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Animal spirits are sometimes revived by the vegetable spirit.

Advertising is one of the first laws of nature. When a hen lays an egg she cackles about it and the rooster crows about it.

Consider the difference between thought and action. Many men are well wishers, but have no intention of carrying out their better desires.

J. Pierpont Morgan called on King Edward recently, thus permitting the latter to see what a man who can run things without wearing tassels looks like.

Some men feel downhearted when they have spent their last dollar, while others never feel discouraged until they have spent the last dollar of the last friend.

Andrew Carnegie may be the saver of many lives. After this when we want to expand we will just let Mr. C. know the object of our covetous eye and he may purchase it for us.

The gavel which Washington used when he laid the corner stone of the national capitol is in the possession of the Potomac Lodge of Masons. It is in a perfect state of preservation.

The way they sing it in Kansas now, says an exchange, is: "Mother, dear mother, come home with me now; the clock in the steeple strikes one; you said you were coming right home from the joints, as soon as the smashing was done."

A New York bridge company has taken contracts for about 100 portable steel houses, for shipment to Venezuela, where such structures, it is said, find a ready market in view of the frequent earthquakes. These steel houses, which are one story, weigh about twenty tons each.

This country is coming to ape England in everything. The administration is studying the methods England is pursuing in the subjection and government of the Transvaal States and the English methods will probably be adopted in the future relations of this country with the Philippines.—Ex.

A Kansas volunteer just back from the Philippines, where he was two years, is reported to have invested his savings by buying a \$4000 farm. As his pay was only \$332 for the two years, this investment stamps him as a Napoleon of finance and a Kansas farm is no place for him. He should at once prepare for a checkered career on Wall street where his genius would have wider opportunity.

The United States government will issue soil maps for the benefit of American farmers everywhere. These soil maps will enable the farmer wherever he is located to determine just what crops will bring him the largest return. They are printed in colors, the meaning of the different colors fully explained and suggestions as to relative values of soils and their adaptability to crops offered for the guidance of the tiller of the land.—Ex.

Imitation New Potatoes.

Since the days of wooden nutmegs, says Popular Science (July) there has been many artificial food products, and some of them are so real in appearance as to deceive even the best-informed. The list includes butter, syrups, jellies, jams, honey, essence, coffee, luscious gelatin straw-

berries, and now new potatoes. In California this latest industry flourishes. The manufacturing gardener is an enterprising genius of foreign extraction, generally Portuguese, Italian or Chinaman. By his private process of making new potatoes, he gets at least two months advance on the market in many places, and the extent of this business must be somewhat gigantic, for these made new potatoes are to be seen in all the markets from Denver to Albuquerque, and Salt Lake to Cape Nome. The method of their manufacture is as follows:

"Late in the season when other crops are out of the way, the gardener plants a crop of late and good-keeping potatoes. The time has been chosen from experience, and is opportune for a yield of small potatoes before the frosts of winter come down upon the gardener's truck patch. These potatoes are dug and buried in heaps in the open field and left until spring opens and the new potato season arrives. At the proper time the heaps are opened and potatoes sorted according to size. In the mean time a large kettle or vat is set in the field adjacent to the potato heaps, and made ready by filling with water and sufficient lye to effectually curl the skin of the potato when dipped into the boiling solution. A crane and metal basket are rigged so that the dipping can be done expeditiously, and the way that new potatoes are turned out is astonishing. The effect of dipping any potato, no matter how old, into this boiling lye solution is to crack and curl the skin, and at the same time it hardens or makes the potato much more firm, so that its resemblance to a new potato is so near that it would be hard to pick out the impostor, from appearance alone, from a basket of the genuine article. After dipping the potatoes are rinsed in another vat and spread out to dry in the sun, and cure into perfect new potatoes, and the work is complete."

He Washed his Neck.

Slang that is perfectly familiar to the feature of one locality is often interpreted in even a nearby region in a totally different way from that which is intended. This was well illustrated last week, when a man from Boston and a man from Nova Scotia met in a hotel and were introduced by a mutual friend. After a little talk the friend left them, and, having had no time to discover kindred interests, the conversation lagged painfully. At length, breaking a long pause, the Nova Scotian said: "Wouldn't it do you good to wash your neck?" "What's the matter with my neck?" exclaimed the Bostonian, flushing a fiery red, "and what's the matter with you that you ask such a question? I'd have you know, sir, I consider it an impertinence—an impertinence, sir!" "Gee!" exclaimed the surprised Nova Scotian. "I did not mean to offend you, I had no idea you were one of these teetotal temperance cranks!" "I'm no temperance crank either," retorted the Bostonian, now doubly offended and surprised also. "Ain't you?" inquired the Blue Nose. "Then why did you get so mad when I asked you to take a drink?" "Asked me to take a drink?" almost shrieked the man from the Hub. "You asked me? When?"

Range Leasing Bill.

President Lusk, of the American Cattle Growers' Association, has appointed the following committee to draft a bill to provide for the leasing of the public range: John P. Irish, of California; M. K. Parsons, of Utah; Bartlett Richards, of Nebraska; Henry M. Porter, of Colorado, and A. B. Robertson, of Texas. The committee will meet at Denver next September.

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