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A Cabbage Romance

What Some Big California Vegetables Lead To.

Romance and the rose-gold hand-in-hand and the dainty violet and the modest lily have often opened the portals of love, but it has been left to California to produce the only cabbage that ever led to a romance that wound up in a wedding.

Eighteen months ago, according to the unquestionable statement of Grandville W. Alexander, a grain merchant in this city, there stood in front of the door of one of San Bernardino's real estate dealers a cabbage from San Bernardino county weighing ninety-two pounds, and said to be the largest ever raised. While this production of California's greatness was on exhibition the Oregon express handled from England two Britons, so fresh from their native soil that they walked along the dry and dusty streets with surtouts down to their ankles and their trousers rolled up to meet their coats. They were both bound for Australia. Passing along they espied the wonderful cabbage. Both men stopped short. Up went two single eye-glasses.

"By Jove, old boy, but that's a do-sed-dly large cabbage, don'tcher know?" "Dosed-dly large," replied the second surprised son of Albion, and then they both went in and inquired of the real estate man where it was grown.

Both men were wealthy. Both men were cousins, and while unknown to them the busy hand of fate was now at work. It only seemed to the curiosity seekers that in deciding that life would be misspent unless they saw the land upon which this cabbage grew, they were only obeying the idle whim of idle gentlemen in going to San Bernardino to do so. And so they went.

Englishmen as a rule are not garrulous, and these two friends were no exception. Once in San Bernardino they were directed to the farm where the cabbage grew. They remained two weeks. At the end of that time one of them said to the rancher: "I want so much of your land in a certain section. How much is it worth?" "Four hundred thousand dollars."

It was paid for. The other friend said to the rancher: "Your daughter is very beautiful, and I love her. I want to make her my wife." Two months ago there was a wedding at the ranch. There were a number of people present, friends of the family, and the groom threw aside his taciturnity long enough at the supper to tell how the cabbage had led to his happiness.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Teaching Manners.

There is another branch of culture which for many years has been greatly neglected, but which we are glad to see is beginning to receive the attention it deserves in most of our first class schools for girls.

For many years that part of a young person's education once deemed so important by our grandmothers, or rather great-grandmothers, has been utterly neglected; perhaps it was because good society had become weary of the extent to which the formalities of the minutes days had been carried, the bowing and courtesying and lofty politeness.

Apparently the world is beginning to recognize this, and at all events it is a step in the right direction when a child is taught at school that there is a right way and a wrong way to everything, even in the manner in which she enters a room and takes a chair.—New York Tribune.

A MINISTER'S MISTAKE—A city minister was recently handed a notice to be read from his pulpit. Accompanying it was a clipping from a newspaper bearing upon the matter. The clergyman started to read the extract and found that it began: "Take Kemp's Balm, the best." This was hardly what he had expected and, after a moment's hesitation, he turned it over, and found on the other side the matter intended for the reading.

The gypsies are the most mysterious race on this earth. No one knows exactly where they came from and no one knows what is to become of them. It is absolutely impossible to tell whether they are dying out or increasing in numbers. Some persons, learned on the subject, say that there are no organized bands of gypsies in the United States; and others equally learned, say that the disappearance of great numbers of them from the United Kingdom can only be accounted for by their immigration to this country.

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Sechler's Grocery.

TO THE HUNGRY PUBLIC.

It is only those who eat—the many who require the necessities of life, to prolong their existence, that we address.

Those who live on expectation, hope or some intangible nothing, will save time by passing this column by. It is not intended for them but the other fellows. We write what is here put down for the people who are mortal enough to get hungry, and in consequence of getting hungry are sensible enough to try to get what is good, pure, wholesome and necessary, at prices that do not require them to lay out all that they earn, to appease their appetites.

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