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LARD ON BOTTOM. Pit Gossip: "Lard, in our opinion, has seen its low point last week, and while we do not at this time anticipate a big advance, we look more toward a steadily improving condition," says Paul Titgens & Co.

PACKERS AND THE SENATE. Drivers Journal: Reference to officials of the meat packing companies as being connected with the matter of raising a fund which is alleged to have placed William Lorimer in the United States senate is an imputation which the packers must severely resent, and well they should if they have had no connection with this case.

Such charges have the sting of outrageous criminal libel if they cannot be substantiated. They cause the public to look with suspicion upon this packing concern, and it is placed in a position where the strongest efforts to null the statement as he cannot get the same wide publicity as the charge of the former employe.

The conservative element of the public will be oath to believe the charges which have been directed against certain of the packing company officials in connection with the Lorimer case until something substantial is offered in the way of verifying them.

MAN, THE REAL JOKE. "Honestly, the more I gaze at a lot of these jokes, called 'man,' the more I am marveling at the reason why people will get out on the trail of amusement, toil out their substantial funds for circus highjinks and then worry along with their last season logs," says the Grouch.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story

I've often told you stories about one little girl, Evelyn," said daddy. "Suppose I tell you about two little girls tonight?" "That will be just twice as good," replied Evelyn.

"Oh, John," she called, "here are Edith's children." And out of the house came a gray haired gentleman, who said, "Why, these are my little match girls."

per. So don't cut in with any remarks about liquidation. I bought the ticket to see a star, and I saw stars galore. That's just what brings us around to the main aqueduct about what the poet said.

Rice and Strawberries—Pour two cups of boiling water on one cup of well washed rice, add one teaspoon salt, cook in double boiler thirty minutes. Add a pint or more of milk and a heaping tablespoonful of butter.

USING WOOD PRESERVATIVES Government Method of Treating Timber on Reserves to Prevent Decay. Denver, Colo., April 26.—During the past two or three years the forest service has been active in recommending the use of creosote and other wood preservatives, especially in the case of round timbers, such as fence posts and telephone poles.

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TEXAS WOMEN. Have Been Powerful Force in Development of the State.

San Antonio, Texas, April 26.—A Georgia court may decide, one day the other, that poor in the United States man is the head of the family and for that old custom of woman obeying in all things that may be true in Georgia where the sweet potato and the goober pea lead the procession and the "blind they" has a fair in every jungle, but it is different in Texas.

IN WOMAN'S REALM. I accidentally spilled a bottle of ink on a fine lunch cloth, and after using lemons, butter, and vinegar could not remove the stain.

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STUDENTS THREATEN STRIKE. Angered at Dismissal of Pittsburg, Kan., Principal, Boys May Quit. Pittsburg, Kan., April 26.—To express their dissatisfaction at the summary manner in which Russell H. Bess, the principal, was ousted from his position at the state manual training normal school here several days ago by the board of regents, a number of the bolder students at the school are agitating a strike.

TEXAS MAKES BIG OIL DEAL. Utah and California Lands Sold to English Syndicate for Large Sum. Houston, Tex., April 26.—Infirmation from California is to the effect that Charlie Dickensheets of Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur and elsewhere, has put across a deal in oil lands of vast magnitude.

CLAIM SMALL FRUIT IS SAFE. But Apple Outlook Isn't Bright in Eastern Missouri. Montgomery, Mo., April 24.—The fruit growers in this part of Missouri report a rather unusual condition. They claim the apple crop has been greatly damaged, but that peaches, plums, pears and other small fruit is safe with prospect of the best crop for four years.

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CORONATIONS OF OLD DAYS

Quaint Ceremonials That Formerly Were Observed at the Banquet in Westminster Hall.

Westminster hall saw some picturesque pageants at old-time coronations. Among these, according to a writer in the Queen, was a coronation banquet, at which were observed some quaint ceremonials. The first course was brought into the hall with much courtly splendor. At the crowning of George IV. Lord Anglessey, as lord high steward, rode in the center wearing his robes and coronet, and with a plume of white feathers on his horse's head. The duke of Wellington as lord high constable rode on his right on a white charger most richly caparisoned, and on the left rode Lord Howard of Effingham as deputy earl marshal of England.

These three, with many other attendants, escorted the gentlemen pensioners, who bore the hot dishes for the king's own eating. At this banquet cups of wine were offered by the lord mayor of London and by the mayor of Oxford; the lord of the manor of Lynton presented a plate of wafers, and another lord of a manor gave three cups of maple unto his sovereign. These cups of maple were presented and accepted by King Edward at his coronation in 1902. Westminster hall is no longer used on the occasion of this solemn service.

Ancient Discourse. The vicar was a very old man. He had been in the parish forty-two years. During his last year the curate was practically in charge of the services, but now and then, when he was able, he occupied the pulpit. His eyesight was bad, and he was altogether unfit to compose fresh sermons, so had to fall back on old ones. One Sunday morning his hearers were alarmed with a discourse such as follows: "We are standing today," he said, "face to face with a great power in the east. We are on the verge of war. (Long pause.) We are—we are—we are on the brink of war with Russia. I—er—we, I mean—we will now proceed to consider the next point." In the vestry, after service, the curate asked him about the projected war, as he had seen nothing about it in the papers. "That sermon," he said, with a very far-off look in his eyes, and a slight suspicion of a smile—"that sermon I wrote forty years ago."

The Man in the Stocks. Thomas Hardy lived to see many changes in his native Wessex. "I have seen by my own eyes things that many people believe to have been extinct for centuries. I have seen men in the stocks. I remember one perfectly when I was very young. I can see him now, sitting in the scorching sunshine with the flies crawling over him." Incidents like this were used in "Toss of the D'Urbervilles" and "The Return of the Native." Max Gate, the house in which he lives, is built on what was formerly crown land belonging to the duchy of Cornwall. When Hardy's offer to purchase was received the late King Edward, then prince of Wales, remarked: "Let him have the land he wants; he has set his heart on it, and we must do all we can to make our authors contented."

The Main Requisite. A pale, intellectual looking chap, wearing eyeglasses and unshorn hair, visited an athletic instructor not long ago and asked questions until the diplomatic athlete finally became weary. "If I take boxing and wrestling lessons from you, will it require any particular application?" he asked. "No," answered the instructor, "but a little arnica will come in handy."

This Commercial Age. "Are you acquainted with him at all?" "Only in a business way. I married his daughter." —Spokesman-Review.

GREEKS WHO ARE GERMANS

Many of the Descendants of the Followers of King Otho I. Are Found In and Near Athens.

A visitor to Athens who goes to the neighboring village of Heraclea is surprised to see children with blue eyes and light hair playing in the streets; in fact they are little folk who resemble but remotely the descendants of Pericles.

These children on the Greek soil are descendants of the suite and followers of King Otho I. When the prince of Bavaria was called to the throne of Greece in 1832 he was accompanied by soldiers, officials, professional men, workmen, and shopkeepers. In plain language a good part of the contingent was a motley crowd of adventurers.

Most of these remained behind after the fall of the dynasty, and occupying good positions today in Athens are the bearers of names unquestionably German, for instance Hoesslin, Rieck and Schaurath.

The Bavarian king and queen encouraged the settlement of their countrymen in Greece. Queen Amelia created a model farm in Pyros Amalias, but the land uncultivated has now returned to a state of nature. The king founded a village upon which he bestowed the ancient title of Heraclea, and in view of the brigandage he surrounded it with walls and gates. At the four corners he erected small forts. It had new town houses for 50 families specially reserved for Bavarian artisans, but only forty were ever occupied.

After the troubles of 1843 13 families quitted the township, and the German population has since then continued to decrease, but those who have remained do not seem to have contracted Greek marriages.—Munchner Nachrichten.

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Dubious Work.

More than thirty years ago, when Colonel Probel of Atlanta was called on to gage the water in a neighboring stream, he one day had an amusing encounter with an old farmer who came along on a wood cart, drawn by an ox.

When he reached the colonel, he stopped the cart, and inquired, peremptorily: "What on 'arth are them men doin' 'thar?" "They are trying to find out how many bucketfuls of water run down this creek in 24 hours," said the colonel.

"Mister, are that a true fact?" asked the farmer. "Yes, that's just what it is," said the colonel. "Well, mister," said the old man, in a tone of much disapproval and anxiety, "it might be all right, but it do appear to me such doin's are on-constitootional." —Youth's Companion.

Rhodes' Art Fad.

Although Cecil Rhodes was a busy man he got time for a certain amount of reading. He made it a rule, although very fond of good pictures, never to buy any for fear of developing a craze for collecting works of art, for with all his wealth he felt that he could not afford to spend so much money on a fad. The only famous painting that he owned was one by Sir Joshua Reynolds, supposed to represent a young married woman, which hung in the dining-room over the fireplace. As a boy he had taken a great fancy to the picture, and when he grew up and became rich he bought it.

Tit for Tat.

"Dear Clara," wrote the young man; "pardon me, but I'm getting so forgetful. I proposed to you last night, but really forget whether you said yes or no." "Dear Will," she replied by note; "so glad to hear from you. I know I said yes to some one last night, but I had forgotten just who it was." —Red Hen.

KICKER'S WRATH DISARMED

Answer of the Man on the Floor Above With Musical Daughters Was Enough.

"Once," said the flat dweller with musical daughters, "our neighbors living in the flat under us complained; the man of the house down there came up to see me about it."

"How do you suppose we can live down there," he said, "with your daughters forever pounding on the piano in minor, medium and major keys, but mostly in the major, and forever singing at all hours of the day and night songs that seem to be mostly in a high pitch? Your daughters are most estimable young ladies, both, I know, for I have seen them; but I wish you would come down into my flat some time and listen, listen, to that continuous pounding and singing. If it didn't drive you plumb out of your senses I miss my guess."

"My dear sir," I said to him, "I appreciate your situation, and I thank you for the candid but at the same time kindly courtesy with which you have stated your grievance, but consider."

"You," I said to him, "have between the music and yourself a floor and a ceiling, which must deaden the sound somewhat; but I have to sit here and hear it right in the same apartment with it!"

"He understood; he knew that mine was the greater cross, and he looked at me sympathetically and went away quite mollified."

MOTHER-IN-LAW FOR HIRE

Real One Demanded Carriage, So Groom Rented Another and Got Himself into Trouble.

In Marseilles the hire of a mother-in-law for a few hours is quoted at one shilling eight pence, which seems quite cheap. The parents of one of a future happy pair were separated. When asked to the wedding to give her consent, the future mother-in-law said: "I will go if a carriage is sent to fetch me; if not, I will stay at home." The carriage was promised, but the day and the hour came, and the carriage did not, and the future mother-in-law stayed at home. "Very well," said the bridegroom-to-be, when he saw that she was not turning up. "I will find another mother-in-law." So he went out into the street and found one for one shilling eight pence. She came to the wedding and duly gave away her "daughter," whom she had never in her life seen before, and the bridegroom and bride were made one.

But they let themselves in for more than they bargained for. A complaint has been lodged and the bride, bridegroom and witnesses are liable to severe penalties for procuring, aiding and abetting, impersonation, forgery in a public deed, and other crimes, while it seems likely that the marriage in French law is null and void, the consent of one of the parents having been given by a sham mother. The one shilling eight pence hired mother-in-law is being looked for by the police.—London Telegraph.

Mexican Rurales.

The corps of Mexican rurales was created in the time of President Benito Juarez. The law which created the rurales fixed the number of seven battalions of 125 men each and a company to be located at Matamoros. The pay of each of the rural police was fixed at \$1.12 per day, each to furnish his horse and equipment with no classification as to the character of the mount or the arms which each man was to bear. As a result they were decidedly a body of irregulars with some five per cent, wearing the uniform of the cavalry of that day. Each battalion was divided into two companies, one of seventy and the other of sixty-five men. Their commanders and other officers held the same rating that they do today. Just as at the present time, the rurales were attached to the interior department, but at the same time they were at the disposition of the department of war for service in campaigns.

His Light Didn't Shine.

There was an accident at a railway crossing at night, in which a farmer's cart was struck and demolished and the farmer injured. Counsel for the railway won the case for the defense mainly on account of the testimony of an old colored man, who was stationed at the crossing. When asked if he had swung his lantern as a warning, the old man swore positively: "I surely did." After the trial the lawyer called on the old negro, and complimented him upon his testimony. He said: "Thankee, Marsa Jawa, I got along all right; but I was awfully scared, 'cause I was 'fraded dat lawyer man was goin' ter ask me was my lantern lit. De oil done give out befo' de accident."

Speaking on Maxims.

The speaker, with an ill-concealed sneer, handed this maxim to the sinner: "Some people are so stingy that they are dishonest." "And by the same token," responded the sinner, with a raw laugh, "some people are so liberal that they are dishonest. Count them up, please, and see, in these days of liberal spending, which side has the majority." —Judge.

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### CHICAGO IS LOVABLE

#### Bishop of Salisbury Says City Is Unchristian.

#### Still Smacks of Frontier and Has Not Acquired Enough Civilization to Make People Calculating in Kindness.

Chicago.—Chicago is not Christian—it is Athenian, although dollar-worship is less evident here than in New York or Washington.

It has not yet gathered sufficient veneer of civilization to make it calculating in its kindness.

It still smacks of the frontier, although its opera is crowded, its art gallery has more interested observers than ever were seen in London, and it has one of the most wonderful of universities.

And one comes to Chicago to learn the mightiness of man.

So concluded the bishop of Salisbury, from observations taken in this city covering a period of several weeks. At least Chicagoans who have been reading the keen and, on the whole, sympathetic criticisms of Chicago and American life that are appearing in the London Church Times, and are the frankest discussion of America from a distinguished foreigner's viewpoint since Charles Dickens wrote his American Notes, believe the anonymous critic to be the English bishop. If it is not the bishop, it is some one who came at the same time, and did many of the same things the bishop did, clergy at the Episcopal cathedral said.

The writer of these criticisms lived at a Michigan avenue hotel, visited the University of Chicago and described the services at an unnamed fashionable church which many are certain they recognize as Grace church, where the bishop delivered his lectures in December. The fact is known, it was added, that the bishop wrote extensive comments on his visit here.

"I found the greatest surprise of my American visit in Chicago and Pittsburg," says the writer. "The Chicago of Mr. Stead's dreams is not the true Chicago. I had expected a hideous city; I found a city of promise. I had expected sordidness of sin; I found readiness to appreciate literature and art, generous-mindedness in criticism and a desire for the sweeter things of life. Chicago gives one the impression of frontierism. Not yet is it settled down. Some day they will tear down the hideous 'loop' elevated and make a center for commerce worthy of the vast enterprise. Then Chicago will begin to show the world what a city can be.

"Her university is most wonderful of all. Boys and girls crowd the lecture-rooms; experiments in psychophysics are treated as intimately important affairs, and are not relegated to back rooms for isolated research students. Economists draw them in hundreds, and at close quarters the respect which an Englishman has for Chicago's work in sociology is vastly increased.

"And as Chicago is open-minded, so is it openhearted. Such charities! Such boundless giving in the very streets! Such a passionate desire to give the poor children a Santa Claus on Christmas morning. There are verses and pictures in the papers, all pleading the same good cause. It is cold by Lake Michigan today. There are pillars of ice within a few yards of my hotel. There is a heavy fall of snow. But Chicago hearts are winsomely warm. Not yet have they gathered sufficient of the veneer of civilization to make them deliberate in their love of their fellows, or to keep them calculating in their kindness.

"I could wish it were a Christian Chicago also. It is so Athenian, so welcoming Athenian, so anxious not to overlook any deity whatever. But that is not sufficient. Chicago needs, more even than New York, the rigor of discipline. Here is a fashionable church. It is well attended. It is ablaze with organization. It has accomplished so much that the temptation to defy humanity must come very near to it. There is no God in its theology."

### DUKE GREAT COTTON RAISER

#### South African Experiments in Culture Give Good Returns—Satisfactory in Yield and Quality.

London.—The duke of Westminster, who recently returned to this country after a visit to his estate in northwest Rhodesia, has taken an important step in the development of the resources of South Africa—he has become a grower of cotton.

Last year the low lying country on his estate was utilized for the experimental growing of cotton. The results were such that the area of land under cultivation has been increased from 50 acres to 300 acres, which is expected to yield 60 tons of cotton.

In yield and quality the first crop-ten tons—was more than satisfactory, and when placed on the market at Liverpool the first consignment to this country was sold at from 20 to 25 cents a pound.

The duke of Westminster's estate in South Africa comprises 10,000 acres of land in northwest Rhodesia, in the vicinity of the Kafur river. The value of the land when the Dutch bought it was four cents an acre; its value since then, with the added value which the success of the experiment in cotton growing has given to it, has been increased to 62 cents an acre.

### KEEPING BOYS ON THE FARM

#### Future of Agricultural Industry Depends on Better Methods in Rural Schools.

Chicago.—The future of the farming industry in the United States depends on renovation, improvement and better methods in the rural schools of the country, according to Prof. O. H. Benson, former county superintendent of schools in Iowa, and recently appointed head of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture.

Professor Benson in a strong address showing the vital relationship of the rural school to the question of agriculture, home economics and the keeping of the boy "on the farm," sustained the interest of 200 grain men present at the opening session of the Council of North America Grain Exchanges, held here the other day.

Questions about the grain situation, the betterment of crops and the scientific elements of farming were taken up by the association. In speaking of the relation of school to farming, Professor Benson said:

"Unless the rural schools are improved and new methods touching farm life taught, instead of cube root methods, the growing boy will be discontented with his life. He will look upon the farmer as a type of peasant. The method of education will measure the amount of cereal progress in this country.

"The girls also are discontented. The tendency is to seek city life. That is the danger and menace to our farming industry. Place in your rural school teachers who will teach farming, make it attractive and valuable. Interest the pupils, and the crops will be increased threefold in an amazingly short time.

"Three years ago I made some statistics among schools in my district in Iowa. Out of 164 boys I found that 157 of them, all sons of farmers, had decided not to follow farming, but to go to the city and take up a profession. Later, after educational innovations, and instructing the teachers in methods of teaching agriculture, I took another vote. I found that out of 174 boys, 162 had decided to be farmers. That shows how education will save your grain and your farm life."

Professor Benson also deplored the lack of entertaining and instructive literature dealing with farm problems and farm life. He stated that the fact that the most of present-day literature dealt with urban life was responsible for the departure of many farm children to the congested cities.

### TIGER TAKES AN AUTO RIDE

#### His Interest in the Engine Made the Chauffeur Get Out and Think—Animal Finally Sold.

New York.—Russell Hopkins, a New Yorker who spends his winters in Cuba and Palm Beach, left the St. Regis for the south with a pet pink and white Formosa rabbit in his pocket. He said it was all that he collected at his summer home at Irvington-on-Hudson.

"I had specimens of every animal from a Sudanese three-humped camel to a wombat," said Mr. Hopkins, "but I have sold them all on account of a tiger. The collection was started one day when I went on board a ship from the East Indies to dine with the skipper, whom I had met abroad. After dinner he said he had a present for me by way of a real Bengal tiger. His name is Ackbar and a child can handle him, he added.

"The captain said it was young and only weighed 120 pounds. He also suggested that I should take his Indian jungle wallah, called Lazzim, with me to look after the tiger until it got used to having it eat out of my hand.

"The next day," said Mr. Hopkins, "I drove down to the pier in my car where I met the skipper and Lazzim with the tame tiger Ackbar. The Hindoo got into the car with me, and Ackbar followed like a poodle dog. When he stood up on the cushions and looked over at the engine my chauffeur suddenly got down from his seat. He said he wanted room to think.

"Eventually we arrived safely at Irvington and put Ackbar in the zoo, but he made trouble by fighting with every animal there. He damaged all my furniture so that I was glad to sell him and the entire menagerie to a circus, with Lazzim to go as keeper."

### Finds Bee Hive in Barrel.

Middletown, N. Y.—When John R. Hayes of Monroe discovered bees crawling about the floor of his furnace room he investigated and saw they were coming from the bung-hole of a supposed empty cider barrel. Hayes poked a stick into the barrel, which was covered with honey when withdrawn. Hayes plugged the hole, rolled the barrel out to the yard, left it there and chilled the bees. Then he knocked in the barrel and found 250 pounds of honey. There was a decided flavor of cider to the honey.

### Huge Building for Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—The last obstacle in the way of the erection of a forty-one story building in this city by the estate of the late L. C. Smith of Syracuse, N. Y., was removed the other night when the council committee that has been going over the plans, voted to grant the permit. The local agent for the Smith estate informed the committee that the skyscraper, which will be the highest office building in the world outside of New York, will be begun within six weeks.

### MILLIONS NO FAULT

#### Don't Refuse Man Because of Large Fortune.

#### Andrew Carnegie Lectures Girls of New York Publishing Concern on Marriage—Would Rather Be Born Poor.

New York.—"Don't refuse a man simply because he is a millionaire," was Andrew Carnegie's advice to the girls employees of a big Fifth avenue publishing-firm.

"Most millionaires' wives are not happy," he declared, after contrasting the happiness of toil with the doubtful advantage of being born rich. "They have too many luxuries and have no mental resources to fall back upon. Some of my partners have been unjustly criticized for what was not their fault, but the fault of their wives."

He smiled while he gave the following advice: "Don't refuse a man simply because he is a millionaire. I would rather be born poor than a millionaire, and I have had some experience in both directions.

"I have made forty-two or forty-three millionaires in my time, but I want to say that the only right a man has to wealth lies in his acquiring it by some useful labor. The great trouble with the wealth of today is that the sons of millionaires do not realize this very necessity of being of use to the community.

"I am very glad to see you all so happy in your work; work that one is not glad to do never amounts to much. Smile all the time.

"I like to think of a story told me by Mr. Schwab. It was while they were having a little trouble down at Homestead, and the boys had ducked one old German in the river because he wouldn't leave the pumps. Mr. Schwab met Hans coming up the road all wet and bedraggled and looking the picture of distress.

"Why, what's the matter, Hans?" asked Mr. Schwab. "Oh, I got thrown in the river," was the cheerful response. "And what did you do?" "I just laughed."

"So when you're in danger of losing your temper just think of that old Dutchman and smile.

"I shall never forget how proud I was when I got my first wages of \$1.25 a week, and how I felt when I was raised to \$1.50 as a telegraph operator. To take home that sum to my good mother gave me such a feeling of manly independence.

"I owe a great deal to my mother. She was a seamstress, cook, wash-lady, and never until late in life had a servant in the house. And yet she was a cultivated woman. She read Channing and kept up with the literature of the day. When I was a little too she used to read good books to me.

"You young women have here every opportunity for literary culture and you ought to avail yourselves of it. You ought to be very proud with money earned so honorably, for money that is not earned honorably will never do you any good."

### AIMS FOR A "FLYLESS CITY"

#### Massachusetts Educator Plans to Keep His Town Free of Little Pests—Students Will Assist.

Worcester, Mass.—Dr. Clifford F. Hodge, professor of biology at Clark university, says he is planning to make Worcester a "flyless city." He has a practical plan to get rid of house flies, which spread typhoid fever and other diseases. He proposes to educate people in the city to co-operate with him, and he will start on his campaign of prevention as soon as flies begin to appear in the spring.

Students will assist him. One will be assigned to a dairy, another to a barn, and every breeding place for the insect pest will be under surveillance.

"The chief feature in the American solution of the fly problem," says he, "has been the invention and manufacture of the web and wire screen, or netting, into which it is possible, at an estimated expense of \$10,000,000 annually, to shut ourselves in jail through the summer, while we yield the wholesome out of doors to the enemy. Then we have devised disagreeable and expensive poisons, fly sprayers and sticky paper.

"Here is the crux of the whole matter. The first community in which every member is intelligent enough to realize the enormous power of reproduction of a single pair of flies will from that time forth be free from flies, and will remain so as long as this level of general intelligence is maintained."

### Vacations Will Cost More.

Chicago.—Summer vacations probably will cost more this year. An advance in summer tourist rates, both east and west, is being considered by the railroads and probably will be adopted. Heretofore the summer rate has been a fare and a third, plus \$1.50. The new rate for the round trip probably will be a fare and a half.

### Man Proves Real Magnet.

Bayfield, Wis.—A lumberjack of Bayfield county is a human magnet and is to be used next spring for locating iron deposits. He can convert a steel knife blade into a powerful magnet by rubbing his fingers over it. Any watch he wears is affected by his magnetism.

### BROWN OUTLINES HIS PLANS

#### President of New York Central Urges Government to Spend More Money in Conservation.

Galesburg, Ill.—President W. G. Brown of the New York Central was the orator at the concluding exercises of Feathers' day at Knox college. He had a large audience, among whom were many farmers from this part of the state. His address was on the subject of the conservation of the soil and of the necessity of increasing its fertility to meet the needs of home consumption. He urged Knox county to instruct its members in the legislature to support generous appropriations for the state agricultural college. As indicating the importance of soil study and improvement he said:

"The United States is building two or three great battleships almost every year, which cost, fully equipped, perhaps an average of \$9,000,000 each, and it costs close to \$1,000,000 a year each to man, supply and maintain them.

"With what one of these fighting machines cost, the government could establish and fully equip two splendid experimental farms of 640 acres each in every state in the Union, to be operated by the general government.

"The establishment of such farms by the government would soon be followed by 160-acre farms owned and operated by the state in every county in our great agricultural states.

"Such farms, once established, would not only be self-sustaining, but, in my opinion, would show a handsome profit. The effect of such a system of practical education upon the products and profit of the nation's farms would be almost beyond comprehension.

"Every thrifless and unimproved farmer would quickly note the difference between the result of his loose methods and those of the experimental farm and benefit by the comparison.

"Men who have no books on this important subject and who could find no time to study them if they had, would learn by that most apt and thorough teacher, observation, the value of improved methods and would adopt them.

"Let the government invest the price of one battleship in this important work, follow the investment up intelligently and perseveringly for ten years, and the value that will have been added to each year's crops of the Nation's farms will buy and pay for every battleship in all the navies of the world today."

### SMALL AEROPLANE FOR ARMY

#### Tiny Machine for English Military Has 45-Horse Power Engine—Given Official Trial.

London.—A new military aeroplane, the invention of one of the staff of the war balloon factory at Farnborough, was given an official trial on Luffen's plain, and came through the tests imposed in a very satisfactory manner. The machine is the smallest biplane yet tried by the military authorities, and is the invention of G. de Havilland, employed in the draughtsmen's department.

The most remarkable feature of the new flying machine is that the engine has also been designed by the same inventor, and is of horizontal opposed type geared direct to the propeller. The aeroplane resembles the Farman somewhat in appearance, except that the steering apparatus behind is different. It is about 25 feet to 30 feet wide, and about five feet between the super-imposed planes, the depth of the planes being also about five feet, the curves of these from front to back being very sharp, to give plenty of weight-lifting power.

The motor engine is a very small affair, yet will develop 45-horse power. The single wooden propeller is fixed direct to the engine, as in the Gnome type, so obviating the employment of driving chains or belts.

The aeroplane had been tested on the Berkshire Downs by the inventor before being brought to the balloon factory for trials. It is so light that two men can handle it on the ground with ease.

### MAKING FUDGE FOR FARMERS

#### Old Boys Think Cooking of Miss Rose, Instructor of Domestic Science, Is Grand Art.

New York.—Miss Flora Rose, instructor of domestic science at Cornell university, scored a big hit with the Long Island farmers at Riverhead, L. I., when she turned out fudge and doughnuts for them. She has been teaching the farmers' wives and daughters how to make hash, etc.

### Carborundum Used in Building.

Paris.—A flight of stairs has been erected in this city over which 14,000,000 persons have shuffled without so much as scratching the surface. These steps are almost as imperishable as if they had been built of huge diamonds, for in the concrete of which they are constructed a generous portion of carborundum has been introduced, and since carborundum is almost as hard as the diamond it has given the concrete a wearing quality which no marble or granite could possibly approach.

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### WILL BE HIGHEST BUILDING

New York Structure Plans Provide for Fifty-Five Stories.

New York, April 26.—Plans were filed by the Broadway-Park Place company for the construction at Broadway and Park places, of the highest building in the world. From the curb to the apex of the tower will stand 750 feet. There will be thirty stories in the main building and an additional twenty-five in the tower, fifty-five in all.

### CHAMP CLARK GETS GAVEL

And It Bears the Likeness of Former Speaker Cannon.

Washington, April 26.—An Irish blackthorn gavel that presents in the blithe curious phenomenon of a silhouette of former Speaker Cannon, was presented to Speaker Clark by Arthur Reilly, son of Representative Reilly of Connecticut.

### ERECTS STONE TO PET HOG

Display of Grief Over Animal Man Had Been Training.

Taylor, Neb., April 27.—Peter Munson, an eccentric but rich farmer and ranch owner here, has erected an expensive monument to the memory of a hog. The body of the hog reposes in a home made rosewood casket and

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