

DAILY MARKETS

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 1.—Special The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market steady to strong, cows and heifers 10c to 15c higher, stockers firm, calves steady. Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market 10c to 15c higher, closed 5c off. Top \$7.30, bulk \$7.20@7.25. Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market steady, closed lower, lambs \$5.50.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 1.—Special The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market steady, feeders strong. Hogs—Receipts, 3500. Market 5c to 10c higher, top \$7.20, bulk \$7.05@7.15. Sheep—Receipts, 9000. Market slow to 10c lower.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 1.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4500, including 1500 southern. Market strong. Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market steady. Top \$7.40, bulk \$7.25@7.35. Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market weak.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET. Today's cash values: Receipts wheat, 4 cars; corn, 9 cars; oats, 0 car. Wheat. No. 2 red 94 1/2 @ 95. No. 3 red 90 @ 93. No. 2 hard 92 @ 93. No. 3 hard 89 @ 96.

Corn. No. 2 white 43 @ 43 1/2. No. 3 white 42 1/2 @ 43. No. 2 corn 43 @ 45 1/2. No. 3 corn 42 1/2 @ 44.

Oats. No. 2 white 32 @ 34. No. 3 white 32 @ 33. No. 2 oats 30 1/2 @ 31 1/2. Corn chaff 29 1/2 @ 30 1/2. Bran 86 @ 87. Shorts 1 1/8 @ 1 1/3.

The above cash quotations are based on actual cash quotations and are furnished by T. J. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forsce Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. J. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forsce Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options. Open-High-Low-Close. Close Yesterday. WHEAT: Dec. 90 1/2 @ 91 1/2. May 90 1/2 @ 91 1/2. CORN: Dec. 44 1/2 @ 45 1/2. May 44 1/2 @ 45 1/2. OATS: Dec. 31 1/2 @ 32 1/2. May 31 1/2 @ 32 1/2. PORK: Jan. 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2. May 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2. LARD: Jan. 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4. May 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4. RIBS: Jan. 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4. May 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET. Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers. The following quotations are furnished by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers Association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers: Timothy—Choice, \$14@14.50; No. 1, \$13@13.50; No. 2, \$10.50@12.50; No. 3, \$6.50@9.50. Clover mixed—Choice, \$11.50@12; No. 1, \$10.50@11; No. 2, \$7.50@10; No. 3, \$5.50@8.50. Prairie—Choice, \$12.25@12.50; No. 2, \$11@12; No. 3, \$8.50@10.50. Alfalfa—Choice, \$15.50@16; No. 1, \$14@14.50; No. 2, \$11@13; No. 3, \$6.50@9.50. Patching hay—\$4@5. Straw—\$5@5.50.

COTTONSEED, LINSEED, ALFALFA PRODUCTS. Linsed meal, old process, is quoted in bulk at \$32.50 per ton; lots, \$34.50; 100 lbs. \$13; less quantities, \$13.90 per 100 lbs. Bulk oil cake, \$32 per ton. All orders from Kansas should include 25c a ton for inspection fee. Linsed oil, raw, per gallon, in car-loads, 95c; bottled, 96c. Single bbis, raw, \$1; bottled, \$1.01. Flaxseed oil, 2c less. Cottonseed meal—Carlots, per ton, in St. Joseph territory, choice, \$27.40; No. 1, \$27.00; No. 2, \$26.50. Ko-pes-ko kake—Carlots, per ton, in St. Joseph territory, \$25.50; ton lots, \$27.

Cold pressed cottonseed cake—Carlots, per ton, in St. Joseph territory, \$26; ton lots, \$27. Alfalfa meal—Per ton, No. 1, \$15@16.50; No. 2, \$13@14.50, standard, \$10@12.

WISCONSIN'S BIG PUMPKIN. Grand Rapids, Wis., Nov. 28.—Monroe county claims the honor of growing the largest pumpkin in the state. It was grown by Carl C. Ward, a farmer living near Tomah, and weighs 93 pounds. An expert local estimator that 200 pie "like mother used to make" can be made from this monster pumpkin.

Damasco has the honor of being the oldest city. Plums—St. Louis county, 43,200

MISSOURI SOILS

Yield Twenty-Two Million Dollars in One Year From Orchard and Garden.

BIG PROFITS IN FRUITS

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This Gave Success a Peach Crop While Many Varieties Were Killed in Northern Sections—Apples, Grapes, Strawberries and Other Fruits Made Big and Splendid Crop—Details in Red Book For 1910.

Jefferson City, Dec. 1.—Facts and figures made public today by Labor Commissioner J. C. A. Hiller, reveal that Missouri had exceedingly high fruit and vegetable crops, having an annual product on from its gardens and orchards, worth, in round numbers, \$22,000,000.

There never was a complete failure of either the vegetable or fruit crop of Missouri, because of the peculiar topography of the state, its geographical location, climate, soil and the energy, thrift and industrious habits of its horticulturists. Of course, the Ozark hills in the southern part of this commonwealth play a leading part in preventing a general crop failure. There is enough rainfall in the counties fortunate enough to be located in that section to make fruit and vegetable crops flourish every spring, summer and fall, no matter how extensive a drought may be elsewhere, not alone in Missouri, but all over the country.

Such proved to be the case in the severe dry spell of 1899, when there was only a third of a crop of everything but the winter wheat. In that year the Ozark counties came nobly to the front and tried to make up for the shortage elsewhere, not alone for fruit and vegetables, but also for wheat, corn and other staples.

Escapes Jack Frost.

Take the season just closed, the late heavy frosts of last spring nipped most of the peaches in the bud, in north Missouri, in Illinois, in Iowa, Nebraska and other states to the north, east and west, and seriously injured other varieties of fruit. In the Ozark counties, however, the case was different. Howell, Grogan, Christian, Greene, Barton, Jasper, Barry, McDonald, Ozark, Bollinger, Webster, Wright, Ripley, Lawrence and other fruit crops were not only saved, but best crops of Elberta peaches South Missouri has ever experienced. The production of apples, grapes, strawberries and other fruit was equally as good and valuable.

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Grapes—St. Louis county, 101,000 baskets; Gasconade county, 31,110 baskets; Greene county, 21,500 baskets. Peaches—Oregon county, 319,934 baskets; Howell county, 218,307 baskets; St. Louis county, 69,000 baskets; Buchanan county, 50,250 baskets; Pike county, 38,000 baskets; St. Louis county, 15,000 baskets. Miscellaneous fruit—Jackson county, 4,105,000 pounds; St. Louis county, 219,000 pounds; Buchanan county, 235,000 pounds.

Vegetable Crop 1909.

If all the vegetables raised in a year in Missouri were placed on the market they would net the growers \$11,544,708, figuring that half of the annual crop is sent to market. The surplus of vegetables for 1909 netted the growers \$5,673,254. St. Louis county, because of the fact that it is adjacent to the largest city of the state, is the banner truck farming section of Missouri. Conservative figures indicate that the vegetables of this county which were hauled and shipped into St. Louis last year were worth, wholesale, \$1,485,777. Buchanan county sent into St. Joseph \$1,000,000 worth of vegetables. The value of \$596,755. The surplus of Jackson county is placed at \$361,775. Pickles and cucumbers—St. Louis county, 2,277,940 pounds, value, \$19,110,000; Buchanan county, 1,355,000 pounds, value, \$54,600; Clark county, 1,023,310 pounds, value, \$41,292.

Potatoes—St. Louis county, 468,900 bushels, value, \$309,840; Ray county, 323,574 bushels, value, \$212,745; Buchanan county, 250,000 bushels, value \$190,000. Sweet potatoes—St. Louis county, 553,000 bushels, value, \$549,480; Buchanan county, 35,000 bushels, value \$31,650; Jackson county, 7000 bushels, value \$6,720.

Mushrooms—St. Louis county, 119,600 bushels, value, \$23,830; Jackson county, 25,000 bushels, value \$7,500; Buchanan county, 15,000 bushels, value \$4,500. Tomatoes—St. Louis county, 320,000 bushels, value \$208,000; Buchanan county, 235,000 bushels, value \$146,250; Jackson county, 67,000 bushels, value \$43,550.

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Cranberries. Cranberries for Christmas—If you will try the following way of cooking cranberries I know you will never again be satisfied with the old way of stewing them.

Pies. Pumpkin Pie—To one cup sieved and sifted pumpkin add one tablespoonful melted butter, one teaspoonful flour, one-half teaspoonful each of ginger and salt.

Timber Brings \$100,000. Astoria, Ore.—Deeds have been filed for record here whereby the Ferguson & Stewart Timber Company and the Astoria Title and Trust Company sell to the Crown-Columbia Pulp and Paper Company of Oregon City, 5990 acres of timber land five miles south of Stevenson, in this county.

Drainage Tunnel Opened. Denver, Colo.—With the completion of the Newhouse Tunnel in the Glimp mining district and the connection of the great El Paso with the Roosevelt Drainage Tunnel at Cripple Creek, Colorado's mining industry received the greatest impetus of years.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story



The Donkey's Burden. "If you have anything to do it is best to do it without grumbling or complaining," said daddy one evening to Jack and Evelyn.

"He was a rather clever donkey, and it did not please him that his master made him carry heavy loads on his back. His master was a dealer in salt, and he used to load two heavy bags of the salt on the donkey's back whenever he wanted them carried into town.

"The road to the town led over a brook. There was a bridge over the brook, and the man drove the donkey over the bridge. One hot day, however, the donkey thought it was too warm to carry heavy bags of salt on his back, and as he approached the bridge he said to himself: 'How nice and cool that water looks. I think I will just wade through the water to the other side of the bridge instead of walking over the old bridge.'

"But that plan did not please the donkey's master, for he knew that if the water reached the bags of salt it would melt and he would lose it. So he drove the donkey with blows of his stick to the bridge and across it. You may be sure the donkey did not like such treatment. The next day as they neared the bridge he said to himself: 'This is when I shall fool the master. And when the man was not watching him closely the donkey ran away and waded into the water quite to the other side of the bridge. In the middle the water reached almost to his back, and, of course, when it touched the bags the salt began to melt. So the master lost a good part of the donkey's burden. When the donkey reached the other side he was greatly pleased to find that his burden was so much lighter than it had been before. 'That's a very good idea,' he said to himself. 'I think I shall try it every time my master puts a heavy burden on my back.'

"But the man was just as wise as the donkey. The next time he loaded the donkey with a lot of sponges. They were quite light, of course, and the donkey was pleased, but nevertheless when he reached the brook the water looked so cool and inviting that he could not resist the temptation to wade into it. "Of course when the water reached the bag of sponges they began to swell, and by the time the donkey got to the other side of the brook they were quite full of water and heavy. Then the donkey said to himself: 'My, but that water is very deceiving! When I went into it with a heavy burden it made it light, and when I go into it with a light burden it makes it heavy. You can't depend on it. I think I shall remain out of it.'

Pay Bills at Marlborough. How Accounts of British Ruler Are Kept and Discharged—King Inaugurates System. London.—When King George came to reside at Marlborough house his majesty immediately gave his attention to systematizing the keeping of the numerous accounts of the royal establishment. A clerical department was formed, consisting of three clerks, under the control of the treasurer, Sir William Carrington; dockets for goods bought for the kitchens, storekeepers' and butlers' departments had to be made out by the head of each department, who was responsible for the orders which were sent up to the clerk's office.

"A docket gave all particulars of the article bought and the name of the tradesman who supplied it and its cost. The particulars of all the daily dockets are entered up in a general day book, from which they are transferred to each tradesman's account in the royal ledgers; the ledgers, by the way, are bound in dark red leather, and a crown is stamped in gold on the back of each.

Each tradesman who has the royal custom must send in his bill at the end of the month, when it is compared with his ledger account, and if it is found to be correct, is discharged during the first week of the month. No discount is asked for any of the royal accounts; a tradesman who receives the royal custom is informed that he must supply goods at the lowest reasonable prices and there is never any attempt at bargaining by the official of the royal household.

If a tradesman is thought to be making extortionate charges he simply loses the royal custom, so he rarely or never attempts to do so. There are of course several articles which are supplied to the royal household by contract, such as coal, for example. The contracts in most instances are made for three years and the contracts are as a rule paid in equal half yearly installments. A great deal of work is also done at Marlborough House under contract, such as window cleaning, carpet cleaning, chimney sweeping, and the glass frames of a number of large pictures are also cleaned by contract.

All the servants' wages are paid monthly, the upper servants, holding important and responsible positions, are paid by check, which is sent to each from the treasurer's department; the other servants attend at the clerk's office to receive their wages. The king's accounts for clothes, cigars, theatre tickets, newspapers, books and other personal articles are sent in to his secretary and are not dealt with at all in the clerical department.

Wilkesbire, Pa.—Opposite the Old Ladies' home in this city is a dead wall, which is used to advertise attractions at some of the local theaters. A billboard put up a number of posters of ballet dancers clad in gaudy and scant attire. The inmates of the house, who saw them from their windows, were indignant. They held a consultation and then resolved on action. They procured a number of newspapers, and with paste and pot made their way to the opposite side of the street and covered the lower limbs of the dancers, and were much pleased with their work. One of them remarked: "There now! I guess decency will not be outraged."

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DANGER IN LEATHER

Expert's Opinion Is That Blood Poisoning May Result.

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London.—Beware of cheap boots. In their leather, if tanned by a recently utilized scientific process, there may lurk a "grave" danger to health. Blood poisoning is the danger to be feared, and according to an expert's opinion blood poisoning in a form extremely difficult to cure.

In the north of England a case of blood poisoning from this cause has just been reported, and the victim, an inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was rendered very seriously ill. While attending a police court wearing a pair of boots of the kind warned against, he collapsed, and his skin turned from its natural color to blue and then to black.

He was taken to a hospital, and oxygen had to be administered to revive him and it was not until a week afterwards that he was well enough to be sent home. Tanning leather by means of chromic acid is the source of the trouble. An analyst on the staff of the Leathersellers' company's Technical college described the dangers of this form of tanning.

"The process was invented by Prof. Schultz in 1887, and it is known as chrome tanning. At that time they could not make it a practical success, and it remained in the experimental stage for many years. An American firm then took it up and it is now the pioneer of the process. The poisoning is due to chromic acid, and occurs when the tanning is not carefully done.

"The skin first goes into a bath of chromic acid, and is then changed from the acid to a base-bath, in which the acid is neutralized by reduction with hyposulphite. If the chromic acid is thoroughly neutralized the leather is then perfectly safe and harmless.

"But if any free chromic acid is left in the leather, blood poisoning may result, and in the manufacture of the cheaper grades of leather there is a danger that the process may not be completely carried out. In a factory a man who works at the chromic acid bath is generally put to work at the reducing bath too, so that any chromic acid in his hands may be neutralized. If it is not he gets 'chrome sores,' which are very dangerous and are difficult to cure. Lanoline is largely used and recommended now.

"Chrome tanning is generally used for upper leather and not often for soles, because when wetted it gets very slippery. A large number of tanners are now giving up the old process for the chrome for light leather, but it is not very popular with heavy manufacturers.

"I have heard of continual complaints that it 'draws' the feet badly. 'Chrome tanning is the latest word in tanning in England,' the manager of a well known Strand firm of saddlers said. 'We only use it for one particular strap on saddles, which go to South America, and that it is so padded that it touches neither horse nor rider.

"The process makes leather as nearly as possible waterproof. It is still in its infancy. 'If chrome tanning is properly done there ought to be no danger, but if done hastily by unqualified people, chromic acid and other chemicals are left in the leather and are dissolved out in the perspiration, so that 'chrome sores' and other mischief might be caused.

"Chromates in solution," said the medical officer of health for a large district, "have a poisonous action and also act corrosively on the skin. Chromic acid is a strongly acid liquid and in some cases the workmen preparing it or using it in various processes suffer severe ulcers."

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ROMAN ROADS IN PICARDY

This Province Retains Today the Most Vivid Impress of Rome and Its Memories.

If a man were asked where he would find upon the map the sharpest impress of Rome and of the memories of Rome, and where he would most easily discover in a few days on foot the foundations upon which our civilization still rests, he might, in proportion to his knowledge of history and of the map of Europe, be puzzled to reply, says the Saturday Review. He might say that a week along the wall from Tyne to Solway would be the answer, or a week in the great Roman cities of Provence with their triumphal arches and their vast arenas and their Roman stone cropping out everywhere—in old quays, in ruined bridges, in the very pavement of the streets they use today, and in the columns of their living churches.

Now I was surprised to find myself, after many years dabbling in such things, furnishing myself the answer in quite a different place. It was in Picardy during the late maneuvers of the French army that, in the intervals of watching those great buzzing fliers, the aeroplanes, and in the intervals of long tramps after the remnants of watching the massed guns, the necessity for perpetually consulting the map brought home to me for the first time this truth.

Picardy is the province—or, to be more accurate, Picardy with its marches in the Ile de France, the edge of Normandy and the edge of Flanders—that retains today the most vivid impress of Rome, for though the great buildings are lacking, and the Roman work, which must have been mainly of brick, has crumbled, and though I can remember nothing up-standing and patently of the empire between the gate of Reims and the frontier of Artois, yet one evidence—the Roman roads—is here so evident, so multiple, and so enduring that it makes up for all the rest.

DEBUT OF ELEVEN DUCKLINGS

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The mystery of the ducklings' appearance was explained, however, when Larson Youngcourt returned to camp. He had charge of the commissary of the colony up to the time business compelled him to leave for his home, several weeks ago. Youngcourt, before his departure, had purchased in Centerville what were represented to be a dozen ducks' eggs. He placed them in a basket and set them in the cool edge of the stream. He neglected to tell his companions of this when he was suddenly called to Jersey City.

Soon after Youngcourt left camp the Centerville Power company plant, just above the colony was put in operation. The exhaust of the power house was turned into the stream and the hot water raised the temperature of the creek. The eggs were in the warmest part of the current, and that resulted in the hatching of the eleven ducklings that were seen for the first time today. Youngcourt found the basket, which contained twelve empty shells. There also was the body of a chick. The twelfth egg had been that of a hen, and the chick hatched out of it was drowned before it could get to land.

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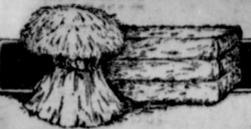
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DIPLOMATS

By NELLIE C. GILLMORE

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The manager of the Brownville division of the C. & R. closed the door of the outer office slowly and stood for a moment thinking intently before pressing the elevator bell. Then instead of pressing it, he turned and re-entered the room and spoke to the bookkeeper.

"It seems to me, Hobson, that you're not looking as bright as usual. Anything wrong? Possibly a little vacation might set you up—"

The other shook his head, expressing his appreciation in a quick, forced smile. "I'm all right, Mr. Floyd; merely a touch of hot weather—always goes against me at first."

The manager nodded and abruptly left the office. He had done what he could, of course; the rest was with Hobson. But he liked the young fellow, and he didn't want to lose a valuable man. There was something about the bookkeeper's pale face that baffled him.

Alone young Hobson closed his day book with a bang and sat for a reflective moment thumping on the back of it with a nervous row of brown finger tips.

At this juncture, the office boy whirled in with the afternoon mail and dumped it deferentially at his superior's elbow.

The bookkeeper stifled a yawn and began wearily to sort out the letters and papers. Suddenly his eyes widened, contracted and the blood splurged hotly to his temples. It was a full minute before he found courage to tear open the pale blue envelope, addressed with a flourish in one never-to-be-forgotten, eccentric little hand. Nonplussed, he read:

"New York, Thursday.

"Dearest Bettye—What will you think when I tell you that I have been near to death's door, for lo! these many weeks? Typhoid, my dear, and



The Bookkeeper Sat Silent and Radiant.

every strand of my golden locks tied up in a silk handkerchief in my dresser-drawer! But I am wearing the darlingest little wig you ever saw, and the doctor says it'll not be long before I have real ringlets all over my head—think of it!

"Now, Bet, here is what I am writing to you about. They're going to send me to Kennebunkport on the next, with a stupid, trained nurse. I detest the thought, but am too weak to resist. If I could just see you or have a good, long talk. Can't you meet me at K? Please, please, please."

"I saw one of your pictures at the Metropolitan some months ago; how delighted I am at your success. What a happy girl you must be! "I suppose you heard about Ted and me? It's all off for good. We had a little spat. I was very angry and obstinate and Ted went into a perfect (man's) rage. We haven't spoken since."

"In the meantime, just out of pure, unadulterated pique, I engaged myself to Hal Bronson for a month. Of course I never had any notion of marrying him; I merely wanted to show my independence. I have about made up my mind to join the Red Cross and go to Manila—dedicate my life to those poor, brave soldiers who are every day giving their own for their country."

"I am returning the last of Ted's letters and things today, with a little conventional outline of my future. For a long time I felt as if I simply couldn't give up the little forget-me-not ring, but now—"

"Forgive me, dear, for troubling you with my absurd feelings. I wanted to tell somebody, and I knew you'd understand."

"Do try to spend at least a week with me in Kenya, and write at once to your loving CLO."

The letter slid from young Hobson's shaking fingers to the floor. He stooped dazedly and picked it up, regarding the bewildering lines with a fast-beating heart. One thought alone of all the wild notions swirling through his brain stood forth luminously. She still cared. Providence had interposed a helping hand.

The whole thing was plain enough. She had accidentally placed the wrong letter in the envelope addressed to him, and no doubt at this very mo-

ment Miss Bettye Breckenridg was perusing Clorinda's last farewell to him! For an indefinite space of time the bookkeeper sat silent and radiant. He was not conscious of the arrival and departure of the superintendent; he paid no heed whatever to the shrill whistling of the office boy; he did not even hear the prolonged ringing of the telephone bell three feet away. But all at once he reached for a pen and scratched hastily:

"Friday, June 23, '10. "Dear Bill—What are your plans for the summer, old boy? Don't you usually take a rest in June? Perhaps we may arrange a little jaunt together somewhere. To tell you the truth, I am just about down and out. The manager has noticed it himself and strongly advised a vacation. You know several of my family have died of heart trouble when quite young."

"No, dear boy, I regret to say that I am not to be married this summer. The girl—wless her stubborn little heart—went clean back on me. I realize now (that it is too late) that I was the one at fault in the beginning. Men can be such brutes. I—well, I was a jealous fool and she—well, she passed me something to reflect upon for awhile—she is ordinarily nothing more nor less than an angel."

"To save my life I can't remember all the blood curdling things we ladled out to each other that last night. Suffice it to say that I made repeated and unsuccessful attempts to gain an interview afterward. She refused point blank to see me. She returned every letter unopened. She failed to recognize mine as a familiar face on the street."

"Now, just between us, Billy, I shall never care the snap of my finger for any other girl under the sun. But I don't think it is good for a man to be alone, and I have finally made up my mind to lay siege to the heart of a certain nice little girl I know down at the boarding house. That is to say, unless, of course, there should be an unexpected change somewhere."

"Let me hear from you as soon as is convenient. TEDDY M." The bookkeeper surveyed this masterpiece of diplomacy with satisfied eyes. He deliberately sealed and addressed it to Miss Clorinda Halliwell, New York city.

Fifteen minutes later, when the manager, returning from luncheon, opened the door and entered, young Hobson cleared his throat and spoke to him somewhat sheepishly: "I've been thinking things over, Mr. Floyd, and as you've been so good as to offer me a vacation—"

"Certainly, certainly, Hobson. Every man needs a rest at least once a year. Take a whole month if you like." The bookkeeper thought a fortnight sufficient.

The following day Mr. Floyd handed him transportation to the Adirondacks. Hobson had never gone anywhere else for his vacation.

The bookkeeper smiled his thanks as he slipped the pass into his pocket and figured the price of a ticket to Kennebunkport.

"HAVE TO WORK IN SECRET Phase of Budding Genius Which is Irritating to Ordinary People, to Say the Least.

"Since I began to meet people who won't let anybody see how they do a thing because they have a secret method which they are not ready to divulge just yet I have been like a crazy woman," said the housekeeper.

"There are plenty of those budding geniuses doing odd jobs about town. One of them came to our house the other day to mend a suit case. It was an easy job. He could have taken the thing into the storeroom and mended it in half an hour, but instead of that he insisted upon taking it home. He had a secret process for doing things like that, he said, and preferred not to work where anybody else could find out how he did it."

"While my curiosity over the suit case was still seething a woman who is quite handy at draughting patterns stirred it still more by refusing to cut out a waist pattern at my house because she has her own method of cutting that she isn't ready to advertise just yet."

"Right on the heels of that a carpet renovator was proof against all blandishments to come to the house to take spots out of a rug. He has a cleansing formula which he will not take chances on giving away by doing work outside his own shop, so the rug went to him."

"The other day a man came around to fight water bugs. In a sense I had him at my mercy because he couldn't take the bugs home, but he did the next best thing and ordered me to stay out of the kitchen while the process of extermination was going on. Was the process dangerous? I asked. No, it wasn't dangerous, but it was a secret which he didn't wish to reveal, not even to an innocent housekeeper like me."

"And so they come and go through all the trades, every man studying out a system better than anybody else's. When all those geniuses let their ideas loose upon the world something like a revolution ought to take place."

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Jerry is bay gelding 15½ hands high and weighs 1,350 pounds. He was foaled in 1886. Jerry's pedigree is not worth mentioning. He was a work horse and served 18 years without a day off or a vacation.

Besides faithfully pulling the wagon, Jerry has guarded the company's treasures. Several years ago there apparently was a hold-up in the yard in the rear of the office. Jerry's driver proved to be the hold-up. Robbing himself, he pretended to be the victim of bandits. To carry out his deception the driver had fired one shot into the wall and was about to fire again. Just then Jerry got an idea. He suddenly backed the wagon, the wheel hit the revolver, turned it and the bullet buried itself in the driver's leg. The seeming mystery surrounding the robbery was solved soon afterward.

Eighteen years ago, when the population of Spokane was less than 15,000 Jerry and his team mate were bought by the company, the price paid being \$600. They made the rounds together until 1899, when the mate died. Jerry was put between the shafts of a single wagon and he made the rounds alone, simply because he would not work double. He never forgot his team-mate.

Jerry became the pet of the office force, the favorite of merchants and of the barn men through his intelligence and gentleness. He always had a box stall. Some time ago one of the horses in the barn became ill. Jerry was put in a single stall that the ailing animal might have the box. Now this was not to Jerry's liking. He had been wronged and he knew it. He set his slant heels to work, making room rapidly. He was ready for the big posts when the barn men led him to his stall.

Jerry was punctual. When the seven o'clock whistle blew, he left his comfortable stall and calmly walked upstairs to his wagon, backed between the thills and waited to be harnessed. He was willing to work, but he was as willing to quit. Promptly at six o'clock in the evening Jerry started for the barn. No hitching weight would deter him, unless it had been fastened to the pavement.

Jerry knew his way around town, too, and never missed a stop. He had watched the city grow to 120,000 population. He saw 15-story structures take the place of squat brick buildings, but in the bustle of development, he kept up with the times.

Having earned his rest, Jerry will be sent into a pasture in the Spokane valley, about five miles from the scene of his labor. He will run knee-deep in clover and alfalfa with the fragrant odors from surrounding orchards and the perfumes of wild flowers to whet his appetite and woo him to sleep when the sun has slipped behind the western hills.

GOOD SECRET OF LONGEVITY

Centenarian in New Jersey Tells Women to Read, and Gossip Less About Neighbors.

Paterson, N. J.—Mrs. Jane Beam, who is one hundred and two years old, gives this word of advice to those who wish to achieve a happy old age: "Read good books and don't gossip about your neighbors."

The books which she names as her recipe for longevity are: The Bible, "Spurgeon's Sermons," "Paley's Philosophy," "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," "The Pennsylvania Pilgrim," "The Unnoticed Things of Scripture" and "The Holy Land." "Reading," said Mrs. Beam, "clears the mind and broadens it. It keeps one young and gives no time for worry or opportunity to think evil things of your neighbors. If more women refrained from criticizing the actions of their neighbors they would not have so many gray hairs."

Lord's Prayer on Coin.

New York.—A curious specimen of the fine work of a famous old American engraver, A. W. Overbaugh, has come to light in a little Staten Island town. The relic is an ancient gold dollar, in the center of which, in a circle one-sixth of an inch in diameter, Overbaugh engraved the Lord's prayer. The inscription cannot be seen with the naked eye, but is distinct with the aid of glasses. The engraving was done on a wager.

Infantile Paralysis Increases.

Harrisburg, Pa.—There are 653 cases of infantile paralysis in 45 of the 67 counties of Pennsylvania, according to reports received by the state department of health. The largest number is in Lancaster county where there are 135 cases. Philadelphia reports 79 cases.

PUSH FAR INTO WILDERNESS

College Professors Make Long and Venturesome Journey into Labrador Forests.

Middlebury, Vt.—Far into the wilderness of western Labrador where no white man is known to have trod before Prof. Raymond McFarland of Middlebury college has traveled in a canoe along rivers and lakes and on foot through forests and over mountains during the past two months. With Professors Thomas C. Brown and Phelps N. Sweet, also of Middlebury college, who accompanied him during a portion of his exploring expeditions, he returned to Middlebury the other day. Much valuable geographical and topographical data and many interesting photographs were secured during the 900-mile trip in Quebec and Labrador.

Early in August the three professors with a few Indian guides, entered canoes at Lake St. John, Quebec. They ascended the Chamouchouan, Chigo-bliche and Nikauban rivers to the light-of-land which was crossed August 27. The party visited the gold and copper mining region on Lake Chibogono and on September 2 reached the Mistassiny post of the Hudson Bay company.

After traveling 375 miles from Lake St. John, the party was divided on September 6. Professors Sweet and Brown turned back to make magnetic observations and study geological formations along the File-Axe and Chief rivers. Professor McFarland, accompanied by a single guide, penetrated 100 miles farther north, visiting hitherto unexplored regions to the east and north of Grand Lake Mistassiny.

Professor McFarland and his guide climbed the Porcupine range on the mountains, whence they obtained magnificent views of the country. On September 9 they first found snow and September 19 the temperature dropped to 10 degrees. During this portion of the journey they met and conversed with a number of Indian hunters.

NEW YORK MAN NEVER KISSED

Incidental to Engagement Handsome Easterner Makes Blushing Admission—Likes Girls.

New York.—Can a man live 40 years in New York, with all its pretty girls, without kissing or being kissed? Here is one man who says he can. He points to his own case as an instance, and the other day he told why. Olin W. Hill, secretary of the Carnegie Safe Deposit company, is the man. He is over forty, handsome, well groomed, and bears all the outward marks of a man-about-town.

But Mr. Hill has at last fallen a victim to Cupid's darts, and he blushingly admitted his engagement to Miss Martha Brown, daughter of Mrs. Slater Brown of Seattle.

"The young woman is now in New York purchasing her trousseau," Mr. Hill said, "and she expects her mother here shortly."

"Until now I have never been in love with any woman, have never kissed a woman, or even thought of proposing. I had intended to keep my engagement secret until Miss Brown's mother arrived, and then let her make the announcement, but the false reports that I was to marry a stenographer named Miss Brown in the employ of the Carnegie Trust company had to be corrected."

Mr. Hill admitted that he liked the girls well enough, but said that he believed that no man had a right to kiss one until after marriage.

MOTOR RACE WITH A COYOTE

Animal Kept in Lead of Fast Machine for Mile But Finally Dropped of Exhaustion.

Los Angeles, Cal.—In a thrilling race between a four-cylinder automobile speeding at thirty miles an hour and a young coyote in the Santa Inez valley, the animal lost to the driver of the big machine, and is now a captive at the home of B. F. Coons. It was brought to this city in a cage and an effort will be made to domesticate it. The animal failed to escape only through sheer exhaustion after it had maintained a lead for nearly a mile.

Mr. Coons was inspecting a 10,000-acre tract in Santa Barbara county when the contest in speed occurred. His son was in the driver's seat.

"For almost a mile we turned the machine loose for all its speed, but the coyote kept in advance, and for a time appeared to be gaining," said Mr. Coons. "Once it stopped suddenly, as if to let us pass and escape before we could turn, but we slowed down in time. Instantly it took a new start and went like the wind ahead of us."

"Soon we saw that the exertion was proving too much for the animal, and in a few minutes it slowed down and fell panting on the edge of the road. It recovered in a short time, however, and attempted to fight, but we muzzled it with a piece of rubber tire. We will try to tame it, and if we are not successful it will be given to one of the parks."

One in Each Five Divorced.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Records show that from October 1, 1909, to October 1, 1910, 1,060 divorces were granted in Los Angeles, 645 of them within the last six months. This is at the rate of one divorce to less than five marriages. During September 202 separations were granted.

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