

Cigarette Smoking on the Increase.

Consumption of cigarettes increased largely in the United States during the last fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, according to the preliminary annual statement of internal revenue receipts. Tobacco revenues generally fell off, the public smoking fewer cigars than the preceding year, taking less snuff and chewing less. But more cigarettes of all kinds were used.

Less spirits were used than in 1907, the heaviest falling off being in the spirits distilled from grain, the revenue on which declined over \$15,000,000. This would indicate large decline in whisky consumption. The beer business, however, continued to grow in spite of the depression.

The total decrease in internal revenue, as compared with the preceding fiscal year, was \$17,908,072.

Origin of the Coolness.

Esmeralda—I don't care much for automobile riding.

Gwendolen—I suppose not; the chauffeur can't manage the machine with one hand.

Concerning Mrs. Jypes.

Mrs. Goodsole—What satisfaction does Mrs. Jypes derive from her new automobile? I never see her riding in it.

Miss Capsicum—She isn't deriving any satisfaction from it now. The Snoodles have bought a finer one.

Close Quarters.

The following extract from a letter of thanks is cherished by its recipient: The beautiful clock you sent me came in perfect condition, and is now in the parlor on top of the book shelves, where we hope to see you soon, and your husband, also, if he can make it convenient.

Too Attractive.

Mrs. Jenner Lee Oudgo—Getting ready to move again? Why, you told me when you rented these apartments that they were the most desirable you had ever occupied.

Mrs. Sciddom-Holme—Yes; they are altogether too desirable. They have been entered by burglars five times since we moved into them.

The Robin's Epitaph.

The two little grand-daughters of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell were showing a new governess their treasures of house and garden. Behind a box hedge they paused.

"This is the place where our birds are buried," said one of the children.

At the head of a tiny grave was placed a white board. Printed on it in irregular characters with a lead pencil were these words:

"Here lie our Robins; one a week old, one only an egg."—Lippincott's.

Next in Order.

"We must do something to preserve the trees!" exclaimed the summer boarder.

"Well," answered Farmer Cornrossel, "we've been preservin' tomatoes an' watermelon rinds an' most everything else. I don't see why we should draw the line at trees."—Washington Star.

Terminated.

"Last time I heard about Kit Skimmerhorn she was engaged to a young man she met at a seaside resort. How long did the engagement last?"

"Three days, I believe. Then the young man began to insist on their marrying."

"Well?"

"Well, it was near the end of the season, and she married him."

An Overrated Philosopher.

"Aesop couldn't have been so very wise after all."

"No?"

"Of course not. If he had been he never would have sold his birthright for that mess of pottage."—Kansas City Times.

Depends.

"Can a man get a good bargain in a farm in this neighborhood?"

"Want to buy one?"

"Yes."

"Know anything about the farms around here?"

"No."

"Can you pay cash?"

"Yes."

"Well, you can get some splendid bargains if you'll offer just about one-third of the prices they'll ask you."

Habitual Constipation

May be permanently overcome by proper personal efforts with the assistance of the one truly beneficial laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, which enables one to form regular habits daily so that assistance to nature may be gradually dispensed with when no longer needed as the best of remedies, when required, are to assist nature and not to supplant the natural functions, which must depend ultimately upon proper nourishment, proper efforts, and right living generally. To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. ONLY SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price 50¢ per Bottle.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

A cord of wood ordinarily yields about one ton of mechanical pulp or about one-half ton of chemical pulp.

There are nearly fifty clocks on the giant ocean liner Lusitania, controlled by a master clock in the chart-house.

The River Polk flows into a cave in the side of a mountain, and completely disappears, at Adelsburg, near Trieste.

An airgun of large size, working on the principle of the pneumatic hammer, has been devised for killing animals in a humane manner.

Eau de cologne, invented by Johann Maria Ferina, over two hundred years ago, is composed of oils of neroli, citron, bergamot, orange and rosemary.

An Englishman has invented a bicycle for the blind. In reality, it is a multiple, carrying twelve riders, led by a seeing person, who does the steering.

According to the delegates to the national opticians' convention in Philadelphia, women's eyes are weaker than men's, and more of the fair sex wear glasses.

The French Ministry is drafting a bill to make a standard karat for weighing precious stones, fixed at 200 milligrams, and prohibiting the word for any other weight.

Miss Ross Becker has been appointed a claim agent and United States pension attorney in Missouri. She has been known for years as one of the most successful women in St. Louis, being a notary public and an insurance agent.

Miss Ruby Abrams, who was recently graduated at the head of the art class in Cooper Institute, is deaf, and until a few years ago was also dumb. She has been an art student ever since she was graduated at the head of her class six years ago at the Institute for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes. She has the record of having won four prizes during her art course.

It is not a hundred years ago since stays for women were composed not of whalebone or hardened leather, but of bars of iron and steel from three inches to four inches broad and eighteen inches long. Again, during the reign of George III, the top of the steel stay had a long stocking needle attached to it to prevent girls from spoiling their shape by stooping too much over their work.

Consul General Robert J. Wynne, makes the report that the returns of shipping and tonnage of the Suez canal for 1907 show that the net tonnage exhibits an all round increase, the figures for the last year showing an increase of 1,282,930 tons, as compared with that of 1906, and an increase of 1,504,329 over 1905. Receipts during 1907 showed an increase of \$1,557,000, as compared with 1906.

The boring of an artesian well is not an easy task. The well of Grenelle (France) required from Dec. 24, 1833, to Feb. 25, 1841, for completion. The one at Passay of the same depth took only two years to make. Our engineers now count upon one year in which to complete the well of Maisons-Laffitte. This well is already at a depth of 400 meters. It will go to a depth of 550 meters.—De Dion-Bouton Journal.

Mrs. Phoebe Rideout, of California, is the latest recruit to the ranks of the women bank presidents. Mrs. Rideout has just been elected to succeed her late husband as the president of the bank at Oroville, Cal., and also as president of the banks at Marysville and Gridley. The aggregate capital of the three institutions is said to be more than \$3,000,000. Mrs. William Langdon, wife of the city attorney of San Francisco, has been elected president of the Union Savings Bank at Modesto.

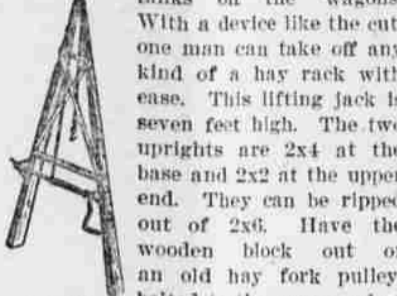
The production of American gems more than doubled last year, according to the government reports, the total value for 1907 being \$471,300, while in the preceding year the total was \$208,000. The total production of sapphires in the United States last year was valued at \$229,800. Tourmaline is second in importance and is placed at \$84,120. Among other important gems produced were chrysoptase, to the value of \$45,000; californite, \$25,000; turquoise, \$23,840; spodumene gems (kunzite and hiddenite), \$14,500; varicite, uhalite and amtrite, \$7,500; rose quartz, beryl, aquamarine and garnet, each over \$5,000.

Old-time barristers in England did not openly receive fees for their services. An early method of collecting fees was the pocket which in medieval times a barrister used to have placed in the back of his gown, into which the solicitor would surreptitiously slip the fee. The pocket has long since disappeared, but the services of a barrister are still supposed to be honorary, and by the unwritten yet despotic law of the profession he must not sue for his fee. He has, however, some compensation in being permitted to demand cash in advance, and when once briefed in a case etiquette allows him to pocket the honorarium whether he is able to appear for his client or not.



A Lifting Jack.

When one is alone on a farm with perhaps no help around it is almost impossible to lift hay racks or grain tanks off the wagons.



LIFTING JACK.

With a device like the cut, one man can take off any kind of a hay rack with ease. This lifting jack is seven feet high. The two uprights are 2x4 at the base and 2x2 at the upper end. They can be ripped out of 2x6. Have the wooden block out of an old hay fork pulley, bolted to the upper end of the uprights with a half inch bolt for the rope to work on. Thirty inches from the base is an offset to which is attached a spindle for the rope to wind on. The need of the offset will easily be seen in operating; the crank will always be in the clear. The crank is 14 inches long. The spindle is one inch in diameter. A piece of good one inch gas pipe makes a good one. The uprights are spread 20 or 22 inches at the base. It also needs a few light wooden braces to strengthen and stiffen it. It should be made quite strong and light, so that one man can carry it handily. On the end of the three-quarter inch rope is a five-eighths inch iron hook.

slides leaving the skim milk for use on the farm. Of course, cream can be usually sold for more than 50 cents per gallon. It appears that milk shipping is ordinarily more profitable than butter. Thus 12 cents per gallon for 3 1/2 per cent milk is equal to 23 1/2 cents per pound for butter, while at 15 cents per gallon for 3.6 per cent milk the butter is sold at 32 1/2 cents per pound. In selling cream at 70 cents per gallon the price obtained is equal to 33 cents for the butter, but creameries never pay this amount, and no home-made butter brings any such price except for a very few gilt-edge makes.

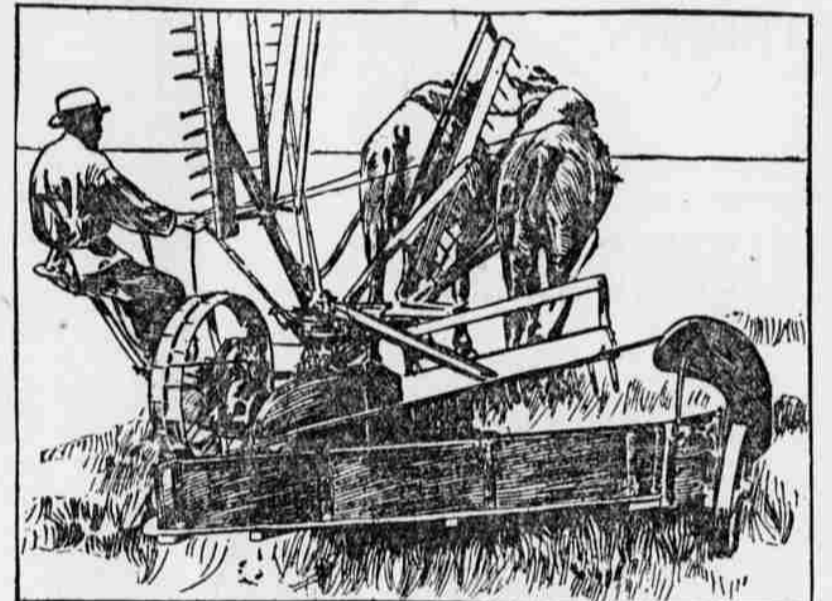
Homemade Barometer.

Those who love experimentation may try the following method of making a cheap barometer, as practiced in France: Take 8 grams of pulverized camphor, 4 grams of pulverized nitrate of potassium, 2 grams of pulverized nitrate of ammonia and dissolve in 60 grams of alcohol. Put the whole in a long, slender bottle, closed at the top with a piece of bladder containing a pinhole to admit the air. When rain is coming the solid particles will tend gradually to mount, little star crystals forming in the liquid, which otherwise remains clear; if high winds are approaching, the liquid will become thick as if fermenting, while a film of solid particles forms on the surface; during fair weather the liquid will remain clear and the solid particles will rest at the bottom.

Individuality of Cows.

While there are slight individual differences in digestive efficiency among cows, extensive experiments have shown that these are insufficient to account for the widely variable returns made by similar cows from like

AMERICAN REAPERS IN ASIA.

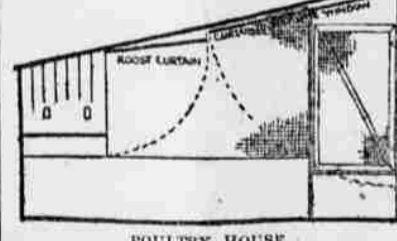


American farm machinery is rapidly finding its way into foreign countries, but our American farmers would not know how to use the machines that are sent over there. They are built to meet the demands of Asiatic farmers, who are slow to grasp up-to-date methods.

shaped so as to draw itself into the wood and not slip off. This hook needs one or two links. A hardwood peg is placed in the upright back of the crank, thus holding the load at any height. To take the hay rack off the wagon place the lifting jack in an upright position at one end as near the center as possible. Place the hook beneath some part of the rack, turn the crank, and it will surprise you how light the rack seems. When high enough so as to clear the wheels, have a 4x4 or other fairly strong timber to put under the rack, the ends resting on two well secured posts. Raise the other end in the same manner and you will have your hay rack or grain tank where the weeds will not grow over them and without any lifting to speak of.—Montreal Star.

Farmer's Poultry House.

The accompanying illustration of a poultry house is largely self-explanatory. Both a window and curtain front is provided. The window slides back and in place of it a cotton screen can be let down to fill the opening. The pens are built 12 ft. x 13 ft. and the coop is placed beneath the drop-



POULTRY HOUSE.

ping board. Rough boards are used for sheeting together with tar paper and cheap shingles. The inside may be plastered.

Profit From Dairy Products.

The Maryland Experiment Station has been making tests as to profits in selling dairy products, as milk, cream and butter. This test shows that cream is one of the most profitable forms of sale, when 20 per cent cream can be sold at 50 cents a gallon, and even at this low price returns 23 1/2 cents per pound for the butter in the milk, be-

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HON. R. S. THARIN.

Hon. R. S. Tharin, attorney at law and counsel for Anti-Trust League, writes from Pennsylvania Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C., as follows:

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Per-na Tablets.

Some people prefer to take tablets, rather than to take medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peruna tablets, which represent the solid medicinal ingredients of Peruna. Each tablet is equivalent to one average dose of Peruna.

In 1920. "Prisoner," said the magistrate severely, "you are charged with being a millionaire. How did you happen to fall?"

"Your honor," responded the trembling man at the bar, "in a moment of weakness I made a book on the races."

"You're not incurable," rejoined the magistrate, who at heart was not unkind. "Go and reform by playing the book of some other fellow. Dismissed."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Fame. Proud Father—My daughter, I suppose, is getting along famously with her dramatic studies.

Principal (of the school of dramatic art)—Er—yes; indeed she is. On an amateurs' night at one of the theaters recently the audience fairly went wild with enthusiasm when she starred in a little comedy called "Getting the Hook."—Chicago Tribune.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Enough to Wake Them.

"It's wonderful," said Dubley, "how wide-awake the Japanese have become in recent years."

"Oh, it's not so wonderful," replied the observant man, "when you consider that they have an earthquake every night or so in their country."—Philadelphia Press.

Appalling Result.

Sadly the mermaid regarded herself in her mirror.

"This," she said, "is the penalty imposed by nature for the absurd effort of my ancestresses, ages ago, to abolish hips!"

From which we learn how dangerous it is to meddle with the orderly processes of evolution.

Up to Date.

They were looking up at the latest skyscraper. "But what are those things sticking out from the sides?" asked the up-state friend.

"Those? Oh, those are the mile posts!" answered the New Yorker.—Judge.

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