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SHOCKING EATING.

We are going to be a shocking race of people. It is predicted that within a very short time we can do away with kitchens and dining rooms, cooks, dishes and food—and even then we will not be in the predicament of the cow that died just when it had learned to live on sawdust.

Instead of shoving a mass of proteins and vitamins down our throats, we will attach an electrical apparatus to our bodies and it will vibrate a bunch of electrons into us that will do in the place of food.

We presume that the electrons for our crout, for instance, will be much more severe than the bread and milk electrons. Our meals will be always ready. Our electrons will be on the table—beg pardon—in the battery box—waiting to be served at any moment.

There will be no need to hurry down to breakfast in the morning. The meal can be prepared the night before, taken to bed and "eaten" while the diner is taking the last few precious winks of sleep after the alarm has sounded.

This new method of getting sustenance will do away largely with bad table manners. There will be no excuse for one kid trying to steal the other kid's cake electrons because he can take all he wants of his own.

Children will no longer be chastised for taking too big mouthfuls or for talking with a mouthful of food. The man with a suction pump manner of taking on his liquids will no longer set our nerves on edge.

The electrized meal ought to do away largely with gossiping, for most gossiping is now carried on over the tea table or the dining table. Gossips will have to hunt a useful occupation.

Of course the cabaret will have to go, with improvement to our morals. Imagine watching a cabaret vaudiville while sitting at a table spread with battery boxes. Nothing further of a shocking nature will be needed.

The electron will settle the question of what to do with the middle man—because there will be no producer and no consumer. Pardon the pun—possibly it will be necessary to produce currents, but they will be sold direct.

It will be easy for the banquet speaker to electrify his audience. Hurrah for the electron—a boon for dyspeptics.

A corset maker is running for office in an eastern city. We presume the leading plank in his platform is intended to reform the women.

Why does a star twinkle?

Why does a star twinkle? Because light, like sound, travels in waves. This wave motion becomes a twinkling, probably because of moving dust through which the starlight comes to earth.

Puretest Mineral Oil

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in the treatment of constipation. Puretest Mineral Oil is thorough and complete in its intestinal lubricating properties.

Kem's for Drugs

The Rexall Drug Store

GIVING THE PRODUCER ALL THE CONSUMER PAYS.

We are all more or less interested in the statement frequently made that what we need to bring prosperity to both producer and consumer is a short cut between the two. What would happen to the middle man if of little consequence, we presume. If he is taking a commission that could just as well be done away with, or if there are too many of him, we will agree that he is entitled to no sympathy.

As a consumer we would be very much pleased to buy what we want to eat and wear at as near as possible the price the producer gets. If eliminating the middle man would make these things cheaper to us—and theoretically it ought to do so—we are ready to smite him hip and thigh.

Our experience has been that prices paid to the producer are about the same as those paid for the same article through a middle man. Of course, under our present system it must be so. It is not fair for the producer to compete at lower prices with the middle man to whom he sells a part of his products.

It is not impossible, however, for the farmer to have their own central commission business—to act as their own middle man—and thus get in one form or another the entire receipts from removal from the ground to distribution to the retailer or consumer.

Looking at it from another angle, the producer has to take what he

can get. He can hardly be blamed under such circumstances for getting all he can.

We may be even excused for doubting whether the middle man can be altogether done away with. The best chance to put him on the skids is at the marketing end, when the products can be handled in large quantities. In the distribution end someone must assemble the products at a central point for distribution to the points where the consumers are and there must be some method of distribution in each community.

If the producers of potatoes at Cottage Grove, at Astoria and at Pendleton have a surplus of potatoes this year, they can not expect to market direct to Salem, Medford and Bend, where there is a shortage. To attempt that kind of procedure would make the expense of selling and distribution more expensive than the present system. There must be some place to which the producer can always look for a market and to which the purchaser can always look for a supply.

The consumer who wants small amounts of several things the farmer produces can not deal direct with the farmer. Retail distribution at the consuming end is an expense the consumer is willing to pay.

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Cooperative marketing, if handled in a business-like manner, would mean much to the farmer. A cooperative plan of distribution might mean much. But the farmer and the consumer should not get the idea that there would be no expense in connection with handling the products of the farm in that manner.

A profit upon such operations might be done away with and the number to take a slice might be reduced but there would remain considerable expense just the same. Those competent to manage the farmer's business would be entitled to good wages. A high-priced man might be the cheaper. Problems not now given serious consideration will arise, such as financial arrangements to be made during fat years to keep the business going during the lean ones.

A large part of the product of the farm could not be sold direct without huge investments that can not be even considered now. Probably the larger part of the product of the farm has to be manufactured in some way before it is ready for sale to the consumer. Grain products can not be sold direct. Wool products can not be sold direct.

The object of the farmer should be to get as much as possible of the price that the consumer has to pay. That is a worthy object and the one to which we expect the producer to give most of his attention. He need not do much worrying about the consumer. When the farmers of all states of the union get to conducting their business upon the basis suggested, the price that the consumer pays will be adjusted by natural competition. That need not now be a serious consideration.

SPLENDID CHRISTMAS EDITION.

The Christmas spirit gets us all. The sterner feelings that have overcome us during the pre-Christmas rush give way to sentiment and the other kindly things that mellow our dispositions.

The truth of this is well illustrated in the Christmas edition of The Spectator (Portland). Editor Hume, who ordinarily glazes over the mangled remains of those he

rhetorically annihilates either with cold, calculating, cynical, cutting monosyllables or with perfervid, pulsating, pregnant polysyllables, is beatifically benign in his expressions of gratitude for the happiness which has been his and is warmly effusive in his expression of good will for friend and foe. Incidentally The Spectator's Christmas edition is one to bring joy during a joyous season. It is replete with splendid photographs of a few of the beauty spots of the greatest outdoor country in the world.

Interesting data are given that should be absorbed by the residents of our own state and by them passed on to the benighted residents of other sections who may be seeking a clime where happiness and good cheer are not confined to the Christmas season.

The Sentinel has many reasons for being happy and of good cheer during this glorious and happy holiday season. It hopes that it has done something during the year that is rapidly closing that has brought joy and happiness to its friends. It renews its wish of the best in the world for friend and foe and a happy and prosperous new year for all.

GETTING AWAY WITH IT.

There wouldn't be so many people with scandals sticking to them if those with good reputations would tell as little about others as others have about them.

You can always tell whether a person is accustomed to being polite by the grace, or lack of it, with which he performs when circumstances compel a courtesy.

Doesn't it make you mad to have your wife tell you about the model habits of some man who, you know, doesn't amount to a row of pins.

HISTORY OF PETROLEUM AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL BUSINESS FROM YEAR 1512

(This is the third of a series of articles on the history and development of the oil industry by J. J. Woodruff, head driller for the Guaranty Oil company. The next article will relate the story of the world's deepest wells and later development.)

HOPELESS HOLE, THE WORLD'S GREATEST GUSHER.

Behind the story of the Lakeview gusher is romance and an atmosphere reminiscent of the days of '49. The inside story of the Lakeview gusher still is the subject of many a nightly confab of California oil men.

In the latter part of June, 1919, a small organization known as the Lakeview Oil company operated one drilling outfit in the dry San Joaquin valley plains near Maricopa. The field was undeveloped and there seemed little to encourage the three owners. Their only well, known as Lakeview No. 1, was down to a depth of 1655 feet and had shown no favorable oil sands. From a drilling standpoint it was in sad shape. The hole was crooked and the drilling tools stuck. The members of the company became discouraged and persuaded the Union Oil Company of California to take over their assets, consisting of one apparently hopeless well. The transfer was made on July 2.

Under the direction of Frank F. Hill, then field superintendent, the next eight months were spent in straightening the crooked hole and drilling past the lost tools (called sidetracking), pulling the casing and putting down new. The hole had been drilled and cased to the depth of 2200 feet when on March 15, 1910, while the morning crew

was drilling away, the furious rumble of gas coming up the casing gave warning to get clear of the derrick. What happened then forms the most sensational chapter in American oil history. The bare figures of 65,000 barrels of oil per day and of the millions of barrels that flowed during a few months, no not begin to tell the exciting story. Tools and casing were blown out of the hole. The derrick was destroyed and the terrific gas pressure made it impossible even to attempt to stop the oil. The only thing that could be done was to put forth every effort to take care of the huge quantity of oil which was flooding the land in that vicinity. Great artificial reservoirs were built around the well by using mountains of sand bags to back up the sumps, which were filled as fast as an army of workmen could construct them. At the same time a huge reservoir covering 16 acres was built. Even these preparations, however, were insufficient. Six hundred men were sent into the canyons to construct dams for storage and nine-tenths of the 10,000,000-barrel storage was needed before the gusher calmed down. The record of the Lakeview gusher shattered all performances of the world and stands supreme.

After the gusher had sanded up and ceased flowing, September 11, 1911, a new derrick was erected, the hole was re-drilled and a small production was developed.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL NEWS. Some plutocratic country newspaper man has discovered that the "0" has been left off of the new thousand dollar bills. On the ones we have gotten hold of nothing but the figure "1" is left.

The hardest thing about being a bachelor is that of not having anyone to blame things onto.

KEM'S for DRUGS

Reminds You That Only Four Buying Days Remain Before Christmas

We are ready to serve you well during these few remaining days which are pleasant though trying for both you and us. Our showings are larger and more varied than ever, yet we hold to the same high standards of quality of merchandise which we are known to always carry. We offer these few following suggestions. Our stocks will offer hundreds. Come in and let us show you.

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