

STEER MART NOMINAL

USUAL SMALL FRIDAY RUN INCLUDED FEW STEERS FIT FOR KILLERS USE.

WEEK SHOWS SOME DECLINE

Cows and Heifers—Steady on a Manger Supply—Stockers Steady at the Week's Decline.

As usual for Friday, there was only a slim run of cattle on sale at this point today, estimates calling for only 300 head.

A somewhat lower market this week for the general run of beef steers marked by considerable unevenness, but still a satisfactory trade here when conditions at outside markets are taken into consideration.

Locally steers receipts this week have been made up largely of plain and medium short-fed classes, among which was a fairly liberal quota of Kansas-Panhandles that have been on corn and cotton-cake for a short period.

Other markets have been in more or less weakened condition and several split shipments between this and other markets during the week have emphasized the fact that prices prevailing here are higher than those ruling at other centers.

Local receipts of cattle for the week total 1,769 head, as compared with 10,354 for the preceding week and 14,983 for the corresponding period a year ago.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED

The receipts of butcher stuff were hardly large enough to establish a market. Trading was fairly steady with yesterday. Bulls and calves were unchanged.

In reviewing the market for the week on butcher classes, there is a slight decline on all grades except the strictly choice kinds and very little of this class has been on offer.

The first two days of the week found all classes selling well around \$7.50 a week, but on the closing days buyers were bearish and slow to take hold, which made the markets dragsy and dull, and prices were shaded on all grades but the best.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO DATE

Table showing receipts from Jan. 1 to date for various categories like Cattle, Horses, etc.

RECEIPTS BY CARS

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WEATHER FORECAST

For Missouri: Unsettled with rain or snow tonight or Saturday; colder and drier in southeast portion Saturday.

HOG PRICES MOVE UP

MARKET SHOWED ACTIVE TONE AT ADVANCE OF 5@10c

BULK OF SALES \$6.00 TO \$6.35

Strong Trade in Provisions Helped Market for Live Pork—Receipts Estimated at 5,000

Considerable bloom appeared on the surface of the hog market today; prices scoring 5@10c appreciation over the average of the previous day with the trade showing plenty of action from start to finish.

Estimates called for 5,000 hogs at this point and 46,100 at the five leading points. Quality was fairly good. A top of \$6.45 was reached on best of the offerings against \$6.35 for tops yesterday.

Pigs were in moderate quota and sold steadily to moderate with yesterday. Prices ranged from \$5.25@6.45, with the bulk selling at \$6.00@6.25.

Heavy and Mixed—200 lbs. and Under. \$7.25-8.00, \$6.45-7.25, \$5.80-6.25, \$5.25-5.80, \$4.75-5.25, \$4.25-4.75, \$3.75-4.25, \$3.25-3.75, \$2.75-3.25, \$2.25-2.75, \$1.75-2.25, \$1.25-1.75, \$0.75-1.25, \$0.25-0.75.

There has been a fair run of cattle on sale here this week classed as rangers. These have been mostly short-fed steers from Kansas, very few straight grassers being included in the offerings.

The market opened Monday in strong tone but has since weakened, closing prices being 10@15c, with spots as much as 25c lower than the opening day of the week.

Range cows and heifers were marketed sparingly this week but they show a break of 10@15c in sympathy with a weak market for hogs.

PACKERS' CATTLE PURCHASES

Table showing packers' cattle purchases for various companies like Morris & Co., Swift & Co., etc.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Table showing live stock receipts for various categories like Cattle, Horses, etc.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Table showing other live stock markets for Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, etc.

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CATTLE FEEDING NORMAL

About the Usual Number of Cattle Will Be Fed Around Rockport, Mo.

SHEEP RULE STEADY

ONLY ONE LOAD OF MIXED NATIVE MUTTONS OFFERED FOR TODAY'S TRADE.

PRICES OFF FOR THE WEEK

Fully a Quarter Decline in Lambs, With Extremes 40 Cents Under Last Week's Close.

Following the abnormal Thursday run, sheep and lamb supplies narrowed down to the usual week-end proportions today. The fresh delegation was limited to one flock of mixed natives.

Supply of sheep and lambs at this point for the current week gives a total of around 9,500, which is practically the same as received for the previous week but is 2,000 less than received for the same week a year ago.

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EXPORT HEIFERS AT \$5.65

Bunch Fed by Missouri Man Will Be Shipped Alive to London.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Table showing St. Joseph cash grain market for various grains like Wheat, Corn, etc.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Table showing grain and provisions market for various items like Flour, Lard, etc.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET

Table showing St. Joseph hay market for various types of hay.

LOCAL QUOTATIONS CORRECTED TO DATE BY LOCAL DEALERS

Table showing local quotations corrected to date by local dealers for various items.

IOWA HOGS AT TOP

George Stitt, of Coit, Lands \$6.45 for Load of Good Heavies.

CATTLE WELL SHIPPED OUT

Ottawa County, Kan., Cattleman Says Future Shipments Will Be Light.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES

Table showing wholesale beef prices for various cuts like Dressed Beef, etc.

CORN CROP IS SHORT

AGGREGATE YIELD IN UNITED STATES 349,412,000 BUSHELS LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

SHOWS EFFECTS OF DROUGHTS

Production Is Yet Third Largest in History—Iowa Second and Missouri Third in Total Yield.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The full effect of the drought and intensely hot weather of the last summer is reflected in the government crop report. It showed that the production of corn in the United States, which at the beginning of the season promised to exceed the bumper crop of last year, was smaller by 349,412,000 bushels than last year's crop.

Notwithstanding this great decrease in production the crop this year goes down as the third largest in the history of the country, having been exceeded only by those of 1910 and 1906.

There were decreases in production in all of the principal corn growing states excepting in Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. Illinois led in production and Iowa and Missouri maintained their standing as second and third producing states.

Potatoes showed a falling off of 57,766,000 bushels. Only Wisconsin showed an increase in their production. Fixed wheat, which was the principal crop showing an increased production this year, about half again as much as last year having been grown. The crop, however, was less than any in the past ten years, except in 1910. The increased production was mainly in North Dakota.

There was a striking decrease in the production of tobacco, amounting to 236,890,000 pounds less than last year's crop. In Kentucky alone the loss was 111,000,000 pounds and in Virginia and North Carolina it was 25,000,000 pounds each. In Pennsylvania and Wisconsin the crop was greater than last year's. The average yield per acre for the entire country, \$5.2 pounds, was greater than during any time in the last ten years.

HOLERA AROUND MAITLAND

Hog Growers of that Locality Sustaining Heavy Losses.

Lum Patterson, a well-known farmer of Maitland, Mo., was notified yesterday with a shipment of hogs that sold very satisfactory.

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FED WESTERNS COMING

Sheep Feeders Attracted by High Prices Last Week Market Holdings.

DECREASE IN SHIPMENTS

Past Month Has Witnessed Noticeable Curtailment in Western Stock.

Advices at hand are to the effect that the western range country has about depleted the supply of sheep and cattle, and the fact is amply borne out by the waning of receipts at this point and for that matter at the five markets, and it looks like the prospective feeder who intends to restock feedlots will have to hustle in order to get a good supply of his big string of half fat cattle and sheep, which invariably mark the close of the range season.

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MONEY IN CATTLE FEEDING. Illinois State Journal: Conditions which the average man cannot overlook or disregard support the proposition that there will be money in cattle this winter.

OLD BILL SAYS, SAYS HE. Sioux City Record: The ultimate consumer will perhaps get his in the way of high cost of beef steak and soup bones before next spring.

WANT ALASKA MOOSE SAVED. Sportsmen to Ask Congress to Protect Mighty Animals of the North.

ROOTS A GOOD STOCK FOOD. Better plant that extra patch next year in vegetables for your live stock.

FARMERS RUN THE BANKS. County in Washington Has 41 Institutions Run by Soil Tillers.

PRIZE FOR A PARAGON. At 21 Has Never Used Liquor, Tobacco or Bad Language.

THE FARM HOME. A number of questions were lately sent out to some thousands of farmers' wives, asking what one single improvement they would rather have in their homes than any other.

TURTLE ROBS HEN ROOST. San Bernardino, Cal.—The mystery of the disappearance of many eggs at the poultry ranch of Ben Perea on Case Line was solved when the tricky thief was found to be a huge turtle.



Daddy's Bedtime Story Where Polly's Custard Reward Went

'I WANT to tell you about a little girl named Polly,' said daddy. 'Polly was a good little soul—always ready to run errands for the family and always cheerful about it.' Jack smiled meaningfully at Evelyn, for she had not been so very cheerful when asked to run upstairs and get daddy's slippers when he had come home that evening all tired out.

'Why, the cat must have been at the milk!' she exclaimed. 'There's only a trifle in here. Polly, suppose you run back to Mrs. Hobbs and get some more. Mind you don't spill it this time!'

'Bless me,' Polly's mother exclaimed; 'now I remember! I knocked it against the corner of the cake box as I put it away, but who would have thought it would chip out the glass like that. Never mind, Polly; you shall have a tart with meringue to make up for your two long walks.'

'And Polly smiled and said, 'Thank you, mother,' just as pleasantly as though she had not had to run the half mile to Mrs. Hobbs' house twice in one morning.'

ing water from the cistern or well, sometimes a dozen yards away, or the spring, sometimes a hundred yards away, in all kinds of weather, is evidently one of the most onerous tasks of the ordinary farm home.

Of course, this task was often done by the "men folks" when they were there; but they were often away in the fields or in town, and the women must carry the water or go without.

A late inquiry into farm situations in Missouri showed that less than three per cent of the farmers of this state had water conveniences inside their homes, and also that there was inexcusable lack of many other conveniences as well. Hundreds of farms do not even have a woodshed that is worth the name.

Yet some of the farms that lack these things are worth tens of thousands of dollars, and have on them fine stock and machinery costing many hundreds. One or two of these hundreds alone would, by a windmill and overhead tank, or at least by a forcepump and pipe at a sink in the kitchen, save a very large part of the most distasteful part of the work of any farmer's wife.

And a few dollars more in a tight woodshed with a covered way to the house, would, with the water at hand, take off almost half of the drudgery of any woman's farm life.

WANT ALASKA MOOSE SAVED. Sportsmen to Ask Congress to Protect Mighty Animals of the North.

MEXICAN FIBER PLANTS.

A Number of Them Are Growing Naturally in Profusion.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Following facts concerning Mexican fiber-producing plants are sent to Daily Consul and Trade Reports by United States Consul A. J. Lespinasse, Frontera, Mexico:

Great variety of fiber-producing plants which could be utilized in the manufacture of cordage and kindred industries are to be found growing wild in the state of Tabasco, Mexico, but their proper classification and the numerous uses to which they can be applied have been ignored.

In the municipalities of Cardenas, Tuxtla Gutierrez and Tuxtla Chico extensive tracts of land are covered with an exuberant growth of the pita plant. Possibly, with the exception of ramie, the pita produces the finest fiber of all textile plants. It is said that although its weight is one-fourth that of hemp, its tensile strength is fully three to four times greater, and its pulp is not impaired by exposure to the severest weather or immersion in water.

The pita leaves are 8 to 12 1/2 inches long and about 2 to 3 inches broad, gradually tapering to a switchlike point. It is stated that about 90 leaves will produce a pound of fiber, and that the leaves from each plant can be removed at least three times during the year, each plant producing 2 to 3 pounds of fiber annually.

The pulp from both surfaces of the leaf and after a short exposure becomes beautifully white and glossy. In this condition it retails here at 75 cents to \$1 Mexican per hundred pounds. The Indians dwelling on the border of this state and Chiapas manufacture hats and reticules with this fiber which are of fine quality. The women occasionally manufacture handkerchiefs equal in appearance to the finest linen.

Other Fiber Producers. During all inspection of the woodlands in the immediate vicinity of Frontera about two years ago for the purpose of obtaining data relative to the textile plants of this state, a fiber-producing plant was found, the exact name of which could not be ascertained. A small plant was transplanted in the yard of this consulate and has developed into a vigorous bushy plant, about 18 inches long and 3 to 4 inches wide. Their formation is quite similar to the sisal leaves of Yucatan and zapupe of Tlaxcala, but the leaves are much like these leaves, except that they are sharp pointed and have no spines along either edge, which is a great advantage, as it takes considerable time to remove the thorns. The fiber of this plant is superior to zapupe or sisal, and while not as fine as the pita, it possesses to a certain extent many of its qualities. Properly cultivated, it would undoubtedly produce a valuable fiber for commercial purposes and could be produced in great quantities on the rich lands of this state.

TO SHIP REAL-RIPE FRUIT. Texas Growers' Install Plant to Stop Spoiling Green Produce.

San Benito, Tex., Nov. 9.—It has long been known that much of the fruit and vegetables that reach the northern markets from California and the south possess only a part of their natural flavor, due to the fact that they are usually harvested before maturity. An advanced step in the matter of marketing these commodities is about to be taken for the benefit of the growers of this section, and it is notable that this new departure is being inaugurated by and at the expense of a railroad which has been very generous in the loan of money to the agricultural resources of the territory along its line.

The method of chilling fruits and vegetables before they are started on the route to market is comparatively new, and it is said to have met with splendid success where it is being practiced. There are but three other plants of the kind in the United States—two of them are in California and one in Florida. The process consists in subjecting the products to a temperature which stops the ripening process and enables the shipment of the fruits and vegetables in their natural condition.

Instead of being harvested in a more or less green state and in order that they might not become too ripe before reaching the market, their maturity being accomplished by unnatural elements, the use of the pre-cooling plant enables them to be gathered when fully ripe. They are shipped to market in this condition, and it is claimed that the consumer, as a result, is enabled to enjoy the full benefits of the flavors of given fruits and vegetables by nature.

PROTECTING CHEESES. Nearly all cheese of the Cheddar type made in the United States, is paraffined before it reaches the public. Yet it is not more than six years since it became general practice, and less than 10 that paraffining to protect from loss of weight was first brought to the attention of cheese handlers.

At first the process was in order to improve the appearance, but when it was found that the protecting coat of paraffin to a great extent prevented the considerable loss of weight by evaporation it became the usual treatment. The circular (No. 18), Bureau of Animal Industry, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, discussing the methods and results of paraffining cheese, concludes that it is an effective way of preventing loss in weight, and the growth of mold; that for 1 to 2 seconds in a paraffin bath at 220 degrees F. is sufficient; that treatment on the third day after coming from the press gives the best results; and that cheese should not be allowed to remain in a warm curing room for more than one day after paraffining.

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The Naturalist

By Lawrence Alfred Clay

Miss Gertrude Ainsley put on her hat that sunny spring day and walked down the road side over the creek and up into the woods on the hill. There were stately elms and beeches and maples; the spice-bushes gave out its scent; there were violets under foot everywhere, and the robins and blue-birds seemed to welcome an intruder. There were paths running here and there, and as the girl took one of them she heard a queer sound from the brush on her right, and investigated to find a rabbit caught by the leg in a snare.

Poor Bunny was having a hard time of it, and it frightened him the more as the girl approached. He bounded this way and that and into the air, but the snare held and he cried and whimpered and feared for his life. When the girl had come closer and began to call him poor thing and exclaim that it was a burning shame, the captive huddled down and stared at her with his great big eyes. She was stroking it with her hand when a boy of twelve came running to shout: "He's mine! He's mine! I set the snare for him last night!"

"Up he came, and was about to lift the rabbit in his arms when Miss Gertrude gave him a push and demanded: "What business have you snaring the poor creature?"

"Business! Business!" he repeated. "Why any one can catch rabbits any time they want to! He's a daisy, and the fellow will pay fifty cents for him. Go, but I'm in luck!"

"What fellow, as you call him?" "He's at the tavern. We want me to catch all the rabbits and quails and birds I can."

"Then he's a villain!" "He don't look like one." "I don't care how he looks! Any man that will hire a boy to trap such poor innocent things as rabbits is a villain, and you can tell him I said so!"

"I will, when I carry this to him." "But you won't carry it! You keep hands off! It shall have its liberty!" "If you let my rabbit go—!" blustered the lad.

Miss Gertrude picked up Bunny, loosened the wire around his leg and



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watched while he disappeared in the bushes. Then she said to the boy: "You call at the house in about two hours and I'll give you the fifty cents, but if I hear of you catching another rabbit, or if you capture a bird of any sort I'll make you trouble!"

"Maybe you own the earth!" called the lad after he was thirty feet away. "You can tell that villain I do!" She hunted for other snares, and she found three and destroyed them. After a couple of hours she started for home. Just as she left the woods she passed a young man entering them. He was well dressed and a stranger, and the manner in which he raised his hat and his deferential bow told her that he lived in the city. He was staying in the village with some relative for a few days, probably, and out for a stroll, the same as she had been.

That evening the boy called at the house. His fifty cents was ready, but he would not accept it. He brought a note to be delivered and he sat down with a grin on his face while Miss Gertrude answered it. It read: "Miss Ainsley: Your conduct this afternoon in the brow-beating a young employe of mine is simply reprehensible. The terms in which you characterized me are no less so. I have agreed to learn that you have been appointed the legal guardian of the birds and animals in this locality." Then there followed a "sincerely," and the name "Carroll Denton."

"The villain! How dare he!" exclaimed the girl as she looked at the boy. "He's an awful fellow," was the reply. "When I told him how you bluffed me out of the rabbit you there he just gnashed his teeth. He only wanted five rabbits at first, but now he says he'll catch a hundred. He's cross-eyed and red-headed, and he's got an awful temper on him."

Miss Gertrude was absent from the room four or five minutes, and then returned with a reply for the awful man. It read: "Sir: I reiterate that you are a villain!" "That was all. No 'sincerely,'—no 'respectfully,'—no 'your very obedient servant.'" Even the initials "G. A." were lacking. Mr. Ainsley was away from home, and when the mother learned what had happened she said: "You were always that way from a child, and you can't help it, I suppose, but I hope you won't carry it too far in this case. Calling a man a villain is slander, unless he is a villain."

"But of course he is!" was the reply. "Would any one but a villain hire a boy to murder a poor rabbit? If he catches a robin, a blue-bird or a quail I'll—!" "Miss Gertrude clenched her hands and breathed hard and left it to be understood that something very terrible would happen to the cross-eyed and red-headed man. Next morning she went up to the woods again. She went in the forenoon because she suspected that boy would set snares over night and visit them early. She walked the paths and found four, and the wire were thrown far away. They had snared no victims. As she was on her way home she met the young man of the day before. She looked at him more closely this time, and she liked his appearance. Surely he was a gentleman. The boy was not seen until mid-afternoon. Then he brought another note, and as he delivered it he said: "I was lying up there in a brush-heap this forenoon when you destroyed the snares, and oh, wasn't the awful man awful mad when I told him of it!"

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And the note read: "Miss Ainsley: I must again politely request that you cease to meddle with my affairs."

The same name was signed as to the other, but the "sincerely" was lacking. Carroll Denton was no longer sincere. He was grumpy.

A reply was sent as promptly as before. It consisted of a few stirring words: "And I must repeat that you are a villain!"

It was afternoon of the next day when Miss Gertrude went up to the woods again. Almost at once she beheld a robin with a broken wing fluttering about. She had picked it up and seated herself on a log and was crying over it when a soft voice at her elbow said: "Please give it to me. I think I can do something for it."

It was the young man. He took the bird, made a brief examination and said: "The wing is broken, but I can use splints and make it sound again after a bit. Nature is very kind to animals and birds. Hope that old maid won't hear of this. She'll say I used a club on the bird and call me your villain."

"What old maid?" was asked, forgetting that she was facing a stranger. "A Miss Ainsley. She's close on my trail."

"Why—why, I am the only Miss Ainsley, and I am not an old maid. You can't be—the villain!"

Then of course it came out. The boy had lied for revenge. There was no old maid, and there was no cross-eyed, red-headed man. Mr. Denton was a naturalist, and he wanted his specimens alive and sound that he might study their habits. He was merciful to a degree. Miss Gertrude heard his explanations with blushing cheeks and downcast eyes, and at the end she was generous enough to reply: "Well, that makes a difference."

And it did. The naturalist found his way to the house to tell her how the robin was getting along, and the day the bird flew away on the restored wing he said to himself that he had discovered a "specimen" worth all others put together.

Veteran Painter Still at Work. B. W. Leader, R. A. England's famous painter of landscapes, has, at the age of eighty, put the finishing touches to three pictures by which he will be represented this year at the Academy. His "February Fill Dyke" is one of his best-known works. Leader's father was a painter of some merit, and the son inherited a strong artistic nature. During his early life he was, by force of financial circumstances, compelled to paint the kind of pictures the public liked. "Many's the time," he states, "I have wished I could destroy a number of those early pot-bottlers." His first picture was exhibited at the Royal Academy about sixty years ago. He has many pleasant memories of Constable and Millais. As may be expected, Mr. Leader is a fierce opponent of the Post-Impressionists.

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Irreverent Youngster. Johnny, who had taken his time in dressing, was too late for family prayers, and he stopped at the door of the sitting room and listened. "Go!" he said to himself, "paw ain't half through yet. He's just got to 'with joy may we draw water out of the wells of salvation.'"

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The day he landed he got into a poker game and for seven days he stuck at it, the game being punctuated as many poker games are. On the last day he started in to play at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He quit at 11:20, cleaned out.

Going upstairs in his hotel and opening the door, he noticed his valise sitting on the floor and decided he would get a clean handkerchief out of it and sit down and think it over. As he stooped over his glance fell upon the bed. From the spot where his head might have been two beady green eyes in a hairy little face gazed at him.

According to the Ohioan's account he made not a single exclamation. He simply closed the valise, turned out the light and shut the door from the outside. He went downstairs, took two or three turns about the lobby, gave it up, called for a cab and spent the night driving about, first to one place and then to another. Daylight found him still going about, and he did not revisit the hotel until late in the afternoon, when he went up to the room clerk to apologize.

While standing, there he heard somebody say, "Well, they found that monkey after all."

"Good Lord, I am saved," shouted the Ohio man, to the astonishment of the clerk. "Then it was a monkey after all, and there is no need of my swearing off."

WHAT HE HAD IN THE CHEST

All Was Made Clear When the Man Carrying It Got Off the Train.

Man in an elevated car with a small chest about twice as big as the box in which a carpenter carries a selected lot of tools around with him on his shoulder. A row of auger holes bored in the end of his chest and a handle on top by which to carry it.

There were only three or four people in the car and this man with the chest sat away down at one end, and with that chest on the floor in front he would about once in so often raise its lid just a little, but you couldn't see in.

In due course of time the train arrived at the station where the man was to get off, and then he hooked the lid of that chest down and took it by the handle and walked out in the most matter of fact manner possible, but when he had got about ten feet away from the foot of the steps he set the chest down and unhooked the hooks and threw back the lid and out hopped two small, white, shaggy, odd-looking but intelligent dogs. They wagged their tails with evident pleasure at getting their feet on the ground once more and out in the open air.

The man hooked the lid of the chest down again and picked it up by its handle and then with the two dogs trotting beside him, each on a leash held in the other hand, he started on for where he was going.

Promised Not to Respank His Wife. William Novalous of Ashley, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., pleaded guilty to spanking his wife because she was extravagant, and Alderman Ricketts of this city, who heard his story, discharged him.

He had been arrested by his wife and was not backward about admitting that he had beaten her. "I give her a sum of money each month to run the house," he explained, "and when I found that she had spent considerable of this money for other things I was angry and took my razor strap and spanked her."

As he promised not to take such extreme measures next time, and as Mrs. Novalous appeared none the worse for the spanking, Alderman Ricketts discharged him.

Dominoes First Played by Monks. The game of dominoes was the invention of two French monks. In the beginning they found amusement by playing at a primitive form of it with small flat stones they had marked with spots to designate them. When a game was finished the winner was wont to declare his victory by reciting the first line of the vesper service—"Dixit Dominus Domino meo." Before long all of the monks in the monastery found recreation in the game, and presently the vesper line was cut down, for brevity's sake, to the one word "Domino," thus furnishing the name which has clung to the game ever since.

Musical Auto. One of the latest fads of the motorist is the musical automobile. Attached to the side of the car is a sort of pipe organ calliope arrangement. The wind pressure to operate the pipes is supplied with power from the engine. There are ten pipes, giving the "player" a range of an octave with two "half notes" included. The stops are operated from the rear seat of the car, by means of wires running to a miniature keyboard attached to the back of the front seat. The instrument can be used for the double purpose of amusement and as a warning to pedestrians.

NEVER DREW AN INFERENCE

Coachman, However, Thought the Horses Could Draw One if the Traces Held.

A young clergyman who had delivered a discourse in the place of an aged brother minister requested the opinion of the latter respecting it.

"Oh," said he, plainly, "many of the words you used were beyond the comprehension of your hearers. Thus, for instance, the word 'inference'—perhaps not half of my parishioners understand its meaning."

"Inference, inference!" exclaimed the other. "Why, everyone must understand that."

"I think you will find it not so. There's my clerk now. He prides himself upon his learning, and, in truth, is very intelligent. We will try him. Zachariah, come hither. Zachariah, my brother here wishes you to draw an inference; can you do it?"

"Why, I am pretty strong, but John, the coachman, is stronger than I. I'll ask him."

Zachariah went out for a few moments to look after the coachman, and returned.

"John says he never tried to draw an inference, sir; but he reckons his horses can draw anything that the traces will hold!"

PHILANDER AND THE ROSE

Little Joke That Clever Woman Played on a Male Flirt at Coronado Beach.

All that you have to do to bring fire to a certain stock and bond broker down among the marts of Mammon is to wear a red rose.

The stock and bond broker—a "devil among the women," as it were. And on a recent visit to Coronado he was looking about with a view to conquest—looking about so obviously that a clever woman who was a guest at the hotel determined upon a little plan.

She dropped him a note, intimating that she would like to make his acquaintance. He answered the note with celerity. He wasted no time. He asked her if she would have dinner with him in San Diego that evening.

"And, that I may know you accept," he concluded, "will you wear a red rose in the dining room at lunch time tomorrow?"

At the appointed lunch time every woman in the big dining room wore a red rose.

The stock and bond broker left Coronado on the first train. Oh, you red rose!—San Francisco Chronicle.

Great Chance for This Judge's Wife.

A New York court has established a ruling that no woman's dress carries a money value after it has been worn ten times. The decision was made in a fire insurance suit whereby the plaintiff sought to recover the full value of clothing destroyed. In admitting that the clothing had been worn more than ten times the plaintiff lost her case, for the court gave her but a trifling sum.

Whew! What an opportunity for that judge's wife! She might hang a tally sheet by her wardrobe door with the record of every wearing of every garment. "Ten times and out" might become her slogan. If she chose, she could have a new dress or two or three new dresses every ten days—according to the number of times she wishes to change her clothes in a day's time. Perhaps at the end of a month the judge might come to the conclusion that after all a dress has some money value after it has been worn ten times.

House of Commons Ghost.

An interesting house of commons ghost is the "radiant boy." This child ghost has been many times seen and heard. Its complexion is of the colorless purity of Chinese white, a halo of silver sparkles about its head during its peregrinations and its eyes gleam in their sockets like bright electric lamps. It is evidently in agony, for the palms of its hands are stiff and turned downward, and as it paces from room to room it gives utterance to means of anguish and never lifts its gaze from the floor. So far as can be ascertained this particular ghost has no prespectral history and why it should have chosen the house for its haunt is a mystery.—London Mail.

Such Boorishness!

Another American lady, returning to her beloved country, forgets to declare her gold cigarette case, her gold porte-monnaie and a few cloth-of-gold frocks, and is required to "explain" what ought to have been evident to any customs inspector worth his salt. Can ladies be expected to charge their minds with a lot of such trifles? How can a lady remember how much paraphernalia of lovely womanhood—costly, as a matter of course—she has acquired? Must a lady take stock of all her personal belongings to oblige a few porters in New York?—New York Evening Sun.

Didn't Do Much Good.

Father—Have you done any thinking about how you are to meet your debts?

Son—No, dad; but I've done a deuce of a lot of wondering!—Puck.

Feminine Reasoning.

Stella—Her gown is just like yours. Bella—I don't care if hers is a duplicate of mine, but I don't want mine a duplicate of hers.—Puck.

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