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Enter the Cotton Picker

CONSIDERABLE concern is felt over impending social dislocations due to the invention of a successful cotton-picking machine.

Naturally the machine will be slow in coming into general use, just as the combined harvester has by no means supplanted the binder and stationary thresher.

Mrs. Mildred G. Barnwell, writing in the "Textile World" after a field trip to investigate the picker says that it is safe to presume the machine will not create a violent economic upheaval.

"Actual farm labor—share croppers and tenants—will not be displaced. The sufferers will be the seasonal help, hired by the day, as supplementary labor.

The introduction of labor-saving machinery has not only relieved the farmer of much hard physical labor.

The general standard of living has improved on farms and in cities since machinery came into general use.

These machines lift the burden of toil from the backs of men and women. They increase the abundance which humanity has to consume and enjoy.

One grave danger which may be seen is the consolidation of cotton acreage into large units, displacing the small proprietor, and accentuating the large plantation evil that now vexes the south.

Another development in farming is contract farming where the farmer hires a man with machines to perform specific operations like plowing, seeding, harvesting.

In all the discussion about agriculture in recent years most of the emphasis has been put on selling prices for produce.

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On the Record

The Outcast BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Removal from the classrooms of the city's three high schools of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" and Alexandre Dumas' "Three Musketeers" and "Twenty Years After" was reported today.

There was an ingrain carpet in the parsonage study, white muslin curtains, a walnut writing desk with legs, a bookcase with a shabby armchair and a stove with a winking isis-glass eyes.

It was an immense book, fully eight inches thick, in a faded green cloth cover.

There was a French village, with strange streets, and wandering through them a ragged, bearded man, with haggard cheeks and burning eyes.

Then the Bishop's house, white-washed and barred. He gave all he had to the poor, Lamplight, and a knock on the door.

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The light burning in the bedroom shone through a crack under the door. It opened. A face and a scolding voice. "It's nearly a clock. You should have been asleep for hours. No reading in bed!"

There was Javert, the man of probity, the man of rules. He pursued the convict like a dog on the scent. The law is without soul.

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Bits for Breakfast

First bridge across 9-11-36 Willamette was at Salem not Portland; Oregonian off: Here is a clipping from the Portland Oregonian of September 1:

"First Willamette Bridge "To the Editor: That was an interesting account of the Corbett homestead by Mr. Holbrook in the Oregonian Sunday, but it is certainly mistaken in his statement of the building of the first bridge in 1880.

For a generation, the more enterprising people of Portland and East Portland (they were two cities then) made a fight for a bridge across the Willamette river.

This first bridge was washed away by the flood of 1890, and another one took its place that year. The second one lasted 28 years, when it was considered dangerous, not having been built to accommodate automobile traffic.

When a company was ready and actually starting to build the first one, at Morrison street, a suit taken to the federal courts delayed it.

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Health

NORMALLY THE joints of the foot as well as other joints of the body are structures contained within a capsule.

It is not uncommon for the tissues forming the bursa to become inflamed. Pressure or irritation caused by wearing improperly fitted shoes, or the lack of foot hygiene, may lead to bursitis.

Occasionally the condition appears without any such history as I have suggested. In such cases, it is called "spontaneous bursitis."

Many persons resort to the use of bunion plasters. Sometimes these are beneficial and may aid in preventing further irritation.

Answers to Health Queries L. L. Q.—What can be done to improve the complexion? I am a young girl of sixteen.

A.—Proper diet and regular habits should bring about results. For further particulars send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and repeat your question.

H. L. Q.—What do you advise for anemia? I am a young girl of 23 and this condition affects my entire system.

A.—Make every effort to improve your general health and regular exercise. Proper diet, rest and relaxation are important in the treatment. For further particulars send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and repeat your question.

Former Residents Are Honored With Party; Dinner For Newlyweds

CENTRAL HOWELL, Sept. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. John Tweed invited a few friends to spend the evening Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Durlin of Portland who spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Tweeds.

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It was all Jake could do, rugged Westerner that he was, to keep from smothering his huge fist into the throats of these fellows.

Mr. Drouet opened his wallet and now scrutinized the man through a powerful glass screwed to his eye. He confirmed the decision.

"Thank you Mr. Drouet. Will you take this necklace back now, and give me a receipt for it?" She smiled, and her eyes turned sweetly up at him, and Nan's eyes were perhaps the best feature in her piquant little face.

"You mean, out in the back of beyond? A kind of Simon Legree for your construction gang? Is that it?"

"Oh, not as bad as that. But I'm accustomed to get my own way. They say I'm a head for work, and that anyone who isn't up to the mark."

"Not until I have given you my ultimatum," Vernon rejoined quietly. Her glance went from her father to the Prince, and then to the woman known as Mertina de Bray.

"You mean I'm prickly? That's horrid of you," she cried, and she laughed. "Shall I say, a rose with thorns, since you like pretty speeches? Come, Nan, you can't deny you were a bit barbed with your pretty cousin last evening, when we ran into her in the Park?"

"You heard what your great-uncle said when you were in your drawing room," continued Vernon. "You are not Prince Karloff, but you are Serge Metchevna, and your passport in my possession bears that out."

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