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"There's Irish, Frinch, Eyetalians, Poles, Germans, Roossians, Greeks an'——"

Mr. Halloran stopped, and began again:

"There's Irish, Frinch, Eyetalians, Poles, Germans, Roosians, Greeks—an' ain't it queer I disremimber the other wan? There's Irish, Frinch——"

"Maybe 'twas Americans," suggested Mrs. Halloran.

"Sure, that's it," said her husband. "I couldn't think."

Old Favorites

Casabianca.

The boy stood on the burning deck,
Whence all but him had fled;
The flame that lit the battle's wreck
Shone round him o'er the dead.

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,
As born to rule the storm;
A creature of heroic blood
A proud though childlike form.

The flames rolled on; he would not go
Without his father's word;
That father, faint, in death below,
His voice no longer heard.

He called aloud, "Say, father, say,
"If I may yet be gone!"
He knew not that the chieftain lay
Unconscious of his son.

"Speak, father!" once again he cried,
"If I may yet be gone!"
And but the booming shots replied,
And fast the flames rolled on.

Upon his brow he felt their breath,
And in his waving hair,
And looked from that lone post of death
In still, yet brave despair;

And shouted but once more aloud,
"My father! must I stay?"
While o'er him fast through sail and shroud
The wreathing fires made way.

They wrapt the ship in splendor wild,
They caught the flag on high;
And streamed above the gallant child
Like banners in the sky.

There came a burst of thunder sound;
The boy. Oh, where was he?
Ask of the winds that far around
With fragments strewed the sea.

With shroud and mast and pennon fair,
That well had borne their part—
But the noblest thing that perished there
Was that young, faithful heart.

—Felicia Hemans.

Seven Times Four.

Heigh-ho! daisies and buttercups.
Fair yellow daffodils, stately and tall:
When the wind wakes how they rock in the grasses,
And dance with the cuckoo-bird slender and small!
Here's two bonny boys, and here's mother's own lasses,
Eager to gather them all.

Heigh-ho! daisies and buttercups!
Mother shall thread them a daisy chain;
Sing them a song of the pretty hedge-sparrow,
That loved her brown little ones, loved them full fain;
Sing, "Heart, thou art wide, though the house be but narrow"—
Sing once, and sing it again.

Heigh-ho! daisies and buttercups,
Sweet wagging cowslips, they bend and they bow;
A ship sails afar over warm ocean waters,
And haply one musing doth stand at her prow.
O, bonny brown sons, and O, sweet little daughters,
Maybe he thinks on you now!

Heigh-ho! daisies and buttercups,
Fair yellow daffodils, stately and tall—
A sunshiny world full of laughter and leisure,
And fresh hearts unconscious of sorrow and thrall!
Send down on their pleasure smiles passing its measure,
God that is over us all!

—Jean Ingelow.

STAGE MASCOTS AND JONAHS.

Actress Chats of the Superstitions and Fancies of Her Guild.

"There are people who will tell you that superstition is dead and that in these mater-of-fact days there is neither room nor time to pay heed to the strange fancies and beliefs so commonly held many years ago," says Grace George.

"To a certain extent, perhaps, this is true, though I am inclined to think, all the same, that as far as actresses and actors are concerned superstition is still very much alive—and is thriving uncommonly well, too. Indeed, 'first night' superstitions on the stage are plentiful. The strangest one came under my notice last year in a certain play in which I was starring. A few minutes before the 'call' I happened to be standing in the wings, when I espied the leading man engaged in tearing small pieces off a corner of the scenery, wearing the while an air as if to say, 'I am doing a good day's work.'

"'That is rather an expensive sort of amusement to the management, isn't it?' I said, as I saw scenery which had taken weeks to paint being mutilated.

"'Expensive to the management? No, I'm doing them a real good turn,' replied the actor, 'for there is no more infallible way in the world of making a piece an out-and-out success than by touching up the scenery in this way—believe me, I know.' Whether this mutilating process had anything to do with it, I would not like to say, but the piece was a big success."—Denver Republican.

Looking for Work.

"Why don't you go to work, instead of begging and boozing?"

"I will, boss, as soon as there's an openin' in my trade. An' I ain't got long to wait now, nuther."

"What is your trade?"

"I'm a trackwalker for aeroplane lines."

Jilted.

She jilted him but he could not
Forget her; no poor man;
The gifts he'd made her he had bought
On the installment plan.

—Boston Transcript.

ALASKA WHEAT.

Idaho Experiment Station Man Writes Concerning It.

By R. E. Hyslop, Agronomist, University of Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station, Moscow.

On account of the numerous inquiries coming into our station, we find it necessary to issue this press bulletin concerning the so-called "Alaska" wheat.

This wheat, when given ample field space or conditions favorable to the individual plant, has a branching head borne on a rather tough straw at a height of between four and five feet. The mesh bears two and three kernels. When grown under close field conditions the head tends to be much smaller, branches less, and the mesh bears from one to two kernels, very seldom three. If heads grown under these conditions alone were examined the impression would be obtained that this wheat never bears but two kernels to the mesh, a mistake which some writers appear to have made.

The beards, while not numerous, are dark in color and considerably stronger than we find on our common wheats, but not so long or stiff as those found on the durums or macaroni wheats. The normal kernel is light in color, short and plump, with an unusually open groove, which allows the kernel to be easily broken in threshing. A cross-section shows the interior to be white and powdery, with comparatively little horny starch. The shrunken kernels naturally are harder.

Taking everything into consideration, I am led to conclude that this is the Egyptian or Miracle wheat, a Poulard, and that it belongs to that variety of the Egyptian known as Eldorado, which is very closely related to the seven-headed variety.

The Poulards are peculiarly adapted to dry regions, but never have been grown to any extent in America. Their yields have never proved to be of such a nature as to warrant their extensive growth, even for stock food. And the inferiority of the flour produced from them has prevented their use to any extent for the production of bread.

The high yields claimed for the wheat in this section of the country, in some cases 277 bushels per acre, are fabulous. One of the promoters states that from one head of the wheat he obtained seven pounds; from these seven pounds he produced 1545 pounds, or a yield in round numbers of 220 fold. It is from these figures that the yields noted in the various papers, and in the circular of the Adams-Hobe Seed Grain company, of Juliaetta, Idaho, are computed. To show the ridiculousness of computing yields in this way, we determined in a couple of cases, the number of grains produced from one seed of Little Club grown under favorable conditions in our breeding plat. One plant produced 1176; the other 1800 kernels. Now, reasoning as this seed company has done, if we should plant one bushel of this Little Club to the acre, we would obtain 1176 or 1800 bushels. This would be a rather high yield, even for Idaho.

This year the company had 700 acres in the wheat grown on different farms in this locality. A thirty-acre tract near Moscow, which was threshed in the middle of August, went about thirty-two bushels per acre. Mr. Adams stated at that time that his best yields had been thirty-five bushels. He supplemented this remark, however, with the statement that his stands were poor in every case. But considering the large acreage, the fact that several different farmers grew the crop, and the effect of a close stand, noted above, we must take this as an indication, at least, of the yielding power of the wheat. This, however, would not be considered an extra large yield for this country.

The analysis of the wheat upon which the company appears to base its hopes amounts to practically nothing in determining the bread-making quality of the flour. It is true, that bluestem wheat, which analyzes higher in protein than Little Club, makes a better quality of flour, but it is also true that macaroni wheat, which analyzes higher in protein than Bluestem, makes a lower class of flour, and consequently is discriminated against by the miller. The low-grade flours turned out from our mills usually show a higher protein content than the patent. Corn has considerable protein, but the chemist seems unable to find any gluten (that all essential part of a good flour). Even if the chemist had found a high gluten content in "Alaska" wheat, we would still not be justified in concluding that the wheat would make a good quality of flour. The proof of the wheat is in the bread it will make.

Promised to have a milling test made. Upon our request the company has soon. Until this test is made, however, we must assume that the wheat will make no better flour under the name of "Alaska" than it did when known as "Wheat of Miracle."

In spite of all the beautiful stories which have been written concerning the origin of this wheat, regardless of the many wonderful things which have been imagined about its quality, and taking into consideration the impression as to yield, which has so skillfully been thrown broadcast throughout the American continent by this seed company, who advertise their wheat for sale at $20 per bushel, we have yet to find any point of merit in it which would warrant the public paying more for "Alaska" wheat than the prevailing market price of our common varieties.

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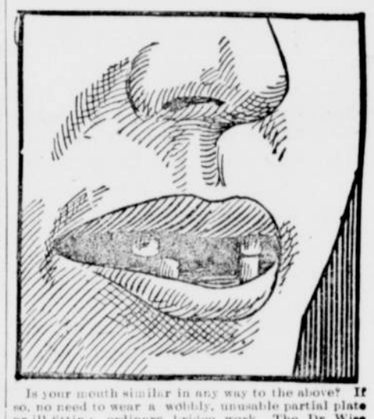

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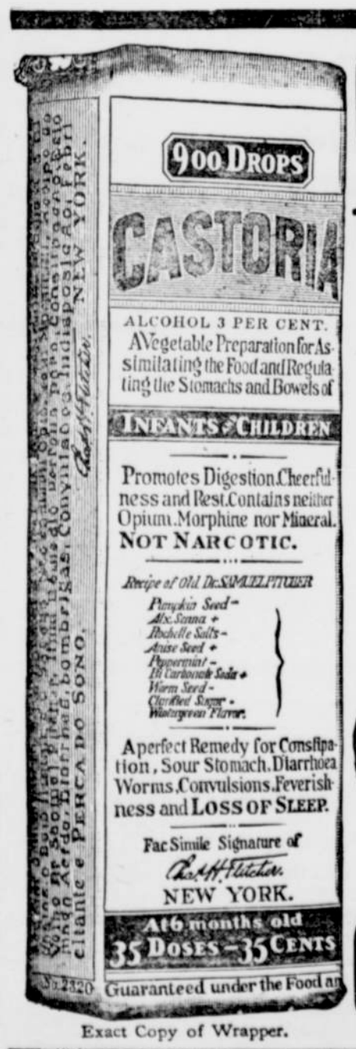

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