



A WONDERLAND.

Facts and Guesses About the Roraima Mountains.

A Mysterious Country Near the Schomburgk Line in Venezuela—Surmises as to the Flora and Fauna of the Region.

Perhaps one result of the Venezuela boundary commission's work will be the solving of the most remarkable geographical enigmas in the world and the exploration of what is regarded as a unique natural wonderland. This remarkable region is a number of elevated and isolated areas of land, situated on what the British call British Guiana's southwestern boundary, which is in the disputed territory. It is on the British side of the Schomburgk line. A British Guiana newspaper describes this region, as far as it is known, and expresses the hope that the final settlement of the boundary controversy will leave it well within British bounds. Should there be another result, however, the newspaper says, the region should be made an international park, something on the plan of the Yellowstone park reservation.

The region is called by the Indians "Roraima," but the several isolated areas are known by distinctive names. Each consists of what might be called an isolated mountain, but is really a table-land, comprising an area of 100 or more square miles, elevated several thousand feet above the surrounding country. The rocky sides of the mountains are as perpendicular as the Hudson river palisades and entirely bare of vegetation, and have defied all attempts to scale them. The level summits are covered with trees and other vegetation, and down the rocky sides fall a large number of cascades of considerable size, indicating the certain existence of rivers and streams on the mysterious summits, and probably of lakes that feed the rivers. The summits have been observed with telescopes, and are known to be as full of plant life as the tropical plains below, but beyond this nothing is known.

Because so little is known of the condition of these table-lands occasion is given for all manner of speculation as to what exists there. That the vegetation is quite different from that on the plains below the telescope shows; and that it should be so is quite natural, as the table-lands are 2,000 or more feet higher than the plains. While the climate of the plains is tropical, that of the table-lands must be temperate, not only because of their elevation, but because of the free play the winds have about them.

Of the geology of the region this explanation is given: This part of South America rose slowly from the sea, through successive and remote ages. The Roraima mountains were formed precisely as was the rest of the land, and are not the result of volcanic action. Hence they must have been above the ocean before the surrounding plains appeared. They stood 2,000 feet above the level of the sea when the neighboring tops were but islands in the ocean. In the course of a period difficult to appreciate the adjacent valleys and plains appeared above the water and became covered with vegetation and animal life. But the isolated plateaus of Roraima had a tremendous start of the plains below. Here comes the alleged ground for the speculation that perhaps on these mysterious summits there exists flora and fauna unlike any found elsewhere, forms of life that long since disappeared from other parts of the world, but remained the same on these summits, because unaffected by the influences of communication with the outer world. All sorts of wild guesses have been hazarded regarding the existence of strange reptiles and animals among the streams and forests of Roraima.

The cascades falling from the summits are among the highest in the world. One is 2,000 feet high and is broad enough to be visible 30 miles away. It falls sheer, without a break. The mountains from which these cascades fall form the dividing watersheds of the Amazon, the Orinoco and the Essequibo, the three great rivers of South America, and the waters of the cascades flow some to one and some to another of these rivers. It is argued that to supply these waterfalls there must be a considerable body of water on the mountain plateaus, and it is natural to conclude that where there are large bodies of water there are fish and reptiles. The resulting conclusion that, because these fish and reptiles must have been isolated on the mountain tops for ages, they are likely to be different from any known species, is regarded as quite natural. The mountain plateaus form practically little countries by themselves, like islands, but more isolated, because the ocean of air that surrounds them does not afford the facilities for communication with other islands as do the waters of the ocean itself.

One of the plateaus, known as Kukenham, which is better situated for observation than any of the others, is estimated to have an area of 200 square miles or more. The smallest, which bears the name common to the group, Roraima, is estimated to contain 80 to 140 square miles.

The story of the mysterious region is not new, at least to British Guiana. It is many years since any scientific men were in the region, but chance travelers and gold prospectors happen there at odd times, and when they return to Demerara they add their little store of information and mystification to the rest.—N. Y. Sun.

Reading Her Off. "Everywhere I called to-day," said Mrs. Matchley to her daughter, "I heard that Miss Winsome was engaged." "That's nice. I started the report myself. She has been monopolizing the attention of our young men long enough."—Detroit Free Press.

QUEER LOVEMAKING.

South American Bird Which Wins Its Mate by Strange Dancing.

There is a bird in South America that makes love with its feet. It is a handsome creature, but walks clumsily, and the only sound it can utter is a hoarse cluck. It dances, however, in a way that wins admiration from the female of its kind, though its antics only serve as an incentive to laughter to human beings who see them.

This bird, known as the cock of the rock, lives in the northern mountainous portion of South America. It is about the size of a large chicken.

The entire bird, body, head, wings and tail, is blood red in color, with the exception of the tail feathers, which have a narrow band of brown across them near the ends, which are tipped with buff. On the head is a crest of feathers like a great red ball, which contracts or expands at the pleasure of its owner.

When the mating season comes seven to ten males seek some secluded spot, where there is a level patch of ground, and clear it of any sticks, stones or leaves, stamping down the dirt till it is hard and level.

Then they call the females, who stand at the edge of the novel arena. One at a time the males then perform a most curious dance. Each dancer will first strut up and down a few times and then, to the apparent delight of the rest, commence to caper around in an extremely ludicrous manner, spreading his tail and wings, puffing up his chest, bowing to the others, and at the same time keeping up a hopping gait, until he is exhausted.

When all the males have danced each female will choose a mate, and the happy pair depart to begin housekeeping.

THE ORGAN BIRD.

He Is the Most Remarkable Songster of the Amazonian Forests.

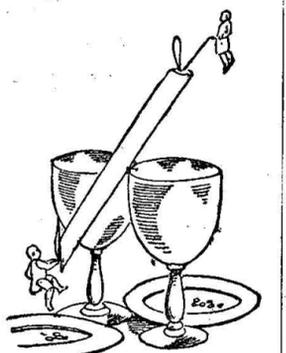
The banks of the streams in the vicinity of St. Paul's, in the Upper Amazons, in South America are dotted with palm-thatched dwellings of the Indians, all half-buried in the leafy wilderness, the scattered families having chosen the coolest and shadiest nooks for their abodes. The traveler frequently hears in the neighborhood of these huts the organ bird, the most remarkable songster by far of the Amazonian forests. When its singular notes strike the ear for the first time, the impression cannot be resisted that they are produced by a human voice. Some musical joy must be gathering fruit in the thickets, and is singing a few notes to cheer himself. The tones become more fluty and plaintive. Sometimes they resemble the notes of a flageolet, and the traveler is almost persuaded, in spite of the absurdity of the thing, that some person is playing that instrument in primeval forests. However closely he may scan the neighboring thicket, no bird appears, although the voice seems to be that of some one near at hand.

The bird is rarely, if ever, heard in the Lower Amazons. It is the only song-bird that makes an impression on the natives, who sometimes rest their paddles while voyaging in their small canoes along by the shady streamlets as if struck by the mysterious sounds—a high compliment, indeed, for the usually impassive natives to pay to the feathered songster.

MATCHES PLAY SEESAW.

A Pretty Parlor Entertainment Which Anybody Can Perform.

Take two heated matches and stick them into the center of a candle, at right angles to the wick, which should be left exposed at both ends. Then rest



the pins on the edges of two wineglasses and trim the candles to balance. Light the wicks, and beyond the flames at each end, by means of a piece of wire, fasten two little figures with their joints hinged.

Now, as the candle begins to melt, a drop of grease will fall from one end (it is advisable, by the way, to put something beneath to catch it in), and that end of the candle will rise a little above the other. Then a drop will fall from the opposite end, and a gentle oscillation will begin, which gradually increases in speed until the little figures at the end will perform the most surprising antics at their game of seesaw.—N. Y. Mercury.

Some Schoolboy Definitions. In a recent examination some boys were asked to define certain words, and to give a sentence illustrating the meaning. Here are a few: Frantic is wild. I picked some frantic flowers. Athletic is strong; the vinegar was too athletic to use. Tandem, one behind another; the boys sit tandem at school. And then some single words are funnily explained. Dust is mud with the wet squeezed out; fins are fishes' wings; stars are the moon's eggs; circumference is the distance around the middle of the outside.—Educational Gazette.

Making Life Easy. "Dearie, these X rays are going to make life easier for you." "How, precious?" "Why, you can lie in bed and find out whether it will pay you to get up and go through my pockets."—Boston Post.

THE AUSTRALIAN DINGO.

Said to Be the Fiercest, Keenest and Meanest of All Dogs.



ANYONE visiting a Kennel Club show cannot fail to notice the widely differing varieties of dogs. In one class are the muscular mastiffs; in another the slender grey-hounds. Here is "dignity" personified in the beautiful Saint Bernard, and "impudence" on the jump in the ugly little pug. Here is grace in the dainty Italian grey-hound and awkwardness in the canine burlesque called a dachshund. Then there are collies and terriers of assorted sizes and colors—to say nothing of the many varieties of setters and hounds. Yet these quadrupeds—less alike in externals than a cat and a squirrel, or a garter snake and a pipe fish—are all dogs!

The question which naturally arises is—what was the original type? The various replies to this question might all be summed up in that well-known answer of the dandy in the freight depot, when he said, in reference to the destination of a pup which had been left behind: "I d'n'know, an' he d'n'know, an' nobody knows; an' he's at up his tag!"

But even if we cannot picture the first canine ancestor, we can easily decide which are the earliest types now living. Of the true dogs perhaps the most primitive is the dingo, or wild dog of Australia. On that great island continent there is another native canine. Nearly every four-footed mother in that land of the southern sea carries her babies in



AUSTRALIAN WILD DOG.

her pocket. But mamma dingo does not follow this prevailing fashion which the kangaroos and their cousins have set for ages; and papa dingo does not associate upon friendly terms with "old man" kangaroo. Yet the dingo is clearly the ruler among the four-footed people of the bush—so much so that the native Australian considers him the king of the beasts.

These wild dogs sometimes run in packs, but more often prowl about in pairs; and literally they are a "pretty pair of rogues," for every dingo is good-looking and bad acting. He is about two feet high and finely proportioned, with a tail as handsome as the brush so proudly worn by our familiar friend, the kangaroo. The tip of the dingo's tail is usually white, and the rest of his body tawny or reddish, but lighter upon breast and belly. He stands firm and strong upon his well-built legs; so take him all together, Canine Dingo is a handsome fellow. But he is far from beautiful in behavior. He howls and prowls like a wolf, he sneaks and steals like a fox, and has all the mean habits of a sheep-killing dog. He never barks, but you really ought to hear him howl! Once is enough. Even the bushmen—sound sleepers as they are—awake at his blood-curdling cry.

The dingos breed in the males scrub. They live upon marsupials—and spring lambs, until the bushmen rise in their might and kill as many of them as possible. Nearly every province in Australia offers a reward for their heads. As high as two pounds a head has been paid, which certainly proves that the Australians think that the only good dingo is a dead dingo.

DORA E. W. SPRATT.

A Colored Girl's Definition.

The teacher of a class of colored children in a Washington school was instructing in English grammar. She gave a word out, and the class built a sentence around it. Everything progressed smoothly for some time, until the word "delight" was given. "Make a sentence in which 'delight' appears," said the teacher. This seemed to be very difficult, and for a few minutes there was a great buzzing and whispering. Suddenly a hand went up from the smallest girl in the room. "Well?" said the teacher, kindly. "When I goes to bed," said the small girl, "I puts out de light." The teacher says she could not find voice for several minutes to explain the error.

A Dog at a Telephone.

A San Diego (Cal.) man left his dog in care of a rancher at La Mesa during his absence from the city for several weeks. Upon his return he had the dog brought to the receiver of the La Mesa telephone, ten miles away, and began talking to his pet over the wire. The dog pricked up his ears and recognized the wined voice of his master instantly. Thinking the voice came from the other side of the wall, the dog ran out of doors and around the back of the building to see if his master was there. When asked to "speak" the dog bowed-wowled lustily into the receiver.

Bather Hard on Papa.

Johnny Jameson had arrived at his eighth birthday, and thought that it would be real nice to write his papa a letter, and this is the way he began: "My dear papa—Whenever I am tempted to do wrong, I think of you, and say, 'Get thee behind me, Satan.'"—Our Girls and Boys.

BIG ALLIGATORS.

Some Odd Tales Told by an Old Florida Hotel Register.

At the end of a chapter on alligators, in his book "Hunting and Fishing in Florida," Mr. Charles B. Cory, curator of the department of ornithology in the Field Columbian museum, Chicago, gives an entry which he once saw in the register of the Brock-house.

In the old days, when transportation was more difficult than it is at present, the Brock house was about the end of civilization, and was a 24 hours' trip by boat from Jacksonville. It was at that time a great resort for sportsmen, who were attracted there by the fishing and shooting to be had in the vicinity.

The old register, which extended back a great many years, contained some queer records, many of them of doubtful veracity. Among others, some one had written: "March 19, 1872, killed a large alligator, the largest seen here this year; the stomach contained a boot, a piece of pine wood, a fisherman's float, and some small fish."

Immediately beneath this record was another, evidently added by some wag: "March 24, killed a much bigger alligator than the one mentioned above. The stomach contained a gold watch, \$10,000 in government bonds, and a cord of wood."

On the next page, written in a neat, unobtrusive style, was inscribed the following: "Shot the biggest alligator ever known in Florida; the stomach contained the remains of a steam launch, a lot of old railway iron, and a quantity of melted ice, proving that it existed during the glacial epoch."

TROCHA COST MANY LIVES.

Over 2,000 Soldiers Died of Fever Contracted There.

A decided change has been made in the plan of military operations in Pinar del Rio province.

The western trocha has not been abandoned yet, but the force along that military line has been greatly reduced already. Three brigades of infantry have gone into the mountainous country on the north coast, the only part where the insurgents find anything like security.

The trocha, says a Havana dispatch, was a costly mistake in many respects; in others it served its purpose. The work was too expensively built. Although intended for a temporary purpose, the blockhouses in many instances were of brick and finished as if for permanent use. Even the mortar at the joints was nicely troweled. The same disposition to erect massive and permanent works that distinguished the Spaniards in the days of the colonization of America exists to-day. The trocha caused Maceo a great deal of annoyance. It staid the passage of large bodies of men east and west. Only small groups succeeded in crossing.

The maintenance of the trocha has cost dearly in human life. The country through which it runs is malarious naturally, and the throwing up of earthworks left pits which filled with stagnant water in the rainy season. More than 2,000 soldiers have died from disease contracted there. Even now many are sick, mostly with chills and fever. Yellow fever and dysentery have been epidemic.

BARBER SHOP ON WHEELS.

This Man Uses a Tricycle to Get Custom from Farmers.

No odder use has been found for the bicycle than that to which it has been put by a barber, August Leibman, of Gravesend, Long Island, says the New York Press. Before he learned to ride a wheel he made a comfortable living by driving around the scattered villages of Long Island shaving the farmers who could not spare time to travel to the neighboring towns to be shaved. It occurred to Leibman that a more desirable way of visiting his patrons than by the old horse and buggy could be found by constructing a tricycle outfit. The plan has worked well. The barber's chair, which is getting to be a familiar sight on Long Island, runs on three wheels and in the center of the machine is the saddle on which Leibman perches when he pedals abroad on shaving and hair-cutting tours.

The advantage of the new outfit is that it costs next to nothing when compared with the expense of keeping a horse. Before he adopted the tricycle system of travel Leibman was forced to confine his shaving and hair-cutting efforts to farmsteads far removed from the red and white pole of the village barber. Now he boldly rides into the territory of his rivals, for the novelty of being shaved in a tricycle barber's chair has attracted custom from the regular shops.

Where the Money Went.

The vicar of a rural parish who had waxed eloquent on the subject of foreign missions one Sunday was surprised on entering the village shop during the week to be greeted with marked coldness by the worthy dame who kept it. On seeking to know the cause, the good woman produced a coin from a drawer, and, throwing it down before the vicar, exclaimed: "I marked that holy crown and put it in the plate last Sunday, and here it is back again in my shop. I knowed well them niggers never got the money."

Queer Mail Boxes.

The new rural mail delivery in Cumberland county, Me., has brought out some queer mail boxes. A half-bushel basket, a big coffee can, soap and spice boxes, and even receptacles that have once held patent medicines, are among those that grace one neighborhood.

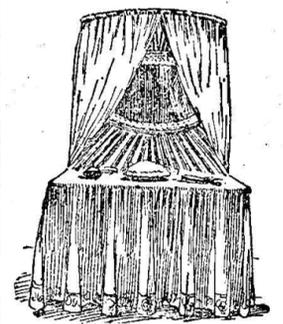
A Schoolboy on Homer.

An able summary of the theories as to the authorship of the Odyssey was given the other day by a British schoolboy, who wrote: "It is said that writing was not invented when Homer composed his poems. He must therefore have lived a good deal later."

NICE DRESSING TABLE.

Made by an Ingenious Woman at a Cost of Six Dollars.

This dressing-table I call a veritable work of art, and yet the clever woman who made it shows you a little bill with it which is astonishingly low, for it is strictly homemade. I am not generally enthusiastic over packing-box furniture, and this belongs to that class of goods, only you would never guess it. It is "upholstered" with pale blue cambric under whose dotted muslin, to which the tiny edge of lace adds a dainty finish. Two boxes of generous dimensions are the foundation. One



PRETTY DRESSING TABLE.

underneath is used by the housekeeper for her linen, which is laid away neatly in little piles upon the white cloth-covered shelves. The box is lined with small brass-headed tacks. In front fall the double curtains of muslin and cambric. Overhead an iron rod is bent into a half circle, painted white, and then attached to the headboard, and on this is run the curtains that fall over the front. The back of the dressing-table, which is also in blue and white, has a mirror in the center—"the only expensive thing about it," confesses its owner, "for it cost six dollars. But one might use simply a piece of mirror plate. If they wished, with the muslin drawn or puffed around it. I bought this handsome glass with its white and gold frame because I felt that when I wished I might use it anywhere."—Orange Judd Farmer.

DIMPLES TO ORDER.

Women May Get the Most Fascinating of Them for a Price.

You can now get a coquettish dimple on your face for \$300. It is a high price, and lots of pain must be suffered; but women will have them, no matter at what cost. London surgeons manufacture a fascinating dimple for the sum named. But it is considered a good investment by plain women who are getting fearful about their chances of marrying.

And the woman who desires to rid herself of wrinkles, crow's feet, and generally to improve the condition of her facial cuticle, can retreat from the world for a time, enter the abode where beauty, skin deep, is manufactured, and submit to a course of treatment, which, as to mere cure for disease, would seem appalling—for it literally means being flayed alive by acids and electricity. When she emerges with a faultless skin of babyish texture she will begin the study of her features, and, if not found satisfactory, they, too, in turn, must be doctored. (The nose may be straightened by wearing a metal mask, the mouth made the proper artistic size by a surgical operation, and the eyebrows arched to a symmetrical curve.)

The two great difficulties encountered in remodeling personal appearance are the reduction of surplus flesh for fat women, and the creation of adipose tissues for the lean woman. The stout woman who wishes to become graceful and sylphlike must practice a diet-sheet and undergo a series of daily exercises that will prove a pain as well as a weariness to the flesh. While the substitution of Venus-like proportions for an emaciated figure is even a more tedious and difficult task, involving the complete building up of the nervous system and digestive organs.

Enamel is rarely used nowadays by the most enthusiastic devotees of beauty. Arsenic has also lost its prestige, and the use of varnish as a cosmetic has vanished into limbo. The woman who loves beauty, but has not the courage of her convictions to the extent of suffering for the cause, "goes in" for the best possible substitutes—plenty of out-door exercise, the rule of "early to bed," and a generally normal existence that leaves her nerves unimpaired and her disposition unruffled.—Chicago Chronicle.

Vest Pocket Soda Water.

A curious apparatus for making soda water at home is being shown by an English concern. The method comprises the compression of the liquid carbonic acid at 60 atmospheres into small steel pear-shaped cartridges about five-eighths of an inch in diameter at the largest part. Such a cartridge is placed in the mouthpiece attached to a soda water bottle, and a cap is closed over it. In completing the closure a tiny ebonite plug in one end of the cartridge or "gas drop" is punctured, and the gas escapes into the bottle, dissolving into the water. Twelve of these drops weigh three ounces.—New Ideas.

After You Have Eaten Onions.

Take a small cup of black coffee as soon after eating onions as convenient, and, if you are at home, use a mouth wash and gargle of a glass of water in which has been put a few drops each of camphor and myrrh. If you are away from home, take the precaution to slip into your pocket a bit oforris root. A little of this will do something towards destroying the offensive onion fumes.

Rollable.

Young Man—You are older than I am, and I want to ask you a question. Does a woman always mean what she says? Old Man—Always—that is, if she's married.—N. Y. Weekly.

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MARION, VA., MARCH 5, 1897.

Since the burning of the state capitol the Pennsylvania legislature has been meeting in a Methodist church. John Wanamaker ought to go around and hold Sunday School for them once a week.

Mary Elizabeth is the name which has been chosen for little Miss Harrison, born Feb. 21. Mary is the name of the child's mother, and Elizabeth that of Mrs. Harrison's sister, wife of Lieutenant Parker of New York.

An apparent shortage of \$70,000 in cash and \$165,000 in securities has been found by the investigation of the Southern Mutual Building and Loan Association at Atlanta. The stockholders are now in session at Atlanta.

The money of the United States is made by women. This applies particularly to paper money. In the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which turns out all the paper money of the Government, 921 women are employed.

It took the contents of 516 freight cars to load one of the ships that sailed from New York City last Thursday. This has grown to be a wholesale country since Christopher Columbus brought over the first of his personally conducted excursions.

A cotton mill company to be operated entirely by colored labor has been organized at Concord, N. C. Warren Coleman, the originator of the idea and a wealthy colored man, is secretary and treasurer. All the officers are colored and the capital was subscribed by colored people.

The Legislature of Missouri, Feb. 22, passed a law which prohibits any person from solemnizing marriages who is not a citizen of the United States. No foreign bishop or priest can legally perform the marriage ceremony in Missouri until they become citizens of the United States.

Frederick Lapp, an aged tailor, who committed suicide Wednesday, was buried at Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 20. Lapp left a letter declaring that he was penniless and broken in health. It now develops that the man had nearly \$4,000 on deposit at a local savings bank and was the possessor of valuable real estate in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Lapp has no relatives so far as is known, and unless heirs put in an appearance, the money will revert to the State.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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WANTED Active, reliable men to solicit orders for FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL Nursery Stock Varieties especially adapted to Va. Stock warranted strictly first-class and true to name. Permanent employment; good pay. Business easily learned. State agency. Occupation. Write at once for terms. Established 32 years. Frank Square, Phila., Pa.

McKinley as Ingalls Saw Him.

Pen Picture of the Nation's New Chief Magistrate during his Last Hours in his Canton Home.

"HE GOES FORWARD TO MEET THE FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR AND WITH A MANLY HEART"—UNLIKE BLAINE, GRANT AND GARFIELD, HE WILL MEET NO ENEMIES.

CANTON, Ohio, March 1.—Major McKinley will assume the Presidency with the qualified good will of the entire body of the people of the United States. Their confidence in his integrity, his patriotism, his sincerity, his experience and ability, is absolute and implicit.

Probably he has not a personal enemy in the world. Blaine, Grant and Garfield had idolaters and they had implacable foes, but I have never seen nor heard a harsh or disparaging epithet applied to McKinley in the twenty years of our acquaintance.

Those who condemn his convictions and denounce his policies concede the purity of his purposes, and praise the charm of his bearing and the irreproachable humanity of his conduct in all the relations of life.

This will be of great advantage to him in the immense task of his administration. He will not encounter suspicion, jealousy or revenge. Much will be expected of him, but the public judgment will be generous and patient.

The plain, common people have faith in him, and will give him ungrudging sympathy and support.

This evening one act in the great drama of his life closes abruptly by his departure for Washington. As I saw him this afternoon amid the confusion of his dismantled home it seemed incredible that within three days this unpretending private citizen would be invested by a few simple phrases with greater powers than those possessed by any monarch of Europe except the Sultan and the Czar.

In his hands will be the issues of peace and war, of life and death, the welfare or adversity of seventy million people, and indirectly, of the whole civilized world.

No divinity hedged him about. No guard or sentinel barred entrance to the simple precincts of the man who next Thursday can order a fleet to Havana and issue a proclamation that would make nations quake and monarchs tremble in their capitals.

Major McKinley shows faint traces of the ravages of the campaign, the inconsiderate importunities of the place hunters and the intolerable nervous strain inseparable even from triumph. But his eye is bright and clear, his voice resonant, his manner vivacious and his courage undismaned. He goes forward to meet the future without fear and with a manly heart.

JOHN J. INGALLS.

A RIOT IN KNOXVILLE.

One Man Killed and a Dozen or More Injured.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 1.—A small sized riot occurred on the street of Knoxville early this morning, in which one man was killed and a dozen or more hurt. The trouble grew out of the pending street railway litigation. Two rival street car companies want to occupy the same street. The Knoxville Street Railway has occupied the street for several years. The Citizens' Railway a new corporation, wants to parallel these tracks, but the City Council refused to give them rights of way.

Early this morning, the latter company put two hundred men to work laying tracks. The city authorities stopped the work under the ordinance that the street shall not be dug up during the winter months. The Citizens' Railway people claim that they have an injunction from the United States Court restraining the city from interfering. The police were ordered to arrest the laborers, and as fast as the men were arrested they gave bond and went back to work. The police became powerless, and the fire department was called out to disperse the crowd with water. When this was attempted, a negro tried to cut the hose but was prevented by Chief McIntosh, whereupon another negro struck the chief with a club. Lieutenant of Police Hood shot the negro, and enraged the crowd.

The entire police force was arrested by the sheriff and his deputies, and the laborers put back to work. Later an injunction was issued by Circuit Judge Sneed restraining the company from tearing up the streets. This stopped the matter temporarily. Mayor Heiskell appealed to the mob to disperse, but he was hooted. Excitement runs high. The latest move made, is the arrest of all the

Citizens' Railway officers for inciting riot. All the city officials, from the chairman of the board of public works down to the firemen, are under arrest.

FATAL SHOOTING IN GRAYSON.

A Lad Defends Himself Against Assault. Independence, Va., March 1.—Walter Cox shot and perhaps fatally wounded Alex. Pugh at Fox Creek last Friday evening. It seems that Pugh is a local bully, and raised a row with young Cox, who is but nineteen years of age. When Cox shot him in order to protect himself from a felonious assault.

Young Cox belongs to one of the best families in Grayson county. His father, T. M. Cox, was Sheriff of this county for a number of years, and he is a nephew of the Hon. M. B. Cox who represented Grayson in the Legislature session 1893-4.

He was arrested and placed in jail Saturday evening, having waived a preliminary hearing before a Justice.

Ramon Cox, a brother of Walter, was arrested and placed in jail, also accused of being an accessory after the fact.

Who Can Measure

The influence of the mother! It shapes the course of unborn generations—goes sounding through all coming ages and enters the confines of Eternity. With what care, therefore, should the Expectant Mother be guarded, and how great the effort be to ward off danger and make her life happy.

"Mother's Friend"

Allays Nervousness, relieves the Headache, Cramps and Nausea, and so prepares the system that Child-Birth is made easy and the time of recovery shortened—many say "stronger after than before confinement." It insures safety to life of both mother and child. All who have used "Mother's Friend" say they will never be without it again. No other remedy robs confinement of its pain.

"A customer whose wife used 'Mother's Friend,' says that if she had to go through the ordeal again, and there were but four bottles to be obtained, and the cost was \$100.00 per bottle, she would have them." Geo. LAYTON, Dayton, Ohio.

Send by Mail, on receipt of price, 25c PER BOTTLE. Book TO "EXPECTANT MOTHERS" mailed free containing valuable information and voluntary testimonials.

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10c, ten weeks and then stopped. The old reliable Yankee Blade, 16 pages weekly, filled with stories of fun, love and thrilling tales of adventures. Send 10c. in stamps for 10 weeks trial to Yankee Blade, Brooks, Me.

A Spanish Official

SHAMEFULLY ABUSES CONSUL-GENERAL LEE IN PUBLIC.

Characterizes Him as a Liar and an Imposter in the Presence of Newspaper Correspondents.

New York, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from says:

The Marquis de Palmerola made a scandalous personal attack on Gen. Lee Wednesday night in the palace in the presence of several American newspaper correspondents. The incident was caused because the secretary refused to pass a dispatch for a correspondent.

"Who told you that?" shouted the secretary.

"Gen. Lee," replied the correspondent.

"Gen. Lee is a liar, imposter and rebel," shouted the little marquis with an oath. This incident is telegraphed merely to show how the wind is blowing in the palace and to let you see what must be the treatment and position of an ordinary citizen when our consul general is reviled openly in such a matter by one of the heads of the government here.

HOOTED IN FRONT OF LEE'S RESIDENCE

A mob of volunteers insulted Lee's residence last night by hooting and yelling in front of it for several hours. Lee was not at home, nor any member of his family. After a long time officials at the palace were notified of it and the police were sent and dispersed them. The Censor earnestly requested that no mention be made of this, as the officials feared the effect of it in the United States. Lee expressed his contempt for the proceedings when informed of the matter later, and said that it did not amount to anything. "If I had a good duck gun," he said, "I could have scattered the entire mob."

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 28.—Cunabaco's reign of terror is starting again, over twenty-five men, women and girls having disappeared in the past week. Friday seven corpses of women and men were found in an old well not a quarter of a mile from the sentry post on Ceptio street, near the outskirts. Three were identified as merchants who had disappeared ten days ago. One of the women was a pretty Cuban schoolteacher. She had been warned some two weeks ago that she was teaching the children too much. "Cubans must not learn too much" was the threat. She disappeared two days later. The others were unknown. All were hacked to pieces in a barbarous manner. The remains of females signs of revolting treatment, presumably before being killed. A young Cuban girl named Teresa Maria Sandora, is in hiding, having escaped from an officer's house after having been kept there for three days. She tells a horrible story, too wild to be believed almost did not other experience corroborate it.

A SPECIFIC

FOR La Grippe, for Colds, Coughs, AND LUNG TROUBLES, AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL

"Two years ago, I had the grippe, and it left me with a cough which gave me no rest night or day. My family physician prescribed for me, changing the medicine as often as he found the things I had taken were not helping



me, but, in spite of his attendance, I got no better. Finally, my husband, reading one day of a gentleman who had had the grippe and was cured by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,—procured, for me, a bottle of this medicine, and before I had taken half of it, I was cured. I have used the Pectoral for my children and in my family, whenever we have needed it, and have found it a specific for colds, coughs, and lung troubles."—EMILY WOOD, North St., Elkton, Md.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Highest Honors at World's Fair. Cleanse the System with Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Pay us some money on account at once. We are compelled to collect. VENABLE & CO.

900 DROPS CASTORIA. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN. Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC. Fac-Simile Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, NEW YORK.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF GASTORIA. Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.

To the Public! New Meat Market! We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Marion and vicinity to our new meat market, on corner Main street and Iron alley. We expect to keep on hand first class beef and all kind of meats sold in this market, and in addition we will have fresh oysters every Friday, also will keep on hand eggs, chickens, etc. Prices, best stake 9c. per lb., roast 8c. and down. We have come to stay and ask a share of your patronage. D. ASHBY WILLIAMS, J. C. JAMES.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE. Marion, Smyth County, Va. February 4th, 1897. To F. W. Leonard, admr. of Samuel Wilkinson, decd. Plaintiff, and R. A. Williams Defendants, and all their creditors of R. A. Williams: You are hereby notified, that I have fixed upon the 4th day of March next, at my Office in Marion, Va., to take and settle the Account of leins against the lands of R. A. Williams in the Bill mentioned, any ascertain what judgements, if any against said land have been paid off and by whom, and if said R. A. Williams is not liable for the whole of said leins what part thereof he should be chargeable with, and who are liable for the remainder. Required to be taken by the decree of Smyth Circuit court, rendered on the 31st day of December 1896 in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which F. W. Leonard admr. of Samuel Wilkinson dec'd. is Plaintiff and R. A. Williams is Defendant, at what time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid. Jno. R. SEXTON Commissioner.

FERRY'S SEEDS. There has never been a time when growers should guard against failure with more care. There has never been a time when FERRY'S SEEDS were more essential. They are always the best. For sale by leading dealers everywhere. Insist on having them. FERRY'S SEED ANNUAL. Full of information for gardeners and farmers. There will never be a better time than now to send for the 1897 edition. Free. D. M. FERRY & Co., Detroit, Mich.

New Fall Goods! at Groseclose Bros. Go and See Them

HOW TO FIND OUT. Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order. WHAT TO DO. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists price fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, mention The News and send your full post-office address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

Mt. Carmel Roller Mills. Custom Work a Specialty. Accommodations and satisfaction guaranteed to customers. All goods shipped to me at Marion with freight prepaid will be ground and returned promptly. R. F. STONE.

Look & Lincoln, MANUFACTURERS OF Wagons, Wagon Material & Plow Handles, Plows and Repairs Straw Cutters, and other Agricultural Implements. We carry in stock a full line of BUGGIES, PHAETONS and CARTS which we will sell at manufacturers' prices. All kinds of wagon and buggy repairing done on short notice at lowest prices. Any inquiries cheerfully answered by letter or Phone No. 10.

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W. M. Davis, MARION LIVERY, FEED and SALE STABLES. Water street, Marion, Virginia. When in Marion with a team, don't fail to put it up at my stables. I will have it fed and well cared for and my charges will be reasonable. A Nice, gentle riding horse for ladies. We can furnish the best Livery Rigs in Marion. Give us a trial and be convinced.

Gloves! Gloves! Big lot of ladies and gents gloves at Groseclose Bros. COVE PLASTER. Cove plaster in good sacks at Look & Lincoln's at \$6 per ton. Only a few tons left. Closing out at our new building in order to save moving it to our new building.

W. E. & F. W. LEONARD, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, etc.

Local Items.

Spring poems are on tap. Spring styles are on the jump. Did March come in like a lion or a lamb? Geo. W. Palmer spent Wednesday in the city. Rev. J. J. Scherer and wife were visiting at Adwolve yesterday. Full line of Diamond Dyes and dye-stuffs at Thornton's Drug store. Mr. Fred Painter expects to move in his new store room next Monday. W. T. James, the hustling merchant of Chatham Hill, was in town Tuesday. Life is like a game of cards. Many a supposed king turns out to be only a jack. Yesterday at 12 m. our Postmaster hollowed for McKinley and "turned over." Rev. E. C. Cronk will preach in the College Chapel on next Sunday at 11 a. m. If you want fresh Garden Seeds call for LANDRETH'S at O. C. SPRINKLE'S DRUG STORE. Col. W. I. Boone, former editor of the Tazewell Republican, spent Sunday in the city. A. M. Dickinson Esq. went up to Wytheville, Wednesday on professional business. R. H. Doss, of Abingdon spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thornton. Garden making is in order now, and number of our people are taking steps in this direction. There were thirty-two conversions at a revival closed last week on Grassy Creek, in Grayson county. Don't fail to hear Ralph Bingham at the College Chapel tomorrow night. Admission only 25 cts. C. H. Anderson, of Graham, spent a few days in the county this week and was in Marion Wednesday. Judge Cole spent this week at his mill, looking after the repairs made necessary by the recent washout. The entertainment at the Opera house last Monday night was amusing and mirthful to a high degree. We have just received an elegant line of stationery, and are sure the quality and price will please you. Thornton Drug Co. It is better to a nobody who amounts to something, than to be a somebody and accomplish nothing. The Mathieson Alkali Co. at Saltville will build a bridge across the Holston river at its works at that place. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known to be an honest medicine, and it actually cures when all others fail. Take it now. You can buy strictly pure ground spices at prices usually charged for inferior grades at Thornton's Drug-store. Mr. Jno. V. Thomas and family have moved into the Haller property on Main street, next door to Mayor Atkins. The only consoling feature about Grover's duck shooting from now on is that he will have to shoot ducks at his own expense. E. A. Wolfe, of Adwolve, passed through Marion yesterday en route from Independence where he had been on a special business trip. Prof. J. H. Gilmore will move his family to our town in a few days and occupy his old home which was recently vacated by Judge Richardson. The revival services now in progress at the colored M. E. church have resulted in doing much good. Thirty persons have professed faith in Christ. A pushing, aggressive man always will have enemies. There are many men in the world who haven't life and energy enough about to arouse opposition. Superstitions! Well, just a little. We have twelve brands of Plug Tobacco and want to add another so will close out our 10c. 9 ie. 5 at 5c. per plug in order to avoid carrying thirteen brands. Thornton's Drug-store. "A crick'n the back," a pain under the shoulder blades, water-brash, biliousness, and constipation, are symptoms of disordered stomach, kidneys, liver, and bowels. For all ailments originating in a derangement of these organs, take Ayer's Pills. Judge Samuel W. Williams is in town today. Mrs. Celia Wallace, of Chicago, who wears a dress costing \$50,000, is a widow. No man could have survived the opening of that mantuamaker's bill. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Re-pass a fine boy, Thursday night, the 4th inst. The mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations are in order. The new administration is on. Mormon elders have been canvassing Pulaski county for settlers for Utah. They have made a pretty vigorous canvass of the county and are at present at work in the town of Pulaski. Mt. Carmel graded school closed last Friday. The session was successful in every respect. Miss Hurt, the assistant teacher, we understand will continue a private school for three months. We learn that Mrs. Scott, the widow of the late Andrew Scott, was partially paralyzed on last Sunday night, but we learn later that she is improving and the prospect is good for her to be restored to health again. Bland county has in her jail now a woman horse thief in the person of Ollie Surratt a mulatto girl who stole a horse some months ago from B. H. Penley. The woman was only arrested for her offence last week. The blue-bird is hailed as a harbinger of Spring. It is also a reminder that a blood-purifier is needed to prepare the system for the debilitating weather to come. Listen and you will hear the birds singing: "Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Judge Richardson is moving his family into the H. B. Haller residence recently occupied by G. C. Landis. The Judge will remain there until his new residence, which is now under construction, will be completed. The town council passed an ordinance, at its last regular session, which all property owners who have tenants living in any of their houses, would do well to examine. It provides for punishing the owner where the tenant commits certain offences repeatedly. The miners continue to bring encouraging reports from the Venable and Keller copper mines. They have found several rich veins and think there is no doubt but what it can be obtained in large quantities. We only hope they have struck a bonanza as it would prove a great benefit to Marion and Smyth county. Buy Pratt's Food for horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, for sale at GROSECLOSE BROS. Rev. W. W. Pyott, the presiding elder of the Tazewell district of the Holston Conference has been dismissed from his place for "conduct unbecoming a minister and Christian." Rev. J. Tyler Frazier, pastor of Bland street church at Bluefield has been selected to succeed him. Mr. Pyott was the presiding elder of this district several years ago.—W; the-ville Enterprise. Mr. A. L. Hutton an esteemed citizen, of Sugar Grove, this county, was brought to Marion yesterday before Mayor Atkins and W. V. Birchfield Est. and adjudged to be temporarily insane. Mr. Hutton was a merchant at Sugar Grove and we regret very much to learn of his present condition. He was taken to the asylum and we trust will soon be on the road to recovery. A rare treat has been secured for the people of Marion in the appearance of Ralph Bingham, the famous monologue entertainer. He will give one of his delightful entertainments on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 7:30 p. m., in the COLLEGE CHAPEL. Doors open at 7. Tickets on sale at Sprinkle's Pharmacy. Several of our citizens have heard Mr. Bingham at other places and declare that too much cannot be said in praise of his powers of impersonation. He is not on the order of the "traveling elocutionist," but he presents a series of characterizations interspersed with violin and song, that hold his audience at times "convulsed with laughter, then silenced by the charm of music and pathos." TRUTH IS A NUTSHELL.—Impure blood impure blood is the natural result of close confinement in house, school room or shop. Blood is purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and all the disagreeable results of impure blood disappear with the medicine. If you wish to feel well, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine, gentle, reliable, sure.

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Letter from Atkins. ATKINS, Va., March 2, 1897. A three months pay school opened yesterday in Cedar Grove schoolhouse. Rev. E. W. Leslie is the teacher. It is hoped that the school will receive the liberal support of the community. Two services were held in the Lutheran church here Sunday, conducted by the pastor. He will preach the second Sunday in this month at 11 a. m. on "Experimental Religion." Everyone invited. Mr. Steward Blackard, who has been quite sick for some time at Kenova, W. Va., was brought, on yesterday, to the home of his father, Mr. M. D. Blackard, at this place. We hope that this change will result in Mr. B's restoration to health. Miss Josie Greenwood, who has been teaching school on Bear Creek the past winter, having ended her school, returned, last Saturday, to her home in the Ebenezer neighborhood. Rev. J. J. Scherer and wife passed through our village Saturday enroute from Rural Retreat to their home in Marion. Miss Maud Bonham, of Mt. Carmel, visited the family of her brother, J. H. Bonham, of this place, Sunday and Monday. Mr. Marshal, one of our aged and esteemed citizens, is seriously sick at his home several miles from the Tank. Mr. Chas. Scott and wife, of Mt Carmel, visited the parents of Mrs. Scott on Sunday. The recent heavy rains and high waters did considerable damage in this section, in washing lands, foot-bridges, logs, etc. The roads are in a bad condition. MANCREIF. Stock-Holders Meeting. We the undersigned holders of one tenth of the outstanding stock of the Marion and Rye Valley R. R. Co. hereby give notice as required under section 1114, code of Virginia, that a general meeting of the Marion and Rye Valley Railroad company will be held at the office of the company at Marion, Va., on Monday, April 5th, 1897, 11 o'clock a. m. The business to be transacted at this meeting is the election of directors, examination of the treasurer's accounts, expenditures of the Superintendent of construction, action of the board of directors and any other business pertaining to the affairs of the Company. (Signed) P. S. SWAIN, J. D. SHELTON, Wm. M. JONES, Chas. S. WHITNEY, Chas. T. DARLING. In compliance with the foregoing call this notice is published. Jno. S. APPERSON, Sec'y. CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. It is amusing to hear a fellow, who couldn't write a line of English correctly to save his neck from the hangman's rope, talk about how newspapers ought to be conducted, that they "have nothin' in them," and all such stuff. Country newspapers are not the only things a man finds in this world that have nothing in them. A great many men are in the same condition.

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PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

TO MY FRIENDS and Customers: Having sold my stock and good will to Mr. Fred Painter, I desire to thank you for past patronage and ask a continuance of the same for him. I will be with Mr. Painter and have charge of Millinery department and will be pleased to wait on all who may so favor me. Very Respectfully, OKIE M. SPRINKLE. I have bought out the stock belonging to Miss Sprinkle, and will occupy the stand she has had. I solicit the patronage and kindness which the people of the town and country have shown her, and will try to please and meet your wants in every line. I will carry the same stock of goods she had, together with a full line of Gents Furnishing goods. While the store is being repaired, Miss Sprinkle will show you any goods you want. Respectfully, FRED PAINTER, Feb. 11 1897.

HOOD'S PILLS Cure sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, gas in the stomach, distress and indigestion. Do not weaken, but have tonic effect. 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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FIGHTING HOG LICE.

But few farmers, where hogs are raised in large numbers, will be told the nature and habits of the hog louse, illustrated below. At the Iowa experimental station some infested swine were made the subject of experiment by the entomologist. Mixtures of kerosene and lard, and lard and sulphur, as ordinarily recommended for parasites on domestic animals, were first tried, but this application proved a tedious operation where many animals were to be treated, especially if more than ordinarily tame. A kerosene emulsion consisting of six parts

HOG LOUSE AND EGGS.

kerosene to six gallons strong soap-suds was applied with a force pump. A bunch of 13 small pigs were secured in a small inclosure. One man worked the pump while another sprayed, care being taken to thoroughly wet the fore-quarters and the inside of the ears where the lice are more abundant. Forty pigs were treated in this way. The whole time required, including the preparation of the emulsion, did not exceed one hour. Allowing 18 cents per gallon for oil and one cent for soap the cost would be 14¢ cents. The lice became inactive upon being wet, and were found dead the next morning. Hairs containing eggs or nits were secured the next day and were closely watched for some time, but they failed to hatch. To be effectual the application must be repeated to catch those which escape and the floors and crevices of the sty thoroughly saturated with the preparation at intervals. Pumps and rubber tubing can be secured at small expense. If a spraying nozzle is not at hand, the thumb held over the end of the tubing will be found a good substitute. In the illustration above, 3 half-grown louse, much magnified, is shown at A. The full-grown louse is 3-16 of an inch long, or about the length of the black line at the left of the picture. Its color is a dirty gray. The sharp claws seen in the illustration are not used to hurt the pig, but to clasp the hairs. The food is taken through a sharp rostrum or beak, which is thrust through the skin. B represents three eggs; from one to half a dozen may be thus fastened to a single hair. The egg is white with a dark colored cap, through which the young louse emerges.—Farm and Home.

CHARCOAL FOR HOGS.

Theodore Lewis, the well-known swine raiser of Wisconsin, gives, in Hoard's Dairyman, his method of preparing charcoal for hogs. A conical hole is dug in the ground near the hoghouse, four or five feet deep, five feet in diameter at top and one foot at bottom. A sheet iron cover is provided. A fire of shavings is started in the bottom, and corn-cobs added by degrees as they get aglow until the pit is full. If they burn faster on one side, lift them on opposite side with a pole. When all are well aglow, cover the hole with sheet iron and seal edges with earth. Next morning there should be 12 bushels of charcoal. Store the charcoal in space salt barrels, breaking it with the shovel in filling. Put six bushels of it in a large box, add one bushel hardwood ashes, eight pounds of salt and mix thoroughly. Then dissolve 1 1/2 pounds of copperas in a pail of hot water and sprinkle it over the mass with a watering pot, mixing it through. Then make a self-feeding box, with cover, and place it where the hogs can have free access to it, staking it so that it cannot be rubbed over.

Do Not Buy Show Sheep.

Never buy show sheep at the fairs, or away, because they are big, fat and fancy. Remember they have been ruined to make them so, as far as any usefulness as breeders is concerned. No farmer can ever hold them in the condition they are found when able to win in a good show ring. To look at them when so handsomely fitted and abundantly fed by all the skill known to the shepherd's craft, to the young breeder is very tempting, but like many other temptations it will result in disaster if followed. Buy rams or ewes from the breeding flock of some reliable breeder, that are fitted for breeders and you are reasonably certain of success.—Farm and Home.

In the Apple Orchard.

Apples should be gathered as soon as ripe, and the surplus and inferior specimens should not be left upon the ground to rot, invite vermin or breed insects, but picked up and fed to stock or otherwise disposed of. By doing this the apple worm may be greatly diminished. Bands of carpet, bagging, or other fabric fastened around the trunks of the trees with a single long tack will catch many of the apple worms after they leave the fruit to undergo the last transformation into moths. Examine them weekly and kill all worms and pupa that are found.—Rural World.

An Error to Be Avoided.

Because feed is so abundant is no reason why we should make the mistake made by so many in the past year—of making corn cribs of our hogs by feeding them till they were too large; producing something that the market does not demand, and that will sell at a discount. There will be a much greater profit if the same amount of pork is produced in a greater number of animals sold at a lighter weight. It is much better to cater to the demands of the market as nearly as possible.—Rural World.

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FARM FISH CULTURE.

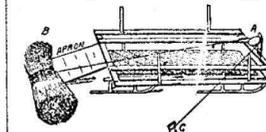
An interesting industry and one that can be made to pay. For many years past the government has been at great pains and expense in establishing and keeping up pisciculture establishments. And millions upon millions of fish have been hatched and distributed to private individuals and turned loose in the water courses in various parts of the country, and have perished for the want of proper attention. And the public, generally, have derived but little benefit for the money expended. In foreign countries, fish culture has been profitable, and it could be made profitable in this country provided the farmers would turn their attention to it, and prosecute it with judgment and energy. Every owner of a farm of any dimensions can have his own private fish pond, and supply his table with the rarest and best of food at little expense. And fresh fish is always ready sale in the country markets. On a great majority of the farms there is a place worth but little for cultivation that might be converted into an excellent fish pond, and made to yield its proportion of food for the sustenance of the family. But so far farmers, or at least very few of them, seem to have given the matter any attention. I know but one farmer in my neighborhood who has given the matter any thought, and he has been remarkably successful. Ponds intended for fish culture (if possible) should be made where there is an abundance of shade, and made as deep as possible, so that when full there will be no possibility of danger of their freezing to the bottom. And on the bottom should be placed large flat stones with their edges elevated by placing another stone under them. Under these stones the fish will go for protection either in very cold or hot weather. The margins of the pond should be made slanting gradually. Water growth should be let grow around the edges, as it has a tendency to shade the water and keep it cool and fresh. The purer the water can be kept the better. Consequently, stock, not fowls should have access to it, for when the water becomes impure the fish are not good for food. And they soon sicken and die. The German carp, the California salmon, the pike, the shad and many other kinds have their admirers, and are highly recommended, but for hardy kinds, and those most likely to thrive, I would not exchange the bass, the buffalo, the perch and the cat of our own native streams for any others. Fish, like every thing else confined to narrow quarters, should be regularly fed. Coarse bread of any kind without salt or grease is an excellent food. When wanted for table use they can be taken with a clip-net or small sieve and the small fry returned to the pond.—C. Glover, in Journal of Agriculture.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

To get good horses, breed right and then feed right. Generally the larger the animal the greater the cost of keeping. A long lived animal must be of slower growth than one for early maturity. Keeping the harness, especially the collars, well oiled will help prevent galls. The nearer you get to full blood in breeding the better will be the result. The thrift and condition of the mother largely determines what the pig will be. A well-fed pig is usually a contented one, and will usually take only such exercise as is needed for health. On the farm, as elsewhere, economy of time and space requires every team to accomplish the greatest amount of work. The quality of the meat may be readily improved by careful and clean feeding, as well as changed by the kinds of food. Horses may get fat and look well standing in the stable all of the time, but they will hardly be in a condition to stand hard times.—Farmers' Union.

LOADING CORN FODDER.

The accompanying illustration shows how fodder may be loaded without much exertion. Place an ordinary rack on a low-wheeled wagon or a sled. To the rear of the rack hinge an apron of sufficient length so that when one end is on the ground the slope will not exceed 25 degrees. Fasten a pulley, a t



the front end of the rack at the middle. Back the wagon or sled close to the shock. Turn down the apron. Make a loop on one end of a strong rope and place this over the shock. B. Run the other end through the pulley on the front of the rack, then back to a stake or iron pin, C, driven into the ground. Start up the team slowly and the shock will be pulled onto the rack.—W. H. Ross, in Farm and Home.

A Wet Soil is Cold.

It is not difficult to see how certainly a wet soil must be a cold one, since under the summer sun there must take place a constant and rapid evaporation of the surface water of the soil and a corresponding cooling of the surface must take place. When evaporation has progressed until the absorbent power of the earth is greater than the sun's rays, or so to speak until the pores of the surface are closed, then commences the baking process so well known to farmers and so difficult to manage. Underdrainage is the simple and certain remedy for these evils, since by removing and keeping removed the surface water the soil becomes both dry and warm, which renders it also more friable, and in every sense easier to cultivate.—Farmers' Review.

AN ORIENTAL MISSIVE.

The Emperor of China to King George III.—1793.

The following is a translation from the Chinese: "So, then, thou king, far away over many oceans, thou hast inclined thine heart toward civilization, and hast made a point of dispatching envoys to respectfully bear a submissive address. Crossing the seas, they have arrived at court and have offered their devout prayers for our imperial welfare, besides submitting articles of local production by way of evincing thy heartfelt sincerity. We have opened and perused the address, the language of which is sufficiently honest and earnest to bear witness, O king, to the genuineness of thy respectful submission, and is hereby right well commended and approved. As to the chief and assistant envoys, bearers of the address and the tributes, in consideration of the fatigue they have undergone in carrying out the duties of their distant mission, we, in the exercise of our grace and courtesy, have already commanded our minister to introduce them to the privilege of audience, have bestowed a banquet upon them and have conferred upon them repeated gratifications, in order to make manifest our love and tenderness. As to the 600 or more officers and menials in charge of the ship, who have returned with it to Chusan, though they have not been to the metropolis, we have also bestowed liberal presents upon them, so that they also may have a rich share in our gracious kindness, and one and all be equal recipients of our benevolence."—Toledo Blade.

Often Done.

He was just returned from a European trip and was telling of his adventures. "And above all," he said, "I actually had the distinguished honor of playing poker with a king." The man in the linen coat had listened in silence up to this point, but now his lips curled scornfully as he replied: "That's nothing. I once played with four kings." "Really?" "Sure. Four kings and an ace."—Chicago Post.

A girl's idea of a faithful friend is one who calls her by whatever new name she gives herself.—Atchison Globe.

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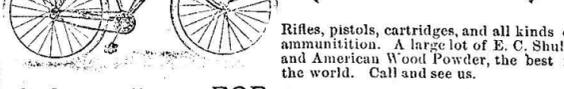


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