

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 89 Cars, 2287 Cattle; 107 Cars, 7520 Hogs; 14 Cars, 3249 Sheep.

CATTLE TRADE IS STRONGER

Supplies Fall Off All Around and Fat Steers Were Strong to a Dime Higher.

LOCAL STEER SUPPLY LARGE

Butcher Trade Active After Slow Start, Prices Strong to 10c Up—Some Call For Stock Cattle and Values Were Steady—Hogs Generally 15 to 20 Cents Lower, Spots On 25 Cents—Sheep and Lambs 10 to 15 Cents Lower.

Receipts from January 1, 1911.

Table showing receipts from January 1, 1911, for Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, including totals for 1910 and 1911.

Live Stock in Sight.

Table showing live stock in sight for Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, including totals for 1910 and 1911.

Receipts by Cars.

Table showing receipts by cars for various locations including Chicago, St. Louis, and others.

CATTLE.

Falling Off in Receipts Injects More Life in Steer Trade. Country shippers heeded the general warning to curtail cattle supplies to moderate volume and the market opened this morning in better tone than was expected.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

In no branch of the live stock trade is the effect of weather conditions felt more quickly than in the stocker and feeder division. A dry weather scare at once starts young half fat cattle marketward.

Range of Prices.

Table showing range of prices for various types of cattle and sheep.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Activity was not as conspicuous in the market for female killing stuff as in the fat steer department but still the market displayed better tone than the finish of last week. Supply of

was a good steady market on the basis of last week's close.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.25@5.75; medium to good grades \$4.50@5.25; good to fancy stock steers \$4.75@5.00, and common to fair \$3.75@4.50; stock heifers \$4.00@4.65 for fair to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$3.25@3.75, and stock calves \$4.25@5.50.

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Wheat, 9 cars; corn, 23 cars; oats, 1 car. No. 2 red... 92 @ 93. No. 2 hard... 85 @ 86.

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SHEEP.

Trade Slow and Erratic, Prices Generally 10 to 15 Cents Lower. There was little life to the general trade in the sheep division today and despite the light marketings it was not toward the close of the session before a complete clearance could be made.

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RUBBER PLANTS

Five Distinct Sources Discovered Which Turn Out Good Product. The tree is very similar to the palo Colorado, the difference consisting in the color and the shape of the sap which contains a much higher percentage of rubber than the palo Colorado.

MEXICAN CONSULAR REPORTS

Agent at Terreon Corrects Some Misapprehensions Regarding Nature of Trees. Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Vice Consul Richard M. Stadden of Manzanillo, Mexico, sends the following regarding rubber plants in Mexico:

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

D. C. Danielson of Mt. Airy, Ia., market who had cattle in today. John Rice of Wilsonville, Neb., was here today disposing of two loads of hogs.

RAISING OF POULTRY.

Strain of Fowl, Proper Housing, Feeding and Care Chief Factors. Fargo, N. D., Feb. 27.—Strain of fowl, proper housing, method of feeding and care and management are the four chief factors affecting egg production, as laid down by O. W. C. Powell, a prominent farmer and regular shipper to this market.

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TOPPED STEER MARKET.

Among the many Nebraska patrons of the St. Joseph market were noted the following: E. Haskins, of Franklin, a car of cattle; A. J. Layden of Minden, a car each of cattle and hogs; J. F. Fernow, Axtell, a load of hogs; A. Franzen & Co., Funk, two cars of hogs and a mixed load; Chris Nelson, Ruskin, a load of hogs; Palmer & Son, Kennesaw, a car of cattle and hogs; E. Jacobs, Junata, a car of hogs; R. M. Stron, Wilcox, three cars of hogs and a load of cattle; J. E. Linke, Oxford, a car of hogs; Farmers Grain and Live Stock Ass'n., Cambridge, a load of porkers; W. R. Addis, Minden, a car of cattle and a mixed load; Farmers Grain & Supply Co., Minden, a load of live pork and E. B. Trough, of Minden, a car of hogs.

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FAVORS LIBERAL RUNS. There is every prospect that unless Jupiter Pluvius cuts into the game and spoils a lot of country roads this week may see a liberal run of cattle and hogs at the leading primary market centers. Heavy roads would shut off a considerable portion of the hog run but cattle will perhaps be marketed freely whatever the country roads may be.

COULD FEED MILLIONS. If Argentina has the same average potentiality for producing food as land similarly situated in North America and Europe, it ought to be able to support 120,000,000 people easily, says an authority in the grain trade, was only small parts of it lie outside the temperate zone. The country responds to high cultivation, as yields of forty bushels of high quality wheat to the acre are reported on well cultivated lands.

GIVING AND OBSERVING ADVICE. That it is easy to give advice but difficult to follow it yourself has long been known. It is possible to get almost any kind of advice, a good bit of it gratis if you strike the right party and care to spend the time for said party to impress his views upon you. But of all these that hand out good advice there are not many that observe it themselves in the strict sense that they would have others observe it.

TESTING THE SEED GRAIN? It will be but a very few weeks now until the dust is flying from the land



Daddy's Bedtime Story—Saved by a Beetle

He Saw His Wife Cry

"Of course, youngsters, you know what a beetle is?" asked daddy. "Oh, yes," said Evelyn and Jack together, and daddy went on to say: "Well, this is going to be a story of how a beetle once saved a man from being imprisoned. The man in the story lived many years ago. He was a judge and a good man, and the people trusted him to judge wisely when any quarrel arose among them. They called him the 'just judge' and the wise man, for he really was good and wise. But a sad thing happened, for the king of the country heard about the judge and became jealous of him. He was neither wise nor just, and he was afraid that the people might choose the judge to be king instead of himself. So he sent his soldiers to arrest the judge and had him locked up in the top story of a high tower.

and the tired, sweat-wet horses are dragging the seeders and harrows across the great breadths of small grain ground that were plowed last fall, says the Live Stock World. How about the seed that is to be run through the seeder or scattered broadcast from the tail of a wagon-bred? Does it possess a full and reasonable germinative power? Is it of the variety best suited to the locality in which it is being sown? In short is it the sort of seed that should be used? These are questions which every farmer should have answered satisfactorily to himself at least, long before undertaking to begin the most important work of putting the seed in the ground. A little carelessness, the failure to apply some simple test, neglect to subject the seed to some simple treatment may, if an ingenious paradox can be permitted, bear a bountiful harvest of loss when reaping time comes.

IN WOMAN'S REALM. Two eggs beaten separately; one cupful of granulated sugar; three-eighths cupful hot water or milk; one-half teaspoonful lemon extract; one cupful flour; one and one-half teaspoonfuls baking powder; one-quarter teaspoonful of salt. Process: Beat yolks of eggs until thick and light, add half the sugar gradually, beating constantly; add water or milk and gradually remaining sugar. Beat mixture three minutes; add extract, whites of eggs beaten until stiff; mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt, then cut and fold into first mixture. Butter and flour a shallow cake pan; turn in mixture, spread evenly and bake in a moderate oven thirty-five minutes.

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creamed with two cupfuls of sugar; add four beaten yolks of eggs; one teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in one cupful of sweet milk; two teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, mixed in three cupfuls of flour; flavor with vanilla and a teaspoonful of mace; lastly add the beaten whites of eggs; beat well before you put in the whites of eggs; add one cupful of chopped nuts if you wish. This is excellent and will make two loaves.

Filled Sponge Cake—Bake a sponge cake in a round loaf pan and put it aside for a day or so. After that time cut off the top crust and take one the soft part on the inside and mix it up with chopped nuts and whipped cream. Put back in crust and cover with top crust. Cut in slices and serve as dessert.

TESTED RECIPES. Baked Apples.—Take as many apples as there are people to be served. Peel and remove core. Fill with chopped hickory and English walnut meats. Sprinkle with white sugar. Put in oven and bake slowly, basting all the while with sirup made of one cup sugar, one-third cup of water, cooked until in threads. Bake until apples are clear. Serve with whipped cream.

HOBBY REMEDIES. There are certain remedies that we always call homey, but I think "homey" suits them better. For sore throat, salt and water is just as effective as chlorate of potash. It may be used just as often as one may wish and no harm results if a little is swallowed. In fact, it helps, for it clears the lower throat and allays the irritation. As an emetic it is very effective. For such purposes use from one to four teaspoonfuls in from half a pint to a pint of water. It is an excellent remedy for bites and stings of insects and is a good astringent in hemorrhages of excessive bleeding of any kind, especially after the pulling of teeth. Then there is the ever ready mustard as a remedy. It also serves as an emetic and it is kept in every family. If salt and water are objected to two or three tablespoonfuls of ground mustard stirred into half a pint of water may be substituted. The ever ready mustard plaster is made by mixing equal parts of mustard with flour or meal and warm water, spread on a piece of muslin and another piece spread over it. It is almost a certain cure for colic when applied for a few moments over the "pit of the stomach." Our grandmothers used it as a remedy for all internal pains and it still serves that purpose. In severe cases of croup it is well to apply a plaster to the back of the child's neck. Do not keep a plaster in one place all the time, but move it around. It acts just as well at a short distance from the place affected as directly over it.

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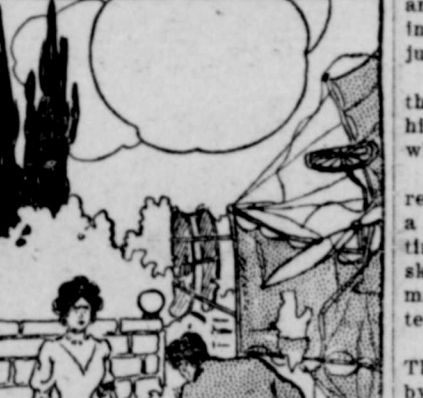
VIA THE AIR ROUTE

By STACY E. BAKER

(Copyright, 1911, by Associated Literary Press) Success is a prankster. Eben Jones, lured by her smile, stopped on her threshold, and she pelted him with lemons. Eben believed in the old adage: 'Hit her wagon to a star.' He started for said star on several occasions, substituting faulty monoplanees of his own construction for the out-of-date wagon. Eben was an inventor. For a long time the little workshop wherein the sky scooters were evolved was the hub of many pilgrimages made by the prim New Englanders who occupied land adjoining the Jones farm. Eben's continued failures, however, bred contempt. Gradually he ceased to be even the subject of discussion. Thereupon Success again grinned and whispered fair promises in the ear of the believing youth.

Eben Jones was nothing if not optimistic. Cheerful faith in his fellow man gleamed in the blue eyes of the young fellow, and his lips were always smiling. Even when Farmer Smith compelled him to pay for the fruit tree, the laden branches of which he had unintentionally wrecked by a fall, the smile remained. Jones always expected falls. He flew skyward prepared for them. A rubber company manufactured in quantities a pneumatic safety cushion for his own devising and in which he arrayed himself at each ascension. These were not easily punctured, and they broke the falls. Only once in the days of his experimenting did he break a bone.

As the curiosity of his neighbors degenerated into contempt, Eben began to achieve results. His craft flew higher; and he learned to have a modest control over them. The principal flaw in his scheme of flight was his motor. This had a nerve-harrowing way of stopping when the plane was just on the border of cloudland and compelling its owner to slide earthward. As a coaster, Eben's machine was a record breaker. Generally things happened when it struck the earth. But it always kept its balance, and when the balking motors rested,



It sild much as a batsman strives to glide to first base. Eben, happily exultant in the sky, one day after his contrivance had begun to act more like a real sky clipper, felt the throbbing motor suddenly stop, and with a resigned sigh he adjusted his gliding appliance and started down the invisible hill. He had come farther than usual. When he struck soil, his machine, following the time-honored custom, cheerfully scraped along for some distance like a misguided ice yacht, and when the youth finally emerged from the debris it was to confront a most indignant and astonished young lady. His eyes told him that he must have ploughed around in what had once been a flower garden.

'You have ruined my garden.' He turned to the maid standing with a bouquet of freshly picked flowers in her hand and essayed a Chesterfieldian howl. Inasmuch as his protecting raiment remained unpunctured, he appeared like a caricature of the Pickwickian fat boy, and his grace of movement was lost to the irritated damsel. 'You have ruined my garden,' she complained. 'And my machine, too,' added the inventor. 'As for the damage I have done, I will pay you for it. I always do. I have a reputation in these parts for prompt dealings. I am Eben Jones. Perhaps you have heard of me?'

'I have not,' snapped the indignant damsel. Her rage was becoming. 'If you will just sum up your loss in dollars and cents,' intimated the youth, ignoring the verbal buffet, 'I will pay you at once.' Eben had plenty of money. He had come to this out-of-the-way place from New York to experiment. He had the money behind him to pay for the havoc wrought by his grounded glider. 'I can't sum up my loss,' as you term it,' answered the girl. 'I don't know what my loss is—in dollars and cents. I only know that you have scraped up several beds of flowers,

wrecked a fence, and carefully erased most of the lawn.' 'But, really, I'm not clever at quick calculation,' she interrupted. 'If you insist upon paying for this you may come around next week and I'll try to have it all figured out for you. Now go—and take that hateful thing with you.' Like a little queen she pointed imperative fingers at the disconsolate airplane, and Eben put clumsily off down the road, hailing the contraption behind him. Eben came around the next week. He mowed down three small trees in the coming and smashed a shed. The girl came hurriedly out through the kitchen door, the light of battle in her eyes. 'I'm surprised at you,' she said. 'Doing it again!'

'It has become a habit with me,' murmured Eben, politely. 'And now that I am here just hand me my bill and I'll pass along. That is, if, you—er—really run this place. You look altogether too young to be managing a farm.'

'I own it, however,' assured the maid, crossly, 'but I won't for long if you keep smashing things. You have me all mixed up. I can't tell how much you owe me now.'

Eben again went away, and gratefully, because the maid's inability to sum up the damage done gave him an excuse to call again. He did. And conventionally! Not out of the clouds. Several months passed, and it developed that the girl's name was May Greyson, and, although she lived alone and operated the farm with the help of a hired man, she was city bred. Her well kept land had been left her by a doting uncle. She was an orphan. Eben and the girl became great friends—and more than friends. One day the air skipper proposed. To his surprise he was refused. Humbled in heart, he left the house.

'You have a reckless, restless spirit,' the girl had given as excuse. 'This would be bound to make me unhappy. I—I like you, Eben, but I can't marry you.'

Eben didn't insist. He went away. He strove to forget the girl. Fate decided otherwise. On a bright day in August, Eben broke from the usual manner of his coming and fell through the roof of the Greyson domicile. Also, he broke one arm and three ribs. Furthermore, he was unconscious for some length of time. When he came back to mundane things he was on a low couch, and a hurriedly summoned doctor was investigating the extent of his injuries.

It was after the doctor had gone that the one maid in all the world for him came and knelt by the couch and whispered: 'I was wrong, Eben, when—when I refused you the other day. You are a veritable gift of the gods. Three times you have come to me from the skies and I am afraid that if I don't marry and reform you you will be battered beyond hope.'

Eben had one good arm remaining. This crept up and around the maid by his side.

HOW THE ENGAGEMENT ENDED

Cook's Lover Acts Like He Is Going to Kiss Her and Is Hit With Flat Iron. A good cook who is also a belle is a matter of anxiety to her mistress. It was always in a tremor of apprehension about Maggie, for while she was big, black and no beauty, she somehow seemed to charm the opposite sex. I heard persistent rumors that she was going to marry Wash Province, who drove the grocery's delivery wagon and thus frequently called at the house. Fearing she would leave me without due notice, I approached her on the subject. She put me off, giggling, and then she began to look serious.

'Now, Mr. Cooke, what make you care 'bout niggers and dey marryin' and givin' in marriage?' she inquired. 'Look like I wouldn't if I's white. Now'm, me and Wash ain't even engaged no'm. Hit's broke off—busted.'

I tried to dissemble the joy I felt. 'When?' I asked cautiously. I had noticed that another delivery boy was bringing the groceries. 'Las' Chuesday,' my handmaiden said. 'Wash he come into dish yer kitchen, an' I was ironin'. He come a-foolin' round me, an' ac' like he was a-gwine to kiss me.'

She puffed; I was rather incredulous as to her cause of offense. 'You wouldn't object to that, would you?' I asked suspiciously. 'Not when you were engaged to Wash?' 'Course I didn't object,' Maggie agreed promptly, 'but a lady has to ac' a little cowartish-like, to make her favors count, and I desed up and heaved a flattron at him to sopher show him I knowed what I was worth. Hit ketched him on de bridge of de nose and mighty quick mashed his face in. I'll never tell you what he got so mad about. I was des' foolin'. De flattron didn't break his nose—but it broke de engagement.'

Lippincott's Magazine. Collecting Debt by Dynamite. By the explosion of a dynamite cartridge at the airhole of a cellar in M. Messan's house at Saint Rambert-sur-Loire only material damage was done. Mr. Messan, who is paralyzed, was so frightened that he absconded for a long time and complications are feared. It is alleged that the cartridge was placed by a building contractor who had been refused payment on account of work done. M. Panster, the contractor, has been arrested.—From le Figaro.

WHAT TO DO WHEN LONELY

Get Busy, Find an Interest and Discover Something That Will Keep Your Mind and Hands Occupied. Get busy if you are lonely. Find an interest. Do something. The woman who can shut the door upon undone household tasks—an uncleaned luncheon table, say—hasn't correctly diagnosed her own disease. Her trouble is an unoccupied mind—and hands to match. Idleness is the parent of loneliness, as it is of various kinds of mischief women get into. In this day and age there are so many avenues open to women, so many channels into which they may direct wholesome activities, that there is really no excuse for the social parasite.

It is generally the uneducated woman who complains of loneliness. Not that she hasn't been in school, perhaps graduated, even, but that as in the case of imperfect vaccination, the educational virus hasn't "worked." She hasn't got out of it what it was expected she would get—what she ought to have received—an impetus toward the development of her mental resources.

Education is a means, not an end. It is a door, opening into many pleasant rooms, these leading into others, so that one need never stop entering and taking possession of them. With a good book in the house one should never feel it necessary to take to the street or one's neighbors to find refuge from herself. Not that books are to exclude friends, or take the place of human companionship, but there is certainly a solace in them for those unoccupied hours in which the sense of loneliness visits.

IT WAS FUN FOR THE CROWD

Experience of Woman Who Had a Ring Cut Off at Night Near Jewelry Store Window. 'The next time I find it necessary to have a ring cut off I shall not have it done at night, near the illuminated front window of a jewelry store in a populous neighborhood,' said the woman. 'I had a ring removed under those conditions last night. 'The publicity hurt worse than filing the ring. The first person to be attracted by the show was a woman who flattened her nose against the window and said: 'What are they doing in there, anyhow?'

'Nobody being able to vouchsafe information she stepped inside to find out. Others whose curiosity had been aroused followed. 'The jeweler was too busy with his surgical operation to assist them out just then. His assistant plucked himself between me and the crowd and so prevented a personal assault, but he could not shut off their remarks. 'Besides numerous sympathetic 'Ouches' and 'Ughs' I heard complimentary reflections like this: 'Wasn't she a big fool, anyhow, to try to wear a ring too small for her finger? 'Wonder if the ring can be mended? 'Don't make much difference if it can't. It looks like a cheap one.'

'The only comment that did not add to my misery was a big round, 'Damn!' let out by a fat man when the jeweler sawed my knuckle and brought blood. That relieved me almost as much as it did him, and I felt very grateful.' Western Love of Art. In the east art is commonly interpreted as meaning painting or sculpture, but in the west it stands for any manifestation of beauty for which man is responsible. The art movement may begin by the establishment of a museum or a gallery, but it soon escapes through the door and concerns itself with general aspects. Last winter the Civic league of Carmel-by-the-Sea, a California coast town not far from San Francisco, undertook the erection of a drinking fountain for horses which was in reality a work of art, simple, appropriate and picturesque; and last summer it instituted a garden competition, in part, 'to teach the people color harmony.' One of the winners of the competition was a lad of nine years of age who, when given a choice of prizes, selected a picture in preference to money or plants. 'You know,' he afterward explained to his mother, 'I can sometime earn \$10, but I never could have got that beautiful picture.' Here certainly was love of art.

Two Classes. Oscar Hammerstein, at the farewell dinner in New York that preceded his departure for the operatic pastures of London, made an amusing speech on music. Mr. Hammerstein, in the course of this speech, praised Richard Strauss, Leoncavallo, Puccini and Debussy. Then he mentioned with scorn a half-dozen composers of comic opera. 'Those fellows,' he said, 'may be divided into two broad classes; first, those who plagiarize from the street pianos, and second, those who write for them.'

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