes to the rural districts for its policemen largely, and the result is often amusing, not to say exasperating. The London Chronicle tells of one encounter with an inexperienced policeman who was asked the whereabouts of a famous firm in the neighborhood, to which query the new bobby replied gaily:  
"Bless ye, I know no more than yourself, sir. I only came up from Dorset yesterday."

**The Way of Wives.**  
He was one of a group of men discussing wives.  
"My wife and I like to window shop," he said. "My wife never bought a hat in her life when I wasn't with her, and she never bought one that I picked out."—Indianapolis News.

### OUR STOCK EXCHANGES.

Small in Some Ways Compared With Those of London and Paris.

So much is said about the bigness of things in this country and especially in regard to money matters that we not infrequently get a wrong impression of our relative size.

Take the stock exchanges as an example. In many respects our American exchanges are small affairs compared with those in Paris and London. On the average daily speculation in London far exceeds that in New York and Philadelphia combined. There are more than 5,000 members of the London exchange, 1,100 in New York, fewer than 250 in Philadelphia and only 70 in Paris. London has nearly 10,000 listed securities, while Wall street has under 1,000, of which almost exactly two-thirds are bonds. The par value of London's list is nearly double that of New York and Philadelphia together. The London exchange pays a dividend to members of 100 per cent. To be a member one must own at least three of the 20,000 shares of the exchange. These shares are \$65 paid in, but sell for about \$850. No one broker may own more than 200 shares.

Membership in the Paris bourse is now worth upward of \$400,000. There a broker must put up a guarantee fund of \$50,000 against failure. In London the commission charged by brokers to buy or sell a stock the price of which is between \$50 and \$100 a share is 25 cents, and over \$200 it is 50 cents. Payments for stocks bought in London are made only once every two weeks on a given settlement day, whereas in this country all settlements must occur within a working day.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Zoological Myths.

Certain creatures oft heard of, prey who ever saw?  
There's the camel whose back broke beneath the last straw.  
There's the wonderful goose that laid eggs of pure gold.  
And the bull that got in where the china was sold.  
There's the ass that the skin of a lion doth wear.  
And the wrong pig we frequently get by the tail.  
The wild horse that never—so, never—be somewhere. There's the cat we let out of the bag.  
There's the bird that goes whispering secrets around.  
Whoever has seen it, whoever nab found? There's the oft mentioned dog in the manger that stands.  
And the elephant some one has got on his hands.  
There's the ravenous wolf from our doors that we keep.  
And the wolf that goes round in the clothes of a sheep.  
There's the nightmare that somebody tells us they've had.  
There's the cat with nine lives, and the March hare that's mad.  
And the fox that declared that the high grapes were sour.  
And the grim dogs of war. It would take quite an hour.  
Just to list all the odd, freakish creatures that we  
Nearly every day hear of, but never once see.  
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat

### Cleveland May Hold Big Meet.

The Brookside park stadium in Cleveland may be the site of an international athletic meet next summer. Secretary George A. Schneider of the Cleveland Athletic club proposed at a recent meeting with Park Secretary Smidlar that a tournament be arranged at which champions of the United States and Canada be invited to participate. Seats can be provided for 100,000 people at the park, it is estimated.

### UNION MAN HURT.

Gun Explodes Accidentally, Bullet Lodging In Leg.

Union, June 19.—(Special)—Cecil Bates accidentally shot himself in the leg the other day. He is building a residence for Mr. Hodgkins on his ranch and has been going out to his work in his auto. In taking out the gun in some way it went off and wounded him in the leg. The wound is not dangerous but painful.

We are just recovering from the efforts of the stock show. It was the greatest ever. We are just as proud as we can be over it as everything went off in first class style. Even the mule races where the president had to drive the mules caused a hearty laugh. Union will have a bigger and a better one next year. It is understood that the association came out away ahead financially so they are going ahead with great plans for the coming year and they can count on the hearty support of all the people that are loyal to Union. Everyone knows that we are on the map and intend to stay there.

Uncle Nels Schoonover was kicked by a horse a few days ago and quite badly hurt. It is a family pet and running loose in the yard and as Mr. Schoonover went to loosen its hobbles, it whirled around, kicking him and hurting him quite badly. He is able

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  - 20c Turkish Towels, now ..... 15c
  - Ladies' Fancy Hosiery up to 50c, ..... 29c pr.
  - Ladies' Fancy Hosiery up to 30c, ..... 19c pr.
  - One lot 50c Hosiery now ..... 12 1-2c pr.
  - 10c Dress Ginghams, now ..... 7c yd.
  - 1,000 yards 12 1-2c ginghams ..... 9c yd.

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to be around at present and is gaining quite fast.

The school election went off very quietly. There was a large number out but the election was not very exciting. L. L. McKennon was elected to take the place of M. F. Davis and as director, and R. J. Kitchen was elected to take the place of G. A. Casper as clerk. The new officials will undoubtedly maintain the present high standard of our school.

Benson Bros. have purchased one hundred and twenty-five head of the Hereford cows from Mr. Draper. Benson Bros. are going into the cattle business on a large scale.

The ladies of the aid society of the Presbyterian church have purchased a piano. They are congratulating themselves on the fine instrument they have secured. It is the Ivers and Pond make.  
Tom Ficklin is back from Canada

visiting old friends. He has been gone about a year and seems to be glad to get into the genial breezes of the old Grande Ronde. Those that go away always return and Tom Ficklin seems to be no exception to the rule.  
Miss Ruth Scibird has gone east on a visit to friends and relatives. She will visit in Denver and Colorado Springs while gone. She will be away most of the summer.  
Mr. Hodgkin is having quite a nice ranch house built on his ranch on the other side of Telocaset. Mr. Hodgkin will soon move his family out on his place and go at farming in the right manner.  
Strawberries are coming into market and they are very fine. If we do not have our cellars full of the luscious fruit it will be our own fault. They are selling for \$2.50 per crate now but will be cheaper in a short time.

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