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ANOTHER TOBACCO MEETING.

Arrangements are under way to or-
ganize here an association of tobacco
growers, under the name of the West-
ern Tobacco Growers' association. At
an informal preliminary meeting held
Wednesday morning tentative plans
were agreed upon and the work of
organization will now proceed, says
the St. Joseph Gazette. The design
is to make St. Joseph the center of a
vast tobacco-growing territory and to
hold here annual fairs or exhibitions
at which tobacco and tobacco products
may be exhibited. The first meeting,
at which time a permanent organiza-
tion will be effected, will be held Mon-
day or Tuesday, September 26th or
27th, when a mass meeting will be
held at the Auditorium, to be follow-
ed by a complimentary luncheon at
the Hotel Robidoux. The design is to
entertain all who attend at the Live
Stock show during the afternoon.

A movement was started in this city
about a year ago for the purpose of
encouraging the cultivation of tobacco
in this section of the country. Ex-
perience had already proven that our
soil is peculiarly adapted to tobacco
growing, some farmers in Platte coun-
ty having already made the business
profitable. A meeting was held at the
Auditorium last year at which about
250 farmers evidenced a great degree
of interest in the proposition. As a
result of that meeting the Business
Men's league distributed a large
amount of tobacco seed among farm-
ers throughout Missouri, Kansas and
Nebraska. More tobacco has there-
fore been raised this year in this sec-
tion of the country than ever before.

Very many of those who are inter-
ested in this proposition think that
St. Joseph should have whatever bene-
fit grows out of this movement and
for this reason seek to organize an
association with this city as its home.
There can be no question but that, in
time, much of the tobacco grown in
this section of the country, will be
manufactured here. St. Joseph there-
fore ought to become a great primary
tobacco market. That there is money
in the proposition no one doubts. The
only thing for us to do is to take ad-
vantage of the opportunity that now
presents itself. Whatever tends to
diversify the crops produced on North
Missouri farms will tend toward the
development of this city, a thing every
thoughtful man will be able to see at
a glance. We ought, by all means, to
follow up this tobacco proposition un-
til it is made a glowing success.

USING FERTILIZERS ON GRASS.

Thomas F. Hunt of the Pennell-
town station advocates the use of
commercial fertilizers on grass rather
than on grain crops. He says:
"There is an old Flemish proverb,
which reads as follows: No grass, no
cattle; no cattle, no manure; no man-
ure, no crops.
"What these low land farmers of
Europe meant was that good grass is
the basis of good agriculture. We are
not without illustrations in this coun-
try, as, for example, the famous blue
grass region of Kentucky. Every prac-
tical farmer knows that if he has a
good, heavy sod to plow up he may
reasonably expect, other things being
equal, to secure a good crop of corn,
while if his meadow is allowed to run
out the chance of successful crop is
very much lessened.

"It has been the custom to apply
yard manure to land for corn and to
use commercial fertilizers for wheat,
but the value of the fertilizers, in in-
creasing the growth of grass and
thereby building up the fertility of the
soil has not been generally understood.
It is true that some farmers do top
dress their meadows with yard manure
and this is a good practice but very
few have applied commercial fertiliz-
ers to their grass lands. After some
years of investigation on this subject I
believe it safe to assert that the same
method used in applying commercial
fertilizers to grass lands will bring a

Daddy's Bedtime
Story — The Cow That
Was Lonesome



"DADDY, do cows ever get lonesome?" asked Jack as papa was trying
to think of an interesting bedtime story.

"I guess they do, son," he replied, with a laugh. "In fact, I once
heard of a cow that was so lonesome she went all around the farm
looking for some one to play with.

"This cow's name was Bossie Bumpkins, and as long as her sisters and
brothers were in the lot with her she was very happy. But one day they were
sold to a butcher, and she just stood and bellowed all the time. Finally, no
one paying any attention to her racket, she jumped over the fence and went
looking for company. At last she came to two doggies romping in the grass.

"Oh, Fido and Gyp," said Bossie Bumpkins, "can I play too? Come, I'll
give you both a ride on my back."

"The dogs thought this would be great fun, and up they jumped, but a
moment later fell to the ground whimpering with pain. You see, kiddies, most
cow's backs have a long sharp ridge on them, and Fido and Gyp were most
cut in two. Oh, how angry they were! They called her 'Old Meat Ax' and
chased her up the road.

"Well, when Bossie Bumpkins could get her breath after the chase she
went on and finally came to a farmhouse. On the steps was a hammock in
which was lying an old farmer sound asleep. Bossie thought the old gentle-
man looked awfully lonesome lying there all alone and decided to awaken him
and suggest a game of tag, so she put her horns under the hammock, and the
next moment the old farmer went tumbling out on the ground. When he got
up he kicked Bossie ten times and chased her up the road.

"Poor lonesome Bossie Bumpkins! 'Nobody loves me,' she cried, 'and no-
body can take a joke. I know what I'll do. I'll go to school and play with the
children.'

"So she marched right into the schoolroom where the children were rec-
iting their lessons, and how they did laugh to see a cow come to school. But
the teacher was very angry, and he took out his ruler and began to whip
Bossie. Then she lost her temper, too, for she hadn't missed any lessons or
played hooky, and she lowered her head and went after the teacher. You may
be sure that both he and the scholars got out of the room as fast as they could,
and when Bossie found herself alone she was so hungry that she ate up all the
pupils' lunches. Then she began ringing the bell to call the scholars back
again, but just about this time in walked her owner, and he put a rope around
her neck and led her back home. But Bossie Bumpkins did not care. She
hadn't had a bit of fun and was glad to get back in her lot again."

IN WOMAN'S REALM

YOUR SHOES.
Before cleaning, rub over with milk
—a little is sufficient. Wipe with a dry
cloth and clean with polish as usual.

A DOG'S TONGUE.
Have you ever wanted to know why
a dog's tongue lolls out of his mouth
on a hot day or when he has been
running? People sometimes say that
it is because he is thirsty. But that
isn't exactly right.

POINTS.
Children's underclothing should be
changed at least twice a week. The
health of the skin influences the well-
being of the entire body, and to keep
the skin in health scrupulous cleanli-
ness is necessary.

ABOUT TABLECLOTHS.
When tablecloths and sheets are
new a piece of tape should always be
sewn flat on the hem at each corner,
so as to double the life of the article
and also to prevent it from getting
out of shape. Another good plan is
occasionally to fold them widthways
instead of lengthways. This prevents
the folds always being in the same
place and thus wearing into holes
quickly.

RENOVATING CHIP HATS.
Take a piece of velvet and thor-
oughly rub the hat to remove all dust
and press it with a hot iron over a
damp rag to get the creases out. Be-
fore pressing the crown fill it firmly
with paper. Then take a saucer and
put in equal parts of ink and olive
oil, mix well and rub it thoroughly in-
to the hat with a piece of rag. When
dry you will be pleased with the re-
sult—it will look like new.

Jam in Rhyme.—
There was an old way to make some
jam,
Pour berries and sugar into a can,
And boil and stir with all your might,
Then pour in jars and seal them
tight.

Here is the new way and always the
best,
Hull two cups of large berries while
you rest,
Wet two cups of sugar and boil it
plenty;
Then drop in the berries and boil
minutes twenty.

POSTURES OF CHILDREN.
In a recent lecture to mothers and
teachers on incorrect postures of chil-
dren, the speaker spoke of inturning
feet and the means of correcting them,
but turned toes and feet, she said,
are the result of training, and if the
mother finds a tendency on the part
of her child to turn the toes in, she

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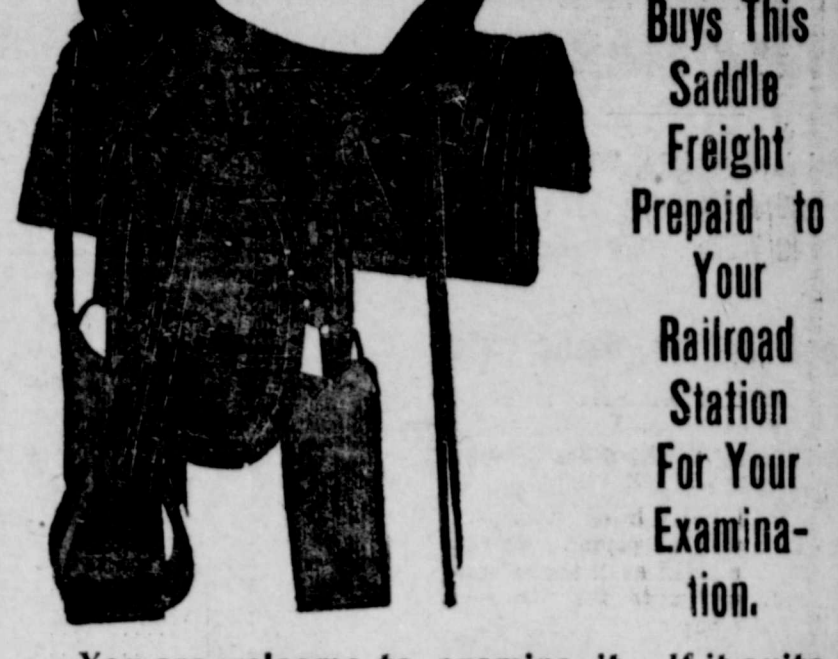
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from birth, the lecturer said that, ex-
cessive crying being accepted as harm-
ful, the average mother therefore as-
sumes that all crying is harmful and
should be suppressed. This is faulty
reasoning. The natural cry of a
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After much thought the counsel concluded that if he could produce documentary evidence of his client's honesty all would be well, and to obtain an acquittal would mean much as far as his practice was concerned. Like most suspects, the client was penniless, so to produce the necessary evidence it was needful to provide the means.

The advocate gave his client a five-franc piece—about a dollar—and suggested that he should take it to the police and say he found it in the street, and thus obtain a receipt.

The client acquiesced, went to the police office, and returned with a receipt.

The advocate gave a cursory glance at the document and tied it up with his brief, little thinking of the sequel.

On the day of the trial the young advocate relied entirely on the police receipt, and thus terminated his appeal to the jury:

"I have a document which shows that during the past week my client found a five-franc piece in the street, and without delay he took it to the police. Is that the act of a thief?"

Then he triumphantly handed the document to the president of the court. The judge examined it closely and asked:

"Was it five francs that he found?"

"Yes, Mr. President," was the reply.

"I am quite sure as to that."

"But," said the president, "the receipt is for one franc only."

The court was convulsed, and the jury, appreciating either the ingenuity of the counsel or the sharpness of his client, acquitted the "honest" knave.

**NEW KIND OF WATER WITCH**

One of Uncle Sam's Geologists Does Some Surprising Stunts in Locating Water Veins.

N. H. Darton is a government geologist who does surprising stunts in the way of finding water. The geological survey has carried on extensive investigations of underground waters, which make Mr. Darton's prophecies possible. One of his most notable successes was a well at Edgemont, S. D. Mr. Darton predicted that water should be expected in the Deadwood sandstone about 3,000 feet below the surface.

Accordingly the boring was begun, but meeting with many difficulties which caused great delay and expense, there was a disposition to abandon the work.

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The well yields 500,000 gallons a day of tepid water satisfactory for locomotive and other uses, and as there is not good water within sixty miles and much of the supply had to be hauled in tank cars, the value of this flow is inestimable.

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The veils which have been popular this season so far have been disfiguring enough with their leaves, insects, birds, acropalans and snake-like conventional patterns as part of the mesh, but they all sink into insignificance beside the web veil with its spider adornment.

Late Novelty in Jewelry.

The latest jewelry novelty in Germany is a special type of ring for divorced and widowed persons. The claims set forth for these curious innovations in rings are that they save the wearers, especially the feminine sex, from embarrassing or painful explanations and delicately inform other interested persons of their circumstances.

The designs are but slightly different from the ordinary ring and the difference is not so marked but that they can be displayed or concealed at will. The divorcee's ring is of gold with a broad strip of platinum or silver set in, so that the ring shows a white stripe, indicating that the marriage has been annulled and the ring divided. Still another ring for the divorcee has two opposing half moons and looks very much like an ordinary signet ring. The ring for widows has a half covered full moon.

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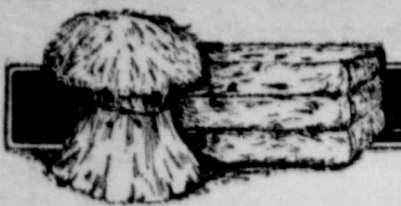
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HUMMINGBIRD DECORATIONS

Great Demand for the Feathers on Women's Hats Likely to Reduce Their Number.

Prof. Schillings, the German wild beast photographer whom Colonel Roosevelt made a point of meeting in Berlin, says that woman's perverse taste in the decoration of hats is gradually devastating the bird world, though another chief cause, he thinks, is the artificial creation of certain fashions by millinery houses. He mentioned one Berlin firm which made purchases of hummingbird feathers to the amount of thousands of dollars the moment a leading Paris firm gave the word that hummingbird decoration was to be the mode. In Florida, he said, whole colonies of herons of from 10,000 to 30,000 pairs produce families. Then came the heron hunters and in fourteen days not a heron is left. The hunter has gained from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

These remarks were made at the ornithological congress in Berlin, which was attended by delegates from all parts of Europe. One delegate called attention to the new fashion of using bird feathers for the decoration of women's shoes. In a Paris shop window, he said, he saw a pair of shoes with hummingbird feathers on them priced at \$1,100.

Writing in Bible Times, Prof. Flinders Petrie says that there is nothing abnormal, nothing to be questioned, in the general outlines of the Bible story of the exodus. He contends that the spread of writing in those days has been enormously underestimated. "It is my firm conviction," he says, "that the Europe of a century ago was far more illiterate than the eastern world" in the Bible times. We have, for instance, a papyrus containing a cook's accounts scrawled in a very clumsy hand, with the reckoning all wrong, but it shows that even a common servant of those days knew how to write. We have another containing a petition from a peasant. These things are extremely important, showing the probability of documentary records of a historical nature existing at the time.—Jewish Chronicle.

Skill in Frying Potatoes.

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Ragtime Doomed?

Ragtime songs and music have about served their purpose and are gradually going out of popular esteem, according to J. L. Tindale, president of the Music Publishers' Association of the United States. "Ragtime of the trivial sort and the ordinary slangy music of the current popular song, will be a thing of the past in five years," he said. "It is hard to understand why bar room equips and the slang of the streets should be perpetuated in music, and such goods ought not to be offered for sale or taken into our homes for fireside entertainment."

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COCKTAILS SERVED IN CHINA

A Landlord on the Road to the Great Wall Has Learned How to Make Beverage.

When you leave the train at Nankon, 27 miles from Peking, and make your way toward the Great Wall of China, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, you proceed along a dusty road in summer and a sea of mud during the rains. The journey is on doukors or in chairs carried by coolies.

In the middle of the Nankon pass there is a Chinese inn where the caravans halt. The manager offers travelers accommodations according to Chinese customs, but European beds are placed in the dais in the compartments, and it is even possible to procure a bottle of champagne or a glass of beer before retiring.

In fact, in many ways the enterprising host has an eye for business. He has learned how to mix a cocktail and travelers can procure baths. These Chinese inns are found beyond the wall on the road to Kalgan, where the railway will run in the near future. As you get further inland European comforts and ideas of civilization depart, but it is possible almost anywhere along the main roads to purchase soda water. The inns are invariably built in the form of a square. At one side distinguished travelers and Europeans stop, and opposite the coolies and servants live. The chairs, carts and wheelbarrows are always placed in the quadrangle.

Imposed on Author.

For careless generosity, Daudet, the great French writer, could not be outclassed by any man of his time. At one time he used to place on the mantelpiece of his study, at the time when he held his weekly receptions, a bowl which was filled with silver coins. It was understood that if anyone of the bohemians of letters who came to see him needed a little financial assistance he could go to the bowl and help himself. The experiment naturally failed. There were those who came to the receptions only for the sake of the bowl; there were those who put too liberal an interpretation on the mute invitation extended to them. "I used to see fellows pocketing the coins by handfuls," said Daudet, "and in the end I had to abandon the practice."

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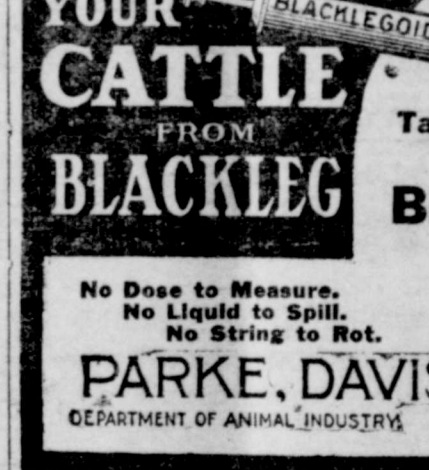


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