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### A FARMERS' TRUST

The farmers are going to help themselves, going into business in a big way. There is being launched a Farmers' Finance Corporation, which is to have a capitalization of \$100,000,000, and a potential effectiveness of something like \$1,000,000,000, and whose objects are described as follows:

- "Elimination of speculation in grain.
- "Stabilization of grain prices, with equal benefit to farmers and consumers.
- "Increased acreage, with consequent greater production.
- "Abolition of unnecessary costs by direct shipments and elimination of middlemen's profits."

There is already in existence an organization called the United States Grain Growers, with which the new association will co-operate, and which will organize a special subsidiary company to handle grain exports.

Some of the farmers are going to have a great system of grain elevators to store and hold grain as they find it advisable and their own agents to market grain at home and abroad. If the plan works well, they expect to branch out and handle other important agricultural products the same way.

Organization and co-operation—that's the big idea. There is to be a sort of farmers' trust. American farmers have come to it late, but taught by sad experience they may now proceed to make up for lost time. There is no reason why they should not manage their own industry systematically, with a view to the good of the whole, as many manufacturing industries are managed, if the human difficulties are once removed. If farmers are able to work together, they can accomplish almost anything.

All this may seem to point to monopoly. If the food-producers ever gain power to control output and prices as effectively as the steel-producers and meat-producers can, they will have to be subjected to similar regulation. In the meantime, their tendency toward unity and mutual helpfulness is an indication of wholesome progress.

### THE SPIRIT OF A DEAD DOG

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, is excited over some new discoveries he has made in the realm of psychic phenomena. He has hit upon such momentous facts, he says, that he hesitates to reveal them. He has been getting messages from the "other world," which is a rather common thing nowadays, if psychic inquirers are to be credited. Quite out of the common, however, is Flammarion's assertion that he has been in communication with "the spirit of a dead dog."

The precise nature of the communication is not given, although Flammarion explains that it was a dog to which he had been kind in life, and that the dog "manifested itself a few months after death, indicating that he was happy in his new-found state." Possibly this means that Flammarion had a vivid dream in which he saw, or thought he saw, the dog wagging his tail. Possibly it means more than that, but the world reserves the right to doubt.

Setting forth his theory of spirit communication, Flammarion says: "Each of us possess a fluid force which I call 'psychic,' whose power is yet unknown. It is capable of leaving the body and producing the phenomena so often observed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dr. Hyslop, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William Crookes and other masters of science.

"This force is able to move matter at a distance and, under certain influences, can be made to traverse many hundreds of miles. It also permits one to read absolutely into the future and pierce the veil beyond life—to see and converse with men and animals that have died."

There is some such "fluid force," no doubt. Psychic experiments everywhere indicate it. But it is not necessarily the kind of force that Flammarion seems to imagine, nor possessed of such powers as he believes. There are psychologists and occultists who probably know a great deal more about such matters than Flammarion, who describe this force as simply the "astral body," a thing which has nothing to do with the "spirit" or "soul," but occupies a position midway between body and spirit, and perhaps makes the working connection between them during life. This astral body, the occult students say, is itself material, being composed of a somewhat finer form of matter than the physical body, and being shortly after the physical body dies. Its manifestations, they say, are mechanical and unintelligent, and any notion that the astral body of either a living person or a dead person can communicate with departed spirits is absurd.

Maybe Flammarion and his fellow-astrologers know more about such matters than we who have studied them for ages. But until more complete and exact follow-up will rather logically

too much attention to their revelation nor to imitate their experiments with the unknown. It is a realm where even the brightest mind is apt to be misled and beguiled into folly or danger.

Over in England some of them are feeling justifiably cocky because they beat the Americans at playing golf.

Good enough! We are glad they have found something at which they can beat Americans, even if it is nothing more exciting than golf. It would never do for us to excel our English cousins in everything. It would be ungenerous of us, and very disconcerting to them.

Some day we may tire of doing the usual things of life—of progressing in the sciences, and in industry, and in agriculture, and education, and in accumulating the wealth of the world. We may even cease our steady grind of work and production, and decide that it is time to enjoy the glories of the present and anticipate those of the future.

Then, perhaps, we may learn to play golf—the pastime of affluence and dignity.

### POLITICAL HISTORY

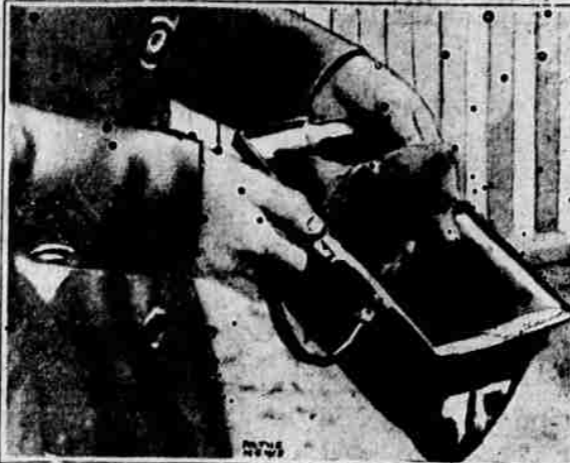
June 10, 1776—Bacon tried as a rebel and acquitted.  
June 10, 1847—First issue of Chicago (daily) Tribune.  
June 10, 1858—S. S. Niagara began to lay the Atlantic cable.  
June 10, 1864—Battle at Brice's Cross Roads, Miss.

**Populist or People's Party.**  
The Populist or People's Party marked another political upheaval. Its claims were an improvement over all other parties. It appealed to the farmer, and it appealed to labor. It claimed that the farmers of the south and west were unduly burdened to the benefit of eastern capital. From 1892 to 1908, the party struggled for existence, and then dropped by the wayside.

**Harden House Plants.**  
If you have been starting house plants in the house, be sure that you harden them off well before you transfer them to the open ground. This means gradually exposing them to the outside air, or, better still, setting them in a cold frame, which can be covered at night. If you haven't any glass for such a frame, you can cover it with prepared cloth, which is much cheaper and just as effective a story.

**Island Has Disappeared.**  
One of the most famous of disappearing islands is Expedition Island, situated off the northwest coast of Australia, and which was visited as lately as 1861. Today it is a desolate waste, and is now fit for nothing but a grave yard. The island was discovered by the English explorer, James Cook, in 1770, and was named in his honor.

### Room for the Powder Puff



When his mistress goes shopping in San Francisco, "Tygm" nestles comfortably in her handbag. When he barks it's so loud you can almost hear him. Can you beat it?

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

**Just Like That.**  
The coin by cashiers copped and kept Was not obtained by sudden flight, But they, while their employers slept, Were juggling the books at night.

**L. A. Terry has a brilliant idea.**  
He plans to mate carrier pigeons with parrots, so in the event the feathered messenger gets lost it can inquire the way.

**What Made Father Sore.**  
A village girl eloped in her father's clothes. The next day the local paper came out with an account of the elopement, headed "Flees in Father's Pants."—Ladies Home Journal.

**It Sometimes Does That.**  
A. O. Linquist, who was married three weeks ago, is able to be out again and will likely be able to assume his duties as a carpenter and contractor soon.—Montezuma (Colo.) Journal.

**Epitaph.**  
Here lies all that was Mortal of Uncle Daniel. It was in the month of April When he changed his winter flannel.

There is a rumor that prohibition may be enforced next year.

Harry Swart says why worry whether you are getting thin or fat? It's all a matter of form.

As has been repeatedly explained, this column assumes no responsibility.

for its own opinions or those of contributors.

**To Her McGinnis.**  
The saddest words  
The umpire shouts,  
For home club stars—  
"Three strikes, yer out!"

**He Has Evolved.**  
What's become o' the ole time lover  
at used t' lay a few nickel cigars  
on the mantle before he sat down on  
th' sofa?—Abe Martin.  
He is bumming his best girl's Milos.

**Well, It Looked All Right.**  
Manager—"I had to fire that patent  
leather haired clerk."  
Floor Walker—"Why?"  
"A red-headed man came in and  
asked for hair oil."  
"Yes."  
"And that boob gave him a bottle  
of russet shoe polish."

**Why He Is For it.**  
"Do you approve of the nude in  
art?"  
"Certainly, I was born that way."

**A Definition.**  
Each flea firmly believes that he  
lives on the most wonderful dog in  
the world.  
That's patriotism.

**Plain Signs.**  
What does it mean when they  
throw an egg at an actor, pa?  
It means that they want him to  
beat it.

**Why the Printer Hit the Pike.**  
The Indiana Daily Times says that  
E. N. S. being duly sworn deposes  
and says that he saw an ad in the  
Frankfort, Ind., Crescent News which  
set forth merits of a "Kerosene Car-  
buretor for \$15. fords.

One trouble about a white lie is  
that it usually takes several black  
ones to make it look right.

Nothing holds its own quite like  
the bald spot on the dome of a man's  
head.

**Arranging Flowers.**  
If in arranging flowers in a vase you  
find some stems that are contrast and  
refuse to bend to the will of the  
arranger, massage them for a few  
moments. This will make them supple  
and they will stay where they are  
placed.

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