Deduction.

Farmer Meddergrass (reading paper)—Thet Vaudeville must be a great show fer sure.

Mrs. Meddergrass—Why so, pa?

"Why, I see here where another one of our greatest actors has made arrangements t' stay right thar fer a hull season."—Puck.

Naturally.

"My lawyer recommends this to me as a feasible course."

"That proves nothing as to its merits."

"It doesn't!"

"Of course not. My dear, to a lawyer all courses are feasible."—Baltimore American.

MERITS OF THE COMBINE.

Comparison Made With Old Method of Harvesting.

A Spokane man wrote to the Washington State Experiment station staff, Pullman, recently, inquiring relative to the growing and cutting of wheat, the and flour-making content of the berry as affected by soil, climate and methods of cutting. Professor R. W. Thatcher, director of the station, answered the inquiries as follows:

1. Does the wheat lose any of the essential elements for good flour by standing until ripe enough to cut and thresh at one operation.

"Wheat does not lose any of its constituents by standing until it is thoroughly ripe. It does, however, manufacture and store up a somewhat larger proportion of starch than if cut when in the dough, resulting in a slightly softer wheat with a larger proportion of starch and a smaller proportion of gluten. The difference in this respect is rather small, however."

2. Are the berries as plump when cut by a combined machine as when the grain is harvested by a binder or header, and threshed after standing in the shock, or having been stacked? We are informed that the wheat buyers and millers make a difference between grain harvested with the combined machine and that cut with the binder or header.

"The berries are plumper than when cut by the binder and left standing in the shock, for the same reason; that is, a greater production of starch fills the berries plumper."

3. Do the berries lost their color when left growing until ripe enough to cut with a combined machine?

"The color of the berry is not changed materially until after the grain is dead ripe, after which it may be bleached out to a varying extent, depending upon the length of time and the climatic conditions."

4. Is all the wheat in one sack of an even grade when harvested with the combined machine?

"The wheat in a single sack of grain harvested by a combined machine is not necessarily of an even grade. Since the machine is run up or down hill, it may cut and run into the sack wheat growing under quite different conditions. This, however, is equally true of any other method of harvesting. It is well known that grain from the top of a clay point is different from that of a north hill slope, and both of these are different from that of a south hill slope, or upon a flat. I do not think any method of harvesting will secure absolutely the uniformity you suggest."

5. Is there more wheat lost during the operation of the combined machine than through harvesting and threshing by the old method? If so, how much?

"We have no information which would make it possible for us to state definitely whether there is more or less wheat lost during the operation of a combined machine, than by harvesting and threshing by the old method. We are aware of the objection that has been raised in California to the use of a combined machine, but do not think it is a 'great' objection, as has been stated.

"There is no question but that the grain cut with a combined machine is slightly lower in proportion of gluten which it will show. The yield per acre is certainly a little later, if the grain is allowed to become ripe. I am personally of the opinion that the most serious objection to the combined machine is in the distribution over the field of the threshed out weed seeds."

DEVELOP NEW WATER POWER.

Elma Electric Comprny Will Utilize Cloquallum Creek.

Chehalis county, Wash., abounds in some of the finest water power in the state. The Upper Satsop river, the Wishkah river, and numerous other streams flowing into Grays harbor afford magnificent cportunities for the development of water power for commercial purposes. Scarcely a move has yet been made to secure any of these water power sites. The Elma Light & Power company is among the first to take advantage of the opportunitities afforded and now has a large force of men at work on the Cloquallum creek, three miles northeast of Elma, constructing a large dam to store water and will install one of the latest model water wheels.

The water can be backed up for several miles without doing any damage and power enough can be derived to give light and power to the town of Elma for years to come. The company has a franchise from the town of Elma for furnishing light to the town. Its present plant has been in operation for three years.

The power has been obtained from stream, but the cost of wood and coal has become so high that the company decided to install a water power plant. The saving in fuel and operating expenses will be about $200 a month.

Chili Sauce.

Peel and chop together two dozen tomatoes and six small onions with two seeded red peppers. Stir in four tablespoonfuls of salt, a cup of granulated sugar, three teaspoonfuls each of ground cloves, cinnamon and allspice and a teaspoonful of ground ginger. Put into a kettle with two quarts of vinegar and boil for three hours. Set aside until cool before bottling.

Test for Eggs.

To know if an egg is fresh, place it in a basin of cold water. If it remains at the bottom, it is all right; if it floats at all, it is of rather doubtful freshness; if it floats gayly on the surface, you may be certain it is quite bad.

Metal Teapots Kept Sweet.

Metal teapots, if disused for some time, give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting away.

Homely Enough.

Towne—Hansom's fiancee must simply be rolling in wealth.

Browne—Oh! are you acquainted with her?

Towne—No; but I saw her to-day.—Philadelphia Press.

RHEUMATISM RECIPE

PREPARE THIS SIMPLE HOME-MADE MIXTURE YOURSELF.

Buy the Ingredients from Any Druggist in Your Town and Shake Them in a Bottle to Mix This.

A well known authority on Rheumatism gives the readers of a large New York daily paper the following valuable, yet simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepare at home:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and, being a vegetable extraction, are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of even the small towns elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists will mix the prescription if asked to.

Pro and Con.

That the "early bird catches the worm"
Is something we've often been taught,
And yet we may state if the worm had slept late
It surely would not have been caught.
—Kansas City Times.

THE MILK PANS are quickly cleaned and rid of all greasy "feel" when washed in Borax and water in the following proportions—1 tablespoonful of Borax to a quart of water.

Another Romotionary.

"It is permissible, I believe," said the lecturer, by way of making his idea still plainer, "to take an illustration from the great book of nature——"

"I protest," interrupted a sour-faced man in the audience. "President Roosevelt owns the copyright on that book!"

Accounted For.

"How do you like the show?"

"It's rotten!"

"Oh, that's the auto they use in the third act that you smell."—Houston Post.

FLASHES OF FUN

A man has no right to stone his wife, but he may rock his baby.—Chicago News.

"Toothache, eh? I'd have the thing pulled out if it were mine." "So would I if it were yours."—Pick-Me-Up.

"Don't you think that doctor comes oftener than he needs to?" "How should I know what his needs are?"—Life.

"Do you think Dauber's picture worth catalogue price?" "It's still a quarter, isn't it?"—Harper's Weekly.

"How do you know he hasn't any sense of humor?" "Because he hasn't any sense of any kind."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She—To satisfy me you must make my shoes—— Shoemaker—Very large inside and very small outside?—Transatlantic Tales.

She—What prompted Miss Gold to take that old bachelor? He (sarcastically)—Kleptomania, I should think.—Literary Digest.

"Have you lived here all your life, friend?" "Not yit, but er I don't git money enough to move I reckon I'll have to!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Little Girl (after a domestic scene with her mother)—The best thing for us to do, mamma, is to agree to a separation."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

She—There is at least one woman in the world who can thank you for rendering her happy for life. He—Why, I'm not married. She—That's what I mean!—Illustrated Bits.

"Do you expect to make people believe all you say?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum; "it will be a pretty good job if I convince them that I believe all of it myself."—Washington Star.

Nurse—Come indoors at once, Master Richard, and be a good boy. You won't go to heaven if you're so naughty. Master Richard—I don't want to go to heaven; I want to go with father!—London Sketch.

"Take dinner with us to-morrow, Count?" "Could you not make it breakfast? I have numerous invitations to dinner each week, but I cannot live on ze one meal a day."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Walter—Mr. Brown left his umbrella again, sir. I do believe he'd leave his head if it were loose. Robinson—I dare say you're right. I heard him say yesterday he was going to Switzerland for his lungs.—Ally Sloper.

Gentleman Lodger—I say, Mrs. Napper, I don't care for your bacon this morning. It doesn't seem fresh. Mrs. Napper—Very strange, sir. The shopman said it was only cured last week. Gentleman Lodger—Well, it must have had a relapse.—Punch.

"If you do not take care of your money," said the ant to the grasshopper, "the world will simply sneer and ask what you did with it." "Yes; and if I invest it and become rich, the world will sneer and ask me where I got it."—Washington Star.

"Hasn't Woodby got his coat-of-arms yet? Why, he told me he was going to look up his ancestry the first chance he got, and——" "Well, I believe he got a chance to look up his family tree, but he saw some things hanging to the branches that discouraged further research." — Catholic Standard and Times.

"You insurance agents are a careless bunch," growled Mr. Busyman. "You're the third that has been in here to-day, and not one of you has shut the door after him." "That's not carelessness," answered the agent. "On the contrary, it's a matter of precaution."—Cleveland Leader.

Diplomatic Bachelor (who has forgotten whether the baby is a boy or girl)—Well, well, but he's a fine little fellow, isn't she? How old is it now? Do her teeth bother him much? I hope he gets through its second summer without getting sick. She looks like you, doesn't he? Everyone says it does.—Puck.

"Speaking of bad falls," remarked Jones, "I fell out of a window once, and the sensation was terrible. During my transit through the air I really believe I thought of every mean act I had ever committed in my life." "H'm!" growled Thompson. "You must have fallen an awful distance!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Professor (coming from his club holding up triumphantly his umbrella to his wife)—You see, my dear Alma, how stupid are all the anecdotes about our absent-mindedness; you see, I haven't forgotten my umbrella. Mrs. Professor—But, my dear, you didn't take your umbrella with you; you left it at home.—Frankfort Witzblatt.

John and Willie are twins. Their best friend and playfellow is Archie, who is gifted with red hair and a hot temper. One day they quarreled and Archie started home in a huff. The unsympathetic twins called after him "red head, red head." Archie seemed not to hear until the insult was repeated, then he turned and called back, "Don't care if I am red headed, I ain't twins and folks can tell me apart."—Grand Forks Press.

A Possible Explanation.

"So many lies stalk in disguise,"
Remarked the puzzled youth,
"Perhaps that's why, howe'er we try,
It's hard to tell the truth."
—Catholic Standard and Times.

When you face misfortune it is time to turn your back on discouragement.

Unpopular.

The popular ditty, when it has begun
Its brief but surprising career,
Is persistently shouted till soon it is one
That nobody's willing to hear.
—Washington Star.

Wrong Idea.

Customer (at department store)—Where is your complaint department?

New Salesgirl—Complaint? Guess you've come to the wrong place, mister. This ain't no hospital.

Uncle Allen.

"Many a man," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "who goes hustling and bustling through this world has nothing to show for it but a lot of barked places on his shins."

About $80 per year is charged for an unlimited telephone service in Paris, but in addition to this the subscriber must purchase his own instrument, which may be any one of a number of different kinds.