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Wireless Witchcraft

The other day an automobile ran about the streets of Dayton, O., without a passenger. It stopped when the traffic policeman signalled, and speeded up when his whistle told that the piece was clear. Its horn warned pedestrians again and again.

Fifty feet behind, in another automobile, rode Capt. R. E. Veughn, U. S. A., who manipulated the switches of the radio control. There could be no plainer case of witchcraft.

Some years ago, it will be remembered, John Hays Hammond, Jr., a young electrical engineer in Massachusetts, devised a means of radio control for a small boat, and his invention was hailed as one of the greatest of great value in a military sense. We heard little of it during the war, but naval officers and electricians worked upon it all the while. This radio-controlled automobile holds similar possibilities, and we may feel assured that efforts to perfect it will be unceasing.

We know, too, that wireless control of airplanes is not altogether a dream. We guess that some day they will soar pilotless above No Man's Land and discharge their cargoes of high explosives and poisonous gases when some bespectacled and rubber-gloved scientist, far behind the lines, throws a switch at the wireless-telephone's word.

War has always been horrible, but it is easy to believe that when men fought body to body with sword and battleaxe under the whine of the clothing shaft, when cities were habitually given up to sack and none might hope for quarter, when a whole people faced extermination on the mere suspicion of poisoning the wells, war was less horrible by far than it will be a generation hence.

In those days men hailed witches to the horse pond, and wizards had short shrift. What the deuce are we to do with them now?

Taxes Bound to be High

It is right that the public should demand of Congress all possible effort to save in appropriations, especially appropriations for the army and navy. Though much depends on the outcome of the disarmament conference, to establish the future military policy of the government, there is a widespread feeling that Congress could safely do a good deal further than it has done in passing down the army and navy expenditures without waiting for the end of the conference. This is especially true of funds for new naval construction.

In fairness to Congress, however, and also for the very future peace of mind, taxpayers should not expect too much. By far the biggest part of government expenses, amounting to several billion dollars a year, is practically fixed and inevitable. It consists of war obligations that have to be paid and of funds for departmental activities that have to be carried on. In such matters the most requisite is efficiency of administration. It is doubtful whether, barring wholly irrational expenditures, congress can make a saving of more than half a billion dollars a year.

That would be a good deal, but a small sum compared with the necessary disbursements. Taxes of but few are bound to remain high for the next few years.

No doubt it will be wise for President Harding to name a woman delegate to sit at the disarmament table. A woman always has a wholesome effect at the table.

Lloyd George may be besetting Lord Northcliffe on the latter's tour of the world, but that isn't a detail to what Northcliffe is doing to Lloyd George.

It isn't fair to laugh at that British prohibition leader because his name is Tanks. Everybody knows what British tanks accomplished in the war.

While they are detouring up the railroads, can't they find some means for reducing the congestion in the dressing rooms?

Whatever the outcome of that disarmament conference may be, at least let's have open conclusions, openly arrived at.

There is only one pathetic more pathetic than hand-painted whiskey and that is a woman of forty or thereabouts trying to act kittenish.

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DAIRY FACTS

COW-TESTING ASSOCIATIONS

Some Notable Improvement in Milk Production Reported From State of New Hampshire.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In seven cow-testing associations in New Hampshire, 216 cows were sold during 12 months, and their places filled by more profitable animals, according to a report made to the dairy division, United States Department of Agriculture. This averages nearly 31 cows for each association. In these New Hampshire associations some notable improvement in production is reported.

In six cow-testing associations in that state, which have been at work for two years, 19 herds made an average increase per cow of 703 pounds of milk annually, and an increase of \$48.30 in the income over cost of feed.

In six associations that have been at work for three years, six herds secured an increase of 800 pounds in the milk yield per cow, and an income over cost of feed of \$98.31 more than the herds formerly averaged.

In general, cow-testing association work in New Hampshire is on a good sound basis, the department says. Association members are studying individual cow records, the ability of purebred bulls to increase production, wise feeding practices, and the proper raising of young stock. The influence of these studies is affecting even dairymen who are not members of the associations.

DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD COWS

Typical Letter From Dairyman Aiding in "Better Sires—Better Stock" Campaign.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

To illustrate how a good herd of cattle may be developed from a small beginning, the United States Department of Agriculture makes public the following letter from a farmer near Nokesville, Va. This letter is typical of many contributed by practical dairymen aiding in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign.

"I am a farmer and dairyman. I milk 75 cows and raise about twenty calves a year so as to be able to sell my herd two cows a year and replace with young calves.

"I started with common grades of all kinds, but they were good ones. Then I began using my neighbor's purebred bull, and kept the best halfers. But this was slow progress, so I bought six grade Holstein heifers and also a purebred bull. Then I added two purebred cows.

"I now find a ready sale for stock I wish to sell, even for my grades. When one uses a good bull and good cows, well cared for, he does not have any scrub calves.

"The letter points out clearly how it is possible for one to develop gradually into a breeder of purebred and high-grade live stock.

SEPARATE STALL FOR COWS

Youngsters Prevented From Crowding and Nursing Each Other's Ears—Expense Is Small.

A Wisconsin farmer, who had a number of calves, thought it might be well to find some means of keeping them separate while feeding. They pushed and pulled and "nursed" each other's ears so that the stronger ones were well fed while the weaker went hungry. Steel stanchions were an expense which he did not feel was justified with his small herd.

At little cost and with small labor he built wooden stalls to which the calves could be tied while feeding. Board partitions separate them more completely from one another, and individual earstoppers are built, which fit into a wooden frame, form separate feeding devices which may be easily removed and cleaned.

RIGHT SPEED OF SEPARATOR

If Bowl Does Not Travel at Proper Speed Inefficient Skimming Will Be the Result.

The speed at which the cream separator is operated is a matter of importance. If the bowl does not travel at the proper rate of speed, too much skimming will be the result, too much butterfat being left in the skim milk. A decrease in the speed of the rotating bowl causes a decrease in the fat content of the cream, while running the machine too fast will cause an increase. Care should be taken to operate the separator at the speed designated by the manufacturer. To be sure that the machine is being run at the correct speed the revolutions of the crank should be timed by a reliable indicator or a watch.

Atta Day:

It is a pity that so many men get a college training without an education. —Washington Post.

"I am anxious for and feathers for red fruitless. Prison-ask is cheap. —save a man in Prediction.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



EXTERMINATING RATS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Work Is Now Being Carried on in Vigorous Manner.

County Agricultural Demonstrators and Rodent Control Experts Making Determined Efforts to Destroy Little Pests.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

According to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, rat extermination work throughout the country is being carried forward vigorously under the combined efforts of the county agricultural demonstrators sent out by the states, rodent control experts representing the bureau of biological surveys.

At Blackstone, Va., the home demonstration agent and the biological survey representative joined in a rat campaign which promised to send 12,000 rodents into the rat hereafter. When the final count of rat tails was taken it was found that 30,000 of the pests had been killed in the one town.

At Fargo, N. D., the citizens were annoyed by a heavy infestation of rats. A bureau representative enlisted the cooperation of the city commission, the commercial club, the health department, the boy scouts, women's clubs, and other organizations, and conducted a very successful campaign against the pest. In this instance the poison, barium carbonate, was introduced in quantities and used in a destructive agent with excellent results.

A statewide rat eradication campaign in Texas will soon be launched against rats. The bureau of biological surveys has been asked to detail a specialist to direct the operation.

CAREFULLY TEST OLD SEEDS

Moistened Blotting Paper and Two Ordinary Dinner Plates Make Satisfactory Contrivance.

Test all old seeds before planting. Make a tester from two dinner plates. Put a piece of moist blotting paper in one plate, place some seeds on it, put another piece of moist blotting paper over the seeds, and invert the other plate over all. In a few days, remove the plate, turn back the blotting paper, figure the percentage of germinated seeds, and if below ninety per cent, buy new seeds.

A Paris dispatch is authority for the statement that a blind worker in a factory near Lyons has discovered an alloy which permits him to make a pair of shoes weighing three and one-half ounces, fire and water proof, soft, and good as the best product of the American shoe factories, at \$1 a pair.

OAC TECHNOLOGY

Oregon's Higher Institution of Eight Schools, Seventy Departments FALL TERM OPENS SEPT. 19, 1921. For admission write to the Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, CORVALLIS.

HOO-RAY!!



ICE CREAM AND SODA. —save a man in Prediction.

Phoenix SILK HOSE \$1.10 to \$2.75

La France SILK HOSE \$2.50

West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

NEW! Black Kid Strap Pump

Junior Louis Heel

\$8.75

Something very new in footwear arrived by this morning's express—a black kid pump, with single instep strap, light hand-turned sole and Junior Louis heel. The Junior Louis heel is slightly higher and more shapely than the baby Louis heel, but low enough to give comfort in wearing, yet as dressy in appearance as a high heel.

These are in all sizes now. 2 1/2 to 8 1/2, widths AAA to D. Priced at \$8.75 pair.

Imported White Swiss ORGANDIE 90¢ yd.

Our very best quality transparent Organdie—49 inches wide in white only. Limited quantity arrived by express this morning. Priced at 90¢ yd.

Clearing the Finest Printed Voiles \$1.00, \$1.35, and \$1.50 values at 60¢ yd.

From 5 yds. to 19 yds remain in nearly 20 odd pieces of printed voile, that sold regularly at \$1.00, \$1.35 and \$1.50 yard.

To clean up these odd lots means considerable to us now—and rather than carry them over, or crowd them into one lot and priced them even less than the baby Louis heel, but low enough to give comfort in wearing, yet as dressy in appearance as a high heel.

Dainty, sheer materials in pink and white, move them to the remnant counter we have gathered them into one lot and priced them even less than the baby Louis heel, but low enough to give comfort in wearing, yet as dressy in appearance as a high heel.

A silky finish with a fine silk figure woven than half their regular price. These are bargains beyond a doubt. Choice at material is 49 inches wide and priced at 75¢ yd. 60¢ yd.

A native of the same town in which Amos first saw the light of day? —P. K.

If Amos wants to claim Perry, Ore., with us, we have no objection. Having seen Amos we fear that the day light was 40 years younger when the Office Cat editor gazed upon it.

Whenever you hear that a girl has that indefinable thing called charm, you know that she is pretty hard to look at.

The paper shortage has played heck with the Leachville, (Ark.) Crosset. If it is reduced further in size 'twill have to be handled with tweezers.

Being blind is a greater affliction than it was a few years ago.

What's This? (Valparaiso, Ind. Messenger)

Mr. J. S. Casabere entertained the following at a star party Thursday evening: Messrs J. M. Morrow, Jay Buchanan, M. E. Dinamore, O. T. Nichols, and Will Brown.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm wanted 'the place in the sun,' and we hope he's getting it if the weather in Holland is anything like it is here.

The best thing about crying babies, says a loving La Grande daddy, is that when several of them open up at once they all land on different keys. There is music everywhere, if you only know how to look at it.

A negro employed at one of the movie studios in Los Angeles was drafted by a director to do a novel comedy scene with a lion.

"You get into this bed," ordered the director, "and we'll bring the lion in and put him in bed with you. It will be a scream."

"Put a lion in bed with me!" yelled the negro. "No, sah! Not a-tall! I quits right here and now."

"But," pretested the director, "this lion won't hurt you. This lion was brought up on milk."

"So was I brought up on milk," wailed the negro, "but I eats meat now."

Note to brides:—The thing that separates a properly hitched team of horses is the tongue.

Two Great Wonders

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