Read Books in Old Days.

"The kind of books people read nowadays is rather startling." "Yes," replied Mrs. McGudley, "but I have my doubts whether folks stop dancin' long enough to read 'em. When I was young we used to read books and pretend w didn't. Now people pretend they read 'em and don't."

Avoid Colds.

If you want to avoid colds in your house, watch for the first sneezes and try to keep the germs from spreading. Make the victim cough or sneeze in his handkerchief, and after the handkerchiefs are soiled put them in a special dish, cover them with water and boil them for fifteen minutes.

How Could He?

A physician says freedom from worry is essential to the treatment of locomotor ataxia. But a man who could keep free from worry with locomotor ataxia could recover from an amputated head without treatment.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Oxen Cavalry Regiment.

Madagascar has the unique distinction of possessing the only oxen cavalry regiment in the world. The climate is so unhealthy for horses that some substitute had to be found. The oxen have been trained to maneuver with surprising skill, but, of course, are not speedy.

Poker Luck.

"At the war benefit in London three queens were present." "Well, they were good cards to have on hand."

Just So.

"How does your wife propose to spend her summer vacation this year?" "With my hard-earned money—that's how!"

Not Good—Diplomatic.

Our idea of a good husband is one who strives to leave the impression upon his wife that, if his arm doesn't go quite as far around her waist as it used to fifteen or twenty years ago, it must be because his arm isn't quite as long as it was then.—Columbus (Ohio) Journal.

The Alternative.

Art Editor—"I'm afraid your work is too comic for general illustrating." Artist—"I suppose that means I will have to spend the rest of my life doing comic supplements." "Not necessarily. You might design women's fashions."—Life.

Evading the Inevitable.

He who refuses to face his worst forfeits the possibility of finding his best. He does not solve the question of his sinfulness; he shelves it. It is there, gathering darker meaning and more bitter consequences.—P. C. Ainsworth.

The Aid's Job.

"Who is that man who follows the general about?" "His aid." But why does he need an aid hanging around all the time?" "Well; you see, the general has more medals than he can conveniently wear himself."—Kansas City Journal.

Experienced.

Bill—"So his son has gone to the war?" Jill—"Yes, indeed." "Do you suppose he'll know how to charge properly when the time comes?" "He ought to. He was a taxicab driver once."

When He Is Settled.

Wigwag—"Now that Newlywed is married he seems to be quite settled." Henpeckke—"Well, it's natural for a fellow to be settled after he is married. His wife attends to that."—Exchange.

And This in Boston!

General sympathy is due the Boston woman who came back from a session at the dentist's with the sad announcement: "I have only two cuspidors left in my head."—Boston Transcript.

Most Numerous Religion.

The Buddhists are the most numerous of the religious groups of mankind, numbering some 500,000,000, as against some 200,000,000 Mohammedans, 80,000,000 Hindoos, 400,000,000 Christians, 250,000,000 Confucianists and about 200,000,000 "pagans," or "heathen."

Food for Thought.

An authority on the subject says men should stop eating for a while and think. Some men, under the circumstances, would merely stop long enough to wonder whence the next meal was to come.

Bracing the Will.

I think it rather fine, this necessity for the tense bracing of the will before anything worth doing can be done, writes Arnold Bennett. I rather like it myself. I feel it to be the chief thing that differentiates me from the cat by the fire.

His Capacity.

"Do you know, Bill would be awfully helpful to the Germans on the front." "How so?" "They might just get him to talking about his fishing exploits when they were filling their gas bombs."

Horse Is Most Nervous Animal.

Remember that the horse is the most nervous of all animals, and that little things annoy and irritate him. He will be contented or miserable according as you treat him.

Another for New York.

"New Yorker Arrested for Acting Strangely on Street Car."—Probably gave up his seat to a woman.—Philadelphia North American.

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

Active work has begun on the government railroad in Alaska.

Bulgarians are reported to be bargaining on entering the war.

All flood danger is reported past along the Kansas and Missouri rivers.

Thomas Taggert and 127 others have been indicted for alleged election frauds at Indianapolis.

Admiral Howard advises against landing American marines at Guaymas, fearing it may cause trouble for Americans at other points.

President Wilson has approved the arrangements for the sale of townsites along the government's Alaskan railroad from Seward to Fairbanks.

Four giant policemen, each over six feet tall, have been chosen from the Philadelphia police force to guard the Liberty Bell on its western trip.

General French, commander-in-chief of the British forces, has recommended 58 women "for gallantry and distinguished service in the field." The women were in the hospital and Red Cross service.

Official announcement was made in Stockholm that the German government had expressed deep regret for the attack off Christiansand on June 15 on the Swedish steamer Verdandi. Germany declares the attack was a mistake and expressed willingness to pay an indemnity.

A profit of $61,000 from operation of the Panama-Pacific Exposition from the opening February 20 to June 13, was reported by Rodney S. Durkee, controller. The report said the profit was net and that allowance had been made for accrued obligations and unused admissions. Total receipts were said to have been about $2,500,000.

Harry K. Thaw's seventh attempt to gain his freedom since his arrest, nine years ago for the murder of Stanford White, was begun in New York with the selection of a jury to inquire as to his sanity. If the jurors decide in his favor and Justice Hendrick, presiding, who has the power to reverse the verdict, accepts it, Thaw will obtain permanent freedom.

According to a forecast of crop conditions cabled the department of Agriculture by the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, Italy's wheat yield is estimated at 202,093,000 bushels for 1915, as against 172,697,000 bushels in 1914. No yearly comparisons are given for other grains, but it is estimated that Italy's rye crop this year will total 4,474,000 bushels, barley 9,186,000 and oats 31,003,000.

A subterranean cavern of undetermined depth was revealed by a miner's blast at Volcano, a mining town 18 miles north of Tonopa, Nev. Lights showed sparkling stalactites hanging from the sides of the chasm as far as sight could reach and stones dropped through the opening could be heard bounding from wall to wall until the sounds grew faint and died away. A miner lowered with a light 200 feet reported that he could see neither the ends nor the bottom.

Woman suffrage was discussed in the legislatures of 22 states the past year.

Germany practically concedes that Greece will enter the war with the allies.

William Howard Taft has been made president of a league of nations to promote world peace.

After surrendering to a German submarine, a British vessel makes her escape and safely reaches port.

The U. S. battleship Colorado is despatched from San Diego, Cal., to Mexican ports to quell rioting of Yaqui Indians, who are destroying American property.

Mabel Hammon, aged 26, declared to be the heaviest woman in Kansas, died in Harlan, Kan., as the result of a stomach ailment. She weighed 800 pounds. When she attended the local school in her girlhood days, it was necessary to enlarge the door of the school house. She has a younger sister who weighs 560 and is said to be still growing. The parents are average size.

It is now reported Great Britain will begin an offensive campaign and a tremendous atttack on German lines is planned.

Formal notice has been given the State department that mail pouches destined for Sweden have been opened in England.

The Canadian aviator who was first to destroy a Zeppelin, falls to his death, together with Henry Beach Needham, the American newspaper writer, when they were making a flight in search of material for a newspaper article.

Many taxicab meters in Portland have been found faulty by the city sealer of weights and measures.

A wealthy stockman of Baker, Oregon, has "cornered" the wool market and has shipped his immense purchase to Portland, where he will hold it for advanced prices.

The world's grand prix in art has been awarded to Frank Duveneck, of Kentucky, by the award jury of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mr. Duveneck, who is a portraitist, was the unanimous choice of the jury of 45 men.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland — Wheat — Bluestem 90c; forty-fold, 89c; club, 88c; red Fife, 85c; red Russian, 85c.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, Oregon, 40 @75c dozen; artichokes, 75c; tomatoes, $1.75@2 crate; cabbage, 1½@2¼c pound; celery, $3.50 crate; head lettuce, $1 @ 1.15; spinach, 5c pound; rhubarb, 1@2c; peas, 3@4c; beans, 5@9c; cauliflower, $1.25 crate; green corn, 25@30c dozen; carrots, $1@1.50 sack; beets, $1.50; turnips, $1.35.

Green Fruits — Strawberries, Oregon, $1.25@1.50 crate; apples, $1.15 @ 20 box; cherries, 4 @ 10c pound; gooseberries, 2@4c; cantaloupes, $2.75 @3.50 crate; loganberries, $1; raspberries, 75c@$1; currants, $1@1.25; apricots, $1.15@1.40 box; peaches, $1 @1.25 box.

Potatoes — Old, $2.10 @ 2.25 sack; new, 2½@2¾c pound.

Onions—Yellow, $1 @ 1.50; white, $1.75; red, $1.75.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 19½c dozen; No. 2, 16c; No. 3, 13c.

Poultry — Hens, 11½@12c; broilers, 18 @ 22c; turkeys, dressed, 22 @ 25c; live, 18 @ 20c; ducks, old, 8 @ 9c; young, 15@18c; geese, 8@9c.

Butter — Creamery, prints, extras, 27½c pound; cubes, 21½@23c.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12½c pound.

Pork—Fancy, Block, 10½c pound.

Hops — 1914 crop, 10 @ 11c pound; contracts, 10@11c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @27½c pound; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20½c; valley, 26@30c; mohair, new clip, 30@31c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 4@4½c pound.

Grain bags—8½@8¾c each.

Cattle—Best steers, $7@7.25; good, $7 @ 7.25; medium, $6.75 @ 7; choice cows, $6.35@6.60; good, $6 @ 6.35; heifers, $5@7; bulls, $3.50@5; stags, $5@6.50.

Hogs — Light, $7.50 @ 8; heavy, $6.75@7.

Sheep—Wethers, $5.75@6.25; ewes, $4@5.25; lambs, $6@7.75.

Crop Outlook Not Generally Goad.

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom — Wheat is doing well, with the weather rather too dry. The outlook for other crops is fair.

France — Crop conditions and prospects excellent on a reduced acreage. This reduction will tell largely in the yield. Business is stagnant.

Germany—Weather favorable. Officials claim that supplies of breadstuffs and potatoes are more than sufficient until the new harvest, which is expected to be very large. Feeding grain is scarce and dear.

Russia — Weather and crops are favorable, including important spring wheat crop of the Volga. Offers in some sections are larger and prices easier.

India—Continued free offers at lowered prices. Actual shipments are disappointing.

Australia—Some reports of dryness, as there has been only very moderate moisture duing the week.

Italy — Weather and crop prospects favorable. Supplies are ample for the present.

Austria — Nothing definite, but believe food supply very light.

Hungary—Crop will be much under that of last year. Weather unfavorable.

Greece—Crop prospects have deteriorated. Yield will not be up to expectations.

Spain—Moderate complaints of unseasonable weather.

Norway—Dryness prevails and agricultural outlook unfavorable.

Echo Wool Prices Satisfactory.

Echo, Or. — Over 100,000 pounds of wool has just been sold here. This is the second sale made of the 1915 year's clip. The quality of the wool and the prices paid are satisfactory to both buyers and growers. The sales were as follows: R. F. Wiglesworth & Sons, fine wool clip, 40,000 pounds at 18½ cents; D. P. Doherty, fine wool, 37,000 pounds at 17½ cents; I. C. Cox, fine wool, 10,000 pounds at 18¾ cents; W. W. Howard, fine wool, 9000 pounds at 18¾ cents; B. P. Doherty, coarse wool, 14,000 pounds at 22½ cents.

The American Woolen company, of Lawrence, Mass., and the French Worsted Mills, of Woonsocket, R. I., were the buyers. The wool is being baled for shipment by Thomas Ross, in whose warehouse it is stored.

Berry Market Is Oversupplied.

Portland—A lagre supply of loganberries and raspberries came on the market this week and prices had to undergo a severe slump. The general quotation on loganberries was $1 a crate, but some lots were sold as low as 50 cents. Raspberries ranged from 75 cents to $1. Strawberries were not so plentiful, but the abundance of other berries caused them to sell lower at $1.25 to $1.50. Cantaloupes continued in good demand at unchanged prices. A shipment of British Columbia potawent on sale at $2.10 to $2.25 a sack.

Hillsboro Hops Bring 10 Cents.

The Gillette & Bartlett crop of 167 bales of hops at Hillsboro was bought by H. L. Hart at 10 cents. California wires reported the sale of 200 bales of Butte county hops by Fraser & Hale at 8½ cents and 100 bales of the Del Paso crop at 7½ cents. A 20,000-pound Sacramento contract was closed at 10 cents.

According to a letter from London, it is believed the British government's official report will show a decrease of 3000 acres in the English hop acreage this year.

Vegetables in Spokane.

Spokane — Green peppers are 40 cents a pound. Rhubarb, three pounds for 10 cents. Bermuda yellow onions, four pounds for 25 cents. Crystal wax onions, three pounds for 25 cents. Valencia oranges, 25 and 30 cents dozen. Navel oranges, 40 and 50 cents a dozen. Yellow Newtown apples, three pounds for 25 cents; $1.75 a box. Bananas, 30 cents a dozen. Old potatoes, 12 pounds for a quarter. New potatoes, 6 pounds for a quarter. Gooseberries, 5 cents a box.

CURIOUS TRAP FOR SNAKES

Naturalist Tells of Seeing a Biscuit Can Used by Natives to Capture a Cobra.

A naturalist tells us of an odd kind of snake trap that caught its victim securely. It was a biscuit can, and in the bottom of it were some macaroons.

A cobra spied the can, but a mouse was ahead of the cobra. The little thief was having a good time regaling himself on the macaroons, all unconscious that a snake was preparing to regale itself on mouse. Into the can went the head of the snake, but the head that went in was destined to come out less easily. The rough edges of the can irritated the cobra, and involuntarily it dilated its hood. That made it a prisoner. With the hood dilated the head could not be withdrawn, and the cobra remained in its tin prison until morning, when it was easily captured and killed.

Stradling, who knows the natives of India as well as he knows the snakes of that land, tells of an interesting theory held by these people. They are firmly convinced that for every human being a snake bites it loses one joint. When the number of deaths the snake has caused equals the number of its joints, the venomous head alone remains. The snake has now reached the height of its wicked desires, and at this point it develops wings and triumphantly disappears.

An exception to this rule is found on the other side of the world, in the case of the rattlesnake, for the natives of many parts of this country are said to believe that this snake gains a thimble for every man it kills. By counting these some folks pretend to an ability to calculate with precision how many persons a particular rattlesnake has bitten. But this is, of course, as great a superstition as that held by the Hindus.

A Voice for Potatoes.

Most persons in this country have pitied the men and women on the continent of Europe who are compelled to eat bread made wholly or partly of potato flour. Yet here come experts of the home economics department of Cornell telling us that potatoes and meat may be a better food combination than bread and meat.

These experts declare that there is good reason for favoring potatoes. Meat, eggs and cereals, they say, contain mineral elements which give an excess of acids, while vegetables, fruit and milk have an excess of bases that neutralize the acid. Meat produces an excess of acid, and the food that accompanies it should, therefore, give an excess of alkali. Rice, bread, macaroni and cornmeal produce acid, and so do not fill the need. But potatoes are the natural accompaniment of meat, because they produce bases. "Most persons," according to these experts, "should make it a point to eat more potatoes than they are now consuming."—Buffalo Express.

Oil Cans Save Life.

A novel idea was responsible for the saving of many lives from the cruiser Hermes after the ship was torpedoed in Dover straits. A supply of the life-saving pneumatic collars ordered by the admiralty had been expected, but the Hermes had to put to sea before these were received.

When the vessel was torpedoed no assistance was at hand. She was settling down, and a great disaster threatened, when someone thought of petrol tins, of which 400 were on board. The order was promptly given to empty the tins and screw down the stoppers, and on these tins scores of men who must otherwise have been drowned kept afloat until help arrived.

Up to Them.

Little James, aged six years, had been taught to pray each night for all his relatives and friends, and consequently the list had grown quite large. So one night when it came time for the customary prayers he refused to say them.

"Well, well, James!" said his mother. "Why won't you say them? All good little boys say their prayers."

"Yes, but I'm too tired."

"Oh, my, that's no excuse. Come now that's a good boy."

"Well," relented James, "I guess I'll have to. But, anyhow, I'm not going to pray for everybody. I'm going to cut a lot of 'em out. Some of 'em will have to save themselves."—Harper's Magazine.

Rabbits on Laysan Island.

Rabbits on Laysan island, the well-known Hawaiian bird reservation, have multiplied to such an extent since they were introduced a few years ago as to threaten the existence of the island vegetation. As this result would jeopardize bird colonies, which need shade, especially during the nesting season, an expedition which recently visited the island destroyed about 5,000 rabbits, or one-third of the total colony.

As Times Change.

"It's harder to attract attention than it used to be," remarked the town clown.

"What makes you think so?"

"I remember when I could get all kinds of a laugh simply by wearing a straw hat before the first of May."

A Serious Doubt.

"What is that noise Maude is making out there?"

"I didn't know whether she is trying her Wagnerian solo or practicing her new class yell."

Daily Thought.

Pain and despair and heartache cast you down for awhile, but afterward they help you to understand.—John Oliver Hobbes.

Considerate.

"Father, I think it only fair to tell you that I need $50. I'd rather owe it to you than to some outsider."

Pike Shooting in Scotland.

The killing of a fish by a sword by a lieutenant of the Royal Engineers receives much publicity. It may not have been hard to do, for pike often move sluggishly, and on fine warm days they have a habit of basking on the surface. In Scotland people shoot pike regularly, the corpses being brought ashore by retriever dogs. But in Scotland they shoot several things that in England we kill in other ways. Foxes, for example.—London Chronicle.

Mountainous Greece.

Greece is extremely mountainous, the only plain region worthy of the name being found in Thessaly. In this province is a large quantity of undeveloped water power, furnished by torrents which sweep through the plains in the rainy season, doing great damage, their course for the remainder of the year being marked by dry ravines.

Drums on Horseback.

The earliest date at which drums were carried on horseback in England appears to be 1542, when Henry VIII sent to Vienna for kettle drums that could be played on horseback "after the Hungarian manner." Mounted bands were in vogue in the last decade of the eighteenth century, the two regiments of life guards having them in 1895.

Power of Multiplication.

It is their astonishing power of multiplication that makes destructive insects formidable. A single pair of potato bugs, if all their offspring survived, would in one season produce 60,000,000 of their kind.

No Danger This Season.

"I'm glad of one thing about the war, anyhow." "What's that?" "Mother and the girls can't go to Europe this year and hunt up a foreign count to fall in love with."—Detroit Free Press.

Would Be Dangerous to Tell.

A Boston publisher, whose name we withhold lest you be tempted to injure him, says he has a method which will enable anyone to learn to play on the cornet for 75 cents.—Florida-Times Union.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic.

Disheartening.

One extremely disheartening thing about striving to impart a literary tone to the editorial page is that it encourages so many subscribers to send in original poems.—Columbus (O.) Journal.

Identity Incomplete.

The discovery of the petrified stump of a tree in British Guiana is held to identify the spot as the Garden of Eden. The absence of a fossilized serpent, however, leaves the proof incomplete.—New York World.

Make House Beautiful.

In the house that is beautiful to the external eye, there must ever be corners and unexpected places, closets, kitchens and cupboards—"the powers that be," behind the scenes.

Gain by Perseverance.

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.—Steele.

"Amphibious."

Speaking of fish stories, one cannot help being reminded of the occasion when a committeeman was examining a class of boys in the South. "Can any of you," he asked, "tell me what 'amphibious' means, and give a sentence to illustrate?" A bright little darky held up his hand. "I know, sah! It's lying! Mos' fish stories am fibious!"—W. B. Allen in Scribner's Magazine.

The Awakening.

About two years afetr marriage, comments an observing writer in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Friend Wife sizes up Friend Husband and wonders what she was smoking when she imagined that he was an ideal man.