

CHURCH AMONG SKYSCRAPERS.



TRINITY CHURCH IN WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

Trinity Church in Wall street, New York, once an imposing building, has been entirely dwarfed by the huge skyscrapers that hem it in on every side. The Wall street brokers have recently had the honor of a visit from the Bishop of London, who has been preaching special sermons to New York business men.

WESTON'S GREAT WALK.

Aged Pedestrian Who Tramped from Portland, Me., to Chicago.

Remarkable indeed was the endurance shown by Edward Payson Weston, the aged athlete who at 69 repeated his feat of forty years ago in walking from Portland, Me., to Chicago. He tramped the 1,234 miles in 24 days, 19 hours and 15 minutes, breaking his former record by 24 hours.

His longest day's walk on the recent trip was 95 3-10 miles, while on the



EDWARD P. WESTON.

former journey the best day was only eighty-two miles.

Weston's stride is almost a shuffle. He takes two or three steps of ordinary length and then falls into a dog trot. But it is not a dog trot. It is a little trick to relieve the strain upon the leg muscles. And it gets him over the ground amazingly fast. He walks with as little effort as possible, leaning slightly forward and frequently zig-zagging. At times he is apparently forced onward by his weight, falling from one foot to the other without visible effort.

Weston gives this advice to young men: "Don't smoke cigarettes; smoke cigars or a pipe if you must. Eat prunes daily; take a cold sponge bath each morning; walk to and from work; don't keep late hours, if you would be old and feel a youth. When

I left Portland to begin my walk the future oppressed me. I had a task to perform. I felt like a man of 90. When it was concluded I felt like a man of 21. Walking is the best thing for man or woman, done in the open air.

HE WAS A JUDGE OF TEA.

Thought He Had Got the Best of His Wife.

A certain suburban resident who is somewhat of a gourmet discovered one day that his wife was giving him tea at 18 4d to drink. Although he had never made any complaints about the quality of the tea, no sooner did he discover the price than he detected all sorts of shortcomings in the article supplied and when he went down to business that morning he dropped into a tea store and bought a pound of orange pekoe at 2s 6d, says Answers. This he carried home in the night, and, taking the opportunity of the kitchen being empty, he hunted around till he found the tea caddy, which was nearly full. The contents of this he threw away and replaced out of his own package. It had not been his intention to say anything about the substitution, but next morning he could not help referring to the improved quality of the beverage.

"This is something like tea this morning," he said. "Don't you notice the difference?"

"No, I don't," said his wife. "It tastes to me exactly like the tea we have been drinking for the last month, and so it should, for it is the same tea."

The husband laughed.

"It's just like a woman," he said. "You never know what is good and what isn't unless we tell you. Now, I could have told you with my eyes shut that this tea is better than what we have been drinking."

"It is a pity you haven't been drinking with your eyes shut all along," retorted the lady. "Anyway, it is the same tea."

"Now, I'll just prove to you," said her husband, "how defective a woman's sense of taste is. Yesterday I bought a pound of 3s 6d tea, threw out what was in the caddy, and put mine in its place. And to think that you never noticed the difference!"

"Which caddy did you empty?"

"One on the upper shelf of the pantry," was the reply.

"I thought so," said the lady, quietly. "That was some special tea I keep for special occasions. The caddy with the cheap tea is in the cupboard in the kitchen, and this," she added, with an exasperating smile, as she lifted the teapot, "was made out of the selfsame caddy as it has been every morning. What a blessing it must be to you to possess such a cultivated taste! I have heard that tea tasters get very high salaries. Now, don't you—"

But he cut her remarks short by leaving the room.

The finest thing in the world is a comfortable home. Why not devote more attention to a comfortable home and less to billiards, and beer, and clubs?

With old age comes the knowledge of lost opportunities.



Storage of Corn.

The relation of a perfect stand to increased crop yields has been so effectively demonstrated that the best method of storing grain becomes a matter of vital interest to all corn growers.

A test was made last year to determine what the effect of storing corn in a dry room, on racks in the barn, in the warming oven of a stove and in a corncrib would have on the germinating powers of the seed the following spring.

The per cent of germination was lowest with the

corn stored in the crib, as would naturally be expected, as the seed was exposed to the widely varying temperatures which prevailed during the winter season. The germination was practically the same with the samples stored in a dry room and on racks in a barn, though these methods of storing had but little advantage over the use of the warming oven. Considerable difference was witnessed, however, in the strength of the germinations from corn kept in the several ways indicated. The grain from the corn stored in the crib showed the least vigor of germination, the best results being obtained from the corn stored in the racks in the barn, followed quite closely by that stored in a dry room. The corn stored in the warming oven germinated fairly well in all except two instances. In one the germination was remarkably low, due either to a poor ear or to the fact that the corn may have been overheated at some time.—Exchange.

Heavy Hay Tonnage.

"By methods that are perfectly practicable to you we at the college are getting fifty-four tons of hay from twelve acres. First we have our land well filled," said Professor Gilbert, of the Maine station, in addressing a recent farmers' meeting. "Why is there so much rundown land, is it low in fertility? No, it has been lying in grass so long. There are lots of fertility, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash; that it needs is plowing up and rotation."

"Plow poor land in the fall, and by spring there will be air in it, harrow it well in the spring, pulverize it by harrowing it over and over again. Then seed with oats and grass, and the next year you will have a good crop of grass and clover the next year. A good rotation of potatoes on sod land, using commercial fertilizer; the next year cover with stable dressing, then oats and grass with no fertilizer; the next year, grass and clover, with top-dressing of fertilizer. Our mixture of grass seed to the acre is eleven pounds smooth, six redtop, four red clover and four alsike."

"For the top-dressing 350 pounds to be acre of a fertilizer carrying 3 per cent nitrogen, 7 per cent phosphoric acid, 6 per cent potash. The grass should be cut while in bloom." After explaining why it should be done, he continued, "After the first crop is cut, 150 pounds of the same fertilizer to the acre should be applied."

Easily Made Bag Holder.

I describe a handy sack holder, useful on a farm. It has two upright pieces of 2x2 and a two-inch plank two feet long which the upright pieces are fastened to.

About four or five inches from the top bore two holes exactly opposite each other and place through these holes a long bolt. Take a piece of plank or board and cut it to fit between the two uprights and place the bolt through this board so it will work easily. Cut his board in a half circle to fit the sack. Drive nails through this board around this half circle to fasten sack to. This board can be raised or lowered to the height of sack and is held in place by means of an iron rod which is fastened on the uprights about two feet from the bottom.

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Agriculture's Amazing Growth.

How can any country be hard up whose farms in the last nine years have produced fifty-three thousand millions of dollars' worth of crops?

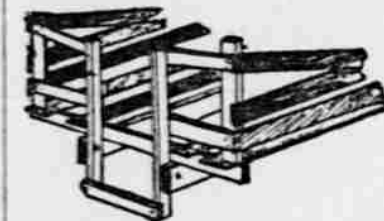
No wonder that the report of the Secretary of Agriculture is full of thanksgiving favor and that he is unaffected by causes for gloom that work on other men. The value of the farm products for 1907 is nearly seven and one-half billions of dollars; 10 per cent above that of 1906, when all records of crops were broken; 25 per cent over 1903, and 57 per cent over 1899.

More than 3,000,000 acres of land that used to be considered valueless, "the home of the cactus and the prairie dog," are now producing \$30,000,000 worth of crops every year; and these crops are directly due to Secretary Wilson, who imported the Mediterranean durum wheats at a first cost of \$10,000 and saw that they were planted there. Irrigation farming, due wholly to the department, will this year sell crops for not less than \$250,000,000, which is not contemptible, in view of the fact that the Department of Agriculture costs only about \$15,000,000 a year.

Yet the work of the department is by no means on such a scale as the natural resources of the country warrant and will one day make possible. Surveyors declare that not one-half the farms of the country—420,000,000 acres, to be exact—can be classed as improved land, and only one-third, or 200,000,000 acres, is fruitful. Many years will pass before all this ground is put under cultivation, but the time will come when it will be producing abundant crops and supporting hundreds of millions of human beings.—Chicago Journal.

Convenient Hayrack.

Many basket hay racks are built in such a fashion in the rear that to climb into them presents an especially irksome task to a man, more so after having lifted hay or pitched bundles all day. In the sketch presented of the



HAY RACK.

rear end of a rack we have tried to illustrate how the task of climbing into the rack might be made easier. But little extra work and material will be required and at the same time the contents of the rack are held very nearly as good as if the end pieces extended clear across.

Fertilizer for Onions.

Professor John B. Smith, the Entomologist of the New Jersey Experiment Station, in a bulletin on the cabbage and onion maggots, just issued, refers to the necessity of a quick-acting fertilizer in conjunction with planting at the right time, and replenishes the following formula, recommended in earlier reports: Nitrate of soda, 700 pounds; acid phosphate, 1,000 pounds; muriate of potash, 300 pounds. This, he said, in the case of radishes, can be applied as a top dressing along the rows, before they are planted, or just after they are up, at the rate of 500 pounds per acre. Similar applications can be made on turnips or onions. I believe that a fertilizer compounded after this formula, or the application of the three ingredients separately, at a proportionate rate, would in most cases be followed by good results. The combination has about 5 per cent nitrogen in its most available form, 7 per cent phosphoric acid, and 7 1/2 per cent potash. A ton of it would cost in the neighborhood of \$32 to \$35.

Proper Fruit Packing.

A great many farmers and fruit growers seem to ignore the conditions attending the journey which their wares must take before they reach the hands and eyes of the consumers. The methods of transportation, customs of the trade, the markets' fashions as regards style, size and form of package, all must be well understood, for they are as important as the growing of the crop.

The government of Spain has just started in to foster its agricultural industry by sending touring lecturers over the country.

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What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, as formulated by a noted authority, who claims that he has found a positive remedy to cure almost any case of backache or kidney or bladder derangement, in the following simple prescription, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

A well known authority, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are all harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic afflictions with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

In France for the privilege of wearing men's trousers the government charges women a tax of about \$10.

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