

QUIET TRADE IN CATTLE

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WEEK'S MARKET IRREGULAR

Higher Spots Hit On Choice Steers—Common Grades Ease Off—Veals Gain 25 Cents—Stockers and Feeders Go On.

Only 200 cattle were reported on sale here today and the meager supply included only a few lots of steers of medium and common quality. Prices were nominally steady on a basis of Thursday's quotations.

Fat steer trade at this point during the week has shown a fluctuating tendency but on the whole has had remarkably good tone considering conditions at outside markets.

Chicago reports a 25¢ to 50¢ break in prices since middle of last week on all but the high priced specialties and other outside markets have been more or less bearishly affected by conditions governing the primary market.

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HOG TRADE FIRMS UP

CURTAINMENT OF SUPPLIES FOLLOWS RECENT BREAK AND MARKET RULES STRONG.

PRICES UP 5c FROM LOW SPOT

On Steady to Strong at Yesterday's Average—Run Included Few Good Hogs—Bulk of Sales at \$7.15@7.40 Spread.

Trade in live pork was confined to narrow limits today, owing to the meager receipts. Supplies at all of the principal markets were light and it was evident that the sharp break in prices of the two preceding days was responsible for a general curtailment in the movement.

There was an absence of good to choice butchers and bacon hogs in the run and the top was not as high as yesterday as a result. A bid of \$7.50 was placed on one load with sort but the salesman preferred to take a lower price without any cut-offs.

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Today's Receipts. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date. The following table shows the local receipts from January 1, 1911, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1910.

Table with columns: 1911, 1910, Dec. Inc. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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HOW HE OBTAINS PIN MONEY

Farmer's Husband Tells His Method of Persuading the Hens to Lay More Eggs.

Like most farmers' husbands I am compelled to rely on the chicken and egg money to dress myself, as my wife puts all the cash into labor-saving machinery for every place but the kitchen.

In the winter time I always wear a pretty lace shirt and carry a palm leaf fan when I feed the hens. This apparel I have found completely dispels them into thinking it is summer, and they lay accordingly.

NO CHANGE IN SHEEP

OFFERINGS CLEARED EARLY ON A BASIS OF THURSDAY'S PRICES—UTAH LAMBS \$6.40.

VALUES LOWER FOR WEEK

Lambs Show Stump of 40c and Sheep Decline 15¢ to 25¢ During Course of Week's Trade—Runs Liberal.

Receipts of sheep and lambs at this point today amounted to two cars of Utah lambs and a car of mixed natives, which in all made up a supply that figured around 1000 against an early estimate of 700.

Comparatively moderate receipts of sheep and lambs at this point the current week have apparently been all that has prevented a complete demoralization of the price schedule.

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TO CONTROL COTTON PRICE

Warehouse to Hold Product and Prevent Overloading Market.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 25.—With a banner cotton crop in sight the planters of Mississippi are forming a company, to be located at Jackson, for the purpose of handling the crop so that it can be marketed with the least expense and at the best price.

The plan is promoted by the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union and the subsidiary organization known as the Farmers Warehouse Co., shares in which are selling at \$12.50 each.

President Hightower came back from Europe recently, where he made arrangements to acquire a large quantity of cotton, and on behalf of the new warehouse company he has obtained control of the sea island cotton crop of Georgia and South Carolina.

CUTS DOWN GAME BAGS

GAME LAWS THIS YEAR ARE MUCH MORE STRINGENT ACCORDING TO REPORT.

WILSON ISSUES BULLETIN

Belling of Dogs in Wild Fowl Hunting Illegal in Delawares—Amos in Duck Shooting Barred in North Dakota.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—A comprehensive summary of the game laws of the United States and Canada, including those enacted during the present year, is set forth in Farmers' Bulletin 470, U. S. Department of Agriculture, just issued by Secretary Wilson. The bulletin brings the data relating to game up to date and shows, by states, the new as well as old laws, changes and modifications of all laws relating to shipment, sales, limits and licenses.

It is stated that while the 1911 laws exceeded in volume those of any previous year, that was due to changes in the warden service, control of license funds, and to the consolidation of the bag limit rather than to modifying of seasons. Notable modifications in the warden system were made in Delaware, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, and Wyoming.

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MANY COMING FOR SHOW

Interstate Will Attract Immense Crowd From the Country, Carroll Says.

The forthcoming Interstate Live Stock and Horse Show will attract the largest crowd of visitors from the surrounding country ever gathered in St. Joseph, according to E. M. Carroll, of the traffic department of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, who returned yesterday from a trip through southern Iowa along the Burlington's Cumberland branch line.

"Nearly everyone I met on the trip spoke of the show and the majority of them informed me that they intended to come down during the week," said Carroll. "Those who were here last year were genuinely surprised at the magnitude and completeness of the show and they went home and advertised the fact. The result will be a larger attendance of visitors from the surrounding country this year than were ever attracted to this city. The advantages of the Interstate show as an advertising medium for St. Joseph have been greatly underestimated."

C. V. Hull, a prosperous and prominent stockman of Platte county, Missouri, made a call at the headquarters of the show yesterday and announced that he would have an exhibit of fat cattle in the carload division this year.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

C. O. Brown, of Shambaugh, Ia., was here today with a car of hogs.

Jim Brown, of Westboro, Mo., increased today's receipts with a car of hogs.

Best beds in the city, 50 cents per night. Transit House.

Jake Brown, of Westboro, Mo., was on today's market with a car of hogs.

Wm. Gregory, a prominent feeder and shipper of Savannah, Mo., marketed a car of hogs here today.

See Al Bright for cotton seed meal, cake or molasses feed.

S. F. Dysart, of Savannah, Mo., accompanied a car of hogs to the local market today.

McGuire & Brownson, of Keellerton, Ia., sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

Wise feeders use Excello Feeds. C. K. Buchora, of Lamoni, Ia., was here today with a car of mixed stock.

North & Murray, extensive feeders and shippers of hogs here today, disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

Prices right to feed right. Champion Feed Co., Tarkio, Mo.

G. A. Hamley, a regular patron of this market, had a car of hogs on sale today billed from Steele City, Neb.

Try our Sunday dinners. Best ever, 25 cents. Transit House.

Soi Weil, of Severance, Kan., disposed of a car of mixed stock here today.

It is the Champion Feed. J. S. Perry & Co., of Ogden, Utah, were represented here today with a two-car consignment of sheep.

Champion Cattle Fattener best. C. Leland, of Troy, Kan., marketed a car of hogs on today's market.

There is a profit in feeding Excello Feeds. The Verona Grain and Stock Co. of Prosser, Neb., was represented on the market today with a car of hogs.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR

Expected That This Year's Fair Will Surpass Predecessors.

The eleventh annual exhibition of the Missouri State Fair will be held on the state fair grounds at Sedalia, September 20 to October 6. The members of the State Board of Agriculture are the directors of the state fair and they have made an extra effort this year to surpass all former years in the way of exhibits and entertainment.

The live stock industry of Missouri has made a wonderful growth since the state fair was established. The reports from the 1910 U. S. census show that the value of horses and colts in 1909 was \$42,995,000, while in 1910 the value was \$117,708,000, showing an increase of over 170 per cent.

For mules in 1909, \$13,482,000 and in 1910, \$42,363,000, showing an increase in value of 183 per cent. The value of sheep in Missouri in 1909 was \$3,311,000 and in 1910, \$7,375,000, showing an increase of over 125 per cent.

A reasonable supposition is that the Missouri state fair has had much influence in the development of the live stock industry during the last ten years for it is at the state fair where the best herds in the country are shown and it is there where the farmer and breeder gets his inspiration to breed better live stock.

Neb. has an educational institution that reaches people who are past school age as well as the young folks.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Missouri and Iowa, Generally fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature.

Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer north and west portions tonight.

Nebraska: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer west portion tonight.

The glasses were in Hungarian cafes will be numbered in the near future as a means of preventing the spread of disease by the promiscuous interchange of drinking glasses.

For the week supplies of stock and finishing cattle have been relatively light in comparison with the daily cattle runs and during the forepart of the week there was considerable complaint among buyers as to the shortage of supplies. Buyers went after

offerings on the first three days as though they were expecting big things of the country and salesmen had little difficulty in cashing their holdings at steep rates as compared with the week's close. However, when the middle of the week came and country demand failed to reach expectations and naturally left speculators with the bulk of their week's buying still in the pens, there was an immediate cry for lower prices and on Thursday the first decline of the week was registered when buyers took off 10¢ to 15¢ all around, that fluctuation practically covering the decline for the week. Trade has been active on all days and clearance of the supplies have been made in seasonable time on the day of arrival. Stock heifer trade has been featured by a strong demand locally and from the country. With light supplies of such stuff from day to day prices gradually mounted higher and at the close of the week heifers of all grades are selling a good dime above last week's closing quotations.

Stockers and Feeders. No. 1, 100.4 35; No. 2, 100.4 40. Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. No. 1, 58.0 40; No. 2, 58.0 35. HANGERS—NATIVE DIVISION. The only arrival of westerns today consisted of a load of common Oklahoma steers on the Texas side that sold at \$4.20.

Range cattle were offered in pretty fair volume at all points this week. Locally the bulk of this class of cattle comprised about half of the total receipts. Steers from the Kansas pasture country predominated. Trade ruled rather uneven. The good wintered kinds possessing quality and weight had the call at all times and are closing firm with a week ago. The best of these sold at \$6.40 to \$6.85 and strictly choice kinds would have sold above the \$7.00 line had they been offered here. The fair to good grades, while moving rather slowly at times did not show radical change. Medium and plain close 10¢ to 15¢ lower, with spots quoted 25¢ off.

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ADVANCING COST OF MEATS. Omaha Journal-Stockman: The newspapers are beginning to raise a row about the advancing price of beef. This seems to be done for purely sensational purposes as the investigations of the past few years have demonstrated conclusively that the higher price of meat is entirely due to the higher cost of production as well as to the shorter supply.

WILL DETERMINE SHRINKAGE. Chicago Live Stock World: W. F. Ward of Washington, D. C., representing the U. S. Animal Husbandry Division and in charge of the government shrinkage investigation is here to begin work. Mr. Ward is a young man who has had much experience in live stock matters in the southwest. He explains that it is the purpose of the government to arrive at an equitable estimate on the shrinkage of live stock in transit to market, under the varying conditions of weather, the varying classes of cattle and the methods by which they have been handled at the point of origin before loading for shipment.

MISSOURI POULTRY NEWS. Poultry People May Expect Big Things At State Fair at Sedalia. Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 24.—New features are being added in the poultry department at the State Fair in Sedalia, Mo., this year. The fair will take place September 29th to October 6th. Most liberal premiums will be paid on all varieties of poultry, \$3.00 being offered for first prize, \$2.00 for second, and \$1.00 for third.

PREVENTING HOG DISEASES. Journal of Agriculture: If you notice a sick hog in your litter it should be at once separated from the others and if it does not recover quickly or if it should die within a day or two a thorough examination by a competent veterinarian should be had.

Origin of Thunder. Once upon a time three Indians went hunting. They walked for three long days and nights but could see neither game nor forests. They finally came to a tall tree and one of the hunters climbed to the top of the branches in order to look for game. From the tree top a path led to an Indian tepee in the clouds. He at once informed his companions on the ground, and instructed them to follow him. Arriving at the tepee, they entered and joined other Indians who were smoking their pipes. After feasting for some time they all went out to hunt. The reports of their guns were heard on the earth, and even the Indians of today believe that every time it thunders those Indians are hunting upon the Happy Hunting grounds.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Cat That Played With Wild Animals



CATS can sometimes make friends with wild animals that even the keepers dare not go near," said daddy. Jack and Evelyn had been talking about Tabby's strange taste. Tabby likes snakes, and a cat that goes about with a gartersnake curling out at both sides of her mouth as she carries it is apt to be let alone at such times by even her best friends. "Did you ever know a cat that had wild animal friends?" asked the children. "Well, I had heard so much about Topsy, the clever cat at the Bronx park in New York, that I felt quite like an old friend. I knew you children would like to hear about her, so the last time I visited New York city I went up to the park, where all sorts of wild animals are kept in cages for people to look at. About the first animal I saw was Topsy, the park's pet Maltese. She was walking along proud as Punch with her silver collar. Topsy was on her way to call on Gunda, the big elephant, who was her best friend. Gunda was fond of Topsy because she kept the elephant house free from rats and mice. Elephants are dreadfully afraid of mice. Gunda would allow Topsy to get on her trunk and walk up to her back, where the cat would stretch out and stay as long as she pleased. "The cross old lion would roar a glad welcome to Topsy and would even allow her to nibble at his food if she took a fancy. "We don't mind her! A little cousin of ours, old Leo seemed to say if Mistress Topsy would make a playful pat at his bushy whiskers or a dash at his switching tail, Mice disturbed old Leo, too, and they were too small for him to catch himself. So he took pains to be nice to Topsy when she called at his cage. "Many strange cats came into the park every day. They were thought to steal the food of the caged animals. Director Hornaday heard so many bad stories of these thieves that he sent out men to shoot stray cats on sight. "One day one of these men came along by the house in the park where the snakes are kept. A big Maltese cat with a silver collar was sunning herself on the doormat. The cat hunter raised his gun and fired. He not only hit poor Topsy, but the ankles of the watchman who was just coming out of the snake house. "When the watchman saw that Topsy had been killed he was very angry. Then the man who has charge of the snakes came out to see what the noise was about and found his pet cat had been killed. What he said to the cat hunter made his ears burn for many a day."

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NOT HER IDEA OF A LADY

Rebuke for Smashing the Dishes Called Forth the Indignant Scorn of the Servant. A housewife who lives in a suburb of New York feels keenly the rebuke she received from a servant who made a brief visit to her home recently. When the question of employment came up and matters of history were asked, the maid said: "Oh, yes, I been workin' in fine families. I won't work in any family what ain't a good one."

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The Musical Laugh. So much do we hear and read of the attraction of laughter that we find it almost shocking to realize how very self a musical laugh is heard. Very few men have agreeable laughs. Women as a rule understand the art a little better. Laughter comes more naturally to them. Not because they have a great sense of humor, but because they use laughter for a greater variety of purposes than do men.

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LAD HAS A REAL GRIEVANCE

Now Baby Sister Deprives Him of Attention, and He Shows the Effects. Since the stork brought a little girl to a family living in the Bronx the heir, who had attained to four years of dignity before the sister came, has had his nose very much out of joint. His mother, in fact, found trouble at times in keeping him from poking out the eyes of the intruder and otherwise exhibiting the innate cruelty of the boy-child. Vigorous spankings thoroughly repressed this tendency, and it has now given way to a generally silent acquiescence in the new order.

Yet at times the feeling of deprivation of old-time attention will come to the surface. Then the boy will take himself to the darkest corner to be found in the flat, push himself closely up against the wall and begin to whimper in low tones. Soon the whimper, like the musical patrol, gradually becomes more apparent. Then from out of the darkness comes the low plaint: "Muvver don't like me."

There is a cessation of the whimper for a moment; then it begins on a more emphatic scale and again comes in louder tones: "Muvver don't like me." From this the protest goes into sobbing, and finally it comes to a climax in most heart-breaking tones: "Muvver don't like me." This is the time for the head of the household to intervene, for she has learned by experience that whatever she might say before the psychological moment is ignored. In the softest tones she answers: "Yes, dearie, mother does like you. She loves you with all her heart."

Despairing sobbing follows, but it goes down as the musical patrol dies away, and finally a very penitent little boy comes out of the corner and plucks at his mother's skirt, looking for attention.

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NO PLACE TO WIN AT CARDS

Custom in American Club at Manila Makes Lucky Player "Buy" for Everyone.

"When you play cards at the American club in Manila," said an American just returned from the Philippines, "the worst thing you can do is to win." Of course there were exclamations and questions. "Well, you see, it's this way," continued the returned one. "At the club the game they play is 'ving-et-un,' in which, as you doubtless know, one of the best things a player can do is to get what is called a 'natural.' But, in Manila, the trouble is that the getting of a natural immediately places its possessor at the mercy of an unwritten law comparable, in its severity, to the laws of the Medes and Persians."

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HOG CHOLERA DIAGNOSIS

SYMPTOMS AND NEEDED TREATMENT OF RECOGNIZED FORMS.

By C. E. Wilson, Assistant in Veterinary Science, University of Missouri.

Mr. C. E. Wilson, who is at present assisting in the production of hog cholera serum at the Missouri College of Agriculture, gives the following description of the symptoms and post mortem indications of hog cholera.

"The symptoms are not the same in any two hogs, and sometimes they are quite different. But some of the general indications are always present when a hog has cholera. There are two general forms of cholera. One is the acute form, which causes the death of the pig in a few days. The other is the chronic form, with which and finally get well. However, with which a hog may linger quite a while one hog may have the chronic and less dangerous form, another hog exposed to infection from the first may take the acute form and die in a day or two.

With both forms of cholera, the first outward symptom is weakness and a tottering, wabbling gait. Sometimes there will be a profuse diarrhoea, but in the same lot some others may be constipated. Sometimes also, there is a gummy exudate around the eyes.

The chief characteristic of cholera is the formation of hemorrhagic spots in various parts of the body. This may sometimes be seen on the skin of the belly, showing as speckled red. This is about the surest sign that can be detected from the outside, but it cannot be seen except in light-skinned hogs. This is caused by the bursting of the small capillaries or blood vessels in the skin.

Another indication which is almost certain for cholera is the spreading, infectious nature of the disease. It will be in the whole herd if one animal has it and runs with the others.

If a hog has died and cholera is suspected, the carcass should be carefully examined for indications of the disease. As in the case of symptoms, some may be found in one hog, and different indications in another. But some are sure to be present if the hog died of cholera.

The carcass should be opened along the median line of the belly. The layer which lies inside the body cavity, the peritoneum, may have red specks or blotches on it. This would indicate the disease. The glands in the throat should be examined. They will sometimes be speckled and hemorrhagic—that is, the tiny capillaries which carry their blood supply will be ruptured. There is one pair of glands in the throat which is never affected in cholera, but is with tuberculosis.

The next place to examine will be the pleural cavity, or the division of the body which contains the lungs and heart. In case of a death from cholera, the lungs will often be congested and parts of them filled with blood. The healthy lung will float in water, but a congested one will sink. There will be blotches and redness scattered over the surface. Sometimes the hog will have pneumonia as a result of the cholera, and this will be seen in the filled, congested condition of the lungs. In winter this sometimes kills the hog when it would have recovered from the cholera itself. The heart will often show inflammation and redness.

The kidneys and spleen often show small spots scattered over the surface like those on a turkey egg.

On the kidney these may be seen more plainly after the capsule or tissue covering the organ is peeled off. The stomach is likely to show spots of inflammation on the outside and be inflamed on the inner surface. The many small glands in the region may show the same characteristic speckled condition as those in the neck. Along the intestines will likely be found the blotchy condition that looks as if a drop of blood had fallen and spread out. The spots, however, will not wash off.

The above indications are more likely to be found in the acute form of cholera, and are associated with a rapid working action of the disease and rather sudden deaths. It is the most virulent form and should be carefully guarded.

In the chronic form almost any of the symptoms may be found, but there are likely to be fewer indications. The intestines, however, will likely show serious ulcers. These sometimes work entirely through the wall of the intestine, causing a general infection and peritonitis, which is always fatal.

The diseased carcass should be burned as soon as the examination is finished, because infection may readily be carried from it to healthy hogs. Also it is well to remember that there may be sufficient infection carried on the shoes to give the disease to other hogs.

The methods of treatment for cholera by the use of the immunizing serum are proving very successful, and a great many thousand hogs are being inoculated each month from the college of agriculture. There are among farmers some false ideas of the process of serum production which are causing the death of a great many hogs.

Harness that will not be used much till next spring should be cleaned and oiled as soon as it is laid by.

ABSINTHE AS A "TOOTH DOPE"

Bartender Finds Out One Good Thing About the Popular But Wicked Stimulant.

He had just had a tooth out—one of those extractions that seem to go to the root of all things—and dashed in to see his friend the bartender for solace. He called for whiskey, and as he swallowed a toper's portion explained the reason for his haste. He had to drown the pain, he said, over the bar, and while he was about it guessed he would repeat the dose.

"I know a better way than that," said the bartender, forcibly removing the whiskey bottle from the bar. "Absinthe is what you need." And he poured out about a thimbleful.

"All that?" inquired the toothless one. "Aren't you afraid it will lay me out?"

"S'nooh," said the bartender. "Just put that in your mouth; don't swallow it; and let it soak in where the tooth was. It will fix you all right, stop the hemorrhage and the pain at the same time."

Credulously the customer obeyed, and found almost instant relief.

"Dangerous stuff that," said the bartender; "even those who use it admit its wickedness, its treachery to its friends, its general cussedness. But it's a good friend to the man who's had a tooth out or who has an ache in a tooth that isn't out. Don't know why—it isn't only the alcohol in it, but it's the best tooth dope I've found."

FISH FOR IRON THROUGH ICE

How the Swedes Get Ore From the Bottom of Some of Their Lakes.

The bottoms of many Swedish lakes are covered to a thickness of six or eight inches with fragments of iron ore of the size of peas. This lake ore consists chiefly of ochre, or hydrated oxide of iron, mixed with silicate and phosphate of iron, clay, sand and other impurities, and yields pig iron of very good quality.

The ore is obtained by very primitive methods. In winter a hole is cut in the ice, a scraper attached on a long pole is inserted and all of the ore within reach is collected into a heap beneath the hole. Some of the mud which has been scraped together with the ore is removed by stirring the mass with poles, and the ore is then scraped into bags which have been sunk and is hauled up.

In summer this curious mining operation is conducted in a similar manner from rafts anchored in the lake. Two miners can bring up about four tons of ore in a day. Steam dredges have recently been installed in a few places. About thirty years after the removal of the ore a new layer of the same thickness is found to have been produced by natural chemical processes.

Builders of Carnarvon Castle.

Carnarvon castle is full of interest not only for the archaeologist and student of medieval military architecture, but also for all engaged in the economic interpretation of history. Fairly complete accounts are extant of the money expended on wages and material during the building of the fortress. The highest wage paid to the workmen was three pence a day to skilled artificers, two pence being more common. These artificers were all Englishmen, hailing from such places as Canterbury or Oxford. Ordinary laborers, who were, to judge from their names, all native Welshmen, received only a penny. Allowing for the purchasing power of the penny, these comic wages are of course far higher than the rates of the present day. Centuries later the translators of the Bible saw nothing ludicrous about the "two pence" proffered for the hotel bill of the man befriended by the Good Samaritan.—Westminster Gazette.

Poe's Conundrum.

Edgar A. Poe, great as was his genius, had but little humor. He had, however, a hard, intellectual wit which scintillated in the most unexpected ways. He was accustomed to denounce punning as the most banal and foolish of all kinds of pleasantry, and satirized on every occasion the poverty of faculty which indulged itself in this kind of pseudo-cleverness.

On one occasion a brilliant company in which he was present, knowing his foible, was teasing Poe with a profusion of conundrums, and challenging him to make one. The poet grimaced, and instantly shot forth this:

"Why is Aesop's fable of the fox that lost his tail disproved by geometry?"

Every one was nonplused, and Poe had to give the answer:

"Because no animal remains have ever been found in trap."—Youth's Companion.

Early Christian Burial.

There is an old saga of Thorfinn Karlsefne which shows that long after Christianity was introduced into the north it was the practice to bury the dead in unhallowed ground on the land where they died, and that a stake was set up over the grave. "When the priest afterward came," says the saga, "the stake was pulled up and holy water was poured into the hole, and they sang over the body, even though it was long afterward." Some of us might like to believe that this early Christian custom may have given rise to burial at cross roads—the pious instinct of placing pariahs under the shadow of the cross.

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