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Why crop reports are valuable is explained by the Department of Agriculture. Manufacturers of agricultural implements by knowing about the crops can distribute their wares more intelligently and economically.

CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION NEEDED.

Live Stock World: It should be realized that in grain speculation, as in all other affairs, new or abnormal conditions call for a campaign of education, a presentation and demonstration of facts.

MULE FEEDING IN MISSOURI.

The Fulton, Mo., Gazette has compiled figures showing that 1,000 mules are on feed this winter in Calloway county, compared with 2,020 in 1907, 2,079 in 1906, 1,500 in 1905, 1,844 in 1904 and 2,035 in 1902.

TOOT FOR MISSOURI.

Did you ever notice that too many Missourians become over-enthusiastic in talking of the glories of their country and forget the virtues and possibilities of their own state? The following from a Louisiana, Mo., paper illustrates the statement.

Missouri nurserymen are holding their annual meeting at the Coats house and learn that unless the East—and that includes the Missouri valley—soon adopts and fosters the fruit growing methods of the west, the eastern fruit growers will be put out of business by those of a country that has not been known long as a fruit producer.

Last year, William P. Stark, of Louisiana, Mo., president of the Missouri state board of horticulture; J. M. Irvine, editor of the Fruit Grower; T. H. Todd and J. H. Christian, also members of the board, spent nearly two months traveling through that fruit country west of the Rocky mountains which comprises the states Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and a part of Montana.

"Back here in Missouri," he said, "we feel pretty good if we can sell orchard land for more than \$100 an acre. But out in that western country \$4,000 is considered a fair price for an acre. Possibilities! I never saw anything like it. Why, even a real estate man could not exaggerate the possibilities of that country out there.

"Beginning at Palisade, Colo., the land is worth \$4,000 an acre. Everywhere is prosperity and energy. Everywhere are irrigation canals, clean cut orchards, the most up-to-date machinery for the extermination of insects and worms that destroy fruit, and the best implements for the cultivation of the ground.

"Farther on in the Hood river valley in Oregon are the dry farms, just as valuable. There, by intense cultivation and by conservation of moisture men are growing rich on the proceeds of a few acres. Why, out there ten acres of fruit cultivated land is enough to keep a family in luxury. The proceeds of an acre is about \$2,000 a year. Find me the Kansas and Missouri farm of fifty acres that yields \$2,000 a year.

"Now here is the proposition. The east must learn the west's methods or go broke on the fruit proposition. Right now, a fifty pound box of western apples brings as much as a barrel of New York or Michigan apples. The reason? They are better quality, larger, firmer and freer from the flaws of insects and worms and much of that quality is due to the systematic way in which they are grown.

"Mr. Stark pulled a large pear shaped apple from his pocket. "The Delicious," he said, "and a product of the west. Everyone is the same in size and firmness. It has the taste of everything from pineapple to pear and this apple is just one of the fruits that makes the western land worth \$4,000 an acre."

A scientist asserts that a caterpillar eats 6,000 times its own weight every year. It has an appetite like a school boy.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

Mummy's Pie. Chop one cup cranberries, one cup seeded raisins, and one cup of mixed nuts and figs together. Then stir in one cup of granulated sugar, a tablespoon of flour, a teaspoon of salt, three-quarters cup of water, and one teaspoon of vanilla.

To Avoid Soggy Pie Crust. After having lined the pie tin with crust, break an egg and let the white drop into it, tipping the pan so as to get it all over the surface of the crust.

Corn Muffins Without Eggs. One cup yellow corn meal, one cup of flour, one good tablespoon of lard, one-half cup sugar, one-half teaspoon salt, two teaspoons baking powder, enough sweet milk to make a thin batter.

Peanut Cookies. Remove skins from two cupfuls shelled peanuts and put them through meat chopper; cream together three teaspoonfuls butter and one cupful sugar; add three eggs, two tablespoonfuls milk, one salt spoonful salt, one teaspoonful baking powder, nuts, and enough flour to make a soft dough.

Fruit Cake. Cream two teaspoonfuls of sugar and one butter, add the beaten yolks of five eggs, a cup of milk, and four teaspoonfuls of flour sifted and mixed while dry with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

Pecan Nut Cake. One and one-half cups of sugar, six eggs, one-half pound pecans chopped fine, one teaspoonful baking powder, one teaspoonful vanilla extract, three tablespoonfuls flour.

White Lake Marshmallow Filling. Two cups sugar (one granulated and one powdered), one-half cup butter, one cup milk (or water), three cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, and the whites of three eggs.

Chocolate Whipped Cream Cake. One-half cup butter, one and one-half cups flour, one cup sugar, one heaping teaspoon baking powder, four eggs, three-quarters of a cup sweet cream in which three tablespoonfuls of grated sweet chocolate have been dissolved.

Fruit Corn Muffins. Take two cups Grains of Gold, one cup white flour, four teaspoonfuls sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one tablespoonful butter, two eggs, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one cupful of any kind of fruit, peeled and sliced.

AMUSEMENTS. Bills For the Week at the Crystal and Bijou Dream. A one mile bicycle race on a stage is the feature act at the Crystal theater this week.

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CHILD'S RARE GIFT

SIX-YEAR-OLD MARY GERHART IS FINE PIANIST.

Allentown (Pa.) Girl Never Took a Lesson in Music, But Her Performances Surpass Those of Most Adults.

Allentown, Pa.—Music, heavenly maid, has many handmaidens for her deliverance and interpretation. Some acquire her precious gifts only by slow and painful process, while others seem to be born with the gift divine.

Such a one is Mary Gerhart, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Gerhart of this city. Her age naturally precludes the idea that she has ever had any musical training nor has she ever received a lesson in her life.

Mary is one of three children, all girls, and all noted for their exquisite personal beauty. The eldest, Esther, aged 13, is the only one who is receiving musical instruction.

Where she learned and became acquainted with the tune no one knows. Her sister does not play it; she is yet too young to be taken to the theater, and the only explanation is that she heard a strolling band of German musicians. She herself won't say where she heard it.

Other selections which she has learned and played are "Nearer My God to Thee," learned in Sunday school; "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark," a somewhat different type of music; "The Star Spangled Banner," "School Days," etc.

Lately she has been developing rare gifts of improvisation for one so young. NUBIAN TOMBS YIELD FINDS. Lecturer Describes Archeological Results of Expedition.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Finds, said to be of the greatest importance in the science of comparative archeology, were the subject of an illustrated lecture, the first of a series by C. Leonard Woolley at the University of Pennsylvania museum.

The combination of bird and human heads in the decorations testified to the faith in immortality of the soul. Jugs full of things to eat and drink were found with the skeletons.

May See Life on Planet Mars. Baltimore.—R. W. Wood, who occupies the chair of experimental physics at Johns Hopkins university, has worked out a mercury telescope by which it is hoped that life, if it exists, may be seen on the planet Mars.

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