

As compared with 559,670 for the previous year, thus showing a gain of approximately a quarter of a million head.

Estimated valuation of the sheep and lambs that arrived at the local yards during 1911 is placed at \$3,973,781, a gain over last year of \$815,741, despite the fact that during the present year the average price paid for the market offerings was lower than during the preceding twelve months.

Only the St. Louis market, of the five leading markets of the country, shows a greater proportion of increase in receipts of sheep and lambs than is shown at this point. South Omaha, the second largest sheep market of the country, in fact, shows a slight decrease in the number handled there in 1911, as compared with 1910.

In one point in particular has St. Joseph stood out prominently in the sheep business during the present year. Namely, that this was the only market of the five principal distributive points that will show a gain in the number of sheep and lambs sent to the country during 1911 as compared with 1910. All the other markets report a deficiency in the volume of the feeder output.

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Banner Year in Horses. The year 1911 has been the biggest in the history of the local market in the number of horses and mules handled.

Total receipts of equine stock for the year just closed are approximately 41,842 head. This exceeds the figures for the previous banner year, 1905, by something like 19,000 head. The increase over last year is more than 14,000 head, or fifty per cent. Although horses and mules were worth less per head in the present year than in 1910 the increase in receipts brought the total valuation up to a figure far greater than in the year just preceding, and the greatest in the history of the St. Joseph yards.

Aggregate value of the horses and mules received at the local yards during 1911 is reckoned at \$4,824,595, which represents an increase over the preceding year of \$1,377,025 in value. St. Joseph is rapidly forging to the front as a market for horses and mules of all kinds, and this end of the stock yard business is more widely advertised all over the country today than it has ever been before.

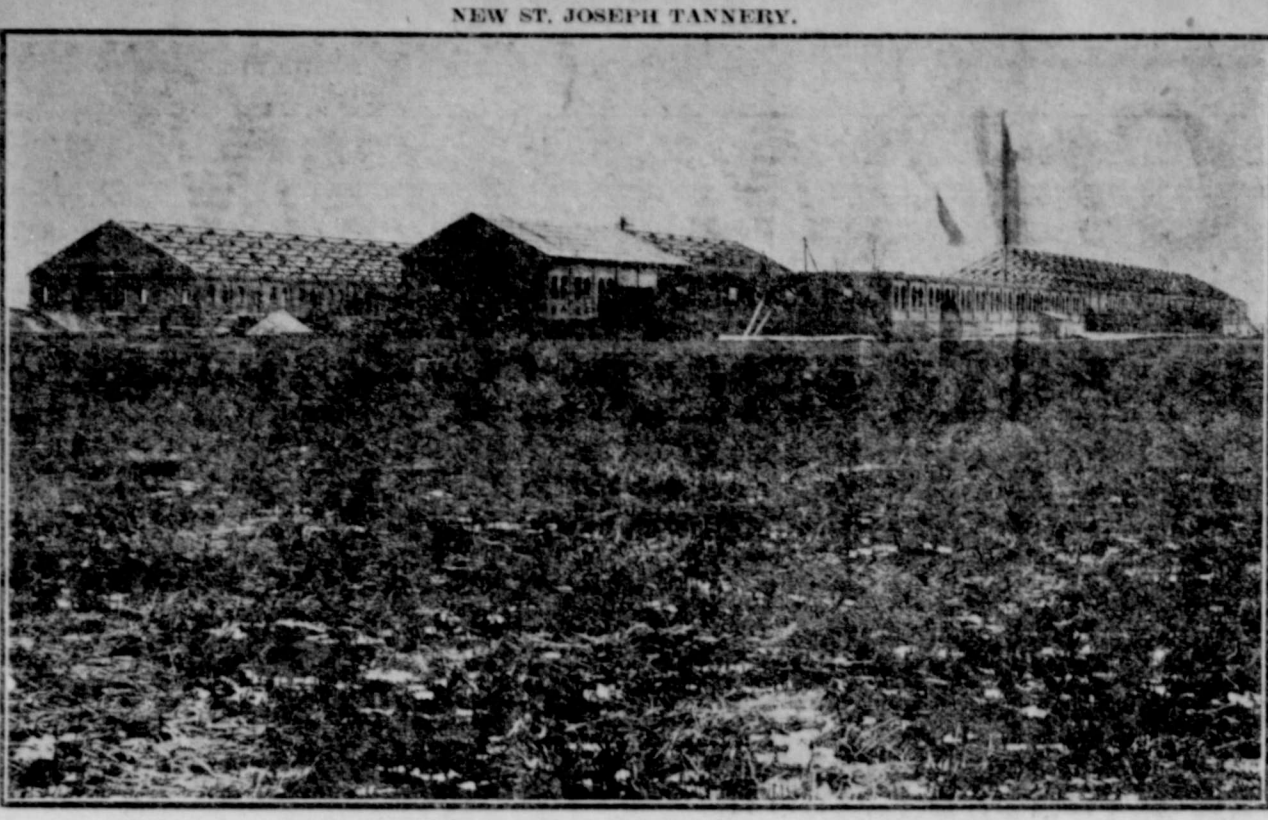
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Decrease in Cattle. As referred to above the number of cattle received at the local stock yards for the year 1911 fell below the aggregate arrivals for the preceding year.

Decreases are noted at all the other important distributive centers and in comparison the local figures show up well. The total number of cattle received at this point for the year is approximately 514,316 head. Last year there were received 544,550 head, or something less than 30,000 more than in 1911. The total receipts are the lightest since 1901. Valuation of the cattle that arrived here this year was also less than in 1910.

The number of cars of stock received here during the year furnishes some idea of the volume of trade for the twelve months just closed. During this period approximately 59,600 cars were used to transport live stock into this market. This is around 2,000 more cars than were required to handle the incoming traffic in 1910.

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First Tannery to Be Built West of Chicago.

BUILDING BIG TANNERY ST. JOSEPH FIRST CITY WEST OF CHICAGO TO GET INDUSTRY OF THIS KIND.

PLANT WILL START FEB. 1

To Employ 100 Men at Outset, and Several Hundred When Full Capacity of Plant is Reached.

St. Joseph is the first city west of Chicago to have a big tannery, which is now in course of construction in the stock yards district, some distance north of the Swift plant. A few months ago announcement was made that Howe Brothers, millionaire tanners of Boston, had decided upon this city as a place for the location of one of their immense tanning establishments.

The location of a tannery here is of great importance to the future commercial prosperity of the city. This fact is probably better realized by the business interests of the stock yards than anywhere else. St. Joseph is one of the largest shoe manufacturing cities of the middle west and the establish-



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE TANNERY.

One of the Tannery Buildings Nearing Completion.

The Total Valuation. The number of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses received at the local yards in 1911, all told, exceeded three million head. Unofficial figures place the total number of stock reaching this point during the year at 3,195,713 head.

Table with columns: Total Valuation for 1911 and 1910, Increase, Decrease. Rows for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses, and Total.

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The poultry must be brought in from the fields and trees and made acquainted with roosts and houses.

ment of a big tannery close at hand is of prime importance to the manufacturers of footwear, not only of this city, but throughout this territory.

Building Strictly Fireproof. The three buildings of the St. Joseph Tanning company, as the new plant will be called, are immense.

Will Employ Big Force. About 100 men will be employed when the wheels of the plant start to revolve.

Own Water and Power Plant. The plant will have its own water system, much the same as other large industries the world over, and for this purpose two immense wells have been sunk near the buildings.

Another view of the tannery buildings, showing a large structure with a curved roof.

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WHERE PLATINUM IS FOUND Rare Metal in Small Quantities Usually Is Associated With Gold in Gravel Beds.

Platinum is found associated with gold, principally in gravel beds. The ordinary source is accumulations of gravel which have been eroded from extensive area and gradually concentrated in one locality by the continued action of water.

Platinum is of a silver gray color which is rarely tarnished. Its development is similar to gold, except that where gold is usually associated with quartz and light colored rocks platinum will be found more commonly with dark colored rocks, and especially those of a greenish shading.

It is found only in small quantities, except at two or three localities. Western Colombia and eastern Russia have gravel beds which afford the principal supply of this metal. Elsewhere it is found over considerable areas, but not sufficiently concentrated to be of importance.

The distribution is principally in altered rocks, and segregation seems to have been the principal cause contributing to its collection in ore bodies. The deposits found up to the present time have been of irregular mineralization and not of great extent, consequently all platinum deposits must be considered with caution.

Of the rare metals associated with platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium and others, little need be said because of their rarity. If found they will be associated with platinum and will be known by the greater hardness, brighter surface and greater specific gravity.—Moody's Magazine.

THREAD DOES SLEUTH WORK Milwaukee Merchant Devises a Clever Scheme to Get Rid of a Troublesome Shoplifter.

The manager of a local department store took an efficacious method of ridding himself of a troublesome petty shoplifter recently. The woman has been coming into the store and picking up a small remnant, spool of thread, thimble or other article that happened to be lying about, having little intrinsic value, but being nevertheless a source of annoyance to both the clerk and the management.

A few days ago the manager took a spool of silk from the case, fastened the loose end of the thread with a tack, and allowing a bit of slack left it upon the counter. It was not long before his party arrived, and deftly dropping the spool into her shopping bag, started out. The manager detached the loose end and followed her up the street, a few yards in the rear.

"Madame, I'll trouble you for that" was the remark which she heard as she turned back. "I am not a thief," she said, "but I am a poor creature, and I am sure you will understand me."

WOMAN'S LONG BUGGY RIDE Mrs. Sarah Conner With Four Children Drives 900 Miles in Six Weeks.

A strenuous overland journey has just been completed by Mrs. Sarah Conner and her four small children, who after a trip in a dilapidated buggy of 900 miles have arrived at Wheeler, S. D., their destination.

Mrs. Conner and her children commenced their journey at Moose Jaw, Canada, following the death of her husband, who left them in a destitute condition. Their nearest relative resided at Wheeler, in South Dakota.

A span of ponies were hitched to a single seated top buggy which contained the mother and her four children, one a girl of eleven, a boy of nine, a girl of seven and a baby of eighteen months. In the old buggy were piled the worldly possessions of the family.

The journey required six weeks' time. Some days they were unable to travel more than fifteen miles. The two older children and part of the time three of them walked while the mother drove. The ponies had only such grazing as they could find along the road and were without grain the entire trip. They were exhausted at the end of the journey.—St. Louis Falls correspondence, Minneapolis Journal.

Real Angel of Death. Most of us are familiar with the beautiful and artistic conception of French, wherein a young sculptor who is playing his magic chisel upon a block of stone and summoning from the snowy depths of the marble the dream face of his soul's idea, is gently touched by the wistful-eyed Angel of Death and the skillful arm forever stayed.

The real Angel of Death in the case of the thin-faced sculptor was not a sad-visaged maiden of classical profile. In all probability it was a minute, rod-like organism floating amid motes of dust and known to scientists as the "bacteria tuberculosis."

Among some of the American Indian tribes of the southwestern United States, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, there is a curious custom of men occasionally assuming the work of women as a life occupation.

"Hum, yes," said His Majesty, "I'm languid—out of sorts. Nothing seems to interest me." "In that case," said the court physician, "I should recommend an imbrogllo."

"You invite a great many people whom you don't really like to accompany you on your private yacht." "Yes," replied the cynical person, "I enjoy watching 'em get seasick."

NEGROES AS FARM OWNERS. Popeka Capitalist, a South Carolina school teacher, publishing the report that he had heard that more than half the farms of the state are owned by negroes, wrote the Columbia State asking how about it.

THEIR UNDYING RHETORIC. New York Evening Mail: The word calumniers who are the savor of resort folders evidently have gone into winter quarters. But they are not idle.

TRICKS OF PEDDLERS. Indianapolis Star: A New York man not long ago bought some "real Irish lace" of a peddler, who accounted for its extreme cheapness by the fraudulent statement that he had imported it without paying duty.

Men Who Do Women's Work. Among some of the American Indian tribes of the southwestern United States, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, there is a curious custom of men occasionally assuming the work of women as a life occupation.

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DIET OF THE TEETOTALER

He Tells What He Ate and Drank During Day of Golf and Business.

"I was just recalling what I had taken in the way of refreshment today," said a teetotaler to his wife when he came home to dinner on one of the hottest days, "and it makes me astonished that there are not more cases of upset stomachs.

"You know I got up early and went up to play golf. Well, for breakfast I had a lamb chop, cereal, coffee, toast and a couple of bananas.

"After I'd played the six 'hill' holes I had a drink of ice water, and after playing the fifteenth hole we repaired to the shanty of the flagman on the railroad and had one of his lemonades, which he makes for the thirsty golfers and through which trade he probably makes more than his wages amount to.

"After we'd finished I had a dish of ice cream and two large glasses of excellent milk. Then I took a shower bath, dressed and went downtown, tarrying for a pineapple ice cream soda and a glass of ice water.

"For lunch at my usual downtown restaurant I took a lettuce and tomato sandwich, iced tea, a good sized section of watermelon and a piece of coconut pie. About fifteen minutes after four o'clock I took an egg chocolate at a soda fountain.

"And here I am, ready for dinner, and not aware of any ill effects from the variety of foods and drinks I've taken."

HE AROUSED HER INTEREST

Woman Didn't Want Books or Pictures, But Lotion for Wrinkles Was Different.

"Madame," said the gentlemanly agent, "I am selling a collection of the greatest poems ever written. The book is finely bound, containing 697 pages, and—"

"I don't care for poetry. You will have to excuse me."

"In that case, ma'am perhaps you would like to see a Bible that I am selling. It contains a handy index which will enable you to find any name or quotation without—"

"No, we have all the Bibles we want. Really, I am very busy."

"If you are interested in art I can furnish you with replicas of all the old masters, so cleverly done that no one would be able to—"

"We have all the art we want. I must ask you to step outside at once."

"Won't you let me show you a collection of the world's prose masterpieces? It is the most handsome volume—"

"No, I don't care to be bothered any further. Good day."

"I am handling a lotion that is guaranteed to remove wrinkles in one night. It is recommended by—"

"Just step in and be seated, won't you, please? Do you carry a supply with you for immediate delivery?"

Squinting.

I heard recently of a mother who smacked her small boy because he squinted. She remarked that if that would not cure the child she did not know what would.

She evidently had no idea that squinting is a nervous affection (unless it comes from a deformity of the eye, which generally can be cured by operation), and that sometimes it is a symptom of serious brain disorder.

Most of the "ugly tricks" that children develop in childhood are simply the result of "nerves" and to attempt to cure them by nagging, scolding or smacking is about the worst possible way to set about it.

It is very important that they should be remedied, however, because sometimes these tricks have lasting impressions that endure even into adult life, and spoil the appearance of the manners—or perhaps both—and also may considerably injure the health.—Exchange.

West Steadily Advancing.

Beersheba is still an outpost of civilization against Bedouin tribes. Its commercial importance is increasing rapidly, owing to waterworks which draw their supply from seven wells mentioned in Genesis. That the historic East is gradually succumbing, however, to the progressive spirit of the West is indicated by the fact that a pumping plant has been erected over Abraham's well. When the railway system now under way has been completed, it will be possible to run trains from Paris to Damascus, Jerusalem, and Mecca itself.

Are Fishes Mirrors?

A scientist says he always fancied little fish were protected against the months of the big fish chiefly by their markings looking like the stones and reeds in the water, but he now concludes that all shining, silvery fish are mirrors, reflecting the dark bottom of the pond, and it is only when such fish come to the surface that the light shines on them, and they become visible to the big fish that they prey on little fish. So long as the little, silvery fish stay close to the bottom they look like mud and stones, only showing their shining silver when they come near the top and so are soon swallowed down.

Much the Same for Husband.
Mrs. Knicker—What is the chief difference between summer and winter?
Mrs. Bocker—In winter you ask for more money, and in summer you write for it.—Puck.

CHAMPION MOLASSES FEED

Has been found by actual test to surpass other choice feeds, pound for pound. Cattle relish it, they put on more pounds of fat in less time, they are ready for market much sooner, they have a much sleeker and smoother finish and dress better when fed on CHAMPION FEED—the molasses, grain and flax meal ration—than they do by feeding any other feed known.

This fact has been demonstrated by the prizes carried at the recent International Stock Show, and which cattle also dressed 66.45 per cent., a remarkable showing.

You cannot afford to take chances by using feeds that have not been tested. Write the practical men who have not only had experience in manufacturing molasses feeds, but who are long experienced cattle feeders as well. Address

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TARKIO, MISSOURI

AUCTION

For Sale—Saturday, Dec. 30, I will sell at public auction the entire stock of Parsh-Erickson Hardware Co., 115 S. 5th, consisting of furniture, Garland stoves and ranges, new and second-hand baseburners, new and second-hand sewing machines, washing machines and various other articles too numerous to mention. Sale begins at 9:30 a. m. and continues until everything is sold. H. L. Robinson, Auctioneer.

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 their office, 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., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

IRVING A. VANT, President.
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Journal Publishing Company will be held and convened at the office of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, 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., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

JOHN DONOVAN, President.
W. E. WARRICK, Secretary.

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., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.

H. E. WYATT, President.
W. E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Advertise in The Journal.

St. Joseph Water Co.

From remote antiquity the highest value has been set upon an abundant and pure water supply, and centers of population sprang up in ancient times around those points when it was readily available. What was true of the past applies to the present. Of her water supply St. Joseph may well be proud. There is no question as to the quality or quantity of the supply. The supply is taken from the Missouri river, two and a half miles above the city; the water is first pumped from the river into large settling basins; from these basins it passes through the sand filters, and then pumped into the storage and distributing reservoirs, which reservoirs are on a hill 315 feet above city datum.

The St. Joseph Water Co. is the only water company on the Missouri river which filters its entire water supply and the results of this filtration is shown by the mortality statistics of this city, which shows a lower number of typhoid fever cases in St. Joseph than in other cities in this country.

The water supply of St. Joseph is first pumped from the river into two large settling basins, each basin being of 3,000,000 gallon capacity and the slow motion of the water, while passing through these basins, leaves much of the sediment and sand settle to the bottom and the water becomes partially clear. From this basin the water is pumped into a large steel tank where it goes through another process of settling and clarification; from this tank the water flows by gravity into the filter tubs. These filter tubs or tanks are made of cedar, a tank within a tank with an overflow escape between (for seweraging the dirties when the filter is cleaned) and divided into an upper and lower compartment. The bottom of each tank is provided with 1000 brass filter strainers, each like the spray nozzle of a garden hose, over which is three feet of "Red Wing" sand, which is the purest and cleanest sand that can be supplied for filter purposes. The water flows into the tank and filters slowly through the thick layer of sand and is collected at the bottom by strainers whose perforations allow the water to pass through but hold back the sand and gravel. The water is collected by a system of small pipes contained in a lower compartment of the tank and empty into the main supply pipe which, in turn empties into a conduit; and from this conduit is carried to the clear water basin. The water is now filtered and is as clear as crystal. From this clear water basin, the water is pumped by means of high duty pumping engines to the distributing reservoirs on the hill; which reservoirs are located at an elevation of 315 feet above city datum.

The St. Joseph Water Company has a standing invitation to the citizens of St. Joseph to visit the Water Works, as a more delightful trip, in and about St. Joseph, cannot be taken or imagined.

At present, the Water Company is making some extensive replacements at the Pumping Station. These replacements being in the nature of a new brick stack, 175 feet high. The tearing out of a number of old boilers and replacing same with high pressure water tube Heine boilers. Early in the spring they expect to make extensive improvements in their boiler room. These improvements being in the nature of the elevation of the roof and the replacing of the present wooden trusses with an iron truss structure.

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BIG MISSOURI CORN.

M. C. Thompson, one of the most prominent corn breeders in Northwest Missouri, brought an ear of Red's Yellow Dent to the Burlington Junction postoffice, Wednesday, that is superior to any heard of in the number of grains it contains.

SAD BIT OF VERSE.

A North Missouri farmer, whose hog was killed by a train, wrote to the company's claim agent for a settlement, says a writer in the Columbia statesman.

THE PAST YEAR'S BUSINESS.

The year 1911 in the live stock trade of this market is now a matter of history. The Journal today presents its readers with a resume of the business in live stock transacted at the St. Joseph stock yards for the past twelve months.

Daddy's Bedtime Story



The Story of the New Year's Bell

"THE night before New Year's they always ring the chimes," said Evelyn softly as the sound of bells rang out on the frosty air.

"Other bells were noted for the good they did. Stories were told of bells that drove away storms and sickness. People know better than that now.

HE PLANNED HIS OWN DEATH

How Sir William Hankford 500 Years Ago Evaded Law Against Committing Suicide.

Suicides often adopt ingenious methods, but the art of the felo de se seems not to have advanced materially during the centuries.

UNIVERSITY GOING TO FARMS

President Vincent of Minnesota Has Big Extension Plan.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—Plans for a traveling university which shall be more complete than any other in the United States were outlined by President George E. Vincent of the state university in an address before the normal institute at the agricultural college.

THEIR SINGING HARD LABOR

People of Star Island, Says Celia Thaxter, Grind Out Sounds With Tremendous Exertion.

Among people of average musical ability there is less singing than there used to be. Nearly everybody enjoys singing, and there was a time when nearly everybody was expected, on occasion, to sing.

SOME FACTS ABOUT TREES.

The tallest trees in the world are the Australian eucalyptus, which attain an altitude of 450 feet. The biggest are the mammoth trees of California, some of which are 276 to 373 in height, and 103 feet in circumference at the base.

Dramatic and Glee Clubs.

These, in the evening, we might give entertainments for the people of the town. We could bring along our Dramatic club from the university, and they could present one of Sheridan's or Shakespeare's comedies.

Cooper's Piano.

W. N. Potter of Cooperstown, N. Y., has in his possession a piano which he values very highly and is fond of showing to his visitors.

Food Value of Raisins.

In food value a pound of raisins is equal to a pound of bread, two pounds of milk, pounds of bananas, or six pounds of apples.

WHY HE LIKES WATERMELONS

Colored Man Discourses Philosophically on Those Soothing, Cooling and Filling Fruits.

A well-known lawyer, who is spending his vacation at home doing nothing, or, as he says, "loafing with all his might," tells of a talk he had recently with his colored hired man.

"Why is it, John, that colored people are so fond of watermelons?" "I don't know," he replied, grinning, "less 'jes' because dey's people. I knows a heap o' white folks 'at likes 'em, too. I likes 'em 'cause dey's soothin' an' coolin' an' fillin' an' I spose dey 'simulates dat a-way wid' white folks. I reckon dey ain' much difference 'tween white folks and culled folks' insides."

SEEMED TO FILL THE BILL

Young Suffragette Appeared to the Youth's Mother to Be Suitable as His Wife.

The young suffragette who had insisted on marrying the young man with whom she had fallen in love, approached the young man's mother in fear and trembling.

"Can you support my son," asked that lady sternly, "in the style to which he has been accustomed?"

"I cannot, madam. He will have to supply all the cash."

"Um. Are you able, in spite of your advanced views, to keep him badly in debt?"

"I am. That is my specialty."

"Do you know how to nurse him if he should fall ill?"

"Haven't the remotest idea. My childhood has been spent in attending caucuses."

"Ha! Will you guarantee to kiss him good-by every morning?"

"If I happen to remember it—but I can't guarantee anything."

"What time do you expect to come in at night?"

"O, anywhere from 12 to 3 in the morning."

"Do you rehearse your speeches at home?"

"Yes, as a rule."

"The mother's face relaxed."

"We must be cautious in these matters," she said sweetly. "But, on the whole, I think you will do."—Life.

Then and Now.

Prior to the last 15 years, by the time people had attained their first quarter of a century, they considered themselves pretty much formed as to physical and mental characteristics.

Now everything is changed. We cannot settle down comfortably in the thought of anything in the regular routine of life which we may not be called upon to alter at a moment's notice.

Use of Checks in France.

The governor of the Banque de France has just sent to the director of the departmental branch offices a circular instructing them about the use of crossed checks.

While the Bank of France has to face a bank note circulation of 5,000,000,000 francs and the monetary stock is 211 francs 75 centimes per head of the contributions, England with a greater amount of business has a bank note circulation of 698,000,000 francs and a monetary stock of 84 francs 68 centimes.

Destruction of Rats.

An East Africa publication contains a description of a method of destroying rats, followed in Java, in which carbon bisulphide is employed.

Shine With Every Drink.

There have been in the history of barber shops such plans as "A shave and a shine all for a dime," "A haircut and a shine free," but it was left for a negro barber shop at 154 Ivy street to give a free shoe shine when a drink was paid for.

Cooper's Piano.

W. N. Potter of Cooperstown, N. Y., has in his possession a piano which he values very highly and is fond of showing to his visitors.

C. D. Penco of Cooperstown made the piano and the great novelist bought it. Afterward he sold it to Judge Stewart, and, after passing through the hands of B. F. Jacobs of Milford and his daughter, it came into those of Mr. Potter. It is of six octaves, and is in a solid mahogany frame of plain design.

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FIRST MINE ACCIDENT KNOWN

Skeletons of Prehistoric Race Found Under Rocks That Fell Ages Ago.

One of the first mine accidents on record has just been revealed at Aramon, in Spain. Here was a copper mine worked by prehistoric man, not without some display of science.

Instead of the usual horizontal entrance from the side of the hill, perpendicular shafts were sunk, several yards deep, to reach the veins of metal. Then narrow passages were dug out following the veins.

But these miners of the stone age had not advanced to the extent of knowing how to place props along the workings, and a cave-in killed fifteen men. Several of the skeletons were lying under blocks of stone, and one miner still grasped his stone axe, just as he falling roof caught him, no one knows how many tens or hundreds of thousands of years ago.

These prehistoric workmen of unknown race used stone axes and picks made of horns of animals. They worked by the light of pine-knot torches, stuck to the walls by lumps of mud.

They were tall men, and must have been muscular to be able to use such heavy tools, but must have been very slim, since the passages were very narrow.

One curious fact about them is revealed by the finger prints, still remaining in the clay; the thumb was nearly twice as large as in modern man.

All of which information has been preserved by the fall of rock which sealed up this tomb in the dim past.

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MUSIC AS CURATIVE AGENT

Singing Teaches Correct Breathing and Lively Waltzes Have Good Effects on Melancholia Patients.

Two English physicians of prominence have recently asserted that the exercise given to the lungs in singing is valuable in the prevention and cure of diseases of those organs.

They consider that increased professional recognition should be extended to this special therapeutic agency, as advisable in cases where pulmonary consumption is feared.

Singing involves correct nasal breathing, and this means that the air admitted to the lungs is practically germ free, and also the adequate development of the upper portions of the respiratory passages.

Another effect is the maintenance of the elasticity and proper expansion of the chest. The necessary breathing exercises mean increased functional activity of the lungs.

Then, there is the improved oxygenation of the blood, which singing necessarily promotes.

As we know, most singers and also those musicians who perform on wind instruments are a healthy looking lot. Not many years from now music will be recognized as a most valuable curative agent, especially in cases of insanity or melancholia.

What tired, overwrought, distressed man or woman does not know the value of music. How many beautiful stories could be told of the power of music to sustain and restrain?

One of the greatest scientists living has testified that he was once kept from thoughts of despair and suicide by suddenly hearing in the next house someone playing Rubenstein's Melody in F.

In the Croydon Mental hospital, London, waltz music—particularly the bright, musical comedy pieces—is used in effecting a cure for melancholia patients.

CIGAR SMOKING IN GERMANY

Business is Increasing as Kaiser's Subjects Realize Pipe is Unhandy to Carry.

Mr. A. von Reiger, president of the town council of Dresden, Germany, who is at the Ebbitt, is also a manufacturer of cigars.

"The cigar business in Germany is on the increase," said he. "In my factory if I do not turn out 250,000 a day I consider business very poor.

Germany, long famed for their variety and quality of pipes, are taking to cigars. In former days a German was

always pictured with a stein of beer and a big curved-stemmed pipe. Now the cigar has taken the latter's place.

"The main reason for the change is the fact that pipes are unhandy to carry around. They take up a lot of space in one's pocket, and a packet of tobacco takes up some more. Germans are outdoor people, and the cigarette is too mild for them.

A man who is in the open all the time likes a strong smoke, and the more he is out of doors the stronger he wants it. Cigars can be carried easily, and they give even more satisfaction than the pipe. Hence the change.

"My," he continued, "but your American prices are high! No wonder a man is not considered rich unless he is the possessor of \$1,000,000. Why, in Germany if a man has 1,000,000 marks, which is something more than \$200,000 in American money, he is considered phenomenally rich. It is a shame we can't ship foodstuffs across the ocean to you without paying duty."—Washington Post.

RAINBOW IS A BACK NUMBER

It is Put Out of the Running by the Varied Coloring in Men's Socks.

"The rainbow isn't in it now with the socks worn by men," said, between stations, an elevated railroad guard to his neighbor on the platform, and he continued:

"Just glance in there, will you, and let your eye range along at the men's feet. Purple, green, yellow, blue, red, gray, pink and black socks, and socks of one color with spots of another and socks with stripes in 'em and cross-bars and socks of various colors mixed, and I'll bet with all those colors that knock heck out of the rainbow you see that one pair there with no color in 'em plainest of all? Sure, it's that pair of white socks, the only pair in the car; and you might inquire here day after day and not see another pair.

"They tell me, and I can just remember a little of it myself, that there was a time when men didn't wear anything but white socks. White socks, and maybe some gray, and then they came to black, but who'd have thought they'd ever come to this? I tell you—and he broke off to yell: "Umpty-ump stree—t! Umpty-ump stree—t!"

"The rainbow's a back number now," he added.

How to Be Rich. Put all your eggs in one basket, and then place the basket in cold storage.—Life.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

EXPENDITURE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS AT STOCK YARDS IN 1911.

YARDAGE CAPACITY MORE

By Erection of New Addition to Hog Division—Big, New Lard Refinery Built at Swift Plant.

Several hundred thousand dollars has been expended by the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, and the three large packing companies in additions and improvements to their equipment during the year 1911. In the stock yards proper there have been a number of permanent improvements this year. Chief of these was the erection of a new addition to the hog yards. This addition, just recently finished, was built on the west side of the old yards and embraces 109 new pens of the most modern construction, thereby increasing the yardage capacity of the hog division by 199 cars per day. The cost of the new addition was in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

New covered sheds were erected in the stocker and feeder division to furnish shelter for the stock in stormy weather, and a section of the cattle yards was set aside for special use for the trafficking in milk cows and springers, which business has been showing a substantial growth during the past few years. Not less than \$25,000 was spent by the Stock Yards company in improvements during the year exclusive of the expenditure for ordinary repairs. It has ever been the policy of the stock yards people to keep their property in first class condition and they have not hesitated to spend money for improvements or enlargement of the yards as the need of them is made manifest.

At the Swift plant there has been several notable improvements of a costly nature. A mammoth new lard refinery has been built, and equipped with the latest improved machinery. The outfit for the refinery alone amounts to over \$200,000, and there have been other enlargements and improvements, including an addition to the fertilizer plant, and improvements in the boiler room, involving an increase in its capacity of five hundred horsepower.

Morris & Company have put about \$50,000 into improvements during the year. Chief of the improvements at the Morris plant was the remodeling of the sausage room. Another improvement has been started but not completed, at an estimated cost of \$35,000. New floors are being laid all over the plant. This item of expense is exclusive of the \$500,000 referred to above, which will be figured in the expense account for the year 1912.

The Hammond Packing Company estimate their expenditure for improvements, extensions, etc., for the year 1911 at approximately \$115,000.

BARS OUT RUSSIAN GEESE

Germany's Blow to a Great Trade Seriously Felt on Both Sides of Border.

Announcement has been made that the German authorities have suspended the importation of live geese from Russia on the ground that there is a considerable amount of disease prevalent in the frontier districts of that country.

Coming as this prohibition does, immediately prior to the period when imports of live geese increase rapidly the question is serious alike to breeders in Russia, who will have large quantities of birds thrown on their hands; to German goose fatteners, as they will be unable to fill up their pens, for the home production is totally insufficient to meet their requirements, and to housewives in Germany, who will find the already high price of what is an important article of food advance still further and probably be prohibitive. Russians state that there is no justification for this regulation, that it is a trade move in the interests of German dealers to force down prices and as a measure of fiscal protection to German breeders.

Germany imports annually about 8,000,000 live geese, of which seven-eighths come from Russia, where these birds are bred in vast numbers throughout the western and south-western governments. They are bought from the raisers by traveling dealers, who drive them in huge flocks to the frontier stations, where they are entrained for despatch to Berlin and other cities.

The cars used for this purpose are built in four decks, each car holding about 1,200 birds. Special trains are run in the season, consisting of a dozen to thirty-five cars, in accordance with the supply. As many as 50,000 geese have been known to arrive at Magersdorf market, Berlin, on a single day.—Westminster Gazette.

PREPARED FOR THE WORST

Music Hall Manager Sells Smelling Salts to Patrons of His "Awful Spectacle."

When it comes to advertising dramatic thrills, consider the manager of a music hall and moving picture show. Horrors are that manager's specialty. Posters and a practical Barker do their share toward creating goose flesh, but they are not nearly so effective as the youth who offers bottles of smelling salts for rent. Right out in the middle of the sidewalk he stands, thrusting his volatile wares—stopped, fortunately—beneath your nose.

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chances are that you had no notion of going to that show or any other show just then, but the prospect of seeing something so blood-curdling that you can't live through it without smelling salts appeals to your imagination. You drop all business and go in. "Aeroptomanie." Some months ago a learned professor at the Sorbonne wrote to the Parisian papers proposing that the word "petomanie" be used as a term to designate the aviator, the word petomanie being based, he explained, on the Greek root "peto," to fly. Another learned person says that the word harks back to the earliest days of aeronautics, and quotes from Der Deutsche Merkur (the German Mercury), published by Wieland at Weimar, in October, 1783, which speaks of "Aeroptomanie," or the latest progress in flying.

TOM REED'S STRONG ORATORY

Maine Man Was of the Soil and He Knew the Art of Compression.

It was 20 miles to town over a Kansas prairie and 20 miles home again that the old-timer from Maine had journeyed to hear Tom Reed make a campaign speech.

"O, Sarah, Sarah," he said, as he gathered up the reins, "we've heard a real Maine man today. And wasn't it good? Did you notice how he said, 'We'll,' every time. And he just held the Democratic party up by the tail. I declare for it. I've had such a good time it makes me fairly homesick."

Tom Reed was a Maine man of the stock and of the soil. He could compress an hour of argument into an epigram with a single sentence. He could demolish a laboriously built position; with a phrase he could turn the tables on the most brilliant grandiloquence. When a brilliant fellow-member ended a peroration by saying, "As for me, I would rather be right than be president," and Tom Reed retorted, "Well, don't worry; you'll never be either," the whole speech became dust, and only Reed's epigram remained.

Now it was Reed's Maine heredity and Maine environment that thus

armed him to cope with an opponent. For generations there have been men in every Maine town with a local reputation for saying things pithily, pungently and humorously.

There was uncle Daniel Decker, known for his "dry" savings the whole length of the lower Saco valley from Limington down. "Jim Smith's legs is so darned short," said uncle Daniel, "that when he walks down hill the seat of his pants drags on the ground."

IS SHOCK TO BOTH NATIONS

German Walter Objects to Newboys Shouting War With France Has Been Declared.

The German waiter in the Waldorf cafe at luncheon time the other day was very much disturbed as he brought the bill of fare.

"Pardon me, sir," he said, "but is it true that war has been declared between Germany and France?"

The man who was about to eat hadn't heard of it, and asked how the waiter had got the information.

"Why, those half a dozen young men who call 'Ultra, special ultra' every other night through the winter in the part of the town were yelling outside about half an hour ago that war had been declared and were selling papers on the strength of it," was the reply.

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"If they were shouting false news use that there ought to be a way of punishing them, for every German and every Frenchman who heard them must have got a terrible shock."—New York Sun.

Boy Shot Big Eagle.

Ten-year-old Otto Frame, a farmer's boy living seven miles from Michigan City, killed a big baldhead eagle and saved his baby brother from serious injury if not from death last week.

The children were playing alone in the yard, the older members of the family having gone to town when they saw the big bird circling above them. The boy ran into the house and took down his father's shotgun. As he ran back to the yard the eagle swooped down upon the baby. Otto raised the gun and fired both barrels.

The big bird fell dead about 100 feet from the house. The boy, soon after Otto's father, Chauncey B. Frame, returned. They stretched out the dead eagle. It measured eight feet from wing tip to wing tip.—Chicago Tribune.

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"He is a perfect picture of the posing hero in the comic opera, never yet having been conquered by his enemy, but always on guard," writes a woman correspondent of Health Culture. "The old Spanish hidalgos who warred with the Central American states did not consider the country around San Jose (reached then by a bridle path over the mountains) worth fighting for.

"So they left the natives in possession and the consequence is that the peon, or barefooted native, driving his yoke or diminutive oxen, is nobody's slave. He owns his mule and cart, his little patio of land and farmhouse. The tax gatherer has no place there, therefore when you meet him reincarnated as the dignified merchant he is a most self-respecting citizen.

"A dinner of fifty covers, with three kinds of wine, was tendered a foreign diplomat during our stay at the Hotel Imperial. When they were all seated and the dinner well on we gained a coin of vantage where we were not seen, and I aver that a woman's suffrage luncheon in New York city was a hilarious affair in comparison to it. Yet nearly every man present had been educated in Europe.

"At Christmas time, during the ten days of fete, they enter heartily into the spirit of the carnival, and then fold themselves away for the rest of the year."

SAVED BY TROUSER BUTTON

Alpine Guide Finds Tiny Article in Rock Cleft and Lost Climbers Are Rescued.

The Alpine guide has practically no knowledge of the use of map and compass; in fact, he is prone to despise their aid, yet how many dozen of lives would have been saved on Mont Blanc alone had such simple aid been appreciated. The professional prefers to rely on his powers of observation and that peculiar instinct sometimes aptly described as the bump of locality. He is alert to detect the slightest traces of predecessors. A party of us were once befogged and had lost all idea of our position on the complicated westerly face of the Riffelhorn. A young guide was with us, and he became so dangerously disconsolate and helpless that one of the amateurs had to take the lead. For some hours we fought with severe difficulties, discouraged meanwhile by our companion's prophecy of certain disaster. His poor old mother was doomed to lose her only support! Things were altogether miserable. Suddenly we came to a ledge on a desperate corner with a steep chimney to the right. The young guide signaled his arrival by my side with a great and startling yodel, a joyous shout as of deliverance. His quick eye had espied a trouser button in the cleft of the chimney, and we knew that we had struck a regular route. That tiny relic of humanity put new life into the faltering one, and he then led us hand over hand to the summit. —Wide World.

Pit Row Lassies.

How difficult it is to make laws to suit everybody is illustrated again in the tale which comes from England about the lassies of Lancashire. The poor slaves! They spend their young lives pushing heavy coal tubs to the pit brows of the mines. No decent civilization would permit its women to be so injured! So the philanthropists argued, and straightway a bill was passed forbidding the employment of women at the pit brows. But were the beneficiaries grateful? Not at all. They protested. A deputation of them traveled to London under the aegis of the mayor and mayor's wife of Wigan to urge the repeal of the law! "They all looked healthy," says the report, "and well dressed for their station." They are quite able to do the work, they protested, and do not want any benevolent Parliamentary intervention in their behalf.

Shifting Ministers.

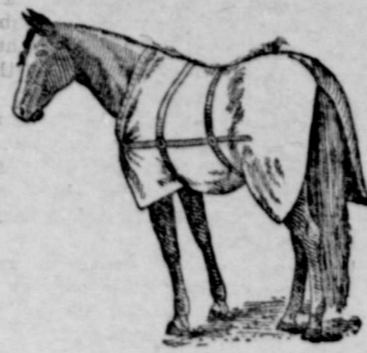
One of Wesley's reasons for shifting his preachers every three years was avowedly that they might be able to preach the same sermon over again to different congregations. He knew by experience the difficulty of sermon making. After a few weeks, he said, a preacher cannot find matter for preaching every morning and evening, "nor will the people come to hear him, whereas if he never stays more than a fortnight in one place he will find plenty of matter, and the people will hear him gladly. I know that were I to preach one whole year in one place I should preach both myself and my congregation to sleep.

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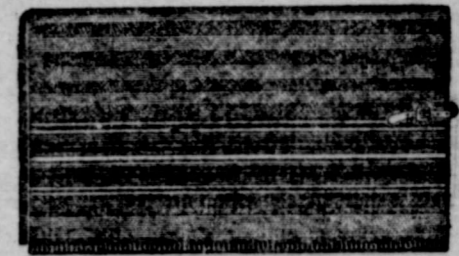
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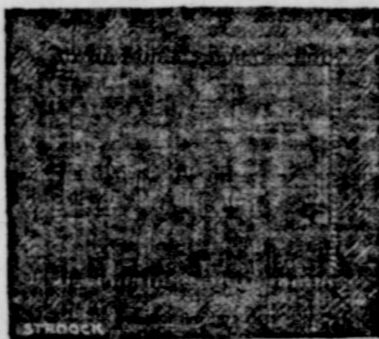
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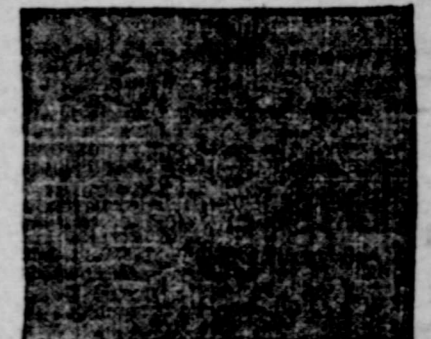
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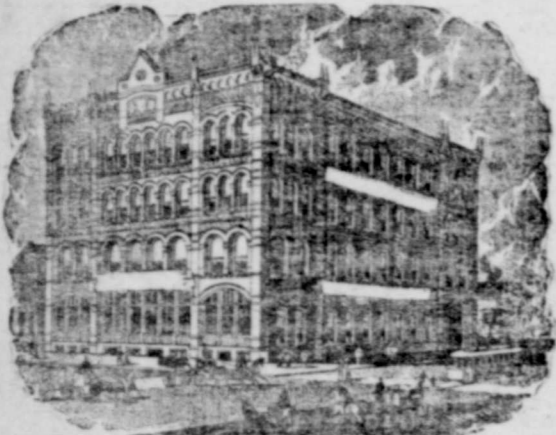
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