

QUIET TRADE IN CATTLE

USUAL LIGHT WEEK-END SUPPLY INCLUDED ONLY A FEW FAT STEERS.

COWS AND HEIFERS STEADY

Sharp Decline Noted in Butcher Classes For the Week—Little Change in Bulls and Calves—Stockers Steady.

The usual small week-end run of cattle put in an appearance at the local yards today. Estimates called for 200 head but this included about 200 head of stockers direct to dealers.

During the week the market for steers has been very uneven and the close there is some decline to note in prices as compared with a week ago.

On a moderate Monday run the trade opened in comparative good tone and sales during the initial session of the week were regarded fully steady with last week's close.

The week has witnessed a continuance of the light marketing of stock and finishing cattle and as a result the week's movement has been of narrow proportions.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.25 to \$5.50; medium to good grades, \$4.50 to \$5.00; common to fair stockers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock heifers, fat to good, \$3.45 to \$4.00; beef cows, \$2.85 to \$3.40; calves, \$3.75 to \$5.25.

Yearlings and Calves.

Local receipts for the week total approximately 19,000 head, compared with 14,227 the corresponding week a year ago.

At the live markets supplied for the week, 17,500 head, as compared with 142,700 the previous week and 183,500 a year ago.

The following prices on steers are quotable on the St. Joseph market: Choice to prime, \$5.00 to \$5.50; good to choice, \$4.50 to \$5.00; fair to good short-fed, \$4.00 to \$4.50; common to medium, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

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COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

There was a noticeable change in the quality of butcher stock on the market today and sales were quoted on a steady basis.

All grades of butcher stock have been a decided improvement during the week. The decline ranges from 15 to 35 cents.

Packers have been rather bearish all week and bidding has been slow and draggy. Noifers have been the hardest and are quoted from 25 to 35 cents lower.

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NO MARKET XMAS.

Christmas day, December 25th, as usual, will be observed as a holiday at this and other leading markets.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

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HOGS MOSTLY STEADY

A FEW EARLY DEALS STRONG BUT LATER SIGNS OF WEAKNESS APPEAR.

TOP GRADES BRING \$6.25

Bulk of Sales From \$5.80 to \$6.15—Quality Not as Good as Yesterday—Run Estimated at 8,000.

A fair-sized Friday supply of hogs, estimated at 8,000 head, changed hands here today at prices generally steady with the average of the previous day.

Right at the start the indications were for a slightly higher range of values and a few early sales looked strong but later developments at outside centers caused a change in sentiment.

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JUST CAN'T HELP IT.

Kansas City Persists in Misrepresentation of the St. Joseph Market.

The Kansas City market has again broken down in misrepresentation against the St. Joseph live stock market.

Ever since a great live stock market was established at this place to compete with the Kansas City market, the St. Joseph market and the Kansas City market have been in a constant struggle.

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SHEEP MARKET STEADY

SMALL RUN OF RIFF-RAFF CLEANED UP WITHOUT CHANGE IN PRICES.

BAD BREAK FOR THE WEEK

Lambs Decline 25 to 50c and Fat Sheep Close 25 to 35c Lower Than a Week Ago—Receipts Increase.

No new phases of importance developed in today's market for sheep and lambs and the meager fresh supply changed hands at prices showing little change as compared with yesterday.

Best lambs sold at \$5.50, with ewes at \$3.00 to \$3.15. The bulk of the supply was made up of sheep and lambs at this point from day to day is apparently all that kept the bottom of the price schedule from sinking out of sight.

Aggregate receipts for the week locally and at the western markets show a substantial increase over last week and a year ago. At this point some 15,000 sheep and lambs have registered as compared with 11,227 for the previous six days and 8,729 for the like period a year ago.

At the five markets aggregate marketings figure up to 254,999 against 224,500 for the previous week and 225,399 for the corresponding week a year ago. Despite the fact that all other markets experienced a sharp decline in prices during the early part of the week, the local trade progressed without any appreciable fluctuation in prices until Wednesday, when prices started slipping, and since that time a net decline of from 25c on the best lambs to 40 and 50c on the common and half-fat lambs has registered.

Two Special Stock Trains

Bring in 44 Loads of Stock.

The weekly special train over the Burlington Cumberland branch reached the yards yesterday. In reality there were two trains, heavy shipments necessitating two sections. All told there were 44 cars of stock on the train, consisting of 34 loads of hogs, five of cattle and six of sheep.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 15.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Market weak.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 500. Market dull. Cows—Receipts, 13,000. Market steady to 5c lower. Top \$6.30, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.25.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 600. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady. Top \$6.15, bulk \$5.50 to \$6.05.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 15.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1,200. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market steady. Top \$6.40, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.10.

FORT WORTH.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 15.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,200. Market slow. Hogs—Receipts, 2,200. Market steady to 5c higher. Top \$6.45, bulk \$5.80 to \$6.35.

YESTERDAY'S TOP, \$7.50.

E. A. Teuscher, of Elmo, Mo., Had Bees Here at This Price.

E. A. Teuscher, a well-known farmer of Elmo, Mo., was on the local market yesterday with one car of good beehives, averaging 3,365 pounds, that sold for \$7.50. The beehives were not finished but were a good hard fat bunch of beehives of a desirable kind.

WHEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather, with rain in south portion tonight and Saturday.

Kansas and Nebraska: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

Judges and lawyers show a larger proportion of bald heads than any other profession.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

C. O. Brown, an extensive shipper of Shambaugh, Ia., had a car of hogs on yesterday's market.

FORMER GOVERNOR GOODING OF IDAHO

Takes a Rap at W. J. Bryan and Also Gifted Pinchot in His Address.

Omaha, Dec. 14.—The forty-eighth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association opened at the auditorium here this morning with a large attendance of sheep men from nearly every state in the union.

W. W. Aiken, a well-known shipper of Ragan, Neb., disposed of a car of stock on yesterday's market.

G. W. Henry, of McCool Junction, Neb., increased the hog receipts yesterday with one car of hogs.

Reader & Son, well-known shippers of Ayr, Neb., had their second consignment for the week here yesterday, consisting of a car of hogs.

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Roseland Grain Co., of Roseland, Neb., had a car of hogs here yesterday.

J. L. Benson, of Saronville, Neb., was represented on our market with a mixed car of hogs and cattle.

There is a profit in feeding Excello Feed. Try it. Made in St. Joseph, Mo. Naylor & Knight, extensive shippers of Jameport, Mo., were represented on the market by a car of hogs.

Chris Braun, a prosperous farmer and feeder of Iuka, Neb., disposed of a car of hogs on the market today.

STOCK YARDS DAILY JOURNAL

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THE MULE PASSES—N.T.

Missouri Ruralist: Friends of artificial traction power of all sorts—motor trucks and vehicles—will prove themselves better friends if they consider carefully all claims made. There is undoubtedly a great future for this class of farm equipment, but it will be best realized by making no undue claims.

DECREASE IN SHEEP FEEDING.

Live Stock Report: More evidence has been furnished that the number of sheep and lambs to be fed for the winter and spring markets is considerably reduced. A total of 1,076,591 head were shipped back to the country from the six feeding markets—South Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City, South St. Paul, South St. Joseph and Sioux City in October. Above total showed a net loss of nearly \$5,999 from the corresponding month last year.

The big decrease in feeding operations is in spite of the fact that shipments from the western range were above all expectations, due largely to forced liquidation from various causes and less contracting on the range by Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Michigan feeders than in years. With corn belt and eastern feeders stocking up on a smaller scale than in many years, this necessitated a larger number going for slaughter than usual.

PROJECT IS NOT FEASIBLE

Irrigation Scheme at Ft. Pierre, S. D., Impracticable, Say Experts.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 14.—The preliminary observational report of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., the engineers employed by Hughes, Stanley and Sully counties to examine the Little Bend power and irrigation project with view to its practicability is at hand, the gist of which is that the proposition is perfectly practicable from a physical and engineering standpoint, but that it will cost too much to construct to be profitable. However, in a detached personal letter, Henry R. Kent, the vice president recommends the irrigation of the large tracts of land lying along the Missouri at an elevation of not more



Daddy's Beatime Story

Daddy Tries To Spy on the Christmas Fairies

"The fairies are always busy around Christmas time," began daddy, smiling. "This morning I saw a lot of them out on the most delightful errands." "Why, daddy, I thought you said that fairies were just make believe," exclaimed Evelyn.

"Just then I felt a touch at my elbow. I looked down and there was another little fairy looking at me, oh, so reprovingly. And what do you think she said? Well, she whispered, 'It's very naughty for daddies to try to find out what their Christmas fairies are going to put into their stockings.' And I felt so ashamed that I scuttled away in a hurry for fear the other two might see me. But I do wonder what they got for me? Maybe you could tell me, eh?"

CONVICTS STUDY FARMING.

The scientific farming idea has spread to the Kansas penitentiary at Leavenworth, and already twenty-two of the convicts have been enrolled in the class and are studying the theory of farming at night while they put as much as possible of the theory into practice on the prison farm during the day. Nearly all of the men enrolled in the class have had farm experience and most of them have been employed on the prison farm during the summer. The superintendent of the prison farm is studying with the class and assists the chaplain, the Rev. W. T. Houston, who is in charge of the class. Arrangements are now being made to widen the scope of the class and as soon as possible it will be arranged that every convict in the prison who desires may enter it. Members of its faculty of the state agricultural college will lecture during the winter and several prominent Leavenworth county farmers have agreed to make talks on practical topics. The United States department of agriculture has shown great interest in the work and an expert will visit the prison this winter to investigate. The department also supplies the class with all the reports printed by the department.

1,859 CARS OF ONIONS.

That Number Shipped From Southern Texas in 1911.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Southern Texas Truck Growers' Association has just published the complete figures showing shipments of onions, cabbages, cucumbers, and other vegetables from Southern Texas during the season of 1911. These figures show Laredo to be far in the lead in the raising of onions, 982 carloads having been shipped from there during the season, Cotulla being second and credited with 135 car loads. Laredo also leads in cabbage shipments, 84 carloads having been sent out from there. A summary of the shipments from Southwest Texas is as follows: Onions, 1,859 carloads, value \$947,788; cabbage, 203 carloads, value \$23,138; potatoes, 301 carloads, value \$238,982; cantaloupes, 6 carloads, value \$871; cucumbers, 67 carloads, value \$26,277; mixed vegetables, 15 carloads, value \$1,795; pink beans, 2 car loads, value \$1,629; tomatoes, 4 carloads, value \$916; yellow yams, 19 carloads, value \$2,925; green beans, 1 carload, value \$63.

WRECK AT SAVANNAH, MO.

Freight Bumps Into Rear End of Passenger Train—Note Injured.

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Savannah fire department was called out Tuesday afternoon to fight flames that broke out in the wreckage of Chicago Great Western freight train No. 85, following a rear end collision with passenger train No. 5, south bound.

The wreck occurred just north of the depot and while the freight train was taking the siding. The passenger train, heavily loaded, was slowly drawn for the station or else there would have been a number of fatalities. The cabooses and several cars of the freight train were telescoped by the passenger locomotive, which was badly damaged. No one was injured. Traffic was relieved by using the switch tracks.

The Christmas tree grows in twenty-three countries.

SAVANNAH CORN SHOW.

Exhibits Will Be Under Auspices of Andrew County Agricultural Society.

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 14.—The second annual meeting of the Andrew County Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held here December 14 to 16. Cash prizes are to be given by the society, the county court, merchants of the town and citizens of the county, and in addition to the cash prizes will be many others of merchandise. Ten dollars will be given for the highest scoring twenty ears of white corn and \$10 for the highest scoring twenty ears of yellow corn.

The county court offers \$35 for the best seventy ears of white corn and the society gives \$17.50 second prize. A one-horse team will be given by a merchant of the town to the person growing the greatest amount of corn on one acre, a cash prize of \$12.50 for the best display of grains and grasses grown in Andrew county. Prizes are to be given for the best peck of wheat, oats, rye and barley; the best peck of clover, timothy and alfalfa seed; the best peck of corn cobs and sweet potatoes. A special prize is to be given by Thomas Slavson, a boy between twelve and sixteen years for the greatest amount of corn grown on an acre and Superintendent George F. Hardin of the high school will give a like prize to boys between sixteen and twenty years.

Prizes are to be given by the business men of the town for greatest amount of corn to be shelled from seventy ears, none less than nine inches in length.

A silver trophy cup will be awarded the winner of the greatest number of corn prizes, the cup to remain the property of the society until won two successive years by one grower.

For this best essay on "Methods of Corn Raising" will be given a cash prize of \$7.50.

A feature of the show will be the educational exhibits, namely, rural schools of the county, under the supervision of County School Superintendent Leslie M. Dubis, in which prizes will be given for best set of four writing books, pencil, crayon and pen sketches; physiology drawings; rafia work, apple grafting, peach budding, United States history maps, showing and acquired by war and otherwise and many prizes for other work.

John E. Cameron of Maryville is to be the judge in the corn exhibits, and the president, John Slade, vice-president, H. D. Gray of the Savannah Democrat, secretary, Dudley S. McDonald, treasurer, Judge Ed. Zimmerman, superintendent; Thomas Slavson and Walter Ryan, assistants.

To the boys or girls under twenty years of age, showing the greatest efficiency in judging ten samples of corn will be given four cash prizes aggregating \$17.50.

ACRE OF CORN NETS \$112

Mississippi Youth Makes Great Showing in Contest.

Lake Cormorant, Miss., Dec. 11.—Barnie Thomas, 17, has just gathered 223 bushels of corn from one acre. He planted the corn and cultivated it as a contestant in the boys' corn club of De Soto county.

This is the largest yield thus far reported by the club for an acre of ground, and to date Thomas leads the contestants of the state. A year ago he was third in yield in De Soto county and took first prize at the Tri-State Fair at Memphis for the best 15 ears.

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EXPLOSION ON OUTSIDE.

Navy Department Announces How Battleship Maine Was Blown Up.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an explosion from the outside. This is the gist of a short statement issued by the navy department today, based on findings made by the joint army and navy board which spent several months in Havana harbor investigating the wreck.

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Katy Spends \$727.27 for Water During November in Texas

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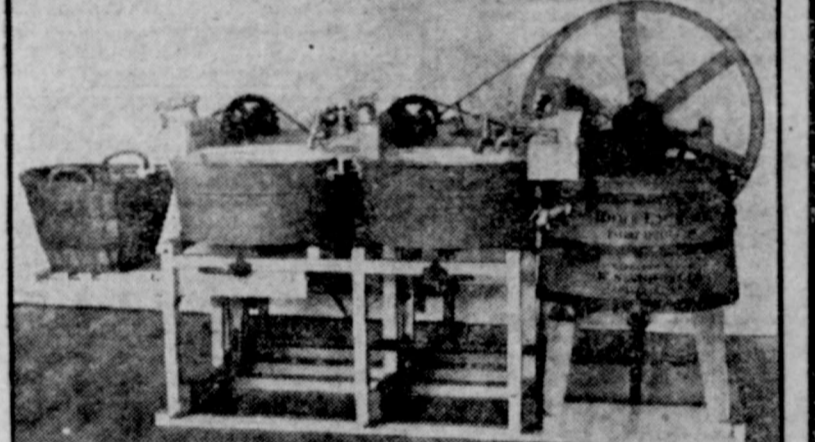
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Out of the Rain

By CLARISSA MACKIE
The wind came out of the northwest and howled around the life-saving station at Tatem Point.

Four of them were playing cribbage, another was reading near the gray window and several others lounged about the room.

"It's a sea gull," said another of the card-players. "If it is, don't let it in," said Jerome Garret, snapping his cards nervously.

"I'll go out and drive it away," suggested Henry Horn, pushing back his chair and crossing the room toward the door.

"Henry Horn," he drawled pleasantly, "this is a life-saving station, isn't it?" "Yes, of course it is," returned the other impatiently.

"It doesn't say what kind of lives and we take it for granted that it means only humans and maybe pet dogs if they're carried aboard!"



"It's a Sea Gull."

guess maybe if the storm's so bad that a sea gull wants to come in out of the rain—we shall have to overlook our superstitions and let her come in.

"You're the capt'n, Tom," said Henry Horn sourly. "We've got to do as you say and I hope you'll take your share of the bad luck that follows if you let that bird in here."

"I'll agree to take all the bad luck provided you'll let me have all the good luck that comes in with it," smiled Tom Joslin as he opened the window and admitted a wet flapping bird and immediately shut the sash again.

The men gathered around the card table once more and Jerome Garret with certain dark looks toward the corner where the supposed bird of ill omen had fallen, turned his back on the bad luck and picked up his cards.

"Where was we?" he demanded. "It was my count," replied Peter Ransom, studying his cards nearsightedly.

"Well, fifteen—two—fifteen—four— and the game went on as it had before the interruption, to the accompaniment of drumming rain and howling wind.

Unnoticed by his comrades, Tom Joslin went over to the corner and bent above the exhausted bird. Presently he uttered a slight exclamation and turned to his companions.

"Boys," he said, "this isn't a sea gull—it's a carrier pigeon." He held the bird in his hands and they clustered around him while he lifted a tired wing and showed a small aluminum cylinder fastened there.

"Give the critter something to eat," suggested Jerome Garret, relieved that the stranger bore no ill luck in his train. "The fire needs poking up, Henry," he hinted to the most obliging member of the corps and Henry Horn adopted the suggestion and even prepared some warm milk and bread for the bird.

After awhile, when the bird had recovered itself and would sit snugly in Tom Joslin's hand pecking at the food, Henry Horn once more gathered up his scattered cards.

"Now that all superstition is laid at rest, Capt'n Tom," he said, "I s'pose any message contained in that there cylinder belongs to you."

"That's right, it does, Capt'n Tom," voiced the others in chorus and with an appreciative smile Tom removed the tiny roll of parchment from its cylinder and read aloud the message it contained.

"To the finder of this message which is born by Carrier Pigeon, Lovely Lady, sent from Sea Wall, N. J. October 10th.—Please communicate with owner and oblige.

R. L. Sprague." "Sea Wall, New Jersey—that's not far from where your sister lives, is it, Capt'n?" inquired Jerome Garret.

"Not more than twenty miles away," returned Tom musingly. "You know I start down there tomorrow on my leave of absence and I believe I'll take the bird back to its owner."

"Maybe you ought to send it out and let it find its own way home," suggested Henry Horn.

"I would do that only if it's rather a young bird and I think perhaps this is its first long flight. I'll risk taking it back to Mr. Sprague," said Tom with decision, and so the matter was settled.

The next day dawned clear and crisp with no signs of the heavy storm save the drift-laden sand and wind-tossed stunted trees that had bent still lower before their common enemy.

Tom Joslin started on his journey and when he reached Sea Wall it was an easy matter for him to find the residence of Robert Sprague, owner of the small shipyard.

"Well, I'm mighty glad you brought her back to me, Mr. Joslin," said Mr. Sprague heartily. "Lovely Lady is a young bird and this is her first flight as you have surmised. She is the particular pet of my daughter, Mary, and it was against Mary's wishes that I sent the bird out Tuesday in the face of the threatening gale.

To tell the truth, I hardly dared to hope she would go very far. I've taken her to different cities and allowed her to fly home but this is the first message she has carried forth."

Tom Joslin was interested in the companions of Lovely Lady and after Mr. Sprague had shown him all the other carrier pigeons he took him up to his pretty cottage where the life saver had an opportunity of meeting Mary Sprague, fair and sweet and quiet of demeanor. She was delighted at the return of her pet and around the supper table that night Tom Joslin related the story of the storm and how Lovely Lady had tapped for admittance at the window of the station and of the thrill of superstition her tap had caused among the men.

"I hope Lovely Lady hasn't brought you bad luck, Captain Joslin," cried the shipbuilder when Tom had concluded his story.

Tom removed his eyes from Mary Sprague's lovely face and said slowly and with a depth of feeling that he alone understood:

"If things come out the way I want them to, Mr. Sprague, Lovely Lady will have brought me the best luck of my life!"

COMEDY IN HEAT OF BATTLE

Instances Where Tragic Scenes Have Been Relieved by Touches of Humor.

Into the tragedy of war are inserted now and then bits of comedy and kindness.

During the Zulu war in South Africa an overwhelming force of natives was opposed to a little band of English soldiers.

From the Zulu host stepped forth a warrior laden with an ancient dream, which he calmly mounted on a tripod in the open, while the sailors looked on, admiring his pluck, but wondering much what he proposed to do.

At last one jovial tar suggested that their photographs were about to be taken, and by common consent no shots were fired.

Having loaded his piece with great deliberation, the Zulu primed it, sighted it, and, leaning hard upon his breach, he fired. The recoil knocked him head over heels backward, while a great roar went up from the delighted sailors. He sat up, looked dazed, and then, the amusement over, he, with his countrymen, charged, and were annihilated by a volley from the steadily aimed pieces of the little band of blue-jackets.

During one of the many battles waged by the New Zealand Maoris against the British settlers the latter ran out of ammunition. At the moment when death seemed imminent a flag of truce appeared from the enemy's trenches, and messengers came forward with a supply of cartridges to enable the white men to continue fighting.—Harper's Weekly.

Unusual Tonic.

Among the pretty customs introduced in a metropolitan household by a visitor is called by her a "sacred breakfast tonic," says the New York Sun.

Reaching the table one morning each one of four persons found a tiny unsealed paper cylinder on his or her plate. Unrolled, another, and smaller paper was revealed, on which was neatly printed a verse of Scripture. One of them read:

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"Well, aunty," said the head of the house to the visitor who had arranged the little surprise, "always is a long time, but we will make you feel welcome, even though it should be 'unto the end of the world.'"

Distinction.

Senator Lotman—Who is this Mc Chunksen that wants a consulship, and what claim has he on me for a political job? Private Secretary—He says he's the only man who hasn't been mentioned as a candidate for governor of Illi. Bois.

GIBRALTAR NEVER IS ASLEEP

Guns of the Great Fortress Are Kept Trained Constantly on the Surrounding Waters.

While it has always been known that Gibraltar, which belongs to Great Britain, is one of the world's strongest forts for both defense and offense, it seems incredible that an immense fleet could be sent to the bottom before getting within five miles of Gibraltar. Not even a torpedo-boat could succeed in entering the bay unobserved on the blackest night.

The most eminent naval experts are of the opinion that this world's greatest fortress is almost impregnable. Gibraltar never sleeps. By day and night two perfectly equipped signal stations, proudly flaunting Britain's flag of ownership, sweep the seas around to a distance of 15 miles on a clear day, instantly reporting the coming and going of each vessel.

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They have a range of 15 miles and could drop shells on Ceuta, in Africa, opposite, quite comfortably.

One gun weighs 110 tons and is capable of throwing a shell weighing three-quarters of a ton. In the marvel of engineering under great difficulties, the galleries, are concealed guns for every day in the year.

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PROSPERITY OF THE NAVAJOS

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Planning for Mother.

Mrs. Shepherd looked bewildered when her sons announced that six of "the boys" were coming up on the noon train. "They want to see our camp," said Ted.

"Why didn't you tell me this morning," Mrs. Shepherd wailed, "when the butcher was on the hill?" "Oh, they won't expect to be regularly entertained," Hal said, comfortably. "We'll just picnic."

"Good!" said Ted, approvingly. "They aren't hard to please. Just put some stuff in a basket, and it will be all right, mumsey. Fried chicken'd be great, and just a few ham sandwiches, some of that chocolate layer cake you make, and a few doughnuts or apple puffs, and maybe seed-cakes, if there are any."

"There you are, mumsey," said Hal, encouragingly, "everything all planned for you!"—Youth's Companion.

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