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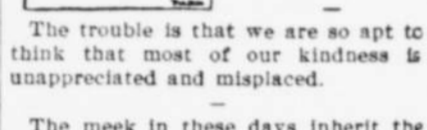
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Man born of woman is of few days and often sees them double. The trouble about the biggest bargains is that they are so apt to be those things that we don't want at any price. Consider the cost of legal proceedings before you permit yourself to do anything rash or foolish. The trouble is that we are so apt to think that most of our kindness is unappreciated and misplaced. The meek in these days inherit the vacuum where desirable things used to be. A baseball game is designed for the special effervescence of the genus homo. A thoughtful person is the type that is apt to get under the epidermis when we aren't looking.



Stumbling Along.

We constantly are seeking, And, whether we are working Or whether we are speaking, We take the cut that's shortest To where we may be going And in the meantime trying To make the largest showing.

We do some nimble guessing And constantly are shifting To where a chance seems offered To do less heavy lifting. At times we are mistaken, And at our luck we grumble When where we thought smooth sledding We only take a tumble.

Because when in the seeking Our second sight is lacking We have to reconsider And do a lot of backing And later to discover As our mistakes grow clearer The way that seemed the longer Was in the end much nearer.

And so we blunder forward In blind, unsteady groping, But always for the better In optimism hoping. We think that we are going Straight forward as a rocket, And when we are not looking We drop into a pocket.

As He Could Testify, "I'd like to see a bold bulldog man," "I see one every day," "Mercy! Do you?" "The same one," "Why don't you have him arrested?" "That would never do," "Why?" "Because it is my wife."

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

President Taft Has Signed the Bill, and It is Now a Law.

One of the measures for which the grange has been contending for several years is that which has been finally placed upon our statute books, the establishment of postal savings banks throughout the country. This is a source of gratification to members of the Order, and, while credit for the enactment is not solely theirs, of course they have been very earnest in the endeavor to impress upon the national legislators the advantages of such a bill.

Under the terms of the bill a board of trustees is created, who shall declare what postoffices shall become postal savings banks. Deposits in these banks made by one person shall not be more than \$400 a month or exceed a total of \$500. An account may be opened with \$1, but stamps of 10 cents each will be issued for those desiring to accumulate money to be deposited. On deposits 2 per cent interest per annum is to be paid.

Any depositor so desiring can exchange his deposits for government bonds, to be issued in denominations of \$20, \$40, \$60, \$80, \$100 or \$500, to bear interest at 2 1/2 per cent per annum. The money accumulated in the postal savings banks is to be deposited in both national and state banks, such banks to pay 2 1/2 per cent interest. Five per cent of the total deposits is to be retained by the secretary of the treasury as a cash reserve. Not more than 30 per cent of these deposits may be withdrawn by the government at any one time for investment in bonds of the United States.

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Farm and Garden

BETTER THAN GOLD MINES.

Northwestern Apple Orchards Expected to Bear Record Crop This Year. Officers of state horticultural associations and commercial organizations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana say there is every indication that the fruit crop this year will be the largest and most profitable in the history of the four states. It is predicted that higher prices will prevail as a result of the heavy damage to the fruit crop in the middle western states.

F. A. Huntley, state horticultural commissioner, says that Washington will produce twice as much fruit in 1910 as in 1908, the year of the record crop. Including peaches, apricots, cherries, berries and other soft fruits, the yield will be at least doubled owing to the increased acreage, he adds, while the apple crop will show an increase of about 25 per cent. Oregon, Idaho and Montana will have equally large crops as the result of increased acreage and trees coming into bearing this season. More than 350,000 acres of lands are devoted to orchards in the four states, and pomologists estimate the value of a full crop would undoubtedly equal \$175,000,000.

Northwestern apples are in demand in the eastern and middle western states and in Europe and Australia, and the markets are being extended year by year. American and foreign experts who have studied conditions in the northwest refer to the Pacific states as "the world's fruit basket," adding there has been established in a comparatively short time a domain where the first foot of soil properly cultivated is worth more than all the mines from Alaska to Mexico and all



SCENE IN TYPICAL COMMERCIAL APPLE ORCHARD EASTERN WASHINGTON.

the forests from the United States boundary to the Arctic sea. Millions of dollars have been invested in apple lands west of the Rockies during the last decade, and beautiful orchards of young trees today mark the spots where but yesterday was a waste of brown, barren sagebrush covered desert.

Although the domestic and foreign demand for apples has increased, strangely enough the production of the fruit has steadily decreased. The apple crop for 1909, reported to be less than 23,000,000 bushels, for example, was only slightly in excess of one-third of that for the years 1896 and 1900 and much less than the crop for 1905, when the production reached a low figure.

SUMMER PRUNING.

Seasonable Suggestions For Use of Knife on Weak and Declining Plants. Summer pruning is the best for shade trees. Use the pruning knife freely on the tops of weak and declining plants in order to give them a new start.

Don't prune after the blooming period. Nearly all flowering shrubs bloom on the wood of the previous year's growth. By cutting back the heads of young plants, a thicker and broader growth is encouraged. Never cut downward on a limb; a ragged wound is usually the result of so doing.

When planting shrubs cut back the branches one half, to balance the root system. To produce a low headed fruit tree, trim off all the branches and cut back the top to eighteen or twenty inches at planting time. To avoid crotches in mature trees, remove all limbs in two-year-old trees that form crotches with their neighbors. Don't forget to cover the wound made by pruning with tar or common paint, preferably drab.

Do not depend on winter pruning to keep normal shrubs in shape, says Suburban Life. They will never look well. Prune two or three times during the summer.

Remember that summer pruning induces fruit bearing, while winter pruning encourages a heavy growth of wood. Summer pruning should be light, however, and pruning in winter is often necessary in any case. It is much better to cut away a little wood each year than a large amount occasionally. Begin when the tree is young, and you can shape it any way that you desire. Remember that a low headed tree is easier to spray and easier to pick the fruit from than one whose branches are high in the air.

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The small boy may be able to muster a little more enthusiasm in the matter of waging war on the weeds in the garden patch if his daddy keeps a good edge on the old hoe.

Inherited vigor and hardiness as well as care determine both the longevity and usefulness of a horse. While the average horse is considered past its prime at twelve years old, one now and then runs across a team that are remarkably well preserved and doing their daily stint of work at twenty-five.

It is a mighty poor adaption of means to end to cut out with a hand hoe in hot weather weeds that can just as well be upturned with a single horse plow. It is quite likely that in the case of the small home garden there is a steady old horse on the place that needs just this stint of work to keep it in good rig.

We think there has been reference in this department in a previous season to the farm owner who made it a practice of paying his tenant a bonus for every acre of stubble which was plowed before Sept. 1. This was done to head off the work of myriads of weeds which usually get in their work of seed production between harvest and the first killing frost. We remember the farm in question, and the tilled fields were among the cleanest in the locality.

All kinds of vexation and a whole lot of rebelling of fruit in the canning season can be prevented if the housewife will see that she has a supply of new rubbers for her cans. After being used a couple of times rubbers become hard and inelastic and greatly increase the chance of leaking. The best rubbers cost about two-thirds of a cent apiece, while one can of fruit lost is worth from 20 to 25 cents, which makes the reason for the above precaution quite plain.

That lad was certainly an exception to the run of boys who cried because his father had considerably and properly made the necessary arrangements for him to go to the circus, preferring rather to stay home and plow corn so that he could be with the horses, which he had lately learned to drive, an accomplishment in which he took a deal of pride. If we remember correctly said boy was not compelled to put in a dull day at the circus. It may be interesting to note that this lad, now grown, is making a nice success of his farming operations.

The bee moth is a pest that is likely to lay its eggs in comb honey that is stored and not properly protected, and also does so in hives in which the swarm has made headquarters for too long a time. The super of a hive into which we looked the other evening was literally alive with lusty larvae and the newly hatched moths. When this state of affairs exists the swarm is usually done for, and the moths and larvae should be given a sulphur smudge or a dose of carbon bisulphide by placing a few drops of the chemical on a piece of cotton and inserting it into the entrance to the hive.

With the north pole tagged by Peary and the battle against the air seeming ly won, as shown in the remarkable performances of aviators in America and Europe during the past few weeks, there would appear to be little else to achieve along the line of accomplishing the seemingly impossible and wonderful. Yet a large place in public esteem waits for the man who may be able to catch and conserve the sweltering heat of summer for use during the winter season, as we already do winter's cold when we store cakes of ice. Experiments have been conducted along this line, but so far they have been without result.

With meat products at a high notch as a result of a scarcity of food animals and with an ever increasing output of gold tending to still further inflate prices, the time would seem to be appropriate for a whole lot of fellows to diversify their agricultural operations by making a start with a flock of sheep. With intelligent care they are easy to raise, while a major part of their keep is furnished by the weeds—the bane and waste byproduct of most every farm. Besides very satisfactory prices which one may expect for mutton, the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, which shoved wool duties to a still higher level, will hardly be changed within a decade, hence good prices may be counted on for the fleece of the flock. To a man up a tree the sheep business looks mighty good for several years to come.

The government Crop Reporter for June contains some very interesting statistics on the fruit situation by states and for the country as a whole. The condition of apples, which outrank in value any other single fruit crop, is placed at 53 per cent as against 61.4 for June, 1909, and 69.8 per cent, which is the ten year average yield. Washington leads with a percentage of 95. Oregon shows 93 per cent, while other important apple producing states Idaho promises 92 per cent of a normal crop, New York 75, Colorado 58, Michigan 57, Arkansas 50 and Missouri 32 per cent. Iowa was hardest hit of all with the April freezes and shows but 7 per cent of a normal prospect. The estimate on pears for the whole country is placed at 63.2 per cent of a normal crop as compared with 61.8 a year ago, while the prospect for the peach crop is placed at 62 per cent as against 54.1 per cent a year ago.

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Go Junction	6:07	7:47	8:42	9:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	1:47	2:47	3:47	4:47	5:47	6:47	7:47	8:47
Stanley	6:10	7:50	8:45	9:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	2:50	3:50	4:50	5:50	6:50	7:50	8:50
Lentz Junction	6:13	7:53	8:48	9:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	1:53	2:53	3:53	4:53	5:53	6:53	7:53	8:53
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