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ANENT HOG VALUES.

Chicago Live Stock Report: Packers entered the winter packing season last year with hogs costing around \$3. They entered this season, which opened Wednesday, November 1, with the cost around \$2 lower than last year, and \$1.75 lower than two years ago, or lowest since 1908.

From one end of the year to the other, in hot weather the fill is always heaviest. A hot spell with an active market will reduce dressing percentages 1.5 to 2 per cent.

MORE MONEY FOR CROPS.

Farmer Demands Banking System Providing for Credit Needs. New York, Nov. 10.—"The American farmer demands a banking system that will always provide credit for his legitimate needs."

FILLS AT THE MARKET PLACES.

Breeder's Gazette: Chicago quotations are all on a "fed and watered" basis. The sole exception is in the case of stock "bought to arrive" by packers, a trade of very small volume.

The fill on cattle by this process reaches 75 to 100 pounds in excessive hot weather when they drink greedily. Chicago experts estimate it at 30 to 40 pounds, big, little, old and young.



Daddy's Bedtime Story

"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 meaningly 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.

"One day when she was baking Polly's mother said to her, 'You have been such a good little girl today that I will make a nice custard for your lunch if you will run over to Mrs. Hobbs' and get some milk.'"

"She hurried on her way as fast as she could, and Mrs. Hobbs smiled when Polly told her the milk was to make a custard for her lunch.

"Now, Polly did not notice the milk until she was almost home. Then she was horrified to see that the pitcher was half empty."

"When Polly's mother was ready to mix the custard she picked up the pitcher and peered inside.

"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."

"Polly ran as fast as her chubby legs would carry her, and again when she got home the pitcher was only half full."

HER RUBBER WEDDING SHOES

Bride Discovered to Her Dismay She Had on Her Mother's Largest Galoshes.

"It was not until after the ceremony had been performed and I was coming down the aisle on my husband's arm," said Mrs. June Bride, "that I discovered"

"That you discovered"—prompted her hearer.

"There was not a prettier wedding in Rechercheville this spring than mine," she resumed retrospectively. "My gown was a dream and I must admit I looked very well. It rained in torrents on the morning of my wedding day, and when we were about to start for church somebody hustled me into a rain coat and rubbers, so I might not get damp going from my door to the carriage. The sun came out just as we reached the church, but I was too nervous and excited to notice. I only knew that somebody helped me out of the carriage, that somebody else removed my rain coat and that somebody gave me a veil a final touch—and next thing I remember with clearness I was coming down the aisle on Jack's arm and then when it was too late, the miserable discovery was made."

"Dearest," whispered Jack, "what under the canopy have you got on your feet?"

"My feet!" I murmured and, glancing down, perceived that my snow, shimmering wedding gown was now long enough to conceal the dreadful fact that I wore my mother's largest pair of rubbers!"

EACH BEGAN WITH NOTHING

Twenty-Five Directors of a Kansas City Bank All Started Their Careers Practically Without Money.

Dr. James T. M. Johnston, president of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, at a recent meeting of the directors of that bank, arose and asked that each one present who had begun business with a capital of \$10,000 stand up. There were 25 directors of the bank in the room, and their wealth would aggregate about \$20,000,000. Not a man of the 25 arose. Dr. Johnston then put another proposition. He said: "Each man of you who had \$5,000 with which to begin business stand up."

The twenty-five directors looked around at each other, but not one of them stood up.

"Each of you who had \$1,000 stand up," persisted Dr. Johnston. The directors looked at each other and laughed, but none of them arose. Dr. Johnston kept putting the proposition, lowering the amount by \$100 each time, and when he got down to \$150 one of the directors stood up and said that was the amount of his capital when he began business.

ARTIST WHO HAD NO ARMS

Miss Sarah Biffen, de Mentholon and Hilda Held Brushes in Their Teeth or Toes.

Miss Sarah Biffen was a conspicuous example of the skill which armless people sometimes acquire in spite of their affliction. She was miniature painter to Queen Victoria and her work was widely known for its beauty and delicacy.

She was born without arms, but as a girl, having a great wish to become an artist, she worked earnestly for years until she could paint by holding the brush in her teeth. In 1821, according to the Raja Yoga Messenger, the judge, without any knowledge of the means she was compelled to use, awarded her the gold medal of the Society of Arts, a prize sought by hundreds of others.

M. de Mentholon and Bertram Hilda other artists who were deprived of the use of their arms. The former had only one foot, which he used to paint with.

WHEN THE EYESIGHT FAILS

Then Things Look Good to One That Everyone Else is Criticising Harshly.

"Everything has its compensations," declared the man whose hair is graying over his ears and who can't read fine print as easily as he could ten years ago. "Yes, sir! Things look good to me that I hear other people criticizing like the mischief. Everybody's hair looks as if it grew there and didn't have to be pinned on; all my friends are handsome; the streets seem clean and my clothes look new."

"Then, when I put on my spectacles—! But I've learned not to, except when I want to read. When my straw hat gets too sporty my good wife punches me up and says it's time to buy a new one, and when she needs a frock she just quietly hauls my specs out of my pocket, hands them to me pointedly, and stands before me in a good light. Rose-colored spectacles are all right, she tells me, when I'm looking at her face, but she prefers me to inspect her last summer's gown with my strongest, clearest lenses."

Seagulls of Lerwick.

The seagulls are the sparrows of Lerwick, and as such they have a greater share in the town's life than have the sparrows of London. In the morning time you will note that a seagull sits on every chimney pot. Seagulls swoop and hover over every roof in the town. The air is full of their strange, high, plaintive, haunting cries. The children in each house have a pet name for their particular seagull, and they feed them every day. And each seagull knows what is meant for him. No seagull attached to one house ever seeks to eat the food scattered from the house next door. He does not dare; the other gulls would kill him. The people of the town, if they come across a little pile of rice laid upon the roadway, step over it with care. And at night the seagulls leave their own appointed chimney pots and fly gracefully away to their resting places on the rocks of the Isle of Noss.—The Scotsman.

School Becky Sharp Attended.

If one had to select a single Thackeray shrine in London for a pilgrimage it might well be Walpole House on Chiswick Hill. This was not only the house where Thackeray as a nervous, shortsighted boy was placed at school with Dr. Turner and was so miserable that he tried to run away. It possesses that other interest which makes the scenes of Mr. Pickwick's imaginary adventures more historic than those of Dickens' real life, for Walpole House is certainly Miss Pinkerton's academy, and here is the spot where Becky Sharp scandalously hurled back the dictionary.

Not His Habit.

One of the best things W. S. Gilbert said was about Rutland Barrington, whose portly, uncouth humor was such an inimitable addition to the old D'Oyly Carte company. During the premiere of a new opera Gilbert was in a box with a party of friends, one of whom turned to him excitedly and said: "Oh, Mr. Gilbert, Rutland Barrington is singing in tune." "Oh, don't worry about that," said Gilbert. "It's only first-night nervousness—he'll get over it."

Two and Two.

"Two and two make four," said the ready-made philosopher.

"Sometimes," replied Colonel Stillwell of Kentucky. "And then again they merely make a pair of deacons."

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200,000 GOATS MILKED. "Nanny's" Lactical Fluid Much Used by Mexicans Along Rio Grande.

Cuevas, Tex., Nov. 11.—The traveler through the chaparral region was worn out from the exertion of the long horseback ride that he had made since morning. He caught sight of a lowly Mexican but that stood in a dense grove of mesquite, near the trail. He rode up to the fence that surrounded the house. A smiling, copper-colored Mexican came to the door in response to the halloo of the pilgrim.

"Can you provide me with something to eat?" he inquired. "Yes, gladly will I do so. Come in and have a drink of goat milk," was the reply in Spanish. Never did the sweetest nectar taste better than that long and deep draught of lactical fluid that gurgled its way out of an ancient earthen jar and down the throat of the thirsty traveler.

If the federal government in its investigation of the success and possibilities of the goat dairy industry will send its experts into this remote part of South Texas it may be able to discover some new and interesting phases relating to the border territory of Texas and extending back toward the interior for 100 to 200 miles there is hardly a Mexican family that does not have its flock of goats for milking purposes. It would not be oversteating the mark to estimate that there are more than 200,000 goats milked in this region.

The milch goats industry in South Texas is so far ahead of that in Northern New Jersey, where there are about 1,000 milch goats, which the government claims is the largest herd to which these animals are put in the United States, that there is no comparison.

The goats of the border section are of the common Mexican breed and possess a hardness that well fits them for the climate and country. Their coat of keep is practically nothing, as they feed exclusively upon the chaparral that densely covers the vast unbroken territory.

Lloyd Sanders, studying Old Chiswick, admits, indeed, that Thackeray borrowed some details for Miss Pinkerton from other houses. But Walpole House is the basis. Here, too, when it was a boarding house, Daniel O'Connell ate his dinners and here Charles II's Duchess of Cleveland probably ended her days.

Calgary, Canada, reported ten below zero at 8 o'clock last night, and the cold weather, which has been noted in Northwest Canada for the past three days, reached the Dakotas last night, in its southerly course. Harvey, Mont., reported 6 below and Helena 2 below last night, Williston, N. D., 2 below, Rapid, S. D., 6 above and Sheridan, Wyo., 2 above. At Huron, S. D., 21 above was registered and in Nebraska the temperatures were much higher.

St. Joseph yesterday registered 60 above, the highest for several days. Snow and sleet was reported from northern points.

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NO USE FOR GREAT ALARMS

Large Number of Defective School Children an Old Phenomenon, Now More Evident.

The enormous number of defective school children should not alarm us too greatly. Had as it is, there is plenty of evidence—as old as the hills, old phenomenon—as old as the hills, old phenomenon—as old as the hills...

OLD-FASHIONED SWEET HERBS

Lavender, Thyme, Rosemary and Others That Give Forth Odors Both Fresh and Invigorating.

I spent most of my schoolday holidays at my grandmother's place, in Yorkshire, England, where many of the customs of Queen Anne's time remain unchanged.

At grandmother's sheer muslin bags, filled with lavender, thyme and rosemary, were kept in every cupboard, bureau drawer and chest.

Man and the Crowd.

An address once made by President Schurman to the graduating class at Cornell was an eloquent appeal for the individual against the crowd.

Upon the soundness of the plea there will be general agreement. It is but a new statement of the philosophy of Jesus that each man should take care of his own soul.

What Gessé Said.

An Englishman hired Kerrigan to attend to his stock farm, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Kerrigan—Two bales of hay, sir. Englishman—What? Two bales of hay to the goose to eat?

And Women Only Glow.

There are rules to be observed even in expressing one's self concerning the effects of the weather upon one's anatomy.

PARISIAN POLICE "HANG ON"

One American Autotist Found Them Relentless, and Was at Last Glad to Settle.

Anyone who has ever attempted to fight the police of Paris has been woefully defeated, and an American automobilist who has just made a heroic attempt to resist this powerful institution has met his Waterloo like all his predecessors.

Some time passed and he was not molested. He imagined that the police had forgotten all about him. But one morning as he was coming out of his house two policemen laid their hands on him and took him a second time to the depot.

In the afternoon he was put in the dark police omnibus and after hours of jolting over the rough suburban paved streets he was landed at the general prison at Fresnes.

The Lonely Pope.

Il Secola di Milan, one of the most considerable papers in Italy, lends its columns approvingly to reproducing from La Perseveranza an article which describes Pope Pius X as dying in the Vatican from homesickness.

As for the political consequences of such a removal, the Perseveranza's Rome correspondent says that if the Pope were to be removed to recover among the old friends where he was so long priest and Bishop, the Government would not regard it as an acceptance of the law of guarantee or as an event of political consequence.

A Gift for the Editor.

"The only way I purchase stamps these days—and I use a lot of them—is in the little books which the government charges you a cent for."

"Well, I did not look at the stuff after all, and, of course, forgot about the stamps and sent the letter off. Shortly afterward the verse came back with the usual regrets. A postscript was attached which read like this: 'P. S. Don't bother to send stamps with your next dozen manuscripts. Your credit will be good.'"

Missed.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee on finance, said in Washington of a movement he disliked: "These people are overzealous. They try to do too much. Such people always fail. They are like the foreign grocer who came to Philadelphia. He got on all right, but as he lived in an Irish neighborhood, he thought he'd have more success if he changed his German accent for an Irish one. He thought then his Irish neighbors would take him for one of themselves."

"It was a Sunday morning that he decided to adopt this change. He had set out for a walk, and a couple of blocks from his shop, he accosted an Irish policeman. 'Py jabers, officer, he said, 'gan you tell me dey way to der Manayunk trolley cars, pwhat?'"

CHRISTMAS DAY OF "DEVIL"

Printer's Lad, Waiting for Copy From Masson, Spent Holiday in the Author's House.

It happened that sad Christmas tide of 1863, when Thackeray lay dead and all the London papers were busy with his name, my father received a hurried little note from Edward Levy—after Levy Lawson, the present title for the Daily Telegraph on Thackeray's death.

The story of that little printer's devil and how he spent his Christmas day in our house in Finchley road has been handed down in the family annals. He may, in obedience to his employer, have taken a little walk about the wintry Hampstead or Kilburn fields, but he most certainly and sensibly came back to eat his Christmas dinner: I believe he was with us all day.

LIGHTHOUSE HAS NO KEEPER

Volcano on San Salvador Whose Flashes of Light Come Regularly Every Seven Minutes.

"What do you think of a perpetual lighthouse, needing no keeper, and yet as regular in its flashes of light as one maintained by the government?" asked Albert D. Van Wyck, a globe trotter, at the Raleigh.

"The few visitors who stop at San Salvador amuse themselves the first few days by holding their watches and timing the outburst of flame."

"Bleak House" at Broadstairs, England, which has failed to find a purchaser, is of interest to the Dickens lover because the greater part of "David Copperfield" was written there.

Remorse.

An agent in a flourishing western town writes as follows regarding pangs of conscience experienced by a former loss claimant. The claimant's method of easing his mind is unique and possesses the advantage of economy. The letter is as follows:

Great Saving of Time.

The manager of one of the electric light companies of the western part of the country has greatly facilitated the business of making the monthly readings of meters by having these instruments placed on the rear porches of houses instead of in the cellars.

The Kind.

"I have a new vacuum cleaning proposition and I'm trying to find some financial backing to put it on the market. What kind of a capitalist would you suggest as best to approach?"

A Warning Heeded.

"I once heard your wife recite 'Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight,'" said the reminiscence friend.

THESE ARE YOUR ANCESTORS

When One Considers Their Vast Number Pride of Descent Seems Very Foolish.

Are you proud of your ancestors? Of how many of them? Since the beginning of the Christian era—a mere 1911 years—you have had 139,235,017,489,534,976 ancestors.

How futile, then, is ancestor worship! Every one of us, high or low, has had in his ancestry kings and peasants, criminals and saints; it is almost impossible to name any one of one's own race to whom one cannot prove in some way a remote relationship.

NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Mankind and the World Frequently Disappointing to Hopeful Youth, Says Theodore Parker.

I suppose many of us are a little disappointed with mankind. The world of the girl's dream is not the world of the young woman's actual sight and touch, and still less is it so of the woman no longer young.

Rank Materialists.

In their outlook on life most Chinese are rank materialists, says a writer in the Century. They play the stranger with questions as to his income, his means, the cost of his belongings. They cannily offer paper money instead of real money at the graves of their dead, and sacrifice pure images of the valuables that once were burned in the funeral pyre.

Yet no one who comes into close touch with the Chinese deems this utilitarianism a race trait. They are, in fact, capable of the highest idealism. Among the few who have come near to the thought of Buddha or Jesus one finds faces saintlike in their depth of spirituality.

Sterilizing Liquids.

Perfect sterilization of liquids by means of filtration only seems to be made possible on a large scale through a process originated by two French scientists and reported to the Academy of Scientists at a recent meeting. It is known that membranes of collodion have the property of retaining all the microbes in a liquid filtered through them.

The Summer Parting.

The Wife—Oh, Jim! What shall we do with the cat? The Husband—Leave her here. I wouldn't take a cat I thought anything of to the place where we're going to board!—Puck.

Incorrigible.

"Have you laid by anything for a rainy day?" asked the serious friend. "Yes," replied the frivolous person. "I'm cutting out all the 'fair and warmer' weather predictions and preserving them."

Well Informed.

"There goes one of our greatest explorers." "You don't say!" "Yes, he knows where the sock department is located in a dozen department stores."

LOCKING UP THE JURYMEN

Outrageous and Possibly Illegal Custom That Has Come Down From Old Times.

Some of the shabby brocade of court etiquette has been cleared out of our courts, such as gowns and wigs. Some that still hangs in faded shreds is dusty, but inoffensive. But some surviving practices are seriously objectionable.

For instance, the outrageous habit of locking jurymen up. Why? During the progress of a civil case which lasts three or four days jurymen can go home nights. But when the case is given to the jury, the jury must go into continuous session, under lock and key, until it reaches a verdict.

MODERN WOMEN LACK GRACE

Famous Artist Says Fair Sex Never Before Walked or Carried Itself so Badly.

Marcus Stone, R. C., the famous artist, says: "I do not believe that women—or men either, for that matter—have ever walked or carried themselves as badly as they do now, the women with their elbows out, their shoulders up, their necks pushed forward, the men for the most part chestless creatures with sloping necks. Arms were not made to stick out on either side like jugs handles."

Where Asparagus Grows Wild.

Asparagus was not introduced into Britain by the Romans, who applied the term asparagus to tender shoots which, according to Juvenal, grew on mountains (Montani asparagi). The plant is certainly native with us and occurs sparsely on the eastern and southern coasts of England at Anglesey and Pembroke in Wales and around Wexford and Waterford in Ireland.

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The government, instead of paying old age pensions and dispensing, charity, has machinery for the encouragement of thrift and thereby for the prevention of dependence. It pays the individual interest on his savings, it insures his life and it will give him an annuity if he saves to pay for it.

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This policy has instilled ideas of thrift in the minds of the school children. It has driven thrift into the household where the income of the husband, or of wife and husband combined, is rarely spent, and in most cases a liberal margin is left for the future. The people live within their incomes. "Our income," they say, "is so much a year; we must live within it and put away something for our old days."

Among English speaking people, this is the habit: "We must have this and that and go here and there, and so we must bring our income up to that mark at all hazards."

But the Belgian household enjoys contentment and awaits with patience a larger income before buying this and that and before going here and there; and they do not try to keep the pace set by those whose means are greater. The observer sees on every hand men and women still with the freshness of youth, who have retired from active, bread winning work and are enjoying life on the capital saved by reasonable economy. They have lived wisely—neither slaves nor prodigals—and their declining years are provided for.

Use of Olives and Olive Oil.

The use of olives and olive oil is becoming so country wide that any new uses of these articles are received in all quarters with an inconceivable degree of acclivity. The housewife has learned to know its healthful qualities far better than many of the people that are natives in the countries where the olives are grown. In cases where the olive oil is used for frying of meats or vegetables if the pungent tang is desired to be modified it is best to let the oil come to a boiling point before putting in the materials which you wish to fry.

This will keep the oil from penetrating the meats, etc., and thus there will be less of the taste which it takes time to acquire, but which when acquired will be a hard matter to "disincarnate" or discard as the Latins are wont to say.

Tabooed Thirteen.

One of the department stores has something like thirty elevators. If you have any doubt that New York is superstitious, go take a look at the north side of this great shop, where the first group of elevators is ranged. The numbers go from 1 to 12 without a break. Then comes the jolt, for that next number is something which must be got over with tact and delicacy. The manager has solved the difficulty by making it 130, which is decorously followed by 14, just as if nothing had happened.

"Nobody'll ride in it if it bore its own true number," said he, with a grin. "We tried it. The women would give a look up at the sign over the door and then sidestep to the next car. But you never can find a person who will admit he has a superstition."

A Fan's Opinion.

"Do you expect universal peace?" "Yes, but not until the base ball season is over."

TO TAKE PLANT IMPRESSIONS

Two Methods That Result in Pictures Which Closely Resemble Good Steel Engravings.

Here is a way to take impressions of plants which will resemble steel engravings. Two of them, in fact; take your choice.

The first method is to take half a sheet of fine woven paper and cover its surface with sweet oil; let it stand a moment or two, rub off the superfluous oil and hang it in the air. When it is fairly dry, move it slowly over the flame of a candle, lamp or gas burner (caution) until it is quite black, lay the plant or leaf on it, place a clean piece of paper on top and rub equally with the fingers for about half a minute; then take up the plant and place it on the paper on which it is desired to leave an impression. Cover it with a piece of blotting paper and rub as before. The engraving-like impression will then appear.

By the second method, burn a common cork until it is reduced to a powder, add a teaspoonful of olive oil and mix into a thick paste. Next paint the under side of the leaf with a camel's hair brush, lay the leaf carefully, painted side down, upon a piece of clean paper, press it in a book under a strong and even weight for about a quarter of an hour and remove the leaf carefully from the paper. As before, the impression will appear thereon.

SHARP REPARTEE OF GILBERT

Famous Librettist Always Would Get the Better of the Actors at Rehearsals.

Gilbert's facile repartees came in useful at rehearsals. One afternoon a well-known actor had been made to repeat one scene over and over again. When he was told for the forty-seventh time that it was all wrong he stepped down to the footlights and said: "Mr. Gilbert, I must tell you that I'm not a very good tempered man." "No," said Gilbert, "neither am I." "Furthermore," the actor went on, "I'd like to have you know, Mr. Gilbert, that I'm a very strong man." "Well," said Gilbert, "I'm six feet four in my socks; but if you really want to know the difference between us—I am an extremely clever man."

There was another actor who objected to being continually corrected and snapped out: "Look here, Mr. Gilbert; I know my lines." "I know you do," answered Gilbert, "but the trouble is, dear boy, that you don't know mine."

Where Courtship is Dangerous.

Four young men have been shot at Vex (Valais) by an irate father to whose daughter they had come to pay court, says the London Express. They were refused admission to the house, and when they tried to force their way in the father took down his gun and fired. Two of them were slightly wounded and the other two seriously. The father was arrested.

The encounter and its almost tragic ending were due to ancient custom which prevails in the villages of the canton of Valais and in the Alpine hamlets of the German cantons. After a girl has reached the age of eighteen her parents are not surprised to receive the visit of several young men after the day's work to ask to see their daughter and pass a pleasant evening in the family circle. The visit is looked on as a compliment, and as the young men bring with them wines and food they are generally welcomed by the parents. The custom, which is known as *Veillées*, results in introductions and often in marriages.

A Limited Edition.

Privately printed books constitute a very interesting bypath of literature. One produced by the Prince Consort is a subject of inquiry in the current Notes and Queries. The Court Journal of September 23, 1895, mentions that the Prince Consort made a special study of Balmoral.

By his directions and largely with his assistance a book on the Balmoral country, topographical, botanical, geological, descriptive and romantic, was compiled. It was beautifully printed by an eminent London firm, but by the Prince's strict orders only six copies were struck off. Is there a single copy now in existence? The British Museum, the Windsor Library and the Balmoral Library have been searched in vain.—London Chronicle.

Take Your Choice.

"Don't you think, Dr. Fourthly," said his literary parishioner, "that the larger, fuller intellectual life of the present day, with its freedom from the baseless fears and superstitions that have kept the human soul in bondage through the centuries, has been a potent agency in bringing about the demonstrated and well established increase in the average duration of human life?" "O, yes, to be sure," said the Rev. Dr. Fourthly; "and then people take better care of their teeth nowadays than they used to, you know."

Fickle Popularity.

"You started wit, the full confidence of your constituents and now you are criticised on every hand." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "my experience has been very much like that of a man who got nature's lips consented to ampire a ball game."

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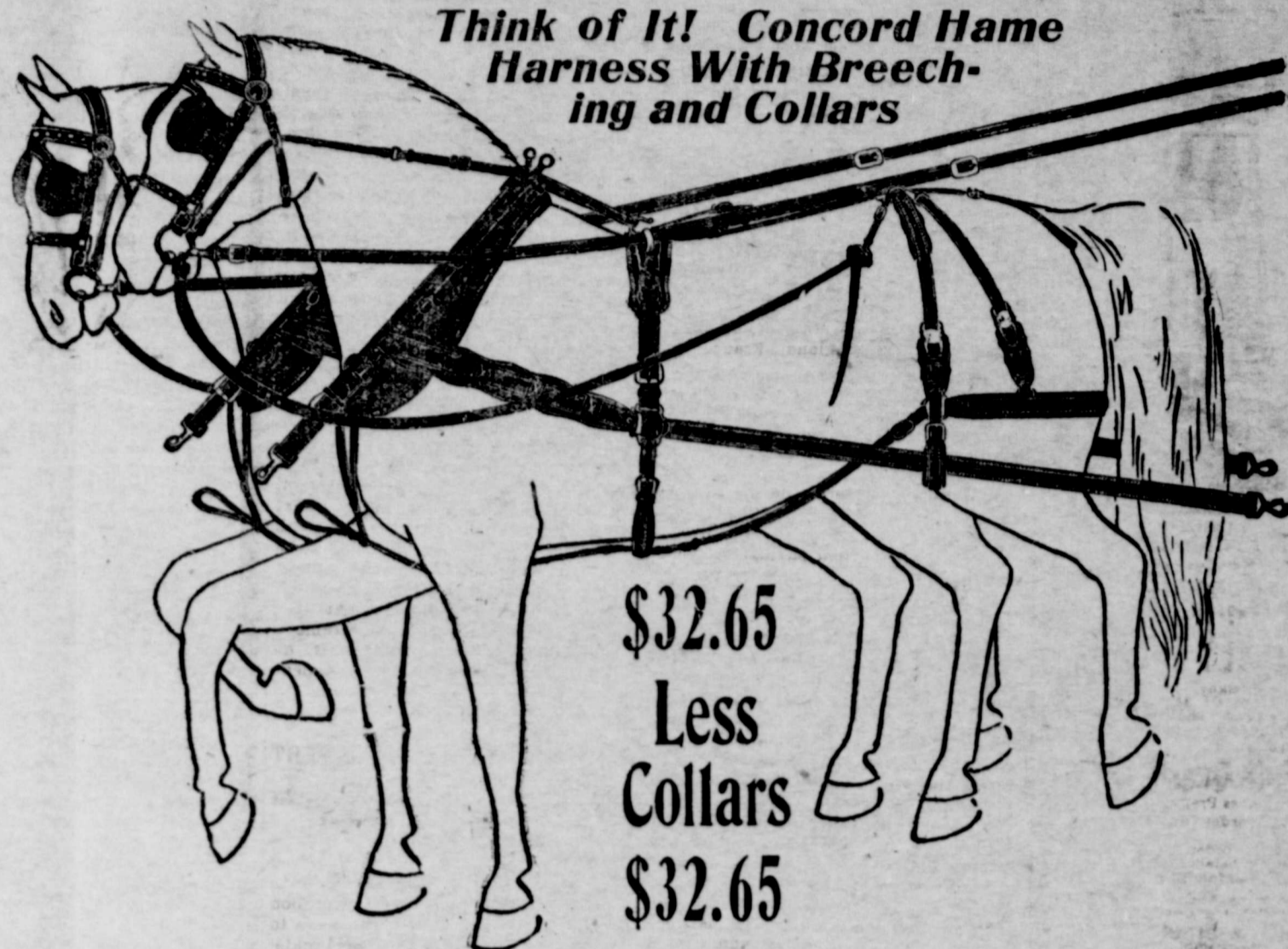
Marionette Theater.

One of the features of the theatrical exposition which took place in Munich recently was the marionette theater, of which an American, who attended one of the performances, writes: "The Munich zoo, where the exhibition took place, swarmed with theatrical people, artists and patrons of the stage. Every person found something to interest him, but the puppet theater was the chief attraction for us. We saw two performances—Offenbach's 'Pretty Maid of Elizondo' and 'King Viola and Princess Clarinette,' by Muhlmann and Scherber. So closely did spoken words harmonize with the acting of the figures and so exactly did the manipulators of the strings and wires make the action suit the word that one fancied he saw living pygmies on the stage."

A Suspicious Nature.

"All the neighbors called on me soon after we moved here." "Maybe they are just scouting," replied Mr. Growcher. "They may have heard we had a pretty good cook and want to get acquainted with her."

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