

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 163 Cars, 4473 Cattle; 59 Cars, 4166 Hogs; 24 Cars, 6479 Sheep.

SOME GOOD BEEVES ARRIVE

More Natives Than For Some Time, Market Slow to Start But Prices Steady.

FAIR SHOW OF WESTERNS

Fat Grades Steady But Feeders Lower—Meat Early Show of Shee Stock—Steady Outlet—Stockers and Feeders 25 to 35 Cents Higher, But Close Weaker—Fat Sheep Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1910.

Table showing receipts from January 1, 1910, for Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

Live Stock in Sight.

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CATTLE.

More Fed Steers Come, Some Quite Good, Market Slow Steady.

The most notable feature in the receipts of cattle at the present time is the increase in the number of steers coming from corn-belt feed lots.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

The local dealers in stock cattle were in decidedly better humor this morning than they were yesterday.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers

Table showing prices for dressed beef and shipping steers.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

There was not a big showing of shee stock, either in calves or westerns, here this morning and the market got a fairly early start with prices holding about steady.

Dry Fed Heifers are quotable at \$3.50 to \$4.00.

There was no change noted in the calf market. Supply was more liberal than yesterday but the demand is active and prices are holding steady.

Hammond Packing Co.

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MANY GO TO LECTURE CAR

Get Rapid-Fire Information on How to Raise More and Better Hogs Economically, Go Home to Digest It—Train Is Doing Splendid Work That Will Mean More Hogs for the Future.

Ames, Ia., Oct. 24.—There was a shortage of over 5,000,000 hogs at the six chief packing centers during 1909.

At these same points there was a shortage of 3,000,000 hogs during the first six months of 1910. The people who were hungry for spare ribs and "cutlets" from these 8,000,000 hogs had to satisfy their appetites with oyster soup and codfish, or turn vegetables.

Beginning October 1 the Rock Island railway started a hog train through Iowa. After two weeks spent in teaching the Iowa farmers the gospel of more and better hogs, it goes through the other great hog states of the corn belt, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota. These five states produce 32 per cent of all the hogs of the United States. If the breakfast bacon special increases their next year's hog crop by 30 per cent, the deficit in the pork supply will be wiped out.

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ESTATE TO CHILDREN. Will of Late David Rankin is Filed—No Special Bequests.

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MORE IMMIGRATION.

Making Earnest Effort to Induce Colonization of Idle Lands.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 25.—Mississippi wants more immigration, and plan is going about getting it in the most practical way. Instead of depending on handbooks and circular information, the plan has been devised of enlisting local capital in a big company to buy up farming lands in the state and including farmers from the north to come in and occupy them.

Impetus has been given the movement by Capt. W. E. Craddock, of Terrell, Tex., who in a public meeting here a few days ago made a workable proposition to the citizens of Jackson. Capt. Craddock is president of the W. E. Craddock Land and Investment Company of Terrell, and at the meeting laid before those who attended his plan for the development of the idle lands of this state and the colonization of them with thrifty farmers from the north and northwest. In his talk before them he stated that his object was the organization of a company for the acquiring, buying and selling of Mississippi lands, and the inviting of colonization of the same. The outlining of this plan was the first step in the carrying out of the project.

One reason advanced by Capt. Craddock for the non-success of former colonization schemes in the south was the fact that in most of these projects the promoters had been content to get the immigrant here and then leave him to shift for himself.

Needed in Country Districts. He then spoke of the facts gathered by the United States census and given out in advance information, showing that many cities had increased their population from 19 to 246 per cent during the past decade. He said that the farming districts had increased in population 50 per cent, and said that the property of the cities, the bankers, the mercantile and in all who inhabit the cities, were doing well. He said that the farming interest, and that as soon as this lesson was thoroughly learned there would be a great advance in the price of land. He said that the breakfast bacon special increases their next year's hog crop by 30 per cent, the deficit in the pork supply will be wiped out.

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ALFALFA AS MILK PRODUCER.

Milk producers who know it best concede that alfalfa is an invaluable feed in the dairy, closely akin to wheat bran in results and usually much less expensive. In the average small town or city there is about one for every ten or fifteen people. Therefore, in a town of one thousand population, there will probably be seventy-five to one hundred cows. If alfalfa will increase the quantity of their milk and butterfat, giving a product at a lower cost than the concentrated foods, it should be more used. But as yet it is not generally used, because it is not understood and appreciated.—Coburn's Book of Alfalfa.

PUTTING AWAY MUTTON.

Much heavy mutton is going into consumption these days, observes the Breeders' Gazette. While western lambs have been thin, sheep and yearlings have carried reasonable flesh and killers have done a broad trade. They have induced retailers to be less exacting, the result being that consumers are getting mutton at reasonable prices. Packers have not only taken the fat end of the crop, but have killed thousands of such sheep and yearlings as well to feed to the pig. This broadened consumption ought to be encouraging to those who have sheep on feed. Under the present line packers will be able to use a large number of decent fat sheep next winter, especially if fat lambs happen to be scarce, which is highly probable.

CHANGE OF SEASONS.

Within the past week there has been seen in the streets of St. Joseph and in certain of the market places large, luscious, ripe strawberries. On a few tables there has appeared the seductive strawberry shortcake. It was certainly a novelty to see fresh strawberries and fresh cranberries displayed together in the market windows and it was undoubtedly a treat to those who could afford the luxury to have strawberries and cream served at the evening meal—and they were home grown berries, too.

The sight of them suggested to one of the philosophers of the street that possibly they are but the safest plan for the philosopher is to accept the appearance of home grown strawberries on the market on the middle days of October as a freak of nature and let it go at that. If he was lucky enough to get a chance to taste of the fruit, he will have something to tell his grandchildren about, and they will do as they please about believing grandpa.

This changing of the seasons has been worked overtime as one of the land boomers' large stocks in trade out in the western countries. When the drought argument has been advanced and has threatened to spoil land sales the boomer has been wont to fall back upon the argument that the seasons are changing and that the rainfall is increasing over the whole semi-arid region of the west.

Some of the land men of the west have talked this changing of the seasons and the increased rainfall until they have begun to believe it themselves. But it is found that it finally became necessary to resort to the irrigation system and the dry farm plans in order to make the dry regions productive and habitable and the man or set of men who have banked their faith on a changing of the seasons to an increased rainfall find that the summers are as hot and dry and the winters as long and cold as they were a generation ago.

Geology does not teach that in the nature of things the temperate climates should eventually be changed over to tropical countries and a freak crop of strawberries during an unusual fall should not be taken as a proof

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Mischievous Echo

ONE evening as daddy was returning home he overheard mother scolding Jack for mocking Evelyn. That put daddy in mind of a story, so the same evening, after tucking Jack it was meant to make fun of his sister, he told the two youngsters about a mischievous echo of which he had once heard. "This happened in a small town in the country," began daddy. "The people of the town were very proud of an echo in a mountain near their town. It really was a wonderful echo, for it repeated five or six times anything that was shouted at it. "In this town there lived some boys who were fond of playing tricks upon people. They thought it great fun to go out at night and do things that made trouble for grownup folks. Of course they were well scolded for it, and sometimes they were severely punished, but that did not stop them. One day a few of the boys got together and said, 'Let's have some fun with the old echo.' 'All right,' said the others. 'How shall we do it?' 'I'll tell you,' said the leader. And this is what they did: "They hid themselves in some bushes near the place of the echo, and whenever any one came along to try the echo by shouting at it the boys would shout back something different. Thus if a man would yell 'Oh!' at the echo, expecting it to answer back 'Oh!' the boys would yell 'Ah!' all together. Another person called out 'Ah!' and the echo answered 'Oh!' "Of course the people were puzzled, so they sent to Washington to ask the government to send some one to find out what was the matter with their echo. They had come to be fond of the echo, and it grieved them to find that something was wrong with it. They thought the government in Washington must have an echo doctor. "When the wise man came, first he tried the echo. He found that whatever he yelled came back wrong. 'There's something very strange about this,' he said to himself. 'I'll have to try the echo from the other side of the mountain.' So, without telling any one what he was about to do, he climbed up on the other side of the mountain and came upon the boys just as they were answering some one who was trying the echo. 'Aha!' said the wise man. 'Now I know what is the matter with the echo.' "And before the boys knew what he was about he jumped among them, caught two of them by the ears and marched them back to the village. 'Here is what is the matter with your echo,' he said to the people. 'I recommend a good dose of spanking.'"

that the seasons here in the Missouri valley are undergoing a change. It is not impossible that some wizard of a Burbank may eventually evolve a strawberry plant that will bloom and bear fruit in the fall season, but until such a wizard hobbles up and demonstrates that there is a fall bearing strawberry plant, the only safe thing to do is to accept the crop that was on the markets of last week as a freak of nature.

IOWA HOG TRAIN

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next week they will be the same size that they are this. One of the charts in the front end of the car is a picture of a hog house that always catches the eye of the farmers. "Oh, course—the one on your hog aren't quite this large," the lecturer says—the house on the chart is about three feet across—"this is an extra large specimen that we found in Professor E. Kennedy's office." But the little ones are a whole lot more lively, and they will eat a big hole into your profits if you don't get after them with some coal tar dip.

A bottled worm about a foot long is introduced to the farmers as another enemy to success in hog culture. A hog's tail is a good index to his condition inside. When it is curled up like a cork, raw there is nothing much the matter with him, and it can be taken for granted that he is making a bushel of 20-cent corn into \$1 worth of pork. But when the tail loses its curl and hangs down straight like a piece of treasled oil clothing, it is a sign that his food is being taken by the worms before he has time to turn it into pork.

Hog cholera has not been very prevalent during the past few years, but its ravages are still vivid in the memories of the old time hog growers. They are greatly interested in the explanation of the serum treatment, and in the fact that the state has provided a farm for the manufacture of this serum and its distribution to the farmers at cost.

A very encouraging sign is the great interest that the farmers manifest when the tuberculosis problem is mentioned. The fact that the packers shave the price of hogs about 25 cents a hundred to make up for the tuberculous animals that must be condemned is enough to set the hog raisers to thinking. When the question of more strict state laws for the control of this disease comes up before the legislature there will be a good many farmers along the route of the breakfast bacon special who will be ardent supporters of anything that promises to solve the problem.

While the men were in the front cars learning how to raise hogs, their wives and daughters were in the domestic science car learning how to cook pork in the most appetizing and easily digested way. Trains for the women have been run long enough so that people are getting used to them, but this is the first time that anything of this kind has been done for the women. That they appreciate it was shown by the large attendance. There was scarcely a town in which the car was not filled to overflowing. At Goldfield a white haired woman, 83 years old, came down to hear the lecture. "I hope I'll never be too old to learn," she said, smiling. "I expect to be able to cook for a good many years yet."

The first part of the lecture to the women is devoted to the preparation of pork. Then the lecturer urges the women to form clubs for the study of domestic science and the improvement of their conditions generally. After the lecture there are many inquiries for more information as to the organization of these clubs. If there is anything on earth that will ever make country life better it is the women. When they get started something will be done. The Iowa farm women have been too busy to turn suffragettes, but this movement looks good to them, and they are more than willing to give it a try. Another innovation on the breakfast bacon special is the school children's car. At every station school is dismissed, and the children come straggling down to the train, note books in hand, eager to learn all they can. In their car Major Spillman, a white haired old veteran, who had command of a regiment before he was 20, tells the children the story of how his piggy is turned into ham and bacon.

KEEP CHICKENS FROM CATTLE

English Observations on the Subject of Tuberculosis Warrant That Action.

London.—Some observations bearing upon the subject of bovine tuberculosis have recently been made by Dr. H. Corner, who is interested in a school of light agriculture at Southgate, which has remarkable from what- ever standpoint they may be viewed. "I believe," he said in the course of an interview, "that fowls are responsible for a great deal of the tuberculosis in cattle. The idea occurred to me some time ago in connection with cat-raising in Jersey, where there is absolutely no tuberculosis among the herds, although there is just as much among human beings as there is in this country, and the reason suggested itself. Twenty-three per cent of chickens—not merely young chickens—die from tubercular trouble, so it is significant that in Jersey farmers do not run fowls on the meadows." In order to see whether this explanation would be supported by wider information, Doctor Corner wrote to the leading breeders of Jersey stock in this country with interesting results.

The marchioness of Linlithgow's herd on an estate near Edinburgh is one of the few in which there have been no cases of tuberculosis. It was started in 1886, and the cattle are very finely bred and therefore sensitive to disease. In answer to Doctor Corner's letter it was stated that no poultry were ever allowed to go on to the meadows where the cattle are. Several other replies were similar in import.

A peculiar case cited was as follows: An old farmer started rearing poultry on a small island, and in a very short time the game and rabbits which had formerly been flourishing were practically exterminated by tuberculosis.

In Doctor Corner's opinion the stalks of the grass are infected with germs of the disease which the browsing cat-tle are unable to escape breathing.

The doctor, who does not share the general opinion that infected food is one of the principal causes of tuberculosis in human beings, looks at the question from an agriculturist's point of view. "The first thing we must do," he said, "if we want clean cattle, is to exclude poultry from the meadows." Perhaps the experiments, which are now being carried out under the Royal Agricultural society, in raising calves from infected stock will throw some light on the former point.

LIONS ARE DRUG ON MARKET

African Animal Two Years Old Fetched Only \$20 at Recent Sale, in London.

London.—No self-respecting lion can hold up his head with pride any longer, for at present lions are a drug on the market, as the sale the other day by auction of the Crystal Palace zoo showed.

Lions with names that are household words were sold almost for a song. Duchess, for example, a two-year-old African lioness, in the pride of youth and beauty, born in captivity at the Dublin zoo, and therefore esteemed by wild beast showmen, went for \$50.

"Her value is at least \$250 in normal times," said a showman, who bought two lions himself at a remarkably cheap rate. "In Rhodesia, where the lions come from, you could get \$70 for her pet."

When the auctioneer's man went up to her cage and pointed to her with an iron rod, Duchess nuzzled up to it, and almost purred, so anxious was she to tell every one that she was a loving sort of lioness to have about a menagerie. But it did not save her from the indignity of a final bid of \$80.

The lioness Victoria, dam of Prince, went for less—\$70 securing her. Sultan, Prince's father, fetched \$100. Prince himself, by some freak of fate, realized \$600.

A Bengal tiger named Emperor, nine years old, was sold for \$525.

MUSIC GOOD FOR FISH BAIT

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Winstead, Conn.—Do fish like music? That is a question fishermen at Highland lake are trying to solve and most of them who have tried their luck fishing while the sunset religious services were in progress on Highland lake during the evening have come to the conclusion that music has charms for the fish. Upward of 150 cottagers assemble in boats and listen to a sermon on land. Singing is a feature of the services. Outside the anchored boats containing the worshippers, fishermen cast their flies for bass and troll for pickerel. It is a very noticeable fact, they declare, that the fish bite better during the period of the services than any other part of the day.

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Wits and Wireless

By M. J. Phillips
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 "I am going to marry Nellie Armstrong," announced Harry Leclair. He looked just as his name sounds: he was handsome, with a very distinguished profile, large dark eyes and a well set up figure. But his fingers were much stained with nicotine from too many cigarettes. He dressed gracefully, devoting considerable time to his clothes—principally because he did nothing else.
 "Are you?" queried Paul Schmitz, quietly and unbelievably.
 Schmitz was a civil engineer, whose rugged face, capable hands, rough clothing and high-laced boots indicated considerable familiarity with hard work and hard knocks. "Does she know it yet, Harry?"
 Leclair, being a consummate egoist with no sense of humor, never knew he was being laughed at, and now he looked at Schmitz suspiciously. But the big man who was striding along beside him was very grave.
 "Well, no," confessed Leclair, satisfied with his scrutiny. "But I'm going to ask her—maybe tonight. You see, I've had my fling, and I'm ready to settle down. I'm twenty-five; it's time for me to be getting a home of



The Reply Was Brief.

own home and turned toward the Armstrong residence.
 His fears of Schmitz had been in vain, after all, he decided. When he passed the engineer's home, the fellow was sitting on the porch, enjoying an evening smoke. From a tall flagpole on the lawn to another pole on the highest point of the house the wireless antennae were strung. "If he hopes to gain any advantage over me with that rigging," thought Leclair, triumphant and contemptuous, "he's badly fooled." He dwined comfortably along the way. When the wireless rigging at the Armstrong place came in sight, he smiled almost piteously.
 "Nellie is in the wireless room," said Mrs. Armstrong when Leclair inquired for her.
 He knew the way to it, and passed into the house, up the broad stairs to the second story and thence up another stairway to the attic.
 The big room, cut into queer sloping angles by the roof and lighted by dormer windows, was an attractive apartment. Especially was it attractive when graced by the presence of Nellie Armstrong. She was standing, a slender, girlish figure in white, at the wireless instrument which took up one end of the attic. The receiving apparatus was strapped over her fair hair. So intently was she listening to a message that she seemed not to notice Leclair's coming.
 Presently she reached forward and began opening the key. Obedient to the trained pressure, the big spark leaped back and forth between the poles, snapping and crackling as it did so.
 The reply was brief. When it was finished, the girl, with a gesture indescribably joyous and light-hearted, removed the receiver and turned to Leclair. The young man had never seen her more beautiful, and his heart beat quickly as he started forward, in tune to her mood. Her cheeks were flushed, her lips parted with a smile, and her eyes shone like stars.
 Unconsciously she gave him both her hands and Leclair's brain swam with an intoxicating sense of victory. The proposal which he had secretly feared was going to be easy, after all. She was making it easy.
 "Oh, Harry," she said, giving his hands a little shake, "I'm so happy! And you've always been a friend, so you shall be the first to know!"
 Leclair's brain steadied suddenly as though he had been drenched with a bucket of water; his bounding heart sank forebodingly. He looked at her searchingly. "What is it?" he managed to ask at last, with dry lips.
 The girl had noticed that a change had come into his manner, but she was too engrossed in what the wireless had told to see its true significance. Her head dropped shyly, and the color in her cheeks deepened.
 "Paul has asked me to marry him," she said softly. "And I told him yes. Wasn't it clever of him to—ask by wireless? Why, you aren't going?" as Leclair turned away. "Wait; Paul is coming right over."
 "I can't," said Leclair, lifelessly. "I just dropped in for a minute to say good-by. I'm leaving town tomorrow."
 Chamberlain's Resemblance to Pitt.
 One of Sir Benjamin Stone's more frequent sitters has been Mr. Chamberlain, who, once speaking of his own portrait, said: "It has been remarked that I bear a resemblance to Pitt. I am afraid that my testimony to this resemblance would have little value. But if it could be alleged that any likeness existed between that great statesman, not bodily or mentally, but in his aspirations in his desire to be of use to his country, then I should be proud indeed." Perhaps the last photograph ever taken of Mr. Chamberlain was that by Benjamin at the notable fetes in Birmingham to celebrate the great statesman's seventieth birthday. At the house of commons Mr. Chamberlain was ever ready to help his colleague, and on one occasion volunteered to go and hunt up the reluctant Michael Davitt and bring him to the spot for the purpose.—Strand Magazine.
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TO DEFAUD PUBLIC

New York Bakers Make Two Sizes of Bread for Retailers.
 Large Loaf is Sold to Cash Customers Over Counter, While Smaller Size Goes to Those Who Order Goods Delivered.
 New York.—In the course of a conference between Clement J. Driscoll, commissioner of weights and measures, and bakers of this city, a number of ingenious ways of defrauding the public were exposed. The conference was held with the object of formulating a plan by which bread may be sold by weight.
 Several bakers admitted that it was customary for the wholesaler to make different sized loaves for the retailer, who sells one kind to the customer who comes to the store for bread, and a smaller size to those who order bread delivered at their homes.
 The bread dealers are making a determined fight against the installment of Driscoll's new plan, and their arguments make interesting reading.
 "How do you think that we can support our horses and wagons if we do not make an added profit on the bread which we deliver?" was the way the representatives of the New York Bakers' association expressed their point of view.
 "How are we going to pay the janitor of every apartment house in town for permission to put the bread and rolls on the dumbwaiter, and get him to watch and see that they go to the right families, unless we make the consumer himself pay the added expense?" one representative asked.
 "This thing is an established custom, and thus far the consumer has never shown that he is unwilling to pay a little more for the privilege of receiving his breadstuffs in his own house."
 The commissioner, however, declared he would continue his efforts in the cause of selling bread by weight. He seemed to favor pasting a small label on each loaf of bread sold, stating its exact weight. The first objection raised by the representatives of the bakers' association was that this would be unsanitary.
 "I don't agree with you there," said Driscoll. "At present several of the large wholesale bakeries paste their names on the loaves of bread baked by them, and so far as I have been able to find out there has been no objection to this either on the part of the consumer or the board of health."
 A shop to shop canvass by inspectors showed a great dissimilarity in relative weight and price of different loaves.
 The average of 14 loaves revealed the fact that the consumer generally received 2 1/2 ounces of bread for a cent, but variations were considerable. A French loaf weighing one pound cost ten cents, while a cream loaf weighing 24 ounces only cost 12 cents. Another loaf weighing 33 ounces cost eight cents, while still another loaf weighing 26 ounces brought six cents.
 In explanation the baker suggested quality and appearance.
 "This may be true," said Commissioner Driscoll, "but heretofore the purchaser has never had a chance to decide whether he would buy a heavy loaf or a light one for the same money. I promise to give him an opportunity. It is all right for him to know that it is extra light, but when he looks at two labels and discovers that he can get more bread for the same price he is apt to consign the artistic qualities of the lighter bread to perdition."

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Berlin.—It is stated that during the German naval maneuvers in the autumn an attempt will be made for the first time to utilize an airship in connection with the operations. It will be fitted with an installation for wireless telegraphy, and its functions will be to keep one of the combatants informed of the other's movements. With a view to this experiment, the commander of the High Sea fleet, Admiral Holtzendorf, recently took part in one of the military airship's ascents from Berlin.

The airship, which will be used for the trials, will probably be the new Gross, which has just been completed here. It is considerably larger than any of its forerunners, having a capacity of over eighty thousand cubic feet, a length of 305 feet, and a diameter of 42 1/2 feet. There will be two cars instead of only one, as in previous airships of this type, and each will contain a couple of 100-horsepower Korting motors.

The monster Schuette airship, which has been under construction at Rheingau, near Mannheim, for nearly a year, and which at one time was expected to be shown at the Brussels exhibition at the end of May, is now reported to have experienced a fiasco without even leaving the shed in which it was built. The story goes that when the car was hung the wooden framework, which was circular in section, was distorted by the weight into an oval form, with the result that many of the joints gave, and in places irreparable damage was caused.

The wreckage must have been very considerable, if, as stated, a gang of 20 carpenters were at once set to work to prevent still further havoc. People are also wondering if anything has happened to the huge Siemens-Schuckert non-rigid airship, which was filled with gas and inspected by privileged persons as long ago as the beginning of April, but of which nothing has since been heard.

"BRITTLE MAN" IS IMPROVED

Stonelike Muscles of Allen Rushbrook, Englishman, Relaxing Under Treatment.

London.—After having undergone treatment at more than 50 general hospitals in London and the provinces in the last ten years, Allen Rushbrook, the "brittle man" of Swainsthorpe, Norfolk, has at last succeeded in obtaining some relief from his mysterious ailment at the Homeopathic hospital.

Most of Mr. Rushbrook's muscles have gradually turned to stonelike hardness, the only ones retaining any freedom of movement being certain muscles of the left arm and lower jaw. In his ward at the hospital, where he has been since April, the brittle man explained his conversion to homeopathy.

"I have only had two doses of medicine," he said, "but I am much better than when I came. I have had no pain for the last fortnight, and a hard spot on my leg which was just beginning to get honey when I came in has entirely disappeared under treatment." Then he wagged his head from side to side to show the increased flexibility of his neck muscles. "When I first came," he continued, "the muscles on the left side of my neck were immovable and stonelike; now they are quite soft and movable, though they still give a click when I turn suddenly."

The only medicine the brittle man has taken during his stay at the hospital is a few drops of tincture of arbor vitae greatly diluted with water. The first dose was given early in May, the second a month later. In view of the marked improvement in the symptoms and the apparent stoppage of the progress of the disease, hopes of a permanent benefit are held out to the patient by the physicians in charge.

DANCING AS AN EDUCATION

Subject Under Discussion at the Last Sitting of Women's Congress in London.

London.—The importance of dancing as an educational asset was the subject under discussion at the last sitting of the Women's congress at the Japan-British exhibition. "Educationists are agreed," said Cecil Grace, "as to the desirability of introducing dancing in the schools. 'It is one of the most primitive and universal of all the arts. True dancing is an artistic expression of an inward idea.'"

"It is necessary that school children should have some subject to nourish the imaginative faculties." After an interesting display of the old-fashioned Morris dances, Mr. Grace added that the objection to dancing made by certain people was disarmed by the fact that the Morris dances were performed by persons all of the same sex—originally men—and in them "the love motive was entirely absent."

Mouse Eats Marriage License. Des Moines, Ia.—A mouse may have been the cause of Barbary Dennis of Grand Island, Neb., losing a government pension as an old soldier's widow. She wrote the clerk of the Polk county court here: "I've been married since 1862 but can't prove it. A mouse ate the date out of my certificate."

COULDN'T FIND THE PATTERN

Experience of Unfortunate Man Whose Wife Sent Him to Purchase Some Yellow Ribbon.

Observe the man in the department store. He is on a shopping tour, and it is plain that he is shopping for some one else—some person in authority, otherwise he would not be here.

He has been sent to match some yellow ribbon, and has mislaid the tiny sample given him. He sticks experimental and furred fingers into all his pockets. He feels inside his waistband. Then he takes a brace on himself and demands yellow ribbon. "Silk or satin?" inquires the saleswoman wearily, "and what width?" The man doesn't know.

"Either will do," he says sternly, "just so it's yellow." The tired saleswoman lays before him a tray containing hundreds of paper spoons, each bearing yellow ribbon of diverse shades and widths. These the man regards with sinking heart. How can a man select from this awful array of ribbon just the shade and width he is supposed to get?

"What is it to be used for?" the saleswoman asks kindly. The man shakes his head. "I don't know," he says; "maybe it was on the list of things I lost." "I'm sorry," says the saleswoman. "Gimme some of that," he says desperately, pointing a finger at one of the yellow rolls. "How many yards?" the girl asks, producing a bright pair of scissors. The man reflects.

"I don't know," he says. "How many would you get?" The saleswoman smiles. "It would depend," she says, leaning on the counter, "on what I wanted it for." "Well, give me two dollars' worth," says the man. The girl stares at him. "Two dollars' worth!" she gasps. "It's eight cents a yard."

"Oh, well," says the man, "make it five dollars' worth. Would you mind hurrying it up? I have to catch a train?" Then he stands on one leg and wails, and the floorwalker passes and repasses him, eyeing him suspiciously. He may not be a shoplifter, but he may be trying to flirt with the ribbon counter girl.

But finally the agony is over, and the man puts the package under his arm and departs, leaving the floorwalker interrogating the saleswoman, who is throwing her arms in the air and acting very queerly. But he has the yellow ribbon all right.

Regl Test of Character. You cannot read a man so well during his busy hours as by what he does after supper, or from the closing hour of business to bedtime. You cannot gauge his character so well by the money he spends for necessities of the living of his family, as by that little surplus of money which is left after the necessary expenses are paid.

What does he do with his spare money, that margin left over from business and from living expenses? What he does with that margin will throw a wonderful light upon his character. The largest part of every active life must be devoted to getting a living, attending to one's affairs, and this is done by most people in a routine sort of way. You cannot tell much about the real man during these hours, because he has a system, his regular daily routine, and he does very much the same thing every day. But the moment he is free, he is quite a different man. Then his real propensities come out. People are not natural until after they are free from restraint.

Watch the boy and the girl when they are free from their regular duties, and see how they spend their evenings, what society they keep, what companionships they form, what they do. This will be a pretty good test of their character.—Success.

NEAT IN "UNCLE EBB'S" WHISKERS

"Uncle Ebb," an aged man of Peets Corners, had an unusual experience recently.

He is known far and wide for his wonderful long red whiskers; also he has been termed "Rip Van Winkle," for no sooner is he wakened than he is asleep. His favorite haunt is a large tree on the town pump lot. There he has a rustic seat, and during the summer months he can be seen seated and sleeping.

The other afternoon pedestrians in passing the pump observed birds fluttering about his head. They went to him and discovered that the birds had built a nest in his whiskers. A bird was in the nest and when she was scared away two tiny eggs were found, it is solemnly averred. "Uncle Ebb" did not discover the nest until this morning, and he says that it was the prank of boys.—Syracuse Herald.

Entitled to Charge. "A professional man is paid for what he knows, not for what he does." "Then that young lawyer ought to get some tremendous fees." "Why?" "He knows it all." Peace at Last. Tom—Had any scraps with your girl lately? Dick—No, we're great friends now. Tom—How's that? Dick—We've broke off our engagement.—Catholic Standard and Times

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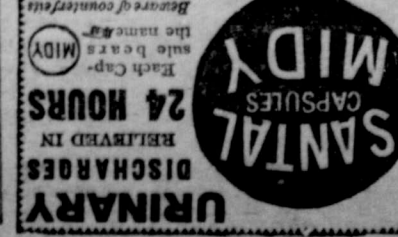
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