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"The epithet consists of the word 'Gone,'" a Worcester auctioneer lay dying. He whispered to his wife with a quiet smile.

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I read, once in an idle hour, Some lines about a maiden's hair That clustered richly, fell on gold, Above a brow serenely fair; And when the sunlight lingered there It turned its due to gold.

Would that a like transmuting power Might work its charm for me some day When bills crowd in and friends are cold; Might flood my room with mellow ray, And drifting all the clouds away, Turn every day to gold.

—The University of Missouri.

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 "Yes?"
 "I don't think much of our class prophet."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The attitude of the protesters was set forth yesterday in a statement by C. J. Bentley, president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce and a member of the executive committee, who said:

"We deem it unjust that the traffic managers should be arranged and these rates without consulting the shippers, and at a period most inopportune. We have canvassed the railroad situation thoroughly, and from the cost of fuel to the statement of earnings there is apparent no valid reason for such an increase of rates at this time."

SEEKING WAR INSTRUCTORS.

Berlin Paper Says Castro Will Add Army and Navy.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Berlin Neueste Nachrichten yesterday printed an article "from a well-informed source" regarding the German press against adopting an unfriendly attitude toward President Castro of Venezuela. The writer says that Germany's business interests should cause the newspapers to refrain from offensive allusions, such as "ex-convict" and "president of a robber state."

Castro, the article continues, is considering a large addition to the equipment of both army and navy, and is thinking of placing the orders in Germany. The Venezuelan president is also seeking instructors for his military academy, recently established in Caracas, and is likely to give preference to officers from the German army. All this leads the Neueste Nachrichten writer to hope that Germany will strive to obtain a permanent influence politically and economically in Venezuela.

Many of the newspapers in their weekly political review toward the Venezuelan situation. The Tageblatt says:

"The German government cannot much longer look toward the president unless he gives assurance that Venezuela will fulfill the obligations."

A notable fact is that the semi-official Nord-Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung utterly ignores the presence of Senor Castro. Such a course has never before been adopted when the chief of a foreign state was visiting Germany, although in a private capacity.

SULTAN LIKE CRIMINAL.

Resembles Stage Shylock in Shabby Overcoat at Mosque.

Constantinople, Turkey, Dec. 19.—The scene before the mosque of St. Sofia at the opening of the Turkish parliament after his four-mile journey from Berlin, the president of the parliament, who had been imagined beforehand, thousands of persons were clustered on the roofs, pillars and buttresses of the ancient church, two millions even standing on the summit of the dome. Trees, windows and the flat roofs of houses were crowded with spectators. No other such multitude has gathered in Constantinople in 500 years, yet throughout the entire day no disorder whatever was observed.

There was a deadly hush when the sultan entered his box and everybody stood up. Bent and clad in a shabby overcoat, without a single decoration, the sultan bore a remarkable resemblance to a stage Shylock, and looked rather like a criminal in the dock than a ruler blessing his people.

Robbers' Rendezvous Found.

Riverdale, Cal., Dec. 21.—Evidence in the hands of government secret service agents leads to the belief that an organized gang of postoffice robbers is making its headquarters at either San Bernardino or Colton. Officers are running down clues and believe they will soon apprehend the criminals. Scores of small postoffices in southern California have been robbed recently, and in almost every case the robbers' trails have led toward San Bernardino or Colton. Suspicious characters are being kept under surveillance.

Milwaukee Stirs Up Rivals.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 21.—Because they have been ordered to be ready to handle 27 additional trains a day running between Chicago and Minneapolis, Madison railroad employees of the Chicago and North Western railroad company say their company has entered into an agreement with the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha roads for a through service to the Pacific coast. A large number of engineers and conductors have been ordered to report at Chicago for examination to determine their fitness.

Cosgrove Makes Strides.

Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, is making wonderful strides toward recovery. Yesterday morning he was well enough to be dressed, and chatted pleasantly with the physician. The governor is now so much advanced that his son, Howard Cosgrove, returned yesterday morning to Pomeroy, Wash., feeling confident that his father would be well enough to leave for Olympia before many weeks.

Wright Breaks Record.

Lemoore, France, Dec. 19.—Will Wright, the American aviator, today broke previous distance and duration records for aeroplanes flight, going 61 1/2 miles in one hour, 33 minutes, 59 seconds. Wright's feat was performed during a trial competition for the Michelin prize.

DENATIFIED ALCOHOL.

Demand for such alcohol can be readily seen when we note that approximately 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline are consumed daily in the country and that the increased demand for it, due to the development of its modern uses, has doubled its price in the last few years. Indiana and Ohio oils contain only about 5 per cent of gasoline and the per cent of the lighter distillate in California and Texas crude oil is very low. The supply of gasoline therefore seems to be limited, but the demand increasing. Alcohol, it has been demonstrated, can meet this demand. Furthermore, the annual consumption of kerosene in the United States approximates 1,000,000,000 gallons, three-fourths of which are probably used by the farmers. One gallon of alcohol is equivalent to two gallons of kerosene for lighting purposes, 375,000,000 gallons of alcohol could be used on the farms of this country each year. This would require 450,000,000 bushels, or 5,000,000 acres, an increase of 5 per cent over that now produced. The present consumption of alcohol amounts to but 16,000,000 gallons per year.

Ethyl or grain alcohol is a natural product, formed by the fermentation of various kinds of sugar through the agency of yeast organisms. Since starch is readily convertible into sugar by either natural or artificial means, materials which contain notable quantities of either starch or sugar may be utilized for making alcohol. The more important sources of alcohol are the cereals, potatoes, molasses and fruits. In France alcohol is chiefly made from the sugar beet, in Germany from the potato, and in America from corn. A bushel of corn will yield approximately 2 1/2 gallons of 95 per cent alcohol; a bushel of potatoes three-fourths of a gallon and a bushel of apples one-third of a gallon.

In the large distilleries it costs about 17 cents to manufacture and place on the market one gallon of alcohol, and the cost of the raw material used brings this ordinarily to approximately 30 cents. Allowing for the necessary profit, alcohol will reach the consumer at about 40 cents per gallon. But alcohol at 90 cents for kerosene at 24 cents for lighting purposes, since alcohol has twice the illuminating value of kerosene, and in competition kerosene can never demand more than one-half the market price of alcohol.

For making cheap alcohol a cheap concentrated raw product and a well equipped plant are necessary. The plant should have a capacity of at least 100 gallons per day, the cost of such a plant being in the neighborhood of \$10,000. No such plant can operate successfully on waste products alone, especially if such are to be obtained for only a brief part of the year, as for example, waste fruits. The most important waste material, produced as a by-product, is molasses, which, with other waste products, a plant could be operated throughout the year.

Because of the persistent inquiries relative to the merits and demerits of the wheat known locally as "Alaska," the Idaho experiment station has given the wheat a milling test and subjected the flour so obtained to chemical examination and baking tests. The results of these tests, together with such other information concerning the wheat as could be gathered from reliable sources, have just been published in a bulletin.

The wheat is apparently of the same variety that is known in southern Europe as Poulard, or Egyptian. It is used there for making macaroni and other pastas, and the flour made from it is said to be in demand by certain French markets.

Under field conditions the wheat has not made any phenomenal yields, averaging this year perhaps no better than ordinary winter wheat. The kernels are large and plump and compare favorably in appearance with much of the wheat that is raised in northern Idaho, because of their size and shape they are easily broken, however, and care must be exercised in threshing to prevent this.

The results of the milling tests show that no particular plumpness is met with in grinding the wheat. The flour secured is described as sharp and granular, and is capable of making an excellent quality of biscuits, muffins, cakes, etc. When made into light bread, color, flavor, texture and size of loaf were noted. In color the bread was darker than that baked from Turkey red, but decidedly lighter than that baked from the club flour. Flavor and texture were pronounced good. In size the loaves were inferior to those baked from Turkey red, but compared very favorably in the respect with those baked from little club flour. The bulletin may be secured by addressing the Experiment Station, Moscow.

A Critical Query.

"He is a very intellectual man."
 "What sort of an intellectual man?" inquired Miss Cayenne. "The kind that knows things of the kind that wears long hair and mistle clothes?"—Washington Star.

The Return Feminine.

He—I see where the first man who accepted a leap-year proposal of marriage has committed suicide.
 She—Well, that proves nothing except that we women have such a killing way.—Baltimore American.

When a woman goes into a dry goods store, and is pleased with everything shown her, it is a sign that she has no intention of buying. But if she finds fault with everything, she intends to buy that day.

Quite Useful.

"How do you get along?"
 "She has a very useful husband."
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