

CATTLE MARKET QUIET

SCANT FRIDAY SUPPLY CHANGES HANDS AT GENERALLY STEADY RATES. WEEK'S TRADE VERY UNEVEN

The usual small Friday run of cattle put in an appearance here today. Estimates called for 300 head, against 1,211 a week ago and 877 corresponding a year ago.

Cattle receipts have been fairly liberal, considering the holiday character of the week, and trade has been characterized by considerable unevenness.

The market for beef steers opened Tuesday with a stronger undertone and on first rounds quite a few cattle changed hands at a dime advance over the closing level of last week.

The top on fat steers this week was \$3.50 for full loads, with a few at head ranging up to \$3.90.

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BREAK IN HOG VALUES

MARKET RULES 5@10c LOWER THAN THURSDAY'S GENERAL AVERAGE—OPENING SLOW. LIGHT WEIGHTS HARDEST HIT

Continuation of the weak tone that characterized trading in live pork yesterday was noted today. Supplies were fairly large, estimates calling for 5,800 hogs at this point and 63,900 at the five markets against a run of 5,700 head here and 50,700 at the five points a week ago.

Prices ranged from \$5.75 to \$6.20, with the bulk selling at \$5.90 to \$6.15. The bulk yesterday sold at \$5.60 to \$6.20, a week ago at \$5.90 to \$6.25, a month ago at \$5.90 to \$6.25, a year ago at \$7.00 to \$7.75.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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LIVE MUTTON STEADY

SINGLE DECK OF NATIVES COMPRISED SHEEP HOUSE ARRIVALS TODAY. VALUES HIGHER FOR WEEK

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ITEMS IN BRIEF

KANSAS EXPERT SAYS: "OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH POUND OF CURE." FIRST NEED IS PURE WATER

Exercise of Proper Knowledge and Judicious Care Lessens Liability to Disease—Gives a Few Feeding Rules.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 29.—A sick pig is a losing proposition; a cholera-stricken pig is a losing proposition and a dangerous possession, says Prof. A. S. Ganshin, Department of Industrial Journalism, Kansas State Agricultural College.

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USE BUSINESS JUDGMENT.

This has been a year of many surprises in the cattle market but nothing has been more surprising than the liberal run of stock during the holiday week, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman. It furnishes another illustration of the folly of glutting the market every time prices are attractive.

EXPECT BITTER SHEEP TRADE.

The Breeder's Gazette (Chicago): After the holidays a more reliable sheep and lamb market is expected. At present that trade is notoriously unreliable, several varieties frequently developing on a single season. After Christmas trash becomes less conspicuous.

LOOKING FOR LIGHT.

National Provisioner: When the reputation of a man, or men, is at stake in a trial before not only a jury, but before the entire people, neither prejudice nor sentiment should be allowed to enter.

ARGENTINA PAYS FOR AUTOS

Oklahoman Says a \$2,500 Car From States Sells For \$10,000. Bridgeport, Ok., Dec. 23.—In Argentina, South America, a motor car that sells for \$2,500 in this country costs \$10,000, according to George McClellan, a Bridgeport man, who is sojourning in the Southern Republic.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story—A New Year's Masquerade That Failed



HOW would you like to get dressed up in queer clothes and, putting a false face on, parade all over town on New Year's day?" asked daddy. "Trips of fun!" replied Jack, with enthusiasm. "Horrid!" exclaimed Evelyn. "Only boys do that."

when prejudice goes into the scale against the packers, but what can possibly be the basis of a conviction, other than prejudice, is beyond the most astute legal and commercial minds at this time.

Several Holton, Kansas, families bought hams the other day of a stranger purporting to be a Jackson county farmer. The "farmer," who, by the way, hired a lively team to deliver his product, drove around to several residences and represented that he had the only original country cured hams smoked by a hickory fire.

"FINE COUNTRY HAMS."

After the "farmer" had disposed of his wares, one of his customers ventured to examine one of the hams, and the first thing he discovered was the government stamp indicating that the ham had come from a packing house. A more critical examination revealed the fact that the hams were shoulders, technically known as "California hams."

KILLS A THIEVING SQUIRREL

Negro Is Then Arrested and Fined \$30 and Costs. Connersville, Ind., Dec. 28.—Harrison Burton, a former negro slave, was arrested by Deputy State Fish and Game Commissioner and arraigned before Justice Frank on a charge of killing a squirrel. Frank on a charge of killing a squirrel.

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TO MY SUCCESSOR.

Here is a toast that I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know— To the fellow who's going to take my place when it's time for me to go. I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be and I've wished I could take his hand.

Will he see all the sad mistakes I've made and note all the battles I've lost? Will he ever guess of the tears they caused or the heartaches which they cost? Will he gaze through the failures and fruitless toil to the underlying plan, and catch a glimpse of the real intent and the heart of the vanquished man?

Then here's to your health, old chap! I'd like to see a bridegroom to his bride I have an unfinished task for you, but God knows how I tried. I've dreamed my dreams as all men do, but never a one came true.

GREAT PLANTATION SOLD.

New Owners Hope to Colonize Big Louisiana Tract. Shreveport, La., Dec. 29.—The Louisiana Exploitation Association, in connection with Iowa and Nebraska lands, has purchased a 10,000-acre tract from Jack P. Fullilove.

ECONOMY OF SHEEP.

Improve Fertility and Take Nothing From the Soil. When the small farmer adopts a permanent system of farming he will turn to sheep. He must have some way to conserve his soil fertility, and of all farm animals the sheep stands supreme in this particular.

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LIVES ON HONEY; GAINS.

Fasting Farmer, With Stomach Trouble, Thrives on Sweet, Simple Diet. Auburn, Cal., Dec. 28.—Eighty ounces of honey and plenty of clear water have formed a diet on which A. Thommen, a well-known farmer living near this city, has lived for forty days past, and he will stick to this diet for some time to come, as he is gaining weight. He has suffered for many years from his fast since the first few days, and appears to be improved. He says he feels better and that he is increasing in weight.

BIG TIMBER DEAL IN MAINE

Tracts Totalling More Than 280,000 Acres Change Hands. Farmington, Me., Dec. 23.—One of the greatest timber land transfers ever made in this state has just been completed by the recording of a deed to a corporation known as "Coburn Lands." The grantees of the tracts described in the deed, which total more than 280,000 acres, are Miss Louise H. Coburn, George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey at Washington, and Mrs. Grace Coburn Smith of Skowhegan.

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feed a thoroughbred than a grade or scrub—in fact, not so much—and its progeny is always worth several dollars apiece more for breeding purposes than those of no particular breed. I aim to get my spring pigs on pasture as soon as possible. An acre of alfalfa ought to support twenty pigs through five or six months in the year. Clover will do nearly as well. But it is a good plan to provide some other pasture for early spring and late summer. For the spring there is nothing better than rye. Pigs fattened in March can be turned into the rye with their mothers as soon as they are old enough to follow, and in a few days will learn to eat.

I do not do as the majority of feeders do—feed the most actually grown alfalfa—as I find they waste too much, and I never have any to waste. All hay is well shaken in the barn before it is thrown down the chutes for horses and cattle. Those blossoms and leaves are swept up daily and sacked, and later taken to the hog entry. A quantity of these leaves and blossoms is mixed with cornmeal and middlings and thoroughly wet with hot water.

I never knew what it was to have a pig die, and I actually grew until I began using the foregoing method of feeding. They are compelled to chew the food which, if fed in slop, they would gulp down in a few minutes. The large quantities of this mixture a thriving bunch of shoats will consume daily would make some of those fellows who laugh at the idea of feeding hay to hogs open their eyes.

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AUCTION

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Cattle Loan Company will be held and convened at the office of said bank, located in the Live Stock Exchange Building, on the property of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, south of the City of St. Joseph, in the County of Buchanan, State of Missouri, on Monday, January 8th, 1912, at 9 o'clock a. m.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Drovers & Merchants Bank will be held and convened in the office of the Bank, corner of Lake and Cherokee avenue, in the City of St. Joseph, in the County of Buchanan, State of Missouri, on Monday, January 15, 1912, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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MEN of ideas, who have some inventive ability please write GREELEY & McINTIRE, Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.

"JONES OF ARK"

By Lawrence Alfred Clay

In the northwest part of the county there was a swamp of 160 acres in extent, and though the land all around was settled up by thrifty farmers the swamp was still state land.

From farmer to farmer the news was passed that a young lawyer in Scottville had bought the land of the state and was going to push things. In other words, a drainage ditch five miles long was to be dug through farms and the farmers compelled to pay the cost.

Miss Fannie Melton, daughter of the widow Melton, through whose farm the ditch would first pass, arrived home from a distant school on her summer vacation as the excitement had become intense.



Beh's the Gal to Make the Splinters Fly.

made an impression on two or three of the nearest neighbors, and when they had reported it to others farmer Gray, old but full of fight, called to talk the matter over with her.

"What I wanted to ask you is did your study law at that school you went to?" he asked.

"No, not exactly," was the reply, "but of course I heard more or less about law."

"I see. In this case we'd like to know whether the law is for us or against us, but we don't want to go to town and pay some lawyer \$25 to find out. I was in hopes you might know, havin' been to a school where they charge \$200 a year for teachin' and boardin'."

"Did the patriots of 1776 ask about law?" demanded the girl as her eyes flashed. "Did they ask about law or get up and do things!"

"By thunder, they did things!" "Then let us do the same." "By thunder, we will!" "We must rally and fight for our rights—fight until the last man falls!"

"By thunder, we must and will!" "Finding us determined, the enemy may not appear, but if he does—"

"We'll bust his suspenders in great shape! Say, I want you to come over to school house No. 2 tomorrow and talk to us. We are going to have a big meetin'. Wasn't there a gal once called Jones of Ark who led soldiers and did big things?"

peared it would be a bad day for him. The county papers published the news next day and the fray was on. For two weeks the farmers waited for the enemy to appear, but as nothing happened they went back to their corn and potato fields.

One day, as peace reigned over the land and the shotguns had been unloading and put away in corners, Miss Fannie Melton sat on the shady veranda reading a book. It had nothing to do with Lexington or Bunker Hill or Joan of Arc. In fact, it was a cavalier story of other days, and the cavalier rode up to the gate in a buggy just at the proper moment.

"My name is Winchester. I am a lawyer over at—"

"Then I will call mother." "Not a bit of need of it. I think I can make Jones of Ark understand the situation."

"They misunderstood and got it that way," she explained with blushes. "Of course, but I rather pleased me to have such a leader rise up. We must not let patriotism languish in this country. We must be prepared to offer our lives any time the country wants them."

Miss Fannie blushed some more and half-rose from her chair. "When King George oppressed us," continued the lawyer, "we arose in our patriotic wrath and drove his minions into the sea. When a lawyer buys a swamp we must do the same thing. Permit me to offer you, as the leader of this just revolution, arms and ammunition. About how many muskets can Jones of Ark make us?"

"His words were cutting, but his smile pleasant. The girl was so taken by surprise that she sat still. "And the tar and feathers, you know. You should figure on a whole barrel of tar, and at least one feather bed. Shall I send them out here in your care?"

"Sir!" almost shouted the girl, as she sprang to her feet. "But I'm a bit sorry for Jones," said the lawyer as he shook his head. "he swamp is not to be drained, nor have I had such a plan in view. I give her all credit for patriotism, but her efforts have been wasted. A part of the swamp is to be set aside for a frog farm, and the remainder will be a cranberry and huckleberry ranch. Respects to your mother. Good day!"

And when Miss Fannie told Farmer Gray of it, and added that she should always hate the sight of the lawyer, he shouted out: "By thunder, but of course you will!"

But she didn't. He not only drained the swamp at his own expense, and thereby gained a valuable farm, but he called at the Melton farm so often that the gossips said there must be something doing, and no one was surprised when the engagement was announced—not even farmer Gray, who said: "By thunder, but of course they'll get married! Ain't everybody in love with Jones of Ark?"

Discovering the Value of Birds. In their eagerness to combat the phylloxera and other microscopic enemies, the vine growers of Germany have forgotten that there are also larger insect pests which inflict great damage. Anxious to turn every available square foot of land into vineyards, and with the notion that even the smallest bush deprived the vines of some sunshine, they have for years rooted out every hedge, shrub and tree that was near a vineyard, thus destroying the nesting places of their best allies, the insectivorous birds.

The folly of this procedure was perceived some years ago by Baron von Berlepsch, who successfully attacked the insect plague on his large domains by giving the birds abundant opportunity to nest. Others are now following his example. At the invitation of the authorities he recently made an inspection of the wine-growing district of Germany, giving advice as to the best methods of attracting the variety of birds needed. In some parts of Germany thousands of bushes are being planted along railway embankments to give birds safe nesting places.

Signing With a Cross. Persons who cannot write their names are required to use as a substitute the sign of the cross (X). Anciently kings and nobles used the same sign, but not ignorantly. It was used by those who could write as well as by those who could not as a symbol that the person making it pledged himself by his Christian faith to the truth of the matter to which he affixed the cross. Hence, although people now write or subscribe their names, they are still said to sign.—From the Av. Maria.

Trapped in the Dark. "Have you ever read 'The Light That Failed'?" "No, but I once knew a young fellow who got engaged as the result of a light that failed."

"Indeed?" "Yes. There was an accident at the power house."

GAMBLERS OF HIGH POSITION

Great Ladies of England Formerly Played Continually and for the Highest Stakes.

A little over a century ago there were hundreds of great ladies in England who made their drawing rooms regular gambling dens, and many in the most exalted social positions lost, or won, as the case might be, thousands of dollars in a single night's play.

Queen Elizabeth was fond of cards, but she was inclined to be somewhat peevish and lost her temper at the game. Mary, Queen of the Scots, carried her infatuation to the extent of wagering her personal attire on a game. She would play continually from Saturday to Monday, and sacrifice her wardrobe, if necessary, to do so.

Anne Boieyn was an inveterate gambler, as were all the wives of Henry VIII, with one exception—Catherine of Aragon did not gamble, as she had no love for the card table. Nell Gwyn lost 400 guineas one night to the niece of a notorious gambler, Mazarin, who afterward died insolvent, having lost at cards an enormous fortune left to her by her cardinal uncle. Cards are still popular among the hostesses of many of the English drawing rooms, but not to the extent they were a century ago.

HUMOR IN HIS EXAGGERATION

Jabish Furlong's Recital Illustrates the Characteristic That Makes Maine Stories So Amusing.

Novel and exaggerated smiles and comparisons characterize Maine speech. Instead of such commonplace as "As light as a feather" and "As dark as a pocket," the comparisons are likely to be "Forty pounds lighter than a straw hat" and "As dark as the inside of a cow."

"And it is this same humorous exaggeration that makes many a Maine story so likeable. Jabish Furlong, who worked for old man McKusick in haying time, had it.

"I had the greatest luck out gunning the other day," said Jabish. "I was walking a log across a deep hole in the brook, when I see a squirrel up a spruce on the funder bank. I up right there and fired, and I fetched down the squirrel and a partridge besides that was settin' in the spruce buddin'. But the old gun kicked me into the brook. Well, I floundered around, catchin' hold of everything within reach, and when I found myself up on the bank, I had a mink in one hand, a musquash in t'other and the seat o' mer pants was full o' trout."

Where Wesley Wrote Hymns. The Rev. J. H. Wicksteed, vicar of Bexley, Kent, England, has presented to the Wesleyan Methodists of Gravesend and Dartford circuit a tree from the vicarage garden, a sapling of the old oak under whose branches John and Charles Wesley, with George Whitefield, often met in friendly conference.

It is believed that Charles Wesley composed some of his hymns under its shadow, and John, in his diary of September 22, 1740, writes: "I went to Mr. Piers, the vicar of Bexley, where in the mornings and evenings I expounded the sermon on the mount and had leisure during the rest of the day for business of other kinds." He was there again Saturday, December 2, 1749, "and preached about 11."

Blue Devils. When you find yourself in the possession of sundry blue devils, proceed to out-devil them. If they would have you go a mile go two miles. Put your will into it and see how blue you can be. "Prevent" you are a bluer blooded aristocrat than any of those who have come to visit. Be polite to them and let them entertain you. Do anything they bid you do. Sit down and mourn and wall to their heart's content. Be rate everything and everybody. Just try it. Blue devils are such contrary imps that they never stay long where they are well treated. Their good mission is to torment. A hearty welcome sends them flying.—Elizabeth Towne in Nautilus.

New Russian Oil Region. While Baku is known as the great oil producing province of Russia, and its wells have produced immense quantities, its reputation bids fair to be overshadowed by the new region, the Salyany Steppe. Salyany is about 125 miles distant from the city of Baku, at the mouth of the Caspian sea, at the mouth of the Kura, the largest river in the Caucasus. Its position is a commanding one, both for supplying the European and eastern market. The petroleum deposits in the Salyany steppe have been known for years, but only recently has attention been attracted thereto. The possibilities are very great.

Forced to It. "Did you ask father if you might have me?" "Yes, darling." "What did he say?" "He said he would rather see you borne to your grave."

"Oh, pshaw, then we'll have to take it up with mother personally."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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DON A NEW UNIFORM

Spectators Get Glimpse of French Soldiers in New Togs.

Color is Something Between Khaki and Sage Green to Blend With Nature—To Give as Much Visibility as Possible.

Paris—Spectators about the Gare de l'Est, the other day, had their first glimpse of French soldiers dressed in the new uniform, when a number of privates came from their "caserne" to exhibit themselves. They had obtained a leave of absence of 25 hours in order to parade about the streets and advertise the innovation in military fashions.

The uniform is known as "l'uniforme reseau," the color being something between khaki and sage green. The purpose of the color is to blend the hue of a regiment with that of the country in which they are marching or fighting, thus adding a new French arm to strategy and endeavor—and if possible to reduce the number of wounded and killed by rendering the soldiers invisible to scouts. The dull yellowish rose and green of the mignonette have wrought the color of the new dress.

When the soldiers drill upon a green or yellowish place in the full light of the sun, the illusion of invisibility is said to be marvelous. When the sun is behind them the illusion disappears.

A similar innovation worked well in the case of armies other than those of France. During the war in the Transvaal, the English discarded their ornate dress and put on khaki, which color blended with the sandy country.

The helmet is a tiny thing and fits close to the private's head. There is a jacket that extends half way to the knees. Long heavy trousers of the same width at the bottom as at the top of the leg, are confined about the ankle and calf by puttees of coarse cloth.

The heavy, unwieldy breath-stopper straps that crossed the soldier's chest and supported his knapsack and canteen across his back, have been discarded for a simple affair that crosses in the back, and fastens in front to a single strap, down the center of the man's coat. To this hang his knapsack and canteen. There is a strap that goes about the waist, which is fastened to the upper arrangement. The whole may be put on with a single movement.

SURPRISE FOR POLICE JUDGE

Certain Magistrate, Name Not Mentioned, Starts Out to Buy Suspect's Penders, Finds Watch.

Baltimore, Md.—It so fell out that in the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, on or about this date, a certain police magistrate, whose name is withheld, as it would make him a marked man in his profession, after the toll and heat of administering justice to the public, had betaken himself to the business section for the purpose of purchasing the wherewithal to maintain, support and uphold his dignity, both as a jurist and a man, to-wit: A pair of suspenders.

And as he wended his way through the crowded streets what should his eye behold but an object far more valuable even than that of which he was in search, yes, even more costly than a pair of suspenders—a gold watch.

Now comes the truly wonderful part of it all. Albeit this man was a police magistrate, he forsook his quest, and, retracing his steps to the station he had just quitted, delivered the aforesaid watch to the police, from whom the owner shortly after recovered it.

And if any doubt this tale, but chance to know the justice referred to, let him seek the station and behold the squire wearing the new pair of suspenders which he bought after returning the watch.

PLAY STAGED BY CONVICTS

San Quentin Prisoners Erect Structure and Make Properties for a Dramatic Performance.

San Quentin, Cal.—In the shadow of "murders' row" of the state penitentiary and with convicts in stripes, both men and women, as an audience, a dramatic performance has been given on a stage erected by the convicts in the prison yard. The play selected was one dealing with the struggles toward honesty of a reformed safe cracker.

Stage properties for the most part were manufactured by the convicts, who threw themselves into the work of preparation in a way that rivaled their reception of the play itself.

Among the audience were men serving life terms. Some of these figured in the prison band, which supplied the music for the piece.

Increased Price of Platinum

New York.—Platinum has been advancing rapidly in price recently and now it is quoted in Maiden lane at \$47.50 an ounce. This is the highest price on record and indicates an advance of \$5 an ounce since the first of the year. Local dealers predict a further increase. At the present quotation platinum is worth nearly two and a half times as much as gold.

BEES MAKING PEACH HONEY

Problem of Using Juice of Ripe Fruit is Solved by the Owner of a Ranch in New Mexico.

Roswell, N. M.—Bees in the Pecos valley have solved the problem of making honey from the juice of ripe peaches. It is the latest and most dainty product from the fertile and famous Pecos valley. The first public exhibition of the peach honey will be seen at the Roswell Products Exposition October 5, 6 and 7.

The peach honey will come from the ranch of E. W. Mirable, located near Artesia. So far as peach growers and bee-keepers can ascertain this will be the first honey made from the juice of ripe peaches in the country. Honey has been produced in many places made partly from the nectar of peach blooms, but not before from the ripe fruit.

On Mr. Mirable's ranch he produces large quantities of honey each year from alfalfa and mesquite blooms, and thus far the bees have been satisfied with that sort of material. This year there has been an abundance of both kinds of blooms, but the bees decided to try ripe peaches.

Recently Mr. Mirable found the bees at work in his peach orchard. On some large peaches he found as many as a dozen bees hard at work. They were able to puncture the skin of the peach and not harm the fruit, and get at the peach juice they wanted.

For three weeks he kept a close watch and the bees have worked with great diligence in the big peach orchards through the valley near Artesia. They have stored the peach sweets in the hives at the ranch and the new crop of peach honey will be ready for market during the coming month. The first to be taken will be shown at the Roswell exposition October 5, 6 and 7.

The quality of peach honey is something that must be left to the readers' imagination. Being a new product there are no samples, nor are there experts to dilate on its daintiness.

The announcement of the new product has aroused a great deal of interest and Mr. Mirable has been advised to re-christen his ranch and call it Peach Honey Ranch.

STOCK OF GAME FISH MOVED

Thousands of Bass and Many Other Prizes Transferred Because of the Building of Aqueduct.

New York.—While the period immediately preceding the 1st of October is made the occasion of a change of residence by a large proportion of the dwellers of Greater New York and brings a rich harvest to the operators of moving vans, it is safe to say that the unique moving job of the season is one that took place recently among a large delegation of the city's finery population.

In connection with the building of the new aqueduct system which is to give the city a larger water supply it became necessary to drain Kensico lake in the Croton watershed. This has long been known to anglers as the home of some of the finest bass in this part of the state. Sooner than lose this valuable collection an appropriation was made to transfer them to another near-by lake and a large force of men has been set to the task of making the transfer with as little injury and inconvenience to the fish as possible.

The fish are taken in big nets, transferred to large cans and carried by motor trucks to their new home, three miles distant. Ten thousand game fish have been moved thus far and the work is still under way.

As a special mark of distinction the largest of the bass, an eight-pounder, was separated from his fellows and placed in the city aquarium.

WEDDING TANGLE IS CURIOUS

Boyhood Chums Unknowingly Exchange Mates After Divorce—Meeting Was Accidental.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A matrimonial tangle whereby two men who had been boyhood friends married unknowingly each other's divorced wife, was disclosed the other day when the two couples met by accident at a Los Angeles hotel, and found that they had traveled across the continent on the same train.

Effects of Chewing Gum

New York.—Mrs. Lena Stevel was chewing gum in her home, 327 East Ninety-eighth street, when suddenly she shrieked, then gasped. Her family gathered about her, but she could not speak, simply pointing to a place where a false tooth was missing, and then to her throat.

An ambulance in charge of Dr. Stole raced from the Presbyterian hospital.

"Swallowed your tooth?" asked the doctor.

Mrs. Stevel made a great effort and replied: "I certainly did, and it's gone down, chewing gum and all."

She was taken to the hospital.

Takes Mail Order Wife

Evansville, Ind.—Henry Clay Long, a farmer near Fairfield, a few weeks ago advertised for a wife. More than 500 women answered the advertisement and Long finally has selected Miss Beulah Southard of Centertown, Ky., said to be the belle in that section. She arrived at Fairfield the other day and became Mrs. Long. When Miss Southard departed from Kentucky the whole population followed her to the station and showered her with best wishes.

POSE WHILE ASLEEP

English Society Adopts Fashion Started by Austrians.

Latest Craze is Being Photographed While Asleep—Idea Comes From Austria, Where it is Already Very Popular.

London.—The latest society craze is being photographed while asleep. The idea comes from Austria, where it is already very popular, but it has spread to London, and inquiries may show that photographers have begun to follow the fashion or are prepared to do so.

One well-known woman professional photographer recently caused a small sensation by an exquisite picture of a group of sleeping children which she took, and other specialists in portrait work are endeavoring to emulate her, not only in pictures of sleeping children, but in pictures of obnoxious grown-ups.

Discussing the subject, Mr. George Henry, the well-known portrait painter, said he could not understand why anyone whose waking expression is pleasant should want to be photographed asleep.

"Still, there are some people whose faces look better in repose," he agreed. "There is no expression to be obtained from the eyes of a sleeping person, of course, but there may be something undesirable banished from the face."

"Many people go through life with a set expression—a 'purposeful mask'—on their faces, but when asleep they forget that set expression and you catch them as they really are."

"The chief difficulty in getting a sleeping photograph is, I imagine that no one—or few people—can go to sleep at will. They may close their eyes and pretend to be asleep, but that does not give them a natural sleeping look."

"I do not say that you will get a true likeness of a person when asleep, but you will certainly get a very interesting one," said a well-known sculptor. "The comparison between a 'waking' and sleeping portrait of the same individual should be very interesting."

"The stress of modern life and conditions generally line and mark people's faces, but sleep blots out much of this facial disfigurement, and that is one great reason why women especially should go in for sleep photography. Children, too—although not, of course, for the same reason—ought to be ready and beautiful subjects."

BOY SCOUT TROOP IN ALASKA

Organization Was Effected by Rev. Winfred H. Ziegler of Valdez—Movement is Spreading.

New York.—Alaska has a fine troop of Boy Scouts of America, according to advice received here. The organization was effected by Rev. Winfred H. Ziegler of Valdez, Alaska. He has gathered American boys and Indian boys into patrols and is putting them through the course of training for the tenderfoot degree. The boys, it is reported, have taken eagerly to the scout work, and under the guidance of Mr. Ziegler, who is the head of an Episcopal mission in that city, they are not only engaging in hikes, bridge building and camping, but are doing many things to show their patriotism.

Mr. Ziegler has applied for a scout master's certificate through his brother, Rev. Howard B. Ziegler, who is connected with St. Paul's chapel. Winfred Ziegler was assistant scout master of the Eighty-second New York troop before going to Alaska. The moment he got there he decided that the educational and other advantages of the scout movement were so great that he wanted to start an organization at once.

Every territory and every colony of the United States now has a troop of the Boy Scouts of America. There are troops of the Boy Scouts of America in the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska. The total number of scouts in the colonies amounts to several thousands. The scout movement also has spread to Cuba, Mexico, the Bahamas and also there is a strong organization in Canada.

They are Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson of New York and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Holmes of Boston. Mrs. Richardson was Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes had been Mrs. Richardson.

The four came upon one another by accident, and the men recognizing each other as old boyhood friends, had grasped hands when the formal introduction of the wives brought about the discovery.

The women laughed merrily, and took the whole matter as a joke, while the men appeared perplexed and dumfounded. The men had shaken hands cordially, and each turned to his wife to proudly introduce her to his old friend when the women spied their divorced husbands.

"Why, Mary," said Mr. Richardson, "on my word, if it isn't Edith," exclaimed Mr. Holmes. The women giggled and laughed merrily, although disconcerted when they, too, learned the truth.

Hangs Head Downward

Pittsburg, Pa.—Abraham Motley, a painter, while on a 60-foot stack, fell and his foot caught in a number of his wires 45 feet above the top of a building. After hanging head downward for an hour, he was rescued unharmed.

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