THE AGE OF AN OYSTER.

You Can Tell It by the Lines on the Hinge of the Shell.

In some ways an oyster is smarter than the man who eats him, but in one respect the consumer has his victim beaten in the matter of wisdom. The consumer has learned the art of "making up" to conceal his age; the oyster has not. Any one who wishes to do so can find out just how old an oyster is. The lines in the groove of the hinge of the shell tell the whole story. These lines are a true index to the number of layers composing the shell, being, in fact, nothing else than their attenuated tails. One of these layers grows each year, and, no matter how hard the sensitive oyster may try to keep it from showing, it is bound to overlap its predecessor and leave a ridge which, no doubt, is just as annoying to the oyster tribe as an annual wrinkle would be to the human race.

Up to the time of an oyster's maturity these layers are arranged with regularity, but after that they fairly pile over each other, just as if the little bivalve's birthplace had crowded upon each other so rapidly that he didn't have time to spread out one new plate before another was right at his heels.

An oyster comes of age when he is four years old. Coming of age in the oyster kingdom means that he is old enough to take care of a family and go to market. Going to market is a disastrous undertaking and is generally the last of him, for a four-year-old oyster is particularly palatable, and people do not hesitate to pay a pretty good price for a pint or a quart of him. By this it must not be inferred that after an oyster has passed the four layer period and has five, ten or even a dozen wrinkles on his shell he is a back number and fit for nothing but to keep on accumulating wrinkles until he dies of old age. Indeed, there are records of oysters being eaten just after celebrating their thirtieth birthday, and in most cases they formed quite a delicious meal. This is an unusual age for an oyster to attain, because few of them are given an opportunity to live so long. If left to enjoy life in his own quiet way it is quite probable that the oyster would live to become an octogenarian or even a centenarian.—New York Press.

BITS FROM THE WRITERS.

Progress isn't a passing fancy; it's the life principle.—Elizabeth Robins.

When we work because we love work, then the work is well done.—Marie Corelli.

There can be no journey more pleasant than that which carries us a stage upon the road to our ambitions.—Max Pemberton.

You mustn't mind what other people do. If their souls were your soul it would be different. You stand and fall by your own work.—Rudyard Kipling.

It is a curious contradiction that happiness is the one thing people really want and that it is the one thing nearly everybody misses.—Gertrude Atherton.

The kind of honesty that won't actually steal 's a kind of fool honesty that's common enough, but the kind that keeps a feller's mouth shut when he hadn't ought to talk 's about the scurcest thing goin'.—E. N. Westcott.

Parental Parsimony.

Everything is by comparison. Said a woman recently of a young married couple whose families are counted "immensely rich:" "They really cannot live on their income; it is shocking to pinch as they must. Why, you know, his father only gives him $10,000 a year. He has a salary of $5,000, and she has an allowance from her family of $10,000—only $25,000, with a $100,000 house to keep up. It's outrageous, with all the money there is in those two families!" Twenty-five thousand dollars income and a completely furnished house and yet counted paupers by the world in which they move! Better change the orbit and come into one of common sense.—Boston Herald.

A Railway Mixup.

Among those who have been complaining of the slow railways in Italy is a commercial traveler, who recently determined that the Milan express should end his life. Two minutes before the train was due at a certain station he laid himself stoically across the rails. After vainly awaiting the train's approach for fifty minutes the gentleman was compelled to relinquish the project. He threatened to sue the directorate for inconvenience caused him, in which case, it is said, the railway authorities will put in a counterclaim for services rendered.

One Comfort Left.

The retired merchant was looking over his old ledgers.

"What satisfaction does that afford you?" asked the caller.

"A heap," he answered. "When somebody calls me an old skinflint and a miser it does me good to look at the unpaid accounts of my forty years in business and reflect that I've given away in my time, without counting interest, $27,491.36."—Chicago Tribune.

Not Unlucky.

'Arry—I've brought yer a ring, 'Arriet. Ain't it a beauty? 'Arriet—Why, it's a opal, 'Arry, and opals is awful onlucky, so they ses. 'Arry—You needn't worry yerself over that, cos it ain't a real un.—London Express.

Poetic.

Diderot, the French poet, once said, "He who would write of women should dip his pen in rainbow dye and powder his lines with gold dust from butterflies' wings."

"Counselor Therefore."

Sergeant Kelly, a celebrity of the Irish bar, had a remakable habit of drawing conclusions directly at variance with his premises and was consequently nicknamed "Counselor Therefore." In court on one occasion he thus addressed the jury: "The case is so clear, gentlemen, that you cannot possibly misunderstand it, and I should pay your understandings a very poor compliment if I dwelt upon it for another minute. Therefore I shall at once proceed to explain it to you as minutely as possible."

Will Be a Big Apple Crop.

Much interest centers in the coming apple crop and through the courtesy of Rae & Hatfield The News presents herewith conditions in the various states as gleaned and compiled by this firm:

Missouri—Apples promise a very heavy crop. The large growers throughout the state figure that the yield will be nearly 100 per cent.

Maine—Conservative apple men estimate the crop about 50 per cent.

Massachusetts—Apple prospects very encouraging.

Michigan—Growers write that to the best of their belief crop will be light throughout the state.

Arkansas—Apple prospects are very good and all indications point to a splendid crop.

Illinois—Growers figure that the apple crop will be very good. Pears a light yield.

Indiana—Apple prospects all that can be desired.

Iowa—Nearly a full crop. Growers figure about 80 per cent.

Nebraska—Apple crop light. A good many sections hurt by frost.

Western New York—Splendid outlook for apples of all varieties, also large crop of Bartlett pears.

Ohio—Apple crop throughout the state will average about 50 per cent.

Oklahoma—Apple crop will be very heavy throughout the entire state.

Oregon—The apple crop throughout the state will no doubt be the heaviest ever known. This, of course, is to be expected on account of the many orchards that have been set out within the last several years.

Texas—Apple crop will be very light.

New Jersey—Will probably have an average crop. Indications point to a good many early apples.

Pennsylvania—We have only received limited information from this section—probably a fair crop.

Virginia—The crop throughout Virginia this season will no doubt be light, as we only have an apple crop there every other year, and from letter received, we not think the crop will be more than enough to supply the local demand.

Colorado—This will be the banner year for Colorado. Growers are very enthusiastic over the outlook and in some sections they claim there will be three times the amount of apples shipped last year. The growers throughout the state take the very best care of their fruit and in spite of the increase in acreage there is no doubt the entire crop will go into consumption at very satisfactory prices.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon for Wasco county.

Theodore Gillispie, plaintiff
vs
Anna Gillispie, defendant.

To Anna Gillispie: In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby commanded to appear in the above entitled court and cause on or before Thursday the 21st day of June, 1906, and answer the complaint filed against you in said court and cause and for want of such answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant, granting an absolute divorce to the plaintiff.

This summons is published by order of Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, judge of the above entitled court made and entered on the 11th day of May, 1906.

Date of first publication, May 10th, 1906.

Jay H. Upton,
m10|21 Attorney for plaintiff.

Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learnt to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous.

In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the cure of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

In all the various weaknesses, displacements, prolapsus, inflammation and debilitating, catarrhal drains and in all cases of nervousness and debility, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the most efficient remedy that can possibly be used. It has to its credit hundreds of thousands of cures—more in fact than any other remedy put up for sale through druggists, especially for woman's use. The ingredients of which the "Favorite Prescription" is composed have received the most positive endorsement from the leading medical writers on *Materia Medica* of all the several schools of practice. All the ingredients are printed *in plain English* on the wrapper enclosing the bottle, so that any woman making use of this famous medicine may know exactly what she is taking. Dr. Pierce takes his patients into his full confidence, which he can afford to do as the formula after which the "Favorite Prescription" is made will bear the most careful examination.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best and safest laxative for women.

An Alarming Situation

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The postoffice is open daily between 8 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock. Mails for the East close at 11.20 a. m., 8.10 p. m. and 9 p. m.; for the West, at 11.30 a. m., 8.10 p. m. and 9 p. m.

The carriers on R. F. D. routes No. 1 and 2 leave the postoffice at 8.30 a. m. Mail leaves—

For Mt. Hood, daily at 12 m.; arrives 10.30 a. m.

For Underwood, Wash., daily, except Sunday, at 12 m., arrives at 11 a. m.

For White Salmon, Wash., daily at 12 m.; arrives at 11 a. m.

WHITE SALMON.

For Hood River, daily at 9 a. m.; arrives at 2 p. m.

For Husum, Trout Lake and Guler, Wash., daily at 7.30 a. m.; arrives 5 p. m.

For Glenwood, Fulda and Gilmer, Wash., daily at 7.30 a. m.; arrives at 5 p. m.

For Pine Flat and Snowden, Wash., at 1 p. m. Tuesdays and Saturdays; arrives same days at 12 m.

For Bingen, daily at 4.45 p. m.; arrives at 8.45 a. m.

O. R. & N. TIME TABLE.

East bound—
No. 2, Chicago Special, 11:45 a. m.
No. 4, Spokane Flyer, 8:35 p. m.
No. 6, Mail and Express, 10:42 p. m.
No. 8, 10:33 a. m. No mail.
No. 24, Way Freight, 12:15 p. m.
No. 22, Fast Freight, 4:05 a. m.

West bound—
No. 1, Portland Special, 2:35 p. m.
No. 3, Portland Flyer, 5:33 a. m.
No. 5, Mail and Express, 4:42 a. m.
No. 7, 3:40 p. m. No mail.
No. 23, Way Freight, 9:25 a. m.
No. 25, Fast Freight, 1:55 p. m.

Union Depot—	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago-Portland Special for the East via Huntington, daily	9:30 am	5:00 pm
Spokane Flyer for Eastern Washington, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene and Great Northern points, daily	6:15 pm	8:00 am
Atlantic Express for the East via Huntington, daily	8:15 pm	7:15 am
Portland-Biggs local, for all points between Biggs and Portland, daily	8:15 am	6:00 pm