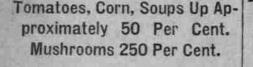
Stenographer Who Inherited \$10,000 From Chance Acquaintance Also Sorry That Opportunity Was Not Afforded Her to Make Gray Years of Elderly Man's Life Happier.



CANNED GOODS JOIN

PRICE AVIATION

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RAYS OF SUNSHINE SCARCE

New Crop Being Sold on Advanced Scale, so Little Hope of Reduction Is in Sight-Rice One of Few Staples at Old Figure.

For the improvident housewife who relies upon canned goods, bought at a procery store, for a large part of her daily fare, unhappy moments await, even if they have not already arrived. Canned goods of every sort are already stepping nimbly up the price ladder, and those who know say before the end of the coming Summer it will,' in all probability, he impossible to get sup-plies of canned goods in this market. The common old can of tomatoes, No. 2 in size, which is the can known to commerce, retailed a year ago at \$5 cents a dozen; now the same goods are \$1.25. Corn, the staple fowa brands, which a year ago sold for \$1 a dozen at retail, now bring \$1.50. For the first time in 20 years timed soups, which always sold at 10 cents, a can and often three for a quarter, are now two for 25 cents. Grocers grown gray in the business never heard of a price increase in these soups be-fore. and those who know say before the end

Mushrooms Hard to Get.

Mushrooms Hard to Get. The same rule scems to hold good throughout the whole list of foods in time. Some have advanced more than others, but all are higher. There are low-grade mushrooms, for example, that used to sell-not long ago, either-for 20 cents the can, which are now hard to get at 50 cents. The mush-room industry, which centers in Paris, has been shot to pieces by the war, and grocers do not expect to get fresh supplies of this succulent dainty again supplies of this succulent dainty again

Boon. Then there is the old friend, sauer kraut, in tins, which has become a luxury. A year ago the cans were to be had for \$1 a dozen, now they are hard to get at \$1.50 and the article is so scarce that it is practically out of the market

so scarce that it is practically out of the market. Scarcity of cabbage is, of course, the reason for the lack of sauer kraut. A grocer yesterday paid 5½ cents a pound for poor cabbage. He said it a ton of cabbage could be found, \$100 would be cheap for it: in fact anyone fortun-ate enough to have that much cab-bage could get almost any price he chose to ask.

Cans Cost Much More.



MISS ELLA PEARSON.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. COME people are born great, others

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then we ambled through the mystery rooms and she confided to me it was her initial visit to a big newspaper plant. The interesting and interested achieve greatness and some have The advance in canned goods of all kinds may be traced directly to the war. Bessemer steel is now more in de-mand for killing people than for aid-ing in feeding them. The advance in the cost of the close money thrust upon them. That is tin plate and steel is now more in de-mand for killing people than for aid-ing in feeding them. The advance in the cost of tin alone in a small can over last year is about one cent. This does not take into ac-count the higher prices of speiter, the basis of solder, increased cost of colors and inks used for the labels on the cans, higher prices for nails used in the boxes, higher cost for machinery and labor, all big items to a can manu-facturer and the packer who preserves the foodstuffs. And the worst of it all is that the future crops of canned goods are sell-ing on this basis. They will not be cheaper during the coming year than they are right now, and the chances are they may be a good deal higher. Oysters in cans are up 50 per cent

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Oysters in cans are up 50 per cent over last year; gallon peas, in tin, a handy size for restaurants and hotels, will not be made this year, manifacturers announce, as they prefer to make the smaller packages in response to the demand.
Cheese Up 20 Per Cent.
Canned goods, at that, are only acting in harmony with almost every other thing on the dinner table. Cheese is 20 per cent higher than it was last year, with many kinds out of the market. The Swiss government has stopped the export of cheese, and none from that country may be had.
Cream of tartar has doubled in price. The principal source of this article is the wine-growing countries of Europealthough a small quantity comes from from Austria before the war stopped it is see and 1 much higher, with sage probably in the lead. Most it is see used in this country came from Austria before the war stopped its import, and Austrian sage now on hand is worth easily eight times what it was before hostilities started.

Cottonseed Oll Sours.

Cottonseed oll is up nearly 300 per cent over former prices. This affects the products into which it enters. Salt is 20 per cent higher. Crackers are 50 per cent dearer on account of flour Drices. Olive oil, however, is about where it

Olive oil, however, is about where it was when the war started, and this is an imported article, too. It is ex-plained that the making of olive oil is a household industry in Italy and the work connected with its manufacture, so that the product is not lessened, even though the men are away at war. Added to all the other causes of high foodstuffs is the greater expense of doing business. Paper and twine are so expensive that this has become an item with the merchant. Chicago stores of the larger sort have installed pack-age inspectors, to see that clerks do not waste paper and twine in tying up packages.

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Teachers' Institutes Set.

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there to match something, looking over patterns and waste perfectly won-derful days buying one dress or hat. Not that I rush in and grab the first thing I see. Oh, no! But I know what I need. I know my own tastes and color preferences, and I've lived with my own face several seasons, so that no one can judge better than I can judge whether a noke house or a flat there to match something.

judge whether a poke bonnet or a flat sallor is most becoming to my especial scheme of architecture. Simple, isn't it?" She smiled.

You'd love Ella Pearson's smile. Glorious, firm, snowy-white teeth back up the smile, and if she turned the radiance of all that sunshining smile on the late Mr. Clark I can't wonder that he grew to watch for her good-morning and good-night as she passed

telephone a girl and "It's five years since I'd even seen Mr. Clark." she told me, "so when Mr. Newhall called me by telephone one andly over abe con-But the me to read Mr. Clark's will to me, I

Smile Found Charming.

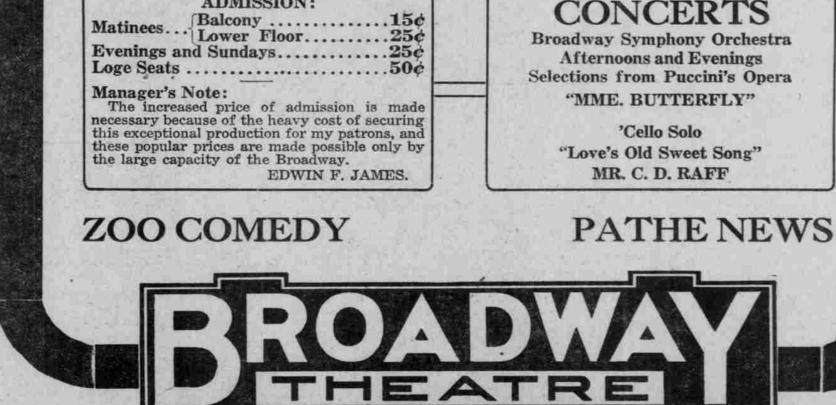
Its import, and Austrian sage now on hand is worth easily eight times what it was before hostilities started. Sago and taploca, that sold recently at 4 cents a pound, are now 12½ cents. The reason for this is the rike in the price of silver. These products come from the East Indies, Singapore and the Straights Sottlements being the producing centers. Similar rises in price may be noted on all goods brought from the silver countries.
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SMALL SONS OF MR. AND MRS. THURLOW TYLER SMITH, WHO WILL LEAVE FOR SEATTLE WITH THEIR PARENTS.



Stewart Howley Young Thurlow Tyler Smith Jr.,

After touring California and stopping at the most picturesque and larg-est cities of the state, little Thurlow Tyler Smith, Jr., and Stewart Hawley Young have returned to Portland with their mother. Mrs. Thurlow Tyler Smith. The children were feted at several children's parties in San Francisco just before leaving, and are now at the Almira Apartments. Stewart is 7 years old and Thurlow Tyler 3 Both are native Oregon children and have relatives and friends in Portland, Salem and Sheridan. They will leave shortly for Seattle to Join Mr. Smith.



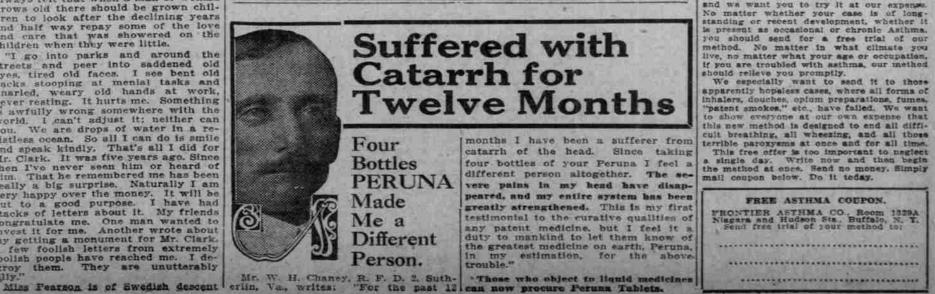
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me, because I supposed he was just and has traveled extensively both in the Union Meat Company, where she has been for three years. America and in Europe. She is an omnivorous reader, choosing literature when we were saying good-bye I when we were saying good-bye I That line of work-too old to be ac-tively interested in anything else. I supposed he was just an old, forgotten man, and I was not any kinder to him than I am to anyone else. I like old people, particularly the ones that some-one has forgotten. I like children, too. I haven't given much thought to what I'm going to do with the \$10,000 Mr. Clark left me, but I know one thing I'd like to do. I'd like to adopt some little child and give him a home and love. So far as I know I have never hurt or been cruel to any living being. I feit drawn to Mr. Clark merely he-cause he was old and working. I've always feit that when a man or woman grows old there should be grown chil-dren to look after the declining years and half way repay some of the love on philosophy and psychology. She is intensely domestic and can do anything in a home from making pies and beds to playing the plano after the dishes are done. Personally, she is quite charming and attractive. Her eyes are blue, deep dark blue; her hair—and she has a mass of it—is bronze gold; her skin is fair, and I've already told you about her delightful smile. She is an Oregonian; went to the public schoola, was graduated from Lincoln High and later attended the Portland Business College. She is a stenographer, and is going to stay right by her job with

and half way repay some of the love and care that was showered on the children when they were little.

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and care that was showered on the children when they were little. "I go into parks and around the streets and peer into saddened old eyes, tired old faces. I see bent old backs stooping at menial tasks and gnarled, weary old hands at work, never resting. It hurts me. Something is awfully wrong somewhere with the world. I can't adjust it; neither can you. We are drops of water in a re-sistless ocean. So all I can do is smile and apeak kindly. That's all I did for Mr. Clark. It was five years ago. Since then I've never seen him or heard of him. That he remembered me has been really a big surprise. Naturally I am very happy over the money. It will be put to a good purpose. I have had stacks of letters about it. My friends congratulate me. One man wanted to invest it for me. Another wrote about my getting a monument for Mr. Clark. A few foolish letters from extremely foolish people have reached me. I de-stroy them. They are unutterably silly."



16, and in his will made Miss Pearson executrix without bonds and be-quashed to her \$10,000; to James N. Wheeler, inspector of the public works department, \$6000, and to Miss Anne Leon, also a stenographer, \$6000.

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