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Daily Thought.

Many men build as cathedrals were built, the part nearest the ground finished; but that part which soars toward heaven, the turrets and the spires, forever incomplete. — Henry Ward Beecher.

Bee Hives Always in Demand.

In some parts of northern Arabia the hills are so well stocked with bees that no sooner are hives placed than they are occupied.

The former German crown prince at the outbreak of the revolution asked that he be allowed to remain with his

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Wilson, assisted by federal officers, confiscated a complete moonshine still at the ranch of Fred Benson, about four and one-half miles southwest of Oregon City.

Miss Lottie G. Stanton, 15 years old, of Camas, is among the youngest brides in the United States. She was married at Vancouver Wednesday to R. Erael Day, 27 years old, also of Camas. The girl had the consent of her parents

Five Japanese steel freighters of from 9,000 to 11,000 tons capacity each will be delivered to the United States Shipping board at Seattle during January by the Trans-Oceanic company, according to advices received by the company's offices.

A Reply.

"Do you think playing a game of pool hurtful or wrong?" asks a young saphead of Galveston. We think playing a game of pool to be entirely all right—provided the player has put in a full day's work.—Houston Post.

In the Library.

"Would you mind changing this book for me? It's the second edition, and I haven't read the first."—Boston Transcript.

Not as Progressive.

A scientific magazine says the motorcar has passed out of the experimental stage. True, but what a pity it is that as much cannot be said of the drivers of motorcars.

These Days of High Prices.

Robert's grandfather gave him a penny to spend, and Robert said: "Grandpa, you must remember everything costs more. I can't get much candy for a penny."

IMPROVED MACHINES AID LABOR PROBLEM

Increased Power Enables Owners to Cultivate More Land.

Of Particular Advantage In Permitting One Man to Do Considerable More Work In Given Time In Raising Crops.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The advantage of the tractor, like that of most other improved farm machinery, lies not so much in the reduction of the cost of performing a unit of work as in the fact that it permits one man to do considerably more work in a given time.

This has been true of practically all improved farm machines. Even the grain binder, generally considered as one of the greatest agricultural inventions of the century, which has increased about eight-fold the acreage one man could handle, has not resulted in decreasing materially the cost of producing grain.

Men who hope to reduce greatly the cost of farming operations by the pur-

Farm Tractor at Work.

chase of a tractor should bear these facts in mind. Judging by the experience of tractor users, it is not safe to expect any material reduction in the cost of farm operations per acre through the use of the tractor, but it is safe to expect to be able to increase the crop acreage to a very considerable extent, and, at the same time, the amount of crops which one man can raise.

Furthermore, it should be remembered that the cost of doing the work with a tractor in most cases cannot be directly compared with the cost of doing it with horses, since on farms where tractors are used a number of horses generally are retained, and any comparison, therefore, must be made between the cost of operating the farm with horses alone and the cost of operating with the tractor and a certain number of horses. Not infrequently horses stand idle while the tractor is being used for field work, because there is not sufficient help available to use them at the same time, and in such cases part of the cost of their maintenance must be considered when figuring the cost of farm operations, since they are as much a part of the farm power plant as is the tractor.

Not only should the relative expense of operation with the two methods be considered, but also the relative results. The increased crop acreage and consequent increase in incomes which the purchase of the tractor will often make possible may much more than offset a slight increase in the operating expenses of the farm.

PROPER CARE GIVEN MANURE

Too Often Fertilizer Is Pitched Out of Barns and Exposed to the Winter Rains.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The time is approaching when much of the stock will be kept in barns and sheds more or less of the time. Preparations should be made to take care of all manure that accumulates during the housing season. Too often manure is pitched out of the barns and exposed to the winter rains. Where manure is leached in this way the most valuable part of the fertilizer constituents is carried away to the streams and lost to the farm. When the manure is removed from the stalls it should be placed in a covered shed or pit and packed down so as to prevent leaching and fire-fanging, or it should be spread upon the fields where it can be plowed in immediately or applied as a top dressing for grasses.

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Culinary Camouflage.

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The Easy Way.

Few that wander in the wrong way mistake it for the right; they only find it more smooth and flowery, and indulge in their own choice rather than approve it.—Samuel Johnson.

Literally.

"When you proposed to the wealthy painter's daughter how did you come out?" "With flying colors. Yes; her dad threw a palette full of paints at me as I beat it from the house."—Knoxville Sentinel.

First Principles.

The fact disclosed by a survey of the past that majorities have been wrong must not blind us to the the complementary fact that majorities have usually not been entirely wrong. —Herbert Spencer.

An Oversight.

Nature is wonderful, but we are not told that she gave the female elephant a larger trunk than the male.—Boston Transcript.

Derivation of Word "Prophet."

The Hebrew word for prophet is derived from a verb signifying "to bubble forth" like a fountain.

We Suppose This Is So.

In place of most of our troubles we might easily have much worse ones.—Albany Journal.

Daily Thought.

Vice stings us, even in our pleasures, but virtue consoles us even in our pains.—C. C. Colton.

Optimistic Thought.

Riches do not exhilirate so much with their possession as they torment with their loss.

Alaskan Coast Forest.

The coast forests of southern and southeastern Alaska are included in the national forests of Tongass and Chugach, which comprise over 96,000,000 acres, a large proportion of which is covered with trees. Of these Sitka spruce average about 20 per cent and western hemlock 75 per cent.

Those Straw Votes.

"I really never did take much stock in straw votes," said the defeated candidate, sorrowfully, "but I must admit that there is more comfort in them than there is sometimes in the real thing."

The Pope's Chair.

What is said to be the most expensive chair in the world belongs to the pope; it is of solid silver, and is said to have cost $90,000.

Lantern Fly a Brilliant Insect.

The lantern fly of South America is said to be by far the most brilliant of all luminous insects. It sometimes measures more than two inches in length. The shape of the head is very curious. It is furnished with a hollow transparent snout nearly the length of the body, whence comes the lamplike light.

Going Ahead Too Fast.

The young detective was enthusiastic but inexperienced. Rushing into his chief's office in great excitement he cried: "I've found the assassin! I've got him cornered so that he can't escape!" The chief regarded him with withering scorn. "Allow me," he said, "to draw your attention to the fact that at present we are looking—not for the assassin, but for clues."—Judge.

Tom Thumb.

Charles Sherwood Stratton (Tom Thumb) was born at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1838. He was exhibited by P. T. Barnum in various parts of the world. He married in 1863 Mercy Lavinia Bump (Lavina Warren) also a dwarf. When first exhibited Tom Thumb was only about two feet high, but he grew to a height of 40 inches. He died at Middleborough, Mass., in 1883.

Systematic Effort Wins.

If we take our days and reduce them to the essentials we shall find that there are many real things to do, needful things to do, and we shall go about these tasks quietly and earnestly, not expressing our energies through a hundred trifles, but through true effort, properly directed, doing whatever our hands and hearts and minds find to do, nobly and well.

Tack Window Shades.

When the window shade falls off the rod take a shoe string, or any kind of strong tape and put the tack through it. No matter if the children pull on it or the spring breaks, it will not tear off again.

Out of Sight.

When a good-looking girl smiles at a man he always forgets that he is carrying his wife's picture in his watch.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Optimistic Thought.

Riches are well if gotten well and well spent.