

FARM NOTES.

—Currants that have grown to large, vigorous bushes and have not been trimmed, should have about half the canes removed, and those remaining left without pruning.

—It is useless to attempt to keep winter squashes that have been injured by frost. Those that are uninjured are best kept on shelves in a location where the temperature does not fall below 40 degrees. Be careful that they are not kept too warm.

—On farms where it is possible to do so, separate apartments should be provided for breeding sows and young pigs. Pig raising can be carried on as successfully in the winter as in the summer if the proper attention is given the swine. Keep the pens clean and provided with bedding and little trouble will be experienced from offensive odors.

—Every breeder of thoroughbred stock who aims to make a reputation endeavors to cull from the flock or herd any animal that has the least blemish. If the farmer would pursue such policy, even with grade stock, he would increase the producing capacity of his animals each succeeding year. Every inferior animal retained is a drawback to all the others, as success is had by using only the best for breeding.

—Although milk is, on an average, about 87 per cent. water, it really does not satisfy thirst when used as a drink. It may at first seem satisfactory, but when milk coagulates and digestion begins, the heat of the stomach rises and a feverish thirst comes on. A noted scientist claims that the temperature in a calf's stomach often reaches 104 degrees. The young of all animals, as well as children, crave pure cold water.

—In weaning the colt do not take it from the mother abruptly. Gradual change is necessary to accustom the system to the solid food. After teaching the colt to eat oats, gradually wean it from its mother by allowing it access to her three times a day at first, and then after a few days, less often, until it may be taken away entirely. Careful handling in this matter may mean much in the development of the horse.

—All animals on the farm prefer foods that may not be relished by some others. The farmer should take advantage of this fact and utilize all the materials that might be wasted if there were some animals that would accept them. A judicious use of the feed cutter, mixing a little bran or meal with the food, and tempting the animal with a variety, will render serviceable even such foods as wheat straw and corn fodder. There are several modes of serving corn fodder that will make it acceptable to dairy animals.

—Alfalfa has been found to contain just the kind of nourishment necessary to build up a healthy hog, and farmers who have tried it in feeding, say that it has produced wonderful results. Alfalfa alone is not sufficient, however. Hogs need a ration of corn in addition. Little pigs should not be fed a very liberal quantity of corn, but the amount should be gradually increased up to the fattening period. Farmers who have never tried alfalfa as a food for hogs, should experiment with it this winter, and the result will be found so beneficial that they will plant some next year.

—Large barns in which cattle and horses are kept during the winter should be so arranged that feed can be placed before the stock without having to carry it a long distance. This will be a great advantage, especially on stormy days, when it is often a hardship and sometimes almost impossible to get from one building to another, on account of deep snow. Trenches, or big boxes on wheels are convenient for moving the ensilage and grain to the feeding troughs. It is a good plan to have grain stored over the feeding barn and a spout leading to the ground floor, through which it can be emptied. By exercising a little ingenuity, much unnecessary labor and inconvenience can be avoided.

—Mrs. E. T. Little, wife of a prosperous farmer living near Bussey, Iowa, has succeeded in raising lemons which are perfect in shape and color, full of juice and of unequalled flavor. Mrs. Little has half a dozen lemon trees growing in her garden, and she says they all produced fruit this year. Many of the lemons are 12, 13, and 10 1/2 inches in circumference and weigh nearly one pound each. That this variety of citrus fruit may be cultivated with success in such a varied climate as Iowa offers has been demonstrated by Mrs. Little. She declares the fruit she has raised will make the finest lemon pies in the State and that she has made from five to seven pies from one of her immense lemons.

—Every farmer should examine his stored fruit at frequent intervals during the winter. One decayed apple or pear will ruin an entire barrel if allowed to remain. No matter how careful one is in packing fruit, there are always some imperfect specimens mixed in with the good, and it is only a question of time until they make their presence known. It is these faulty specimens that should be looked for and removed at the first sign of decay. In re-sorting fruit, the same care should be exercised as when it was originally packed. Carelessness now will result in more trouble later on. If it is possible to store fruit on shelves in single layers, the danger of its becoming bruised will be considerably lessened. The most successful fruit keepers are those who constantly watch for imperfections.

—Breeding from vicious parents will not produce the sort of horses that are desirable on the farm. Neither will trotting horses make good animals for agricultural purposes. Horses and colts can live on hay alone, but they will thrive better on a mixed ration of grain and hay. Some farmers claim that alfalfa hay is superior to oats as a feed for horses. In feeding it, however, care must be exercised not to let the stock eat it too freely.

—There is a scarcity of good carriage horses all over the country at present and prices are constantly advancing. This is due to the fact that in no section of the United States are breeders making any special effort to supply this class of horses.

—Short-ribbed horses are always light in weight and are generally poor feeders.

—Before buying a horse for either draft or driving purposes, carefully examine the front feet and hocks, as those are the parts that come directly in contact with the hard work. Unless they are sound and good, a horse's usefulness will be greatly impaired. Never buy a stallion whose feet are contracted and brittle, or whose hocks are puffy and fleshy looking.

WHEN SANTY COMES

BY BESSIE WHITE

WHEN Santy comes an' scoots down through The hole that's in the chimney flue An' hops out here, I bet he'll bring Whole lots of toys an' everything That little girls like best. Don't you?



An' there'll be dolls with dresses new An' eyes that open big an' blue When they sit up an' cry an' sing, When Santy comes.

An' he'll fetch nuts an' candy, too, An' cats that, when you squeeze 'em, mew. My brother Bob he says, I jing, He'd like to sit round listening. He says: 'I'll tell you what I'd do, I'd jist jump out an' holler 'Boo!' When Santy comes."



Christmas of Bulls and Bears

By JAMES ARTHUR

THE Christmas spirit is about the only thing traded in on Dec. 24 on Wall street, and the brokers have a celebration each year that literally jars things loose. The features of this ceremony vary, but the horseplay does not. The brokers let off the tension and have a good time generally. The festivities begin at noon and sometimes last for several hours. The galleries fill early, mostly with wives and sweethearts of the members on the floor. The Stock Exchange is liberally draped with green and red. The Seventh Regiment band is on hand and as the chairman sounds the gong begins playing "The Star Spangled Banner" or some other patriotic air. Sometimes an elaborate programme is arranged, made up of minstrel acts, comic songs, comic talks and similar performances. But, whatever the especial form of the entertainment, the bulls and bears conduct themselves in much the same way. They make Rome howl. Hats are smashed; bags of confetti are thrown at the ladies in the gallery, who in turn empty the contents over the heads and shoulders of the shouting brokers below.

If there happen to be new members they are "initiated" and are carried about the room in a yelling procession to the music of the band. On one such occasion an amateur football game was played in the great chamber of the Stock Exchange. Afterward the members indulged in a cakewalk for an immense forty pound cake, which was temptingly displayed on the chairman's balcony. One staid old financier played the piano, another strummed on a guitar, while the younger brokers cut pigeon wings about the floor. In older years a Christmas tree graced the Stock Exchange celebrations, all sorts of comic presents were handed out, and the carnival ended up by everybody telling jokes on everybody else. Of recent years this formal observance of the day has been abandoned. Now the ceremony is simply a small edition of pandemonium, a sort of frenzied Christmas, as it were.

The celebration of last year will give an idea of these Christmas eve frolics in Wall street. At five minutes before noon the whole floor seemed intent on business, pushing up U. P. and other stocks and hurling puts and calls back and forth like a game of battle-door and shuttlecock. Promptly at 12 the great gong sounded, and in the twinkling of an eye the scene was

was toying with her spoon. She looked up at him a moment, and her eyes were shining. "I want to go back a little and change your story some. I shall begin where the artist had his opportunity to go abroad and study. When he told the maiden about the chance and offered to give it up for her it was the hardest thing she ever had to do in her life to refuse the sacrifice, but she had some small sense of right, and she knew what those years abroad would mean to his future, so she rebuffed him and made him do the thing his foolish, generous heart led him to offer to him, perhaps, but he had Paris, with all its diversions, and the spur of his new work, while she had only the lonely sense of his absence. She used to haunt the places where they had been together, and sometimes the days dragged so that only the thought of the millstone she would have been to him if she had acceded to his plan kept her from doing some desperate thing. Then there came his letters begging her for some line in return, and that was the hardest battle of all. She fought it steadily for three days before she won. She knew if she wrote to him her letters would keep her in his mind and that some time she might carelessly say something to bring him back sooner than he ought to come. It was hard not to yield to what her heart pleaded for, but she felt he could do his best work out of from thoughts of her and then"—Joyce paused.



"SHE USED TO WRITE WONDERFUL STORIES."

"And then?" the man said quickly. "She thought perhaps he might have fooled himself that he wanted to marry her while circumstances drew their lives so closely together. Now that he was seeing more of the world and meeting other women he would weigh the matter and would learn his mind. If he came back and still wanted her, she would know he meant it, and—" "Yes?" the man broke in eagerly. "That's all," she ended lamely, smiling at him.

"No, not all. Together shall we try to end the stories with 'They lived happily ever after?'" She reached out her hands to him for answer, and he closed them tenderly in his.

A Sign of "Prosperity."

From the Springfield Republican. It is said by one of the Boston papers of the opening of a free State employment agency there that, "barring the strikes, no other event has brought together so large an army of unemployed in Boston since the hard times of 1893-4." The street in front of the office was filled and waiting lines of men and women extended out to adjoining streets. While the office had several hundred applications for help on file, there are said to have been at least ten applicants for every position. Nor, as might have been supposed, was the crowd made up of old people and others who could be of no industrial use. It is said, on the contrary, to have been composed largely of able-bodied young men and women of the unskilled class.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register Earle C. Taten: Franklin P. Keller, of Pleasant Gap, and Ruth Victoria Musser, of Zion. John W. Delaney, of Hublersburg, and Ada H. Gonsalus, of Nittany. Sylvester P. Confer, of Howard, and Lydia Kerchoff, of Romola. Charles H. Jodon and Carrie Olive Stanley, both of Milesburg.

Wholesale Coupling. Dr. Joinen: Yes, sir, I marry about fifty couples a week, right here in this paragon. Visitor: Parsonage? I should call it the union depot.

Books, Magazines Etc. WHAT'S IN McCLURE'S.—The Christmas McClure's contains some of the most varied, picturesque, and striking material which the magazine has ever gathered together in a single number. Perhaps the most interesting single feature is an editorial article in which a life of Mary Baker G. Eddy and a history of Christian Science are announced, to begin in January. Christian Science is a movement on which all eyes are turned today, and the announcement that a true history of this great romantic movement and its leader is forthcoming, marks an excellent stroke of magazine policy. Another chapter of the Carl Schurz Reminiscences recalls his first journey to the new world, a visit in London, and his first hearing of Jenny Lind and of Wagner. Myra Kelly heads the list of the McClure fiction this month with "Little Bo-Peep," the tragic story of a little Russian child. "Clancy of the Jack-Pot," by C. F. Holder, is a remarkable human document, relating the adventures of a sleazebag. "On the Ridge," is one of Mrs. Cotting's most clever and delightful studies of married life. W. B. MacHarg contributes a touching story of the Chicago slums. Another "Zenth" tale, by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, a delicate piece of impressionism by George Allen England, and "Lilly-Ann," by Florence Tinsley Cox, complete the list of fiction. Eden Philicott contributes some characteristic verse, "Winter Sunrise," and Florence Wilkinson appears with a remarkable "Salutation to Russia," which will probably be the most quoted poem of the year. The cover design, a richly decorative Christmas piece, is by Elendon Campbell.

Mrs. Rice's New SERIAL.—St. Nicholas is to have Alice Hegan Rice's first serial story for young people; and the opening chapter will appear in the December issue, the Christmas number. "Captain Jans" is the title, and the story deals with a little American lad's adventures in Japan. The tale is full, it is said, of the same sunny humor that has characterized Mrs. Rice's books for older readers. The story is being illustrated by C. D. Weldon.

THE DELINEATOR.—In addition to its fiction, poems and its various departments crowded with good things the January Delineator will contain articles on general subjects as follows: "The Value of Rest," by Ella Adella Fletcher. This treatise by the author of "The Philosophy of Rest" advises how to obtain healthful repose of mind and body. (Illustrated.) "The Department of Real Life," by Lida A. Churchill. The fourth essay in this series treats of "Freedom that is Bondage." "Little Problems of Married Life," by William George Jordan. The fifth problem which is analyzed is "Family Interference." "The First Night at the Play," by Geo. Henry Payne. A timely talk about the illusions and disillusion of the first performance of a widely advertised play. (Illustrated.) "The Dawn of Womanhood," by Gabrielle E. Jackson. The third of these motherly counsels deals with "Duties that Lie Close at Hand." "The Hostess Calendar," "A New Year's Bell Fete" by Winifred Pates. A novel suggestion for the woman who entertains. "The Care of the Woman," by Dr. Anna M. Galbraith. "The Skin" is the subject of Dr. Galbraith's first lecture for Delineator readers. Being Your own Gardener. By W. C. Burgess. The initial paper of this series instructs the amateur gardener in "Laying Out the Frost and Side Lawns." (Illustrated.) "Talks on Home Furnishing," by Alice M. Kellogg. This month the home-maker is instructed in "Door and Window Treatment." (Illustrated.)

Medical.

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More Trolley Car Regulations. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 18.—Charles A. Bentley, of Monongahela, Pa., near here, recently elected to the general assembly, will introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature providing that where a trolley line is over 20 miles long the company shall provide a separate compartment for women and that all cars shall be equipped with toilet arrangements. It also provides that along lines where the cars run one-half hour apart the company shall erect waiting rooms to be heated in the cold weather.

Medical.

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