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Home drying of fruits and vegetables is by no means a new art. It was used by our grandmothers in saving apples, peaches, pears and kindred fruits for winter use. Until recently, however, the practice of this form of household conservation has been given little application by the present generation. The ease with which the housekeeper could procure canned goods from the grocer served to discourage the use of this fine old custom, and dried products found little favor. Perhaps something less than a world war might have caused its revival and expansion, but the fact remains that it was not given serious consideration until civilization was plunged into the whirlpool of strife. With the outbreak of the war and the attendant food shortage, fruit drying was revived throughout America, and with it came the stimulus for vegetable drying as well. Today vegetables are being dried in the homes of this country on a scale

never before approached, and it is constantly increasing.

Frank Rowe, of Wheeler, has been appointed County Chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive. Mr. Rowe proved an excellent chairman in the Third Liberty Loan Drive, giving his time and no small amount of money to carry the work to a successful conclusion. Mr. Rowe affiliated with himself a number of local chairmen who worked diligently and produced results. So much for the past, now for the future. For this banking district a chairman will of necessity be appointed. Whoever receives the appointment will have to have his various teams appointed and be ready for the drive as soon as the time arrives. The Courier editor was chairman for this district on the Third Liberty Loan Drive and as he will not be here for the next drive it was necessary for him to decline the appointment. We are confident Mr. Rowe will appoint anyone whom the people of this district desires and we urge the people to select a man and send his name to the county chairman. There must be no slackers and we hope that the person selected for the position will willingly act and that every solicitor appointed by the local chairman will put his shoulder to the wheel as did the solicitors in the last loan drive.

I will pay 12c per pound for carcass bark—Grover Witt.

## LIFTING CURTAIN OF HISTORY

Only Once in About a Thousand Years  
Is Light Shed on Region of the  
Persian Gulf.

To the world the Persian gulf is an unknown water, a landlocked arm of the sea where slave trading, gun running and piracy survive as legitimate occupations, with a coast of towering cliffs and desert wastes, where yellow sands rise in waves and float in stifling clouds of heat—a region whose obscurity and perils guard and screen mysteries and romances that date back to the beginning of mankind. History lifts the curtain on this strange land only once in a thousand years. In these brief glimpses we see the coast as the cradle of the human race and the waters the most ancient trade route between the East and West and afloat with craft before the Mediterranean was plowed by the keels of ships. We see the Persians under Cyrus marching to conquer India, Alexander the Great in retreat across the Mekran desert, and his famous admiral, Nearchus, closely hugging the inhospitable shore; then, after centuries, the Arabs in the height of their glory marshaling for the invasion of the East. Again, centuries pass in darkness. Then come the adventurers of the West, the Portuguese, Dutch, French and English, thirsting for the fabled wealth of the Orient, beating for a time upon these shores, then passing on to further conquest, leaving the gulf a mere backwater of western civilization strewn with the flotsam and jetsam of humanity. To the European statesman, however, the Persian gulf is an issue fraught with deep significance in the struggle for world commerce and power in eastern politics.—Louis A. Springer, in Asia Magazine.

## HELD HIS ART ABOVE ALL

Pension Could Not Induce Beethoven  
to Play for Emperor or  
Dukes.

Bettina von Arnim visited Beethoven in the year 1810, and wrote a letter describing the event in August of that year. It has recently been published, observes an exchange. Very different from her correspondence with Goethe, when it is a question whether the lady is indulging in fact or fiction, this letter about Beethoven is serious in tone.

Beethoven had a "so-called pride that prevents him playing for the emperor and the dukes, who have in vain given him a pension; and it is the rarest thing in all Vienna to hear him play," she says. But he consents to play for her when she tells him it would be the joy of her life to hear him. He "seated himself at the piano, on the edge of a chair, playing softly with one hand, as though trying to overcome his aversion to being heard. Suddenly he had forgotten his surroundings and his thought expanded into an ocean of harmony."

She goes on: "I got to like this man tremendously. In everything that has to do with his art he is so commanding and truthful that no artist dares to approach him."

## Why Paper Turns Yellow With Age.

It is a well-known fact that paper exposed to light will become yellowish within a comparatively short time; and even when kept in storage where light does not reach it, it will undergo gradual deterioration. Investigations by Doctor Klemm demonstrated that these changes are due mainly to the presence in the paper of mechanical wood-pulp or lignified fiber, although they are met with also in paper colored with dyes that fade under exposure to light. In wood-free papers the fading is found to be due to a formation of soaplike compounds of iron with resin and fatty substances. The greater the amount of these compounds present, the more marked the yellowing of the paper. A mixture of ether (two parts) and alcohol (one part) will remove the soaplike matter.—Popular Science Monthly.

## Walking Sticks and Canes.

At one time the general use of canes or walking sticks was forbidden in Rome by imperial edict, except to persons of patrician rank, thus making it a privilege which came to be popular among the nobility and eventually a distinction. The women of that time carried them also, their richly and artistically decorated canes serving as a rod for punishment of their slaves.

The cane appeared in England as the badge of aristocracy in about the fifth century, but after serving this purpose for some time came into the hands of the humbler classes and was dropped by those of higher social standing. It was re-established in its true form by the pilgrims and soldiers returning from the Holy Land during the Crusades, and soon came into popularity again.

## Ideas for New Fuel.

Peat and chalk are being extensively used for briquetting in Canada. The peat is mixed with coal breeze and

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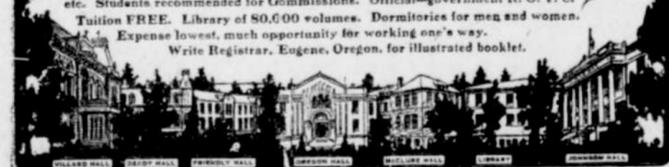
I have received a letter recently from a Salem party, stating that he has a 7 room bungalow to exchange for land that would make a sheep ranch. Another party has written me from Portland wishing to exchange income bearing Portland property for a well equipped dairy ranch. Has cash and equities. Still another party has two lots near St. Johns car line, Portland, at \$1800 and he wants to trade for land. If you have anything to trade and these appeal to you see me at Cloverdale.

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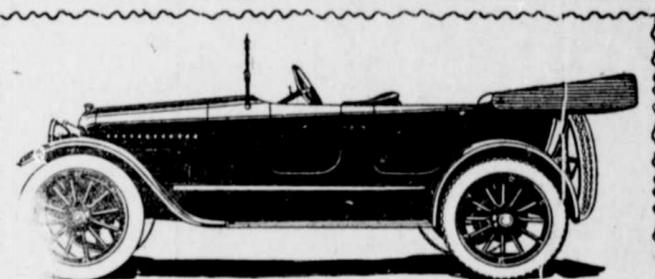
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being smokeless, has a high calorific value, and burns freely.—Chicago Journal.

**FRANK TAYLOR,**

Notary Public

Cloverdale, Ore.