

STEER TRADE SLUGGISH

BUYERS BID RATHER INDIFFERENTLY ON PLAIN AND MEDIUM SHORT-FEDS.

NO REALLY GOOD BEEVES

Cows and Heifer Market Had Weak Tone—Stocks and Veals Firm

It was another sloppy, disagreeable trade in medium and low grade beef steers and those kinds comprised practically the only offerings here. There was a pretty good job of them here, too, for this late in the week and with buyers bidding more or less indifferently...

Estimates called for 2,500 cattle at this point and more than half of the supply consisted of steers. Not a load of choice corn-fed heaves was noted in the offerings, warmed-up and short-fed classes making up the entire run.

Unsatisfactory tone of the local market was but the reflex of conditions current at other trading centers. Chicago has been deluged with steers with half-fat and medium short-fed cattle, resulting in a general downturn in prices, published reports from that point quoting fully 25c decline on all but prime heaves, with numerous sales 30c to 40c under best level of Monday.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 12...1253. 6 50 5...197. 3 25

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. The butcher market opened with a slow movement and weather conditions prevailing. There was a good showing of the stock and consequently packers were bearish on early bids...

Heifers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 2mx. 880. 6 50 5...724. 4 65 1...1060. 6 00 3...703. 4 50

Cows. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 3...1200. 5 25 3...1073. 4 00 2...370. 5 10 1...1080. 5 00

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GOOD HOGS ARE UP

TRADE IN ATTRACTIVE WEIGHTS AND QUALITIES ACTIVE AND 5 TO 10 CENTS HIGHER.

LIGHT STUFF MOVES SLOWLY

Some of Best Lights 5c Higher But General Market for Underweights About Steady—Tops Reach \$6.60.

There were two distinctly separate phases to the hog trade today, an active and higher market for hogs weighing 200 lbs and upward, and a slow, barely steady trade for stuff below that weight. Weight was courted while lights were more or less neglected. The general supply was fairly liberal, estimates calling for 11,500 head, a run almost twice as large as for the same day last week.

Stockers and Feeders. Business in this department was unusually dull today, even for a Thursday, and despite the meager supply of fresh material included in the cattle receipts, salesmen were loath to extend themselves to the limit in order to make a decent clearance by the noon hour.

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 1...400. 4 25 1...549. 4 10 1...600. 4 10 1...800. 3 75

QUARANTINE DIVISION. Five loads of cows and three loads of common light steers were offered at the southern end. Trade was slow with a weaker undercurrent apparent.

QUARANTINE DIVISION. Steers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 420k1a1108. 5 25 77OK1a. 4 55 46OK1a. 3 75 34OK1a. 2 25

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle. Hogs. Sheep. Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date.

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Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today:

MARKETS YEARLINGS. Iowa Man Here Yesterday With One Car of Sheep That Sold Well. J. H. Wintermute, breeder of registered Percheron horses and Short-horn cattle, and rated as one of the wealthiest farmers in the state, was in the part of the Hawkeye state, with a one-car consignment of yearling weathers that he sold at a satisfactory figure.

Quality was fairly good, taking the entire day's droves into consideration. There were numerous shipments of good weanling hogs from Iowa among the offerings. A top of \$6.60 was reached on best of the strong weight kinds.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET. Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 3 cars; corn, 18 cars; oats, 0 car.

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SHEEP ARE UNCHANGED

MODERATE SUPPLY CLEANED UP READILY AT GENERALLY STEADY PRICES.

BULK OF RUN IN LAMBS

Best Sell Up to \$5.50—Fair to Good Sold at \$3.50 @ 5.75—Several Receipts of Fed Western Stock Offered.

Facing a continuation of the recent shortage in sheep and lamb supplies buyers were in no position to exact prices consisting of 15 decks of mixed natives and fed westerns. Average quality was materially benefited by the presence of the fed western delegation, although the cream of the lamb delegation was hardly as good as yesterday. Packers made a determined effort to lower cost from the outset, but salesmen had a very different attitude about the undertone existing today, although conditions at outside points warranted cheaper rates.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS. CHICAGO. CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Nov. 16.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 10,000. Market slow steady at Wednesday's low time.

KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market slow steady, cows and heifers weak, stockers slow uneven, calves weak.

SOUTH OMAHA. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 16.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 6200. Market slow to 10c lower. Hogs—Receipts, 6700. Market 5c higher. Top \$6.45, bulk \$6.20 @ 6.40. Sheep—Receipts, 11,000. Sheep 10c lower, lambs 10c lower.

EAST ST. LOUIS. EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Nov. 16.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 6000. Market 10c southern, Market 10c including 1500 southern, Market 10c including 1500 southern.

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A PLOWING RECORD

AN ACRE OF GROUND BROKEN IN FOUR AND ONE QUARTER MINUTES.

TEST MADE IN INDIANA

Row of Shares Are Used in Establishing New Record. La Fayette, Ind., Nov. 16.—When three oil-fed traction engines can pull a plow across a field, turning up a strip of earth 60 feet wide and plowing an acre in four minutes and 15 seconds, it must be confessed that the day of the Hoosier farmer, who was represented as continually chewing straw and saying "By gum, it is forever past."

Not every Indiana farmer can be expected to rush off and buy a 60-foot plow and three engines of course. But the time appears close at hand when every Indiana farmer will be an expert machinist and an agronomist. Even today every well appointed farm has its own machine shop, with the gas-driven engine supplying power for electric motors which pump the water, grind the feed, turn the churn and do a hundred other jobs that formerly meant human drudgery.

When Neighbor Brown meets Neighbor Jones in town these days, instead of asking "Where did you hitch up," he asks "Where did you leave your auto?" Many Farmers See Test. But to return to the 60-foot plow. The formal test of this machine, the latest of its kind ever put together, was made on the grounds of Purdue University. Several hundred farmers and teachers were there to witness the test. And when it succeeded, President Beaman, of the university voiced the sentiment of the others when he remarked: "I am glad to have seen this day."

Each Share Independent. This line was oblique to the general direction in an angle of 45 degrees, the plow being pulled in a straight line. The engines were hooked at each end and one in the middle, adjustable chains and pulleys making it so they could pull abreast. Behind the plow was a running board. Each share was connected with a system of levers so it could be taken out of the ground for a stump or any other obstruction or could be sunk deeper for a gully in the field.

Time Cuts All Records. The 4 minutes and 15 seconds record for plowing an acre with a new world's record. A new plow drawn by traction engines are not new for several years here have been multiple plow experiments in the west. At a recent contest at Brandon, Kan., who turned over an acre in 7 minutes and 35 seconds with a 14-horse plow, which was built by the Auditorium Nov. 23 to Dec. 2, inclusive. This rate is said to be the best concession so far, though all railroads have been making concessions in Missouri to conform with low rates from other states.

Missouri Pacific Reduces Passenger Rates for the Event. Notice was given yesterday by the Missouri Pacific of a special rate of a fare and a return for a round trip from St. Louis and all intermediate points in Missouri to the National Horticultural Congress and Apple Show, which will be held at the Auditorium Nov. 23 to Dec. 2, inclusive. This rate is said to be the best concession so far, though all railroads have been making concessions in Missouri to conform with low rates from other states.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Go. Matkin & Son, of Inavale, Neb., had two cars of cattle on the local market today.

Owl Brand Cottonseed, Meal and Cake, 15 1/2 L. S. Ex. Kansas City, Mo. B. Francisco, a prominent farmer has its own machine shop, with the gas-driven engine supplying power for electric motors which pump the water, grind the feed, turn the churn and do a hundred other jobs that formerly meant human drudgery.

There is a profit in feeding Excello Feeds. J. E. Hilby, an extensive cattleman of Grafton, Mo., was represented on this market with a one-car shipment of cattle.

Wise feeders use Excello Feeds. Farmers' Business Association, of Arapahoe, Neb., had three cars of cattle on sale at the local market today. Try our Sunday dinner. Best ever, 25 cents. Transit House. A. D. Thorstin, a progressing Missouri farmer and feeder, was on market today with a one-car shipment of cattle of his own feeding from Worth. Harper & Owens, regular patrons of this market, were represented on the market today with one car of cattle from Union Star, Mo.

Montague & Connor, extensive cattlemen of Maxwell, Neb., were on hand today with a three-car shipment of cattle. Self & Binswanger, 427 Edmond St., carry the finest lines of liquor in St. Joseph.

Ed Aikins, a prominent Oklahoma cattle grazer, had seven cars of cattle on sale at this point today from Fairfax. The Champion Feed Company of Fairfax, Va., are doing a very heavy business. Their feed has proven to be a superior feed, and especially so with ensilage.

W. T. Lowery, a frequent patron of this market, on hand today with four cars of cattle from New Salem, Kan. Fred Bowen, an extensive cattleman of Vine Creek, Kan., had eight cars of steers on the market today. M. T. Hayes, a well-known range man, had three cars of steers on sale today from Vine Creek, Kan.

W. W. White, of Grant City, Mo., increased today's hog receipts with a one-car consignment. G. E. Griffith, who operates around Redding, Ia., was here today with a car of hogs.

Spencer Bros., prominent in feeding circles at Beloit, Ia., marketed a car of hogs on today's market. Peoples Bank of Union Star, Mo., was represented here today with a two-car consignment of hogs.

Order your liquor from Self & Binswanger, 427 Edmond St. G. S. Dawson, of Grant City, Mo., was here today with a car of hogs that sold well. L. L. & C. Trice, of Stewartville, Mo., disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

Ko-Pro-Ko Kake, liter of oil cattle food.

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WINTERING CATTLE.

Farmer and Stockman: A bunch of yearlings or two-year-old steers may be brought in off pasture in the fall and wintered on half full feed and come out in fine flesh in the spring. They will go out on pasture in fine fix and the owner is proud of them. A neighbor may bring in the same kind of cattle in the fall, fatten them through the winter in the ordinary way and bring them onto pasture in the spring in only fair condition. They may not have hardly held their own, and yet, if the pasture is good during May and June, by the first of July they are looking practically as well as the other neighbor's cattle that had a good deal of grain during the dry feeding season. Which has the best of it in the end? It must be admitted that the man who has made the cheapest gain, and has less money in his cattle and just as much cattle on the first of July of each year.

There are, it is true, almost as many examples of cattle wintered too poorly every year as there are of cattle wintered too well. Either extreme is costly. The man who brings his cattle out "spring poor" must furnish pasture all summer to bring them in to fair fix again. He isn't getting ahead any by this way of doing. The man who winters his stockers in fairly cheap shape, who gives them enough to hold what good pasture has made for him, is the man who makes the most profit out of the weight and growth he gets, simply because he makes the weight and growth on cheaper feeds, mostly on pasture. Cattle wintered in good fair condition gets onto pasture in shape to take on a good gain, while cattle that have been wintered too well are not in fix to make very great gain for the reason that they have already made it, but on high-priced grain and expensive roughness, so as \$10 and \$15 a ton alfalfa hay. But cattle that have been brought through the winter skin poor have so far to go after getting on pasture in the spring that they cannot get anywhere all summer. They are in bad condition at the end of the pasture season.

There is a "happy medium" in wintering stock cattle, the same as there is in anything else. The man who winters well but not too expensively is the one who strikes the right medium. He has his cattle in shape to get all the benefit possible from the cheap pasture gain, while the man who has half full fed his cattle through the winter can get no gain on pasture until along towards the last of the pasture season and then he gets but little in comparison with what he should get. We believe in wintering cattle well, but not so well that the most possible cannot be secured from a cheap pasture again.

CROP ROTATION.

Of what does soil fertility consist and how is it lost? There are ten chemical elements absolutely essential to plant growth; three of these come from the air and make up 95 per cent of the plant tissues; seven come from the soil and make up but 5 per cent of the plant. In practically all soils four of the seven elements are found in inexhaustible quantities and but three of these are liable to be depleted or exhausted from the soil, namely, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, says W. R. Potter, superintendent of farm demonstration work.

PINE LAND FOR PEACHES.

Lumber Company Finds Means of Re-planting on Remnants. Fort Towson, Ok., Nov. 15.—The pine timber industry in McCurtain county and other parts of southeastern Oklahoma is deforesting vast tracts of land. Lumber companies have acquired by lease or purchase thousands of acres and the timber is being cut into commercial form by mills so extensive as to maintain private railroad systems for hauling the logs from the forest.



Daddy's Bedtime Story—When Elf Topsy Turvy Comes to Visit

Then He Began to Make Trouble

DINAH had been cross. When the children went to bed she followed them as far as the hall, picking up here the ball that Jack dropped and there the bits from the paper doll dresses Evelyn had been making.

Daddy, who had been sitting in the library with a book, had seen all this. When he came upstairs he looked grave. "Oh, daddy, I forgot to ask you for a dime to buy some pencils. I've lost all mine, and we need them at school," said Evelyn.

"Yes, and my 'rithmetic's lost. Teacher says I'll have to buy a new one," cried Jack.

"Have any of you ever heard about the little elf Topsy Turvy?" began daddy. "Topsy Turvy doesn't have any particular place to live. He just boards around wherever he can find a boy or girl that will let him come in and stay."

"Once he went prying around the house where little Dottie Dumping lived. One day he managed to sneak in. Then he began to make trouble. Dottie's books were never in place, and her dolls were always getting on the sofas or tables when they should have been safe in their little beds. Dottie could no longer keep a pair of gloves or all the buttons on her frock. Then, too, in school Dottie Dumping had trouble about her pencils. The teacher scolded her for losing them."

"Dottie Dumping's brother—she had a brother. Let me see—what was his name? Well, we'll call him Davie—Davie Dumping. Until Topsy Turvy came to live at their house Davie was quite a very fair sort of boy, but Topsy Turvy fixed things up so that Davie lost or mislaid every blessed thing he borrowed, so that folks just hated to let him have anything of theirs. One night when he went to bed he mislaid his shoes. His cap was seldom to be found. Topsy Turvy was, of course, the cause of all this trouble, and the elf had a lovely time."

"But at last the fairy queen heard about it, and she said she just hated to think of those two nice children being spoiled by little elf Topsy Turvy and would little fairy Ship Shape run over to Dottie and Davie's house and see if they would not rather have a nice, well behaved fairy like her to live with them instead of an ugly, naughty little elf like Topsy Turvy."

Two very flushed faces were raised to daddy's, and two small voices said: "You can tell Fairy Ship Shape to come right in. We'll try to make it nice for her."

"Thank you," said daddy, smiling. "I'll speak to her."

1 per cent of the potassium contained in the surface stratum (about 5 2-3 acre inches, or 2,999,999 pounds of average soil).

If nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are being lost so rapidly, how can the farmer cheaply replace these elements?

The only method that is practical to replace nitrogen on the average farm is the growing of leguminous crops, such as the clovers, alfalfa, beans, peas, vetches, lupines, etc.

These plants, through the agency of bacteria which make their homes on their roots, have the power of making the nitrogen of the air available in a single season to the extent that it is depleted in two to five years with cereal crops. The growing of legumes is the first step in crop rotation.

Phosphorus must be bought on the market sooner or later and applied to the land. This may be in the form of ground bone, ground phosphate rock, acidulated phosphate or some kind of manufactured fertilizer.

Professor Hopkins, in his "Soil Fertility and Permanent Agriculture," says, "To insure the maintenance of the phosphorus contents of the soil where large crops are produced, about twenty pounds of phosphorus per acre for each year in the rotation should be applied in grain, farming and about ten pounds per acre in live stock farming (aside from that returned in the manure). To enrich the soil in phosphorus heavier applications should be made for a time."

SECRETS OF MILKING.

Do Not Return Blows for Kicks—Look for Cause.

Cows, like humans, not only have different dispositions, but seem to have moods. Your good natured old "Blossom" will sometimes step around you her switch spitefully, and may even kick at you, but you will have great patience with her, knowing that such a gentle and quiet cow as she must be "all out of sorts," or she would never act this way.

Where there are several milkers and several cows to be milked, it is best for the same person to always milk the same cows. In this way you become acquainted and in sympathy with your cows. You will know that if a good dispositioned cow is restless and resists being milked something is wrong with her. The trouble may come from a badly scratched teat, or a barbed wound in some part of the udder where it cannot be seen. One of our herd, a gentle little Jersey, had a wound of this kind. Her udder is deeply parted in the center and the barbed wire had cut up in this division where it could not be seen, or felt with the hand while milking. Not until it became swollen and inflamed did we know why she was restless while being milked. We have found burrs between the udder and leg out of sight, but very irritating to the cow while being milked.

While a cow may become gentle with kind treatment, it will never improve her disposition to return blows for her kicks. Find what your cow is kicking for, and then remove the cause. A heifer that kicks simply because she is new to the order of things can easily be managed by tying her foot with a rope to some part of the stall.

Humus, or decayed vegetable matter, though not an element, is very essential to plant growth, and is very easily depleted to such an extent that profitable crops cannot be grown. Dr. Hopkins, in his "Soil Fertility and Permanent Agriculture," states, "Roughly estimated, the plant food liberated from an average season with average farming is equivalent to about 2 per cent of the nitrogen, 1 per cent of the phosphorus and one-fourth of

HOW NOME WAS NAMED.

Mystery Which Has Hung About Source of Name Is Lifted.

At last, says the Youth's Companion, the mystery which has always hung over the source and meaning of the word Nome, the name of the cape and the city in Alaska, has been solved. A drafting clerk in the coast and geodetic survey office has confessed that he—quite unintentionally—enriched geography with this musical monosyllable. "No one," he says, "was more surprised than I when I saw the name on the map. It happened in this way: "When the right to Alaska took place on the discovery of rich gold deposits on the Klondike in the early '90's the government found it necessary to make more complete maps of that then little known country. Surveying parties were rushed to the fields, and as fast as their notes and plots were sent back to Washington they were turned over to this office to make the official maps. There were many parties in the field, and the maps were being continually called for by the gold seekers. Hence for some months our office was rushed night and day."

"Now it fell to my lot to draft a map of the Alaska coast that runs southeast from eering Strait. This map was to be made from the field notes and plots sent by the surveying party in that district. Such notes and plots always contain the names of prominent mountains, capes, inlets and the like."

"In making the tracing of the coast down from Bearing Strait I came across a headland for which neither notes nor plots furnish a name. Accordingly I made a pencil note at the point, putting the word 'name?' with an interrogation point after it, thinking that the chief, when he edited the map, would put in the name, if it had one, or think up one if it hadn't. In the hurry of the work, and due also to the fact, I presume, that I had written the letter 'a' in the word 'name' very much like 'o,' the matter was passed by the revisers and my map was sent to the engravers in that shape. A few weeks afterward I was astonished on looking over a stack of maps just engraved from my original to see this particular headline designated thereon as 'Cape Nome.' When shortly afterward gold was discovered in the vicinity and a camp established there, the town took the name of the cape, and is called 'Nome' to this day."

So there is something in a name after all, especially when one of the letters is written indistinctly.

FAMILY PRIDE.



Prof. Stork—And how are we getting on with our studies, Ernestine? Have you been promoted to the flying class yet?

Little Miss Quacker—Oh, no, professor. Mother has decided that I shall not take that course. She says anybody can fly—but only the best families take to water naturally.

5 APPLES A DAY TO EACH ONE

Dealers Tell of Food Value and Bigger Crop, but Expect Same Price.

Washington, Nov. 14.—If every man, woman and child in the United States should eat five apples a day for the next year, they would just about consume this year's apple crop. The apple growers, recently advised the public that everybody really ought to eat five apples a day because it is healthful, strengthening, a fine food.

The government has forecast a crop at least 25 per cent in excess of last year's yield of 14,900,000 barrels. Shippers of this city say the total will run as high as 20,000,000 barrels.

While the price of apples has gone down somewhat this season, the dealers do not hesitate to say that the ultimate consumer must pay from \$5 to \$8 a barrel for really good ones.

CATTLE RAISING IN TEXAS

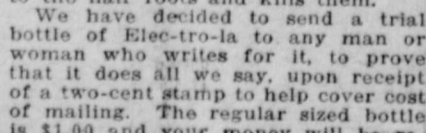
Industry Dates Growth From H. J. Kleberg's Demonstration.

Robert J. Kleberg is responsible for the international reputation of Texas as a great cattle state, writes Forrest Crissey in The Money for November. "Kleberg looked upon the droves of old-time Texas longhorn cattle that grazed on the great ranch and asked: "Why not raise butcher's meat instead of horns?"

"You can't," cried his abutting ranchers. The longhorn is the only kind that can stand Texas. Bring in blooded stock, and the fever will get 'em—and get you, too, if you go into the importing game deep enough."

"Kleberg brought in some thoroughbred 'white faces' and Durhams, and began his experiment. They died—but, in the course of time, the Texas fever tick was tracked to its lair by the persistent watchfulness of this man of modern ideas, and, being tracked, a speedy and effective means of its destruction was devised. When Robert Kleberg demonstrated that the tick, and not the climate of Texas, was what killed all the blooded cattle of the modern beef type that had been brought into the state, he established cattle ranching on a scientific basis, and added many millions of dollars to the wealth of his state."

UP TO PAPA.



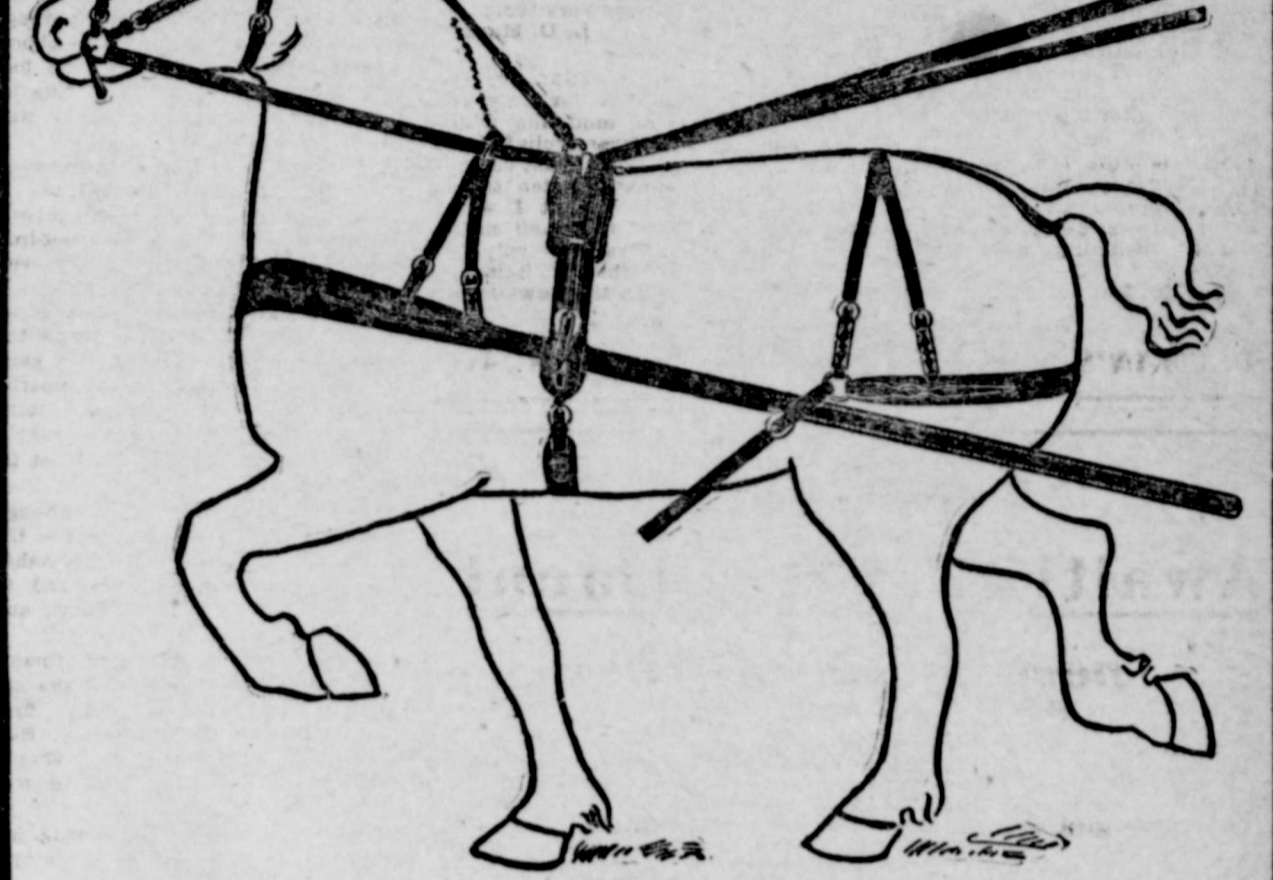
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LIFE AN UNCERTAIN GAME

Systems for Reaching Old Age as Doubtful as Those for Acquiring Wealth.

The late John W. Gates, who was frequently spoken of as a "plunger," played Wall street on a system, and was thirty or forty million dollars ahead of the game when he died at the age of fifty-six.

Thomas A. Edison, luckily among those guests who escaped unharmed from the Carlton hotel fire in London, is now sixty-four. He also has his "system," applied to living, by which he declares he expects to attain the patriarchal age of one hundred and fifty.

A man died in Minnesota lately only eleven days short of the century mark. As is too often the case, this near-centenarian was a hard drinker and an inveterate smoker. Maybe if he had lived a temperate life he might have rounded out the full hundred years.

But it all goes to show what an uncertain game life is. Some men take things easy and pass off in their prime. Edison works 16 or 18 hours a day, intends never to retire, and is going stronger than ever at sixty-four.

The only positive assurance the wizard inventor can have in regard to the long span he looks to, and which all the world cordially wishes him, is that he has achieved 150 years' worth of work already.

HANDICAPS OUT OF FASHION

Anyhow, the Women Golfers Preferred to Play Bareheaded, Said the New Member.

For exactly three weeks she had been a member of the golf club, and was anxious that every one should know it. She fooled her way along the links with a bag full of shining clubs, none of which she knew how to use, and whenever she was invited to tea she turned the conversation to golf and interlarded it profusely with such terms as "bunker," "styvie," "divot," and so on.

At last a nice young man inquired after her handicap, adding: "I suppose the ladies of your club have handicaps?"

"For a moment she was nonplussed, but only for a moment.

"Oh," she replied glibly, "don't you know that caps are out of fashion, however handy they may be? Besides, we all prefer to go round bareheaded."

Baseball With a Diver.

A nation baseball-maniac has developed in recent years such variations on the popular theme as night practice under electric lights and games in cramped quarters played with huge "indoor" balls and diminutive bats. But way up at the tip of Manhattan island is something really unique—baseball with the aid of a diver.

In a vacant lot near Broadway and 222d street, a vital portion of left field is cut away by a broad slough, which once may have deserved its name of Tibbet's Brook. The amateur games played on this badly flawed diamond are remarkable more for heavy hitting than for scientific pitching; and deep left field is a favorite landing place for safe hits. The balls often call over the helpless fielder's head to land in Tibbet's Brook with a beautiful splash. On Sunday afternoons a small boy is kept busy diving off the bank and swimming after balls when they come to the surface. He gets a share of the collection as his reward.

Wanted to Have it Done With.

Emily Gordon Baird is the name of this young lady whose people are summering at Ridgeville, near Elyria. Her four-year-old curiosity impels her to close approach to the family wash tub for a more intimate acquaintance with the soap bubbles as they swirl about the edges. In consequence she requires a frequent change of garments to keep her dry.

"Emily," said her mother last Monday, "if you get your dress wet again I shall punish you severely. Do you understand?"

"Yes, mother," replied the young lady. Nevertheless her curiosity overcame her training and in half an hour she needed a dry dress to keep her from taking cold.

"Do you remember what I told you a little while ago?" asked the mother. "Do you remember I told you I'd have to punish you if you didn't mind?"

"Well, mother," said the little rebel, "come on and do it, and let's have it over with."

A Devoted Constituent.

"That member of congress says you have voted for him for the last 15 years."

"That's right," replied Farmer Corn-tassel.

"You must think a lot of him."

"Well, I dunno. You see, 15 years ago I had a couple o' hosses trades with him, an' since then I've allus felt safer with his spendin' so much of his time in Washington."

England's Royal Vine.

The famous royal vine near Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, in which the king and queen and members of the British royal family take much interest, is bearing this year between 500 and 600 splendid bunches of black Hamburg grapes, the average weight of the bunches being about four to five pounds, some of them weighing as much as six pounds.

MISS SUSAN GLASPELL'S DOG

"Voila" Is the Original of the Two Delightful Puppies in "The Visiting."

Miss Susan Glaspell, the author, has a dog, which fact is of more importance than might at first appear. For in her new novel, "The Visiting," are introduced two frolicsome puppies named Pourquoi and N'est-ce-pas. And there are no two more real characters in the whole book than Why and Ain't It, to use their names in English form.

It was Miss Glaspell's own dog, a bohemian beast, that inspired the creation of "The Visiting's" twin puppy clowns. The real dog also has a French name, Voila. When its owner bought it, over in Paris, she wanted at first to name it Raspall, both in memory of the boulevard on which she lived and as a sympathetic cognomen for a sensitive souled Parisian dog. But her family objected. They could not see their way clear to shouting "Come, Raspall! Raspall! Raspall!" So Miss Glaspell compromised on Voila.

Voila has vagaries. It is a wanderer. It is a collie, and a collie, it evidently thinks, ought to be afield. Whenever it feels that way, away Voila goes. Fortunately, it wears a collar with Miss Glaspell's name and address. She has come to think nothing of such a phone message as this: "Hello! Is dis Miss Glaspell? Veil dis is der bartender bel Hans Bummele-ransen's saloon. No, no, wait! I didn't got der wrong phone number. I choost want to say I got here your tog. Will you come for him?"

The author of "The Visiting" has to drop chapter plans and seek out Herr Bummele-ransen's place with sorrow—and a dollar. But were it not so there might never have been a N'est-ce-pas and a Pourquoi.

HAD HIS REVENGE PLANNED

Editor Who Was Cut by Plain but Successful Author Knew How to Get Even.

The editor of a newspaper having been cut at Brighton by a plain little man, said to his wife, in explanation: "Well, why shouldn't he cut me? He has produced a novel that actually sells, and all great men are vain. Look at Gibbon.

"Gibbon, you know, wrote in his diary: 'I am the greatest historian that ever lived. No one can equal me in this direction.'"

"Victor Hugo wrote to Bismarck: 'The giant greets the giant; the foe the foe; the friend the friend. I hate thee furiously because thou hast humbled France. I love thee because I am greater than thou art.'"

"And Wordsworth said of the Swan of Avon: 'There is an immensity of trick in all he wrote. If I had a mind I could write exactly like Shakespeare.'"

"No wonder, then, the weedy little chap cut me," the editor concluded.

"But I'll get even with him. I'll snap-shot him in his bathing-suit and send the picture to the illustrated papers read by ladies and children. This will cause his sales to fall off at least 80 per cent."—London Tit-Bits.

Liverpool.

The population of Liverpool is mixed. At the 1901 census the population was 685,000. Of these 55,000 were Irish, 20,700 Welsh, 17,000 Scotch and 12,000 foreign (3,000 of whom were naturalized residents). The foreign residents consist of wealthy merchants and representatives of foreign firms; a Jewish quarter engaged chiefly in the clothing and furniture trade; a Chinese quarter, and a little patch of Scandinavians. Liverpool is the stronghold of the Roman Catholics in England, one-quarter of its citizens being members of that body. The Low Church party is also strong, and between a certain section of that party—the Orangemen—and the Catholics a bitter feud exists. Of the other religious bodies the Unitarians are strong, not numerically, but in influence. The corporation has 13 parks and 50 open spaces laid out as gardens or recreation grounds—in all about 1,069 acres.—Westminster Gazette.

'Possum Points the Way.

In removing the debris from the cellar of the old Riggs house, which has been torn down, a number of Washington workmen the other day discovered a big fat 'possum, which they mistook for an enormous rat, and fled precipitately. The effects upon the negro of the refinements of higher education and the white man's civilization may well be challenged when it destroys the nature of the race to the extent that its members fail to recognize a fine fat 'possum when they see it, says the Baltimore Sun. About one more generation of progress along the same line and we will see a colored man and brother slyly at the watermelon and running from the yellow-legged pullet.

The Rural Uplift.

"Has your family been of much assistance to you in running the place?" "I should say so," replied Farmer Corn-tassel. "Food has been so high that the summer board season would have been a failure if it hadn't been for mother and our son Josh." "They saved the expense of help?" "No, str. But Josh is a right good hand in a poker game an' the way mother picked up bridge was some thin' amazin'."

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