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**WILDCAT INVESTMENTS**

Various agricultural and financial publications throughout the country are decrying the ways of the orchard boomers who are promising investors such enormous profits. But these promises are of a sort that do not bind the promiser—they are not a bond by a long shot. It seems from a general perusal of the articles published that the planting of great apple, pear and peach orchards is going on in every section of the country, from Massachusetts to Florida, from New York to the Pacific, up and down the coast and thence east again to the Atlantic.

In one instance an advertiser in Connecticut shows by his literature that profits of well over two thousand dollars per acre can be made from apple orchards which he is planting in the Nutmeg state—orchards which he offers for five hundred dollars per acre, to be delivered without further expense when they come into bearing in six years. "The returns the seventh year," says the circulars, "will undoubtedly pay the first cost and a hundred per cent on the investment." Just as wild statements are made about orchards in Missouri, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Maryland, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; in fact, almost every state has "the best apple land in the world."

No doubt immense sums are being invested by those who do not know the first principles of fruit growing, and the game will go on for several years yet. It will go on until a few hundred failures take place and a few hundred promoters flee the country or land in jail.

If an advertiser would publish and circulate literature promising profits of several hundred per cent in a banking or commercial enterprise he would find few takers, because such ventures are as a rule conducted along conservative lines; yet many of the same persons who would turn down such offers bite at orchard bonds because the business has as yet not assumed normal conditions.

The sooner the bottom drops out of the illegitimate speculations the better it will be for the honest promoters and landowners and the communities where they reside. This is particularly true of the favored fruit sections of the Northwest. We have much to gain by honest promotion, much to lose by dishonest methods.—Morning Oregonian.

If the United States built and owns the Panama canal, what business is it of Great Britain whether or not American ships are permitted to pass through free? It is a little hard to say whether it is on account of the competition with English ships or with English-owned American railroads—or is J. B. allowing himself to be used as a cat's paw by some shrewd Yankees?

If you are not in a position to go to the mountains or to the coast on a long camping vacation just fix up a nice camp in your back yard or down on the river bank. There is no pleasanter place to be found to enjoy camping than right here in Cottage Grove. And you can look after your business—if you have any—in the meantime.

What has become of the old sea serpent? This used to be his busy season.—San Francisco Examiner. From the use of the new brands they don't see snakes, but climb trees.

We may go to the resort, but summer is coming to us.

"Congress has prohibited the transportation of prize fight films, but allows the shipment of national convention pictures to go on unchecked."

"Bonnets are being put on horses extensively through hot weather in the east, but so far they have not been compelled to wear rats and puffs."

**What is a Human Being**

A careful scrutiny of statistics shows that in the ranks of women criminals, the largest percentage come from the household; a glance at social evil figures discloses the startling fact that domestic servants stand at the head of the list as victims to this traffic. There are about 3,000,000 domestic servants in the United States. They come under the immediate direction of women employers, for the most part. They are woman's own particular labor problem. Why has woman failed so utterly, so miserably in her great responsibility? Why are those who come under her close supervision and influence such large factors in criminology?

Is it because she forgets that girls who wash her dishes, scrub her floors, sweep her carpets and cook her food, are human beings? Does she forget that they are "folks" just the same as herself; Strange as it may seem, girls who work in the kitchens have about the same tastes, desires and hopes as their mistresses. They are seldom servants because they want to be. They do not seek the kitchen because they want to be independent and have a "career." There's a reason when a girl goes into service and it is usually a very human one. Sometimes it conceals tragedy.

Women whose particular labor problem they are, go down into the slums and lead helping hands to the poor and the ignorant and the unclean. They lecture eloquently on "What Is a Human Being? Their Needs and Their Rights." They do much for the uplift of the factory girl, the shop girl, the street girl.

But in their own garden plots, they assume an entirely different role. "Human Beings" cease to be in their part. They become women with eyes that do not see, ears that do not hear, hearts that do not feel, in short, slave-masters. They go out of their way to do good to the down-trodden and the oppressed out in the world, but they overlook the misery, the struggle that is under their feet. They bitterly denounce the factory-owner who herds his employes in unsanitary quarters; they wage brilliant battles with legislatures for shorter hours for women wage-earners; they do splendid things for the working girl abroad.

Is it not meet that the keen edge of woman's sword should be applied nearer home? The domestic servant problem is a tremendous one. If she is earnest in her broad humanity, here lies her way.

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Grand Junction, Colo., July 25.—When Rev. Elmer V. Huffer, just resigned as pastor of the First Christian Church, delivered a sermon recently advocating the exile of old maids to a barren island as "waste humanity," he anticipated local resentment, possibly, but hardly expected to find himself at issue with Miss Helen Gould of New York.

In a letter he received yesterday Miss Gould declared that many preachers would be without work and without wives and homes were it not for old maids.

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