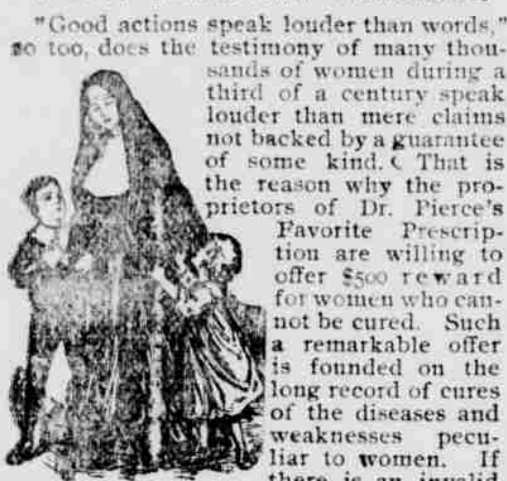


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Sheep Prevent Forest Fires.

"The way to prevent forest fires is to turn sheep into the woods in the summer time," said C. A. Rhea, a well known stock man and banker of Morrow county, recently to the Portland Telegram. "We haven't had a destructive fire in the Blue mountain forests for forty years, or since sheep began summering in them. The eastern slope of the Cascades where sheep pasture regularly have also been singularly free from fires, while the forests of Western Oregon and Washington blaze regularly every summer, causing the atmosphere of the entire Northwest as far as Montana to be filled with smoke until the fall rains appear.

Sheep eat off the grass and keep the underbrush trimmed so that fire cannot spread. Dry grass is what carries fire in the mountains and where sheep range the grass plots are strewn with trails and thus every fire that gets out is stopped before going any distance.

"The government has already found out that sheep keep fires down in the mountains of Oregon and so the forest rangers are friendly toward the pasturing of sheep on the reserves. Sheep also keep the soil enriched and grass grows all the more abundantly in those portions of the mountains where they are permitted to run. The prejudice against sheep on the part of government so-called 'experts' is rapidly giving way to a more rational sentiment on the subject of sheep pasture.

"But sheep cannot be turned into

the mountains of Western Oregon very well without heavy expense in transporting them to and from their winter ranges. The sheep ranches of the Northwest are mostly situated east of the mountains, and so much ferrying and long distance driving would be necessary in reaching the dense woods of the Coast range.

"Still if these woods had been traversed by bands of sheep for the past forty years burned districts would now be unknown, and millions of dollars worth of fine timber would be still standing where we have great stretches of blackened stumps. The tangles of tall fern that carry flame across long stretches would have disappeared, and where fires are now kept down at heavy expense to the timber land owners the woods could be as secure from fires as those of the Blue mountains or Coeur d'Alenes. The timber of these latter regions is more pitchy and therefore more combustible than that west of the Cascades, and the danger of fire is thus greater were it not for the pasturing of sheep in the forests every summer."

Flour Gold Problem.

On the Snake river, which divides Oregon from Idaho, a dozen or more dredgers have been erected at various times to save the fine flour gold from the bars of that turbulent stream. These plants were at first of the suction pattern, but of late have been of the ladder and bucket chain type, and except in the matter of saving appliances are largely like the New Zealand dredger. Sluices were originally fitted with Cariboo and Hungarian rifles, which were later supplemented by a burlap system of sluices for the finer gold. Values in the gravel of the Snake are exceedingly fine, the average running about 1000 colors to the inch, and the gold grain is flaky with ragged edges. Associated with this gold is a cubical grained black sand, which has as great or greater specific gravity for the surface area, and separation is very difficult. Sluicing on the principle of concentrating tables, saving the gold and black sand together, with the purpose of shipping both to the smelter, was a late experiment which promised success, as the smelters were ready to purchase this product at its assay content of gold f. o. b. the cars nearest the dredger. All work seems to have been unavailing up to the present, as there is not a dredger on this part of the Snake river operating continuously. Despite temporary defeats, capital prosecutes the experimental work with energy, and still another boat is being erected near Weiser to test the efficiency of a new principle in saving the abundant gold known to lie in the Snake river sands.

Along the Pacific coast, both north and south of the Rogue's mouth, is found large areas with gold in paying quantities if it could be saved. A large number of experiments have been made to this end, but like the elusive values of the Snake the fine beach gold has triumphed also and remains a constant temptation to man's tireless patience and inexhaustible ingenuity which some day will develop an extensive and profitable industry in these two sections of the state.

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HE PROVED HIS WORTH.

Young Man Showed the Old Man That He Was the Right Sort for a Son-in-Law.

"A young man of somewhat exuberant disposition," said an old gentleman of high standing in the community the other day, relates the Chicago Chronicle, "had been hanging around my girl for some time and I saw that unless something was done before long he would soon become a member of the family. I had frowned upon the matter right from the start, as I didn't think he was good enough for my daughter. But from the beginning I simply constituted a hopeless minority, as my wife thought he was a perfect paragon. I thought I knew better and when one Sunday I saw him at a ball game I was sure of it.

"I am a great lover of the American game and Sunday is the only day that I have time to attend. I have always been very careful to keep from my wife the fact that I ever attended a game of ball on Sunday, as she is a very strict church member and views with horror anyone who seeks pleasure on the Sabbath. So when I saw the young man there at the game I thought I had found a way to bring her over to my side, knowing full well that if I did his chances of becoming a member of the family were mighty slim. I hadn't the slightest idea that he had seen me there and I thought I could startle an admission from him that would show him up in his true colors and without danger to myself. So when he called the other night I said suddenly:

"Young man, where were you last Sunday?"

"Oh, I just sat two rows ahead of you," he answered, easily.

"That threw explanations back on me and left me gasping for breath. 'Fine sermon, wasn't it?' he added a moment later, coming to my rescue like the trump he is.

"Oh, you dear fellow, did you go to church and say nothing to me about it," cried my wife. 'How lovely! What was the text?'

"I was simply incapable of answering and again that young man filled the breach.

"'Ninety and nine,' said he. 'The score wasn't quite as bad as that—almost, though. Say, he's the finest young man that ever drew breath and he can have anything that belongs to me.'

Rarely, if ever, has there been such a superabundance of fruit as now abounds in the New England orchards. The limbs of the apple and pear trees hang heavy under the weight of their enormous yield, and the ground beneath the trees is covered with the decaying droppings. In some localities fine apples may be had for the picking and an offer of half a dollar a barrel for the fruit on the tree is eagerly accepted in the rural districts. Thousands of bushels are being fed to the cattle and pigs and the cider mills are glutted with raw material for the presses. It seems a pity to see such a large quantity of fine fruit going to waste. It is almost superfluous to offer suggestion in the line of thoughtful philanthropy to Dr. Hale, but the glutted condition of the orchards suggests that it might be a good idea to renew his farmers' fruit offering scheme, which furnished such a liberal supply of free fruit to the poor people of Boston when it was originally undertaken. Undoubtedly a great many bushels of apples can now be had for the asking.

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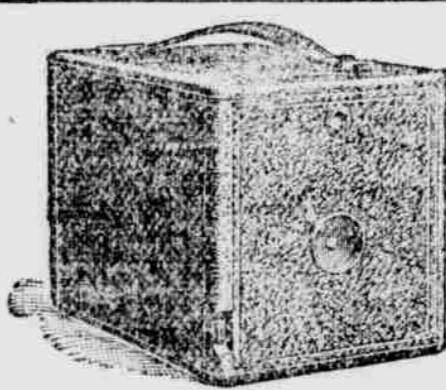
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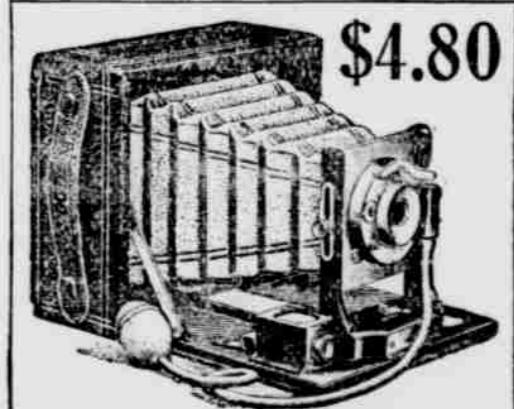
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