

BEST STEERS ARE FIRM

Medium and plain grades predominate and prices rule weaker.

BIG SHARE OF RUN WESTERS

Cows steady to 10c lower—Bulls and calves steady—Stockers and feeders hold up well.

Yesterday's slim run of cattle at this point was followed by an increased movement today, early estimates calling for 3,500 head and later 4,000.

The enlargement in local offerings was the result of heavier shipments of short-fed and grass westerns, these classes forming more than sixty percent of the total supply.

The steer market had a slow opening, partly due to the plain quality and partly to the fact that reports from other points were more or less of bearish tone.

Chicago had a 196 1/2 decline on all but the choice 20c prime steers and local buyers were inclined to exert a little pressure toward the short-fed native steers in sympathy with outside conditions.

On the other hand, argued for steady prices and the result was that few sales were made during the preliminary rounds.

When the movement finally got under way it was at prices generally quoted weak to 10c lower than yesterday on the bulk of the plain and medium quality native steers.

When the quality was better, however, offerings found outlet at prices not materially changed.

All of the buyers made inquiry for choice cattle but were unable to find anything in the supply of that classification.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of dressed beef and shipping steers.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Related trains were responsible for only partial display of the day's supply of butcher stuff and thereby an accurate line on offerings during the early hours was made impossible.

However, there was a bearish sentiment prevailing among the packers, and buyers were not inclined to pay lower prices, and a weaker feeling prevailed on early sales.

Late arrivals were mostly steers and with packers holding good orders for this class of stuff a better feeling developed as the market progressed.

At the close of the session offerings were selling at prices not materially changed as compared with yesterday.

HEIFERS.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of heifers.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of stockers and feeders.

YEARLING CATTLE.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for various grades of yearling cattle.

HOGS DOWN, THEN UP

Early trade steady to 5c lower, close strong to shade higher.

AVERAGE COST NEAR STEADY

Run Estimated at 10,000 Head—Quality Fair—Bulk of Sales \$3.95 @6.30; Top \$6.32 1/2—Pigs Strong.

Hog trade had a weak opening and a strong close, most business being done at steady prices.

All classes of stock and finishing cattle came in for a good demand today, but owing to salesmen's efforts to realize higher figures, trade was irregular, and the life and snap of the previous session was in no way dominant.

Buyers were all out at a comparatively early hour and despite the fact that few country buyers were here yesterday, leaving dealers with practically all of yesterday's buy still in the pens, offers of steady rates for 6c or more money, salesmen went in to inspect offerings.

Not satisfied with steady rates salesmen made the mistake of elevating demands, and an answer buyers promptly turned out to get more money, salesmen and absolutely refused to do business where higher prices were asked.

Fort to get more money, salesmen gave it up as a bad job and sent the bulk of the day's supply over the scales at prices fully steady with the previous session.

After movement got under way trade was active and clearing of the day's moderate supply was accomplished within the forenoon.

Stock cows and heifers were in light supply and offerings provided a ready outlet for the few odds and ends on offer at prices fully steady with yesterday.

Good choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.25 to \$5.50; medium to good grades, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good fancy stock steers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock heifers, fair to good, \$3.45 to \$4.00; stock calves, \$2.35 to \$3.40; stock calves, \$2.75 to \$3.25.

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RANGERS—NATIVE DIVISION.

Four percent of the estimated run of 4,000 cattle here today were classified as rangers. Steers made up the bulk, Kansas grassers and cokes being predominated.

Late trains deeded early sales of colorado feeders not reaching the yards until middle of the afternoon.

Trading was more or less slow with quotations ranging steady to 10c lower on all but the choice. Bulls were in fair quota and all offerings found a ready outlet at prices steady with yesterday.

Practically no change was visible in the meat trade. Top vealers selling at \$7.50.

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BIG WHEAT ACREAGE OUT

Rawlins County, Kansas, Has Largest Area Ever Put In Grain.

EARLY TRADE STEADY TO 5c LOWER, CLOSE STRONG TO SHADE HIGHER.

Farmers of Rawlins county, Kansas, who raised poor crops this year as a result of the severe drought during the spring and summer bid fair to recoup their losses next year if weather conditions are at all favorable.

The year just drawing to a close has not been very favorable for farmers of Rawlins county, remarked Mr. Lyman, of McDonald, Kansas, who was on the market yesterday with four cars of cattle that sold well.

Mr. Lyman is engaged in farming on an extensive scale in Rawlins county, and also conducts a real estate business in addition to his farming operations. At this time he has 1,400 acres in wheat and he says the grain never looked more promising at this season than it does right now.

Quality was perhaps a little better than yesterday, taking the whole market into account. Aggregate marketings included a lot of light lights and light mixed but in proportion to the total supply the run of this class of hogs was not overly large.

Included among the offerings was a fair quota of desirable heavy hogs. A top of \$6.32 1/2 was reached on the best, which was 25 cents above the high point established in yesterday's trading.

It was largely a \$6.00 to \$6.30 trade in fair to good mixed and heavy packers, with the commoner light weight offerings dropping below the \$5.00 line and down as low as \$4.40 for skippy stuff.

Pigs sold strong to a point higher today, or 10c up from yesterday, \$4.25 to \$4.75 taking bulk of the 3 to 4 year olds, while prices ranged from \$5.40 to \$6.32 1/2, with the bulk selling at \$5.95 to \$6.30.

The bulk yesterday sold at \$6.00 to \$6.20, a week ago at \$5.60 to \$6.15, a month ago at \$6.30 to \$6.40, a year ago at \$7.90 to \$8.40, two years ago at \$7.60 to \$7.90, three years ago at \$5.40 to \$6.05, and four years ago at \$4.95 to \$5.65.

HEAVY MIXED—No. 1 and 2.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for heavy mixed hogs.

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NO. 3 AND 4.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 3 and 4 hogs.

NO. 5 AND 6.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 5 and 6 hogs.

NO. 7 AND 8.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 7 and 8 hogs.

NO. 9 AND 10.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 9 and 10 hogs.

NO. 11 AND 12.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 11 and 12 hogs.

NO. 13 AND 14.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 13 and 14 hogs.

NO. 15 AND 16.

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists prices for No. 15 and 16 hogs.

SHEEP MART ACTIVE

Moderate run met outlet at steady to strong rates.

BEST LAMBS SELL AT \$6.10

Nothing of Extra High Quality Included in Day's Marketing—Strong Packer Inquiry For Fat Sheep.

The sheep house was the scene of another snappy session today, for which meager Tuesday supply was largely responsible.

Early estimates called for 3,000, but trains came in boggy, and final count fell around 1,000 under the early estimate.

Buyers are more concerned as to filling orders than as to cost, trade was irregular, although sales booked through the day were fairly steady with instances where transactions looked stronger, especially on sheep.

Packers made an effort to hold lambs at a \$6.50 top but with outside markets moderately supplied and sending in reports of steady openings, salesmen were able to dictate values and as a result best native lambs and nothing extra as to quality at that, went up to \$6.10, the same as yesterday's top.

Bulk of the day's lamb supply went to the shambles in a range of \$5.55 to \$6.10, sheep were in active request and it was on this class of mutton that bulk of the day's strength was dominant.

Ewes were wanted at \$3.30 and in several instances offered as high as \$3.50, where strings carried yearlings. Trade was active from the outset and salesmen experienced little difficulty in effecting a noon clearance.

PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Price. Lists packer purchases for sheep.

TOTAL.

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OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill. Nov. 7.—The Live Stock Market report:

Cattle—Receipts, 7000. Market slow steady, top late Monday \$9.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 29,000. Market 5c lower. Top \$6.35, bulk \$6.10 to \$6.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 35,000. Market slow to 10c lower.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 7.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 15,000. Market steady to strong, top \$8.50, cows and heifers steady to strong, stockers and calves steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000. Market steady to strong, top \$6.42 1/2, bulk \$6.25 to \$6.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Market steady to 10c lower, lambs \$5.75.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 7.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 6500. Market steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 4300. Market 5c lower. Top \$6.25, bulk \$6.10 to \$6.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 31,000. Market steady.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Robt. Cope, a well-known Weatherby, Mo., farmer and feeder, was on market with one car of cattle today.

Hertel Bros., of Glenview, Neb., had one car of cattle on this market today shipped from that place.

C. C. Andrews, a prominent cattleman of Steele City, Neb., contributed two cars of cattle to the receipts today.

Walsh Bros., of Burr, Neb., disposed of two cars of cattle on this market today shipped from that place.

Wm. Bruhn, a well-known farmer of Verdon, Neb., was represented on today's market with a two-car shipment of cattle.

Union Star, Mo., was represented on today's market by shipment from the following well-known stockmen: C. H. Hayes, one car; S. G. Jackson, one car; J. B. Harper, two cars, and H. Asburg, three cars.

Wright Bros., frequent patrons of the market from Stewartville, Mo., had one car of steers on market today.

F. Williams, a well-known Colorado cattleman, was represented on today's market with a one-car shipment of steers from Sterling.

Try our Sunday dinners. Best ever, 35 cents. Transit House.

R. Gardner, of Yuma, Colo., another prominent cattleman, had two cars of cattle on sale.

Martin & M., regular patrons of this point, were represented on today's market by cattle from Burchard, Neb.

Wise feeders use Excello Feeds. P. Griffey, a cattleman of Pickering, Mo., also Wm. Workman and Chas. H. Lewis, of the same place, were reported on today's market with respective shipments of two cars cattle, two cars cattle and one car of the same.

Champion fed cattle are topping the market daily, that is the reason for their high demand.

Rosendale, Mo., had the following representatives on today's market: Fleming Bros., two cars cattle; Wm. Gregory, one car.

M. B. Hendon, a well-known cattleman of Boickow, Mo., had one car of cattle on sale today.

Best beds in the city, 50 cents per night. Transit House.

J. W. Patterson & Son, of Maitland, Mo., contributed two cars of cattle to today's receipts.

JAKE SHAVER.

Jake Shaver, of Powhattan, Kan., a frequent patron of this point, had one car of cattle on sale today.

Cherryree is a feed for all kinds of stock.

Geo. Dawson, a prominent Grant City, Mo., farmer and shipper, had three cars of cattle on sale today.

Wm. Burke, of King City, Mo., contributed one car of cattle to the receipts today.

KO-PRES-KO KAKE.

Ko-Pres-Ko Kake makes cattle fat. L. G. Morrison, a prominent farmer and feeder of Santa Rosa, Mo., was here today with a car of hogs.

N. E. Swope, of Weatherby, Mo., increased today's hog receipts with a one-car shipment.

Feed Champion for quick results. J. E. Bermond, of Union Star, Mo., was here today with a car of hogs.

Wright Bros., extensive feeders and shippers of Stewartville, Mo., marketed a car of hogs here today.

FREE—25 lbs. U-need-A Hog Powder. D. E. Johnson Co., Omaha, Neb., and J. W. Sparks, who operates around Westbrook, Mo., disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

D. A. Peck, of Northboro, Ia., contributed a car of hogs to today's receipts.

The Champion Feed Company of Tarkenton, Mo., doing a very heavy business. Their feed has proven to be a superior feed, and especially so with ensilage.

C. E. Walker, of Burlington Junction, Mo., was on today's market with a car of hogs that sold well.

R. Bilby, one of Missouri's largest cattle operators, was represented here today with a two-car consignment of hogs from Quitman, Mo.

Geo. Brant, of Cottonseed, Mead and Oak, 15 1/2 miles S. E. Kansas City, Mo., increased today's hog receipts with one car.

Bert Patterson, of Maitland, Mo., increased today's hog receipts with one car.

O. C. Snyder, of Maitland, Mo., was here today with a car of hogs.

There is a profit in feeding Excello Feeds.

J. C. Andes & Co. were represented here today with a car of hogs billed from Mound City, Ia.

Ray Wilson, of Forbes, Mo., who markets here quite regularly, accompanied a car of hogs to the local market today.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers' association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers:

Timothy—Choice, \$19.50 @ 20; No. 1, \$18.00 @ 19.00; No. 2, \$15.00 @ 17.50; No. 3, \$10.00 @ 13.50.

Clover mixed—Choice, \$18.50 @ 19.00; No. 1, \$17.00 @ 18.50; No. 2, \$14.00 @ 16.00; No. 3, \$10.00 @ 13.50.

Clover—Choice, \$13.50 @ 14.00; No. 1, \$12.00 @ 13.00; No. 2, \$8.50 @ 11.50.

Prairie—Choice, \$12.50 @ 13.00; No. 1, \$11.00 @ 12.00; No. 2, \$9.00 @ 10.50; No. 3, \$7 @ 9.

Lowland prairie—No. 1, \$8.50 @ 10; No. 2, \$8 @ 9; No. 3, \$6 @ 8.

Alfalfa—Choice, \$16.00 @ 16.50; No. 1, \$14.00 @ 15.00; No. 2, \$12.00 @ 13.50; No. 3, \$8.50 @ 11.50.

Packing hay—\$5.00 @ 7.00. Straw—\$5.00 @ 6.00.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Price. Lists wholesale prices for various cuts of beef.

But eight vessels of this country passed through the Suez canal during 1910. Four of them were government craft.

A NEW CATTLE RULE

MISSOURI TO HAVE STRICT QUARANTINE AGAINST TUBERCULAR CATTLE.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Animals Imported Into State For Dairy or Breeding Purposes Must Be Tested—Rule Goes Into Effect November 15.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 7.—By a proclamation now being issued by Governor Herbert S. Hadley, new quarantine rules on cattle imported into Missouri will go into effect beginning November 15.

The new regulations, as given in the governor's proclamation, apply against every state or territory of the United States, in which cattle are considered as capable of carrying tuberculosis, an infectious or contagious disease. They prohibit the importation of the unloading in this state of any cattle from them, except under the following rules and regulations, adopted by the board of agriculture and the state veterinarian on the second day of August, 1911:

"First—Cattle for dairy or breeding purposes, before being imported into the state of Missouri, shall be inspected and found free from tuberculosis.

"Second—All inspections of cattle imported into this state for dairy or breeding purposes must be made by an official veterinarian of the United States bureau of animal industry or of the state, territory or district in which said cattle originate, or by a competent veterinarian in whose certificate of health shall be approved in writing by the state veterinarian or like officer of the state in which the cattle originate.

"Third—The inspection must include the tuberculin test and the certificate of health shall state the registry name and number of such cattle as are registered in the state of origin, or animals in any lot inspected for importation into the state of Missouri, shall show a positive reaction to the tuberculin test and be thereby rejected as infected with tuberculosis on day of inspection shall be written on the certificate of health of each animal of said lot which passes inspection.

"Fourth—The certificate of health of each lot of dairy or breeding cattle shall be prepared in duplicate. One copy shall be immediately sent to the state veterinarian in Columbia, Mo., and the other attached to the way bill in case of shipment or carried by the person in charge in case the cattle are driven into the state.

"Fifth—Whenever in the judgment of the state veterinarian it may be necessary, any cattle imported into the state of Missouri may be inspected at any time within one year after arrival at the point of destination in this state.

"Sixth—Cattle for other than dairy or breeding purposes, such as pasturing, feeding or immediate slaughter, may be shipped or driven into the state of Missouri on a permit issued by the state veterinarian without the tuberculin test, provided the owner of such permit, the owner or the person in charge shall prepare and furnish a written application, giving the number, origin and destination of each lot of such cattle and stating that they will be used for pasturing, feeding or immediate slaughter and not for dairy or breeding purposes. In case such application covers a lot of cattle, each of such cattle and stating that they will be used for pasturing, feeding or immediate slaughter and not for dairy or breeding purposes. In case such application covers a lot of cattle, each of such cattle and stating that they will be used for pasturing, feeding or immediate slaughter and not for dairy or breeding purposes. In case such application covers a lot of cattle, each of such cattle and stating that they will be used for pasturing, feeding or immediate slaughter and not for dairy or breeding purposes.

"Seventh—In case of emergency, the state veterinarian of Missouri may issue a permit for the importation of cattle into the state of Missouri, without inspection; provided that such cattle shall be held in quarantine at the point of destination in this state until released by the state veterinarian or a deputy state veterinarian. The permit for such importation shall be attached to the way bill in case of their shipment, or carried by the person in charge in case such cattle are driven into the state. The release of such cattle from quarantine shall be made in writing and one copy of such release shall be filed in the office of the state veterinarian. Inspection for release shall be made at the expense of the owner of the cattle.

"Eighth—These regulations shall not apply to the shipment of any cattle from the public live stock markets at Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis, or from one of these markets to another, but before being removed from either of such public markets to other parts of the state of Missouri, all cattle received there shall be subjected to the same regulations, according to their class, as if coming direct from the above-scheduled localities.

"Ninth—There shall be no restriction on the importation of cattle into the state of Missouri for exhibition at any fair or live stock show held within this state; provided that any of such cattle as are sold to remain in this state shall, before delivery to the purchaser, be subjected to inspection.

"Tenth—The main purpose of the new regulations is to prevent the importation of car lots of tubercular cattle that have been culled out of herds in other states. These regulations will be enforced in such a way as to cause the least possible inconvenience to emigrants.

The penalty provided by the state's laws for violation of the new rules is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 for each and every offense, to be recovered in any county through which such stock is brought.

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A HAND TO MOUTH BUSINESS.

Omaha Journal-Stockman: Quick recovery in the cattle market last week under the influence of sharply reduced receipts means that the demand for meat is healthy enough at this time but packers are not willing to overload their coolers, no matter how liberal the offerings or how attractive the prices.

SOIL WEALTH.

The chief reason why Kansas soils are so rich is because of the semi-humid conditions which are normal here, says the Kansas Farmer.

When an extra dry season appears it is always followed by a heavy plant growth with the appearance of a plentiful rainfall. The dry condition which prevails here renders the plant food of the soil more available, and because of this dry climate, which has existed for unnumbered years during which plant food has been accumulating, it is available in abundance when the rains fall.

Dry weather conditions do not create plant food, but they do conserve it and render it available. The elements upon which our crops feed must be in solution to become available. Without rain or irrigation water these remain in the soil, as there is no excess of plant life to consume them and no water to wash or leech them out.

As the atmosphere is dryer than in regions of greater annual precipitation, and as the soil is not so heavily drawn upon by crops or weeds during the entire growing season, our soils do not wear out so rapidly as they do in other regions, but they will wear out.

For some kinds of soil, drowth will do much that the farmer cannot do. It pulverizes clay land as no plow could, and soil must be pulverized and aerated before it will grow productive crops.

It is the wonder of both residents and visitors the way crops in Kansas will withstand drouthy conditions and come "within 15 minutes of destruction" and then recuperate with a rainfall and produce heavily.

A DUBIOUS BEEF PROSPECT.

Packers had to pay 9 cents for good cattle on the Chicago market this week. Common stuff was cheap

enough, but there is no money in it for the dressed beef trade at any price, comments the National Provisioner. Cattle dressing out as poorly as do the general run of those now on the market make no money for the packer, and are a drag on the retail counter. There is a whole lot of difference between 45 and 62 per cent in dressing out results, a difference that low live cost for the former kind cannot overcome.

The beef prospect is a dubious one just now. Good cattle are exceedingly scarce and high, as the 9-cent sales show. Common stuff has been heavily each week under its burden. The fact is that the cattle are not in the country, and if they were, they would not be fed. At least that seems to be the attitude of farmers in the corn belt.

Cattle feeding will be at a minimum this winter, according to indications. The regular feeders will go ahead and make good money, as they usually do. But the occasional, those who rich in and rush out, according to the cost of feed stuffs or other market conditions, show signs of staying out of the game. The shortage of hay is one reason, while the temptation to sell corn instead of feeding it is another. Farm papers are urging their readers not to be too free in cashing in their corn, as a general movement of this sort, such as is indicated, may tend to weaken the corn market and leave the farmer worse off than if he had put his corn into cattle.

Recent heavy market receipts of western cattle indicate the further depletion of feeder supplies. Should beef production suddenly become popular, there is not the basis to work on. The cattle are not in the country, either on the ranges or in the feed lots. Observers who have recently traveled through such producing territory as Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas report fewer cattle in sight than for many years. It will take at least two years to stock up and get going again, even if high beef prices this winter stimulate a resumption of beef production. It is a dubious prospect all around.

LARGE VALUES IN SLATE.

Production for 1910 Over \$8,000,000, According to Figures of Survey.

The value of the slate produced in the United States in 1910 amounted to \$8,255,759, compared with \$5,441,418 in 1909, an increase of 50.54 per cent, according to A. T. Coons, in a report just published by the United States Geological Survey.

The increase in the production of slate for all uses was general in 1910. There were strikes in some regions, notably in Virginia, and there were many accidents in the quarries and some quarry accidents.

Ten states contributed to the commercial slate output, Pennsylvania and Vermont being among the heaviest producers. About 75 per cent of the value of the slate produced last year was in that used for roofing, the output being 1,265,621 squares, valued at \$4,814,654. A "square" represents a sufficient number of pieces of slate to cover 100 square feet of roof, with allowance generally for a 3-inch lap. The production represented the surface of 155,989,896 square feet of roofing.

Slate mill stock was produced in 1910 to the value of \$598,461. Mill stock includes blackboards, school slates, flooring, wainscoting, vats, tiles, sinks, laundry tubs, grave vaults, sanitary ware, refrigerator shelves, floor bins, dough, troughs, electrical switchboards, mantels, hearths, well caps, and billiard, laboratory, kitchen and other table tops. This material is made in the form of slabs, from 1 inch to 2 inches thick.

Methods of Avoiding Slate Waste. More than usual attention has lately been given to the use of the waste material from slate quarries, which amounts to about 80 per cent of the slate quarried. This waste has until recently always been regarded as a useless and expensive but unavoidable by-product of the quarry. Within the last few years, however, it has been suggested that the quarriesmen, instead of trying to find use for so large a quantity of waste material, might devise some means to avoid waste through better methods of quarrying. At the present time it is the general practice of slate quarriesmen to blast out heavy irregular masses of rock instead of employing such machinery as might obtain blocks of stone better for use for roofing or in mills.

THE DEMAND FOR CORN.

Foreign grain merchants visiting in this country agree that we will be called on to supply the continental demands for corn, as South American supplies will not be available before spring, if then. It is pointed out, however, by a prominent Liverpool merchant that a large percentage of the Canadian Northwest wheat—70 per cent according to his estimate—will grade No. 2, and that millions of bushels of low-grade European markets as feed wheat in competition with our corn. This factor promises to be a material one in modifying demand.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

\*\*\*\*\* UNUSUAL RECIPES. \*\*\*\*\*

Butter Scotch Pie.—Melt thoroughly together 1/2 cup of light brown sugar and one large tablespoonful of butter, to this add one cupful hot water or milk and yolks of two or three eggs, four tablespoonfuls of flour and a pinch of salt. Beat the whites of the eggs with a little powdered sugar and spread over the tops.

To Crystallize Grapes.—Take one-half cup of sugar and one-fourth cup hot water and boil slowly until sirup is nearly evaporated, then carefully dip the bunch of grapes into it, roll them in coarse granulated sugar, and set them on a buttered paper to dry.

Grape Fruit Salad.—Remove the pulp of a grapefruit, lay it on lettuce, add a few malaga grapes which have been seeded and a few English walnuts and serve with mayonnaise dressing.

CAKES.

Coffee Cake.—One cupful of sugar, one cupful of molasses, one cupful of coffee, one-half cupful of butter, one cupful of raisins, one-half cupful of currants, four cupfuls of flour, one egg, one teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of soda.

Crumb Cake.—One-half cupful of molasses, one-half cupful of cream, one-half cupful of milk, four eggs, yolks and whites beaten together, one cupful of sugar, three good cupfuls of crumbs, the teaspoonful of baking powder, cinnamon and cloves to taste.

ROAST TURKEY

Roast Turkey with Chestnut Dressing.—Take an eight pound turkey, luke two and one-half hours. After the turkey has been washed and cleaned prepare the dressing. Dressing: Remove the shell from a pint of chestnuts; cook in slightly salted water until tender; then drain, skin and chop coarse. Add to this a half loaf of stale bread put through the food chopper; one-quarter of a pound of butter, salt and pepper to taste, and one egg; mix all together adding a little warm water if it seems too dry; garnish with link sausage fried in light brown. For extra nice gravy, mix all usual, just before taking up and add one pint of oysters; simmer until the edges curl.

Superior Apple Sauce.—Pare, core, and quarter or cut in eighths (depends upon size of apples) about eight good cooking apples, wash and rub through sieve. Sweeten to taste with still hot. Chill, pile up on individual dessert glasses, with whipped cream on top. Is delicious. It can also be shipped into the country and served with lady fingers or sponge cake.

FROZEN PLUM PUDDING.

A welcome variation from the regular variety is this peculiar and singular plum pudding. To make it dissolve one heaping tablespoonful of powdered gelatin in one-half cupful of boiling water. Cook one cupful of sugar in a cupful of water until the sirup forms a fine thread. Beat the yolks of three eggs and add this to the sirup, beating the whole until cool. Add the dissolved gelatin, fold in two cupfuls of whipping cream, one cupful of mixed chopped nut meats, and one-half cupful of stoned raisins. Freeze this mixture in the usual way. Just before packing add one-half pound of dried fruits in alternate layers. Whipped cream sweetened and flavored with vanilla will add a delightful taste to this dessert.

BOUNTY IS GOING RAPIDLY

Many Claims Allowed Out of State Glandered Horse Fund.

Lincoln, Nov. 6.—The bounty of \$25,000 appropriated by the last legislature for glandered horses, is going faster than was at first expected. Claims for \$453,97 were approved last week by State Veterinarian Bostrum and presented to the secretary of state and auditor and have been allowed by the state's auditing officers.

The claims allowed for a total of eight animals killed by or for the state veterinarian. The claims are as follows: Mrs. E. McDonald of Valmire, \$12.33 for a 17-year-old grey gelding; E. H. Taylor of Bertrand, \$49 for a speckled mare which was 16 years old, and \$93.33 1-3 for an 8-year-old roan mare; E. Ely of St. Paul, \$25 for a 10-year-old brown horse which was 8 years old and which weighed only 500 pounds; one brown mare, 5 years old which weighed 825 pounds and one bay mule 2 years old which weighed 200 pounds; Carl Lund of Genoa, \$52.32 for a year-old black mule which weighed 1,000 pounds.

These allowances are two thirds of the appraised price of the animals. They were valued according to law as if they did not have the glanders. At Valentine the appraisers were Dr. J. R. Taylor and Carroll. They appraised a gray gelding, 17 years old, at \$50. At Gibbon the appraisers were C. V. Mercer and J. T. Hall. They appraised a 5-year-old black horse at \$135. At Bertrand the appraisers were Charles Bjorklund of Holdrege and Samuel Bowers and Fred Posternau of Bertrand. They appraised one 8-year-old roan mare at \$133. The appraisers at St. Paul were William Lewandowski of Schuapps, C. W. Heperlin of St. Paul and Fred A. Schuapps. At Genoa W. J. Randall and Elmer Nelson appraised a 5-year-old mule, weight 1,900, at \$149.

OATS STRAW FOR SHEEP.

It is an excellent plan for every farmer to put up every fall a quantity of oats straw to help out in carrying the sheep through the winter. Wheat straw will answer the purpose, but it is not so good as oats straw. Of course straw is not an ideal feed for sheep. It contains a little nutriment, but not much and a great deal of food fiber, but clean oat straw fed sparingly in connection with roots or succulent feed helps out wonderfully. Placed in the rack with clover hay it will be pretty well eaten up every day and it undoubtedly saves some grain.

Where a farmer has plenty of grain and little roughage oat straw will help to piece out the ration admirably. If fed in large quantities it will almost certainly produce stomach trouble and this should always be avoided.

TREASURE LINES BIG MUDDY

Explorers, However, Fail to Get Rich Gold Cargoes Lost in River.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 7.—The latest effort to recover a supposed valuable cargo of gold which was on board of a wrecked Missouri river boat has failed. Men who explored the wreck of the steamer Leadora, sunk near Elk Point, S. D., after burning in 1850, expected to find 100 barrels of whisky in the hold, but found nothing except rusted iron and the rotting mass of the 145 tons of miscellaneous goods that the boat carried.

The same experience awaited the men who spent thousands of dollars in sinking a shaft to the hull of the Arabia, near Parkville, Mo., several years ago. In the expectation of recovering some of the cargo of 150 barrels of whisky which went down with the boat in 1856. The only find that rewarded the treasure seekers was a lot of old wood shavings, which resisted the decay of nearly fifty years.

Some years earlier treasure seekers explored the hull of the Twilight, a large schooner which was wrecked on the Missouri river, opposite Napoleon, Mo., but found nothing of value.

250 Boats Sunk in River. These failures, however, will not daunt other treasure seekers, for years ago the belief of rich treasure hunters awaiting a finder in some of the more than 250 rotting hulks that lie imbedded in the river sands. Some two hundred of these boats have been sunken by rocks or snags, the remainder by fire, storm, explosion or overloading.

The first recorded wreck on the Missouri river was that of the ship Thomas Jefferson, one of the government fleet in the Long-Yellowstone expedition, was wrecked at the Cote San Dessein. The most recent loss of a boat of government property was the Atalanta, sunk by ice in 1910 at Missouri City.

One of the richest treasurers on the Missouri river is the Bedford, sunk April 25, 1849, at the mouth of the Missouri river. The boat carried a heavy passenger list and there was said to be a large amount of silver and gold on board. One passenger is known to have had \$8,000 in gold in his trunk, while estimates of the total amount of gold and silver on board range anywhere between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

Wreck Lost in Earth Drift. The Bedford struck a snag shortly after entering the mouth of the Missouri river, and sank within one mile of the mouth. The passengers being drowned. A terrible rain storm was raging at the time and the night was pitch dark. Since the sinking of the Bedford the mouth of the river has been filled with earth drift, and the wreck of the steamer now lies lost beneath some farmer's field.

Another boat, which would yield a treasure to its finders, is the Bertrand, which sank in 1862 in Bertrand Bend, near Partage La Force, Neb., with a cargo in which were iron fasks containing more than \$25,000 worth of gold and silver. The Bertrand was a Montana boat. Probably the most valuable cargo ever lost on the river was that on the Blutte, Montana. The total value of the cargo was \$110,000, Bullion and Mexican coin.

The boats which sank near Hermann, Mo., in 1848, after catching fire, carried a large quantity of silver bullion and Mexican dollars. The early all of the boats coming down the river until along in the '80s, carried more or less gold and silver from the mines of Montana.

From the mouth of the river to the head of the Missouri, at Fort Benton there is a wreck to about every seven miles of river, and many bends and islands take their names from boats which were sunk there, such as Cora, Island, Socora, Port Benton, and the great number of wrecks, few lives have been lost on the river. The worst of all was the boiler explosion of the Adna, near Socora, on the river, July 2, 1842, when fifty-five German immigrants were killed.

STUDY MARKET DEMANDS.

Stockmen Profit by Keeping Close Tab on Ruling Trade Conditions.

The age at which swine should be sold depends on such conditions as the kind of swine, the character of the food and the markets; also whether one or two litters are grown and the sex of the pig. Tom Shaw in the Dakota Farmer.

Swine of any breed should be sold, as a rule, at an age not to exceed eight months, and in many instances seven months would be better. Swine of the small breeds ought to be sold at an earlier age, for the reason that they grow quite fast when young, but not so quickly when they become older. They run out in good form at a younger age than would be suitable for marketing other swine. As a rule, the smaller the breed the earlier the age at which it should be sold, and the larger the breed the longer will it take to put it in best shape for the market.

When swine are kept mainly on pasture during the growing period, and are not given much grain at the same time, they will take longer to mature than if grown largely on grain. Better the greater price charged for swine of pasture as food, it may be in many instances to sell at a more advanced age than would bring the highest profit if they had not been this grown.

Careful attention must be given to the demands of the market. Should the market demand the fat hog, 300 pounds or over, then the age for selling would be from seven to eight months. Should it demand a lighter hog, of say 200 pounds weight, then such an animal could be grown at five to seven months. The age should be the favorite weight for a bacon hog, and even with breeds so large, this weight can be attained at the age of six to seven months. These results may be accomplished simply by good feeding without any forced feeding.

LARGE SALT PRODUCTION.

Figures Show Increased Output for 1910, but Drop in Prices. The United States produced 30,305,856 barrels of salt in 1910, valued at \$7,999,544, according to figures compiled by W. C. Plinston and just published by the United States Geological Survey. This was an in-

crease of 788,010 barrels over the production of 1909 but a decrease in value amounting to \$443,487. The six leading producers of salt in 1910 were New York, Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Louisiana, and California. Nearly 90 per cent of the salt consumed in the country was obtained from domestic sources, the United States having long been independent of foreign production.

Salt is thought of mostly in connection with cooking and seasoning, but it has a great many other important applications. It is used largely in the preservation of fish and meat, in the dairy industry, and in chemical metallurgical processes. It is also used as a source of chlorine employed in the manufacturing of bleaching powders and in the chlorination of certain gold ores.

One of the main sources of salt is common sea water and some of the California product is obtained from the ocean. When sea water is evaporated to dryness, salt is among the first compounds to be deposited. The last are the potash and magnesium compounds, these being the most soluble. The great Stassfurt potash deposits are overlain as well as underlain by salt, and it is the opinion of geologists that potash may accompany some of the known salt deposits in this country.

Possible Source of Potash. In a recent Geological Survey report on potash, written by Mr. Phalen, the hope is expressed that every salt producer in the United States will in the future, when boring or otherwise exploring for salt, be kept on the lookout for possible occurrences of potash compounds. At present the Geological Survey has a deep-drilling party at work in the arid West, where vast deposits of salt are known to exist, and endeavor to find possible sources of potash and nitrate of soda—two of the three essential elements of "complete fertilizer," a recognized necessity for successful agriculture.

Mr. Phalen's report on salt and bromine is issued as an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources for 1910," and may be obtained on application to the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

IN COURTS TWENTY YEARS

Estate of John Richards Who Died in 1875 to be Distributed.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 6.—After having been in the courts for a period of about twenty years the estate of John Richards, a wealthy French Canadian and pioneer resident of South Dakota and Wyoming, who died in 1875, finally is to be distributed among his heirs, a number of whom reside on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian reservations in southwestern South Dakota.

The estate of Richards consisted of property to the value of many thousand dollars and included a claim of \$2,000 against the United States government. This claim, which represented the value of stock stolen by warlike Indians, was allowed in full some years ago by the court of claims and the proceeds have been distributed among Richards' heirs. In the near future the property representing his estate also will be distributed among their heirs.

Richards had an Indian wife and a number of mixed blood children and grandchildren who are legatees under his will. The prolonged litigation was due to the fact that the legal heirs, but these now have been specified by the courts. A day or two ago Albert Chapman, administrator of the estate, filed his final report in the circuit court of Leavenworth county, Wyoming, and asks for a final accounting and discharge of his bond. The final hearing in the case will be held December 14, before the administrator, whose estate will be distributed, and the administrator will be discharged from further liability in the now celebrated case.

CRANBERRIES CAME HIGH.

Sudden Rise in Price Starts Inquiry by U. S. District Attorney.

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# GYPSY GIRL

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She tripped lightly along through the sweet-smelling balsam woods, her feet scarcely seeming to touch the needle-strewn paths so joyous was her gypsy mood.

From the distance the lazy drones of after-dinner picknickers drew her on. Upon reaching the grove by the stream Gypsy paused and peered cautiously through a clump of bushes. There were, perhaps, ten or a dozen huge motors lying about under the trees. Lazines or mere idle interest in the movement of the servants who were clearing away the disgorged hampers, held some forty or fifty merry-makers in a semicircle.

The semicircle, as one man, turned in the direction whence the voice had come. She stood against the dark foliage perched as a bird of Paradise in say plumage.

The semicircle literally swept her into its midst. The campers had been longing with hungry hearts for some kind of entertainment. A real gypsy with long lanky hair and nut brown skin who offered to read palms was unheeded joy.

They were on their feet now Gypsy found herself holding court in the biggest and coolest of the limousines and prophesying, for the most part only good things, to those whose hands she held.

Dick Berwick was among the last to venture into the limousine and seek his fortune. He swung the door shut and sat down in the wide seat. He seemed to fill up the entire car.

"Sis is rather fond of doing foolish things," laughed Bob. "Just now she has a rummy notion about going about in gypsy clothes with her face all bleached up and a wig on—she says it breaks the monotony."

"It breaks more than monotony," Dick Berwick commented inwardly. "I am not going to stand around in a wet bathing suit while you moon about," put in Bob. "Make yourself at home, Berwick, I won't be a minute." He went off leaving his sister strangely helpless under the scrutiny of Berwick's eyes.

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"Gypsy Girl," Berwick said and possessed himself of her hands and held them against his breast. "I have never forgotten the blue of your eyes when you came to my rescue in the water, nor have I forgotten the touch of your palms when you read my fate—and now—I have reached the top of the world."

"I say, Sis!" Bob called out; "I never saw you cling to a wet bathing suit so long. Berwick is starved, and so am I."

"Starved isn't the word!" laughed Berwick.

**MANAGER CALLED THE BLUFF**  
Of Course He Had South African Peaches, But Somehow They Were Not Wanted.

They walked into the breakfast room at one of the big hotels the other day—finicky, precise and querulous. They had just returned from a tour of Europe, and gave that continent the big talk at every chance.

"Have you no South African peaches?" they asked, platiately. "We have been stopping at the finest hotels in London, and there were plenty of South African peaches."

The hotel manager was found. He hastened to the complaining ones. Certainly the hotel had South African peaches. They were imported especially for the hotel guests. Came from the same peach orchard that the European peaches did. The faces of the travelers peaches did not light up with joy and appreciation, as one would think.

"How much are they?" they asked, with a singular timidity.

"Three dollars each," said the hotel manager. The travelers persons promptly protested. "But we only paid—how—\$2.50 for them in Europe," they said. The hotel manager expressed his regret at the overcharge. He said they might have them at the same price that they paid in London, and how many would they like to have?

"Haw, Alfred," said one of the plaintive travelers persons to the other plaintive traveler person. "Let us have—how—one of those dead old-fashioned breakfasts of South Africa."

"Right, old dear," said Alfred.

The hotel manager went away grinning softly to himself. He had never had any peaches from South Africa.

**A Twenty-Three Pound Cat.**  
Tip, a giant cat owned by Mrs. O. F. Duncan of this city, is said to be the largest cat in the United States and the Canada. Tip is closely followed in the race for weight honors by his brother Tot, who weighs 20 pounds, three pounds less than the other cat.

The cats are eight years old. Tip is 39 inches long from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail and his neck is 5 1/4 inches in circumference.

Every day each cat consumes one and one-half pounds of round steak and a pint of milk. How the cats came to grow so large is a mystery even to the owner. She said they had received the same care as other animals of this kind.—South Bend correspondence, Indianapolis News.

# CORN PRODUCT RATES.

Complaint of Manufacturers Brought Before Interstate Commerce.

Washington, Nov. 6.—An important complaint involving much to the manufacturers of the corn products in the central west and having an indirect bearing on the Iowa corn market has been brought before the Interstate Commerce commission by the state of Iowa, ex rel. Attorney General Cossor, the board of railway commissioners, the Clinton Sugar Refining company and J. C. Hubinger Bros. company, of Keokuk.

The defendants are the Atlantic Coast line and a long list of railroads engaged in hauling corn and corn products between the east and middle west. The complaining companies are independents in competition with the Corn Products company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil, which has plants at Edgewater, N. J., at Davison, and various other places.

It is charged that the rates on glass-co and other corn products from Iowa to the east are advanced, while the rates on corn and raw materials to the east are reduced, thus giving eastern manufacturers especially the Corn Products company, an unfair advantage. The complaint is signed by George Cossor, attorney general; A. Robbins, his assistant; G. H. Henderson, commerce counsel, and Dwight N. Lewis, secretary of the Iowa Railroad commission.

"Oh!" She dropped the scarlet bathing cap from her fingers.

Berwick came forward. "I beg your pardon," he said, "but I was weary with the climb."

"You have come to the right place to rest in." Bob Deane looked up. "Berwick! Sis! Come here and meet an old chum of mine!" The two shook hands and the intensity of Berwick's grip brought added color to the girl's face.

Dick Berwick turned abruptly toward Deane. "Your sister saved my worthless life—seven months ago," he said.

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"Gypsy Girl," Berwick said and possessed himself of her hands and held them against his breast. "I have never forgotten the blue of your eyes when you came to my rescue in the water, nor have I forgotten the touch of your palms when you read my fate—and now—I have reached the top of the world."

"I say, Sis!" Bob called out; "I never saw you cling to a wet bathing suit so long. Berwick is starved, and so am I."

"Starved isn't the word!" laughed Berwick.

**MANAGER CALLED THE BLUFF**  
Of Course He Had South African Peaches, But Somehow They Were Not Wanted.

They walked into the breakfast room at one of the big hotels the other day—finicky, precise and querulous. They had just returned from a tour of Europe, and gave that continent the big talk at every chance.

"Have you no South African peaches?" they asked, platiately. "We have been stopping at the finest hotels in London, and there were plenty of South African peaches."

The hotel manager was found. He hastened to the complaining ones. Certainly the hotel had South African peaches. They were imported especially for the hotel guests. Came from the same peach orchard that the European peaches did. The faces of the travelers peaches did not light up with joy and appreciation, as one would think.

"How much are they?" they asked, with a singular timidity.

"Three dollars each," said the hotel manager. The travelers persons promptly protested. "But we only paid—how—\$2.50 for them in Europe," they said. The hotel manager expressed his regret at the overcharge. He said they might have them at the same price that they paid in London, and how many would they like to have?

"Haw, Alfred," said one of the plaintive travelers persons to the other plaintive traveler person. "Let us have—how—one of those dead old-fashioned breakfasts of South Africa."

"Right, old dear," said Alfred.

The hotel manager went away grinning softly to himself. He had never had any peaches from South Africa.

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Policeman's Wife Rejoices Over His Promotion to the Fifth Avenue Squad.

When it was reported that the cross street policeman had been promoted to the Fifth Avenue squad the policeman's wife declared that she was the happiest woman in New York.

"Oh, it isn't the salary," she said, "nor the honor. I don't know whether he will get any more money or not, and as for the honor, he had enough of that where he was. But the fashion; just think of the hints he will pick up on them. For the last five years I have been sick with envy of the Fifth Avenue policemen's wives every time I went to a policeman's ball. They looked so chic. When asked where they got their ideas they said:

"Why, from my husband, of course. He is right in the center of fashion, and he takes notes and comes home and tells me things. Then when I get my clothes made up he can compare me with the women he sees every day and tell whether I look just right or not."

"Now it is my turn to crow. My husband's eye for clothes is as keen as any man's, and there won't be much in the way of style that will escape him. Oh, yes, no doubt he will be kept pretty busy managing the traffic, but you can trust him to find out how the new clothes are made, just the same."

OPIUM PROBLEM IS SERIOUS

Where the Poppy is No Longer Cultivated in China, Bees Stop Making Honey.

Some unexpected results are found from the movement against the production of opium in China. In the Yunnan, one of the provinces where opium was produced in large quantities and at a low price and where a great deal of it was consumed, it appears that the poppy is no longer cultivated, owing to the recent measures, and the poppy fields have quite disappeared, according to the statements made by Doctors Talbot and Riggs. However, this has had a disastrous effect on the honey culture of the region. In fact, the honey from Yunnan was renowned for its quality, but as the bees find no more flowers, the production of honey is stopped as well. The new crops which replace the poppy, such as wheat or peas, are not such as will give honey yield as well. On another side of the question, it appears that the habits of the population are not suppressed by the present legislation, as some supposed would be the case, but according to Doctor Talbot, opium-smoking is again on the increase.—Scientific American.

Good Effects of Heat Wave.

According to an eminent medical authority in England, who has been talking about the heat wave and its effects on the general health of the community, a shade temperature of 87 degrees is an excellent thing for a number of people provided they are strong enough to stand it. "To live for a few days in a continual state of perspiration," said this doctor to M. A. P., "is about as good a health rest as there is; it really induces the same result as the fasting cure, but in a better way. It clears the system thoroughly. The only drawback to this perspiring cure is that some people find it extremely weakening; those who do should take sustaining food, but little or no meat. A glass of port wine is advisable in cases where the heat has a very lowering effect on the vitality. I have seen a number of cases of nervous depression, neuralgia, and indigestion completely cured during the last few days simply as the result of the sufferer living in Nature's Turkish bath for a few days."

Too Much for the English.

I was out with a party of English and American friends the other day. We had organized a river picnic in search of sylvan glades and cool breezes.

The belle of the party was a lovely young American lady, a very "Edith of the swan's neck." She held the audience with original portrayals of the free American woman's way of doing.

A fine stalwart Briton, who saw all his protective instincts thwarted, and who wages war against the suffragettes, broke out at last with stern disapproval. "If you were my sister," he observed, "I would have you shut up under lock and key."

There was an appalling pause. "Well, I guess," said that American, "that you know your sister."

The American half of the company were convulsed and I began to wonder if the English really lack humor.—Black and White.

A Tennessee Romance.

A St. Louis man went down into Tennessee the other day to freshen memories of his youth. In the course of looking up everybody he called upon an old negro mammy who is a fixture upon the place.

"What's new, mammy?" he asked. "Well, Marse Bob, they ain't no nuthin' new 'cept Nellie's gwine marry Lee," she said.

"That trifling nigger Lee, mammy? How did that happen?"

"Ah don't know, Marse Bob. You see, Nellie's got a home an' a stove, an' fall's a comin' on. Ah 'spects that nigger Lee's jes' fixin' to bambo the winter, Marse Bob."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WORST PENMEN IN CONGRESS

Sparkman of Florida and Adamson of Georgia Share That Honor Between Them.

"I'll bet you a dinner for ten people," said Representative Frank Clark of Florida one day last spring, according to the Popular Magazine, "that the worst penman in congress is Sparkman of my state."

"I'll take that bet," replied Hardwick of Georgia. "The man who writes the worst hand in the world is Adamson of my delegation."

Sparkman is chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors and Adamson is the head of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The two congressmen who had made the bet selected a committee to pass on the handwriting in question, and then secured letters written by Sparkman and Adamson in their own penmanship. Those letters were something horrible to see, and the judges decided that the writing of both was so bad that the writers, not the men who had made the bet, must pay for the dinner.

While the banquet was in progress Adamson told this story:

"Last winter a constituent of mine wrote to me and asked for a specimen of my handwriting, explaining that he had heard it was the worst in the world, and that he was making a study of bad penmanship. I complied with the request. In a few days he returned my letter to me, with this note:

"Fine! Am enthusiastic. Didn't know such handwriting was possible. Please send me a typewritten copy of the inclosed. I need a key to it."

EXERCISE ON THE DECLINE

Medical Journal Says That Automobiles and Motor Boats Are Making People Lazy.

Anyone who takes an outing, particularly at the seaside, can hardly fail to notice the revolution that has taken place during the last decade in the methods of enjoying a vacation. The automobile whizzes by on the roads and the motor boat splutters noisily within sight of the shore, each bearing its crowd of pleasure seekers, while even the swimmers are supported, a large proportion of them at least, by an artificial contrivance designed to keep them afloat without exertion.

Rowing, walking and swimming are the three ideal exercises, all demanding the open air and all having definite effects apart from their excellent effect on bodily health. But the modern amusements, such as motoring and motor boat racing, have nothing to recommend them save that they too require outdoor space.

Golf seems to be increasing the number of its devotees, even if the latter go to the links in high powered cars. But the writer would like to see the immense audiences of baseball and football games playing on numerous diamonds and gridirons of their own, and would welcome a regulation that prescribed a playground ten times its size to adjoin every new library. It is not only the rich who become lazy; the omnipresent trolley car embodies the favorite recreation of the poor.

Pepsin Fifty Years Old.

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Quite a Gentleman.

"You have some beefsteak, of course?" queried a man who had hurriedly entered a butcher shop.

"Yes, sir."

"And beefsteak is good to take the color out of a black eye?"

"The best thing in the world, sir!"

"Good! Save two pounds for Riley."

"Which Riley?"

"The Riley who lives in Edward street. I'm going to black both his optics. He'll probably call in half an hour. Good evening!"

Twenty minutes later the same man came back with his coat in rags, his collar gone, his nose damaged, and both eyes puffed up.

"Did you find Riley?" asked the shopman, with a twinkle in his eye.

"I did, sir, and he has kindly consented to let me use the beefsteak Mr. Riley is a gentleman, sir!"

Kept Him Busy.

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