

THE PRICE YOU PAY.

You dreamed for the Day, you schemed for the Day. Watch how the Day will go; Slayer of age and youth and prime (Defenseless slain for never a crime.) Thou art steeped in blood as a hog in slime, False friend and cowardly foe.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. The Beauties of Srinagar and Life on a House-Boat Vividly Depicted by the Writer.

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1913. House-Boat, "Crocodile."

Dear Home Folk: Good afternoon!—A beautiful Sunday, and I want to add a little more to my letter. From our last stopping point to this place was a very nice ride, for we started early and the road is good.

We then came to Baramulla, a place of perhaps eight hundred houses; curious, two-storied affairs with flat roofs covered with mud and planted with flowers, no verandas, but nearly always rather beautifully decorated with carvings.

The mountains off in the distance were covered with snow and the soft, purple haze softened the upper outline, while the mist rising from the river at their base made them seem unreal.

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The World's Postal Business.

According to French statistics, recently compiled, there are at present some 271,000 postoffices in the world, spread over ninety-seven States, and covering an area of over 30,000,000 square miles.

The United States has the greatest number, 63,663; Germany comes second with 49,838 offices, and the United Kingdom Great Britain and Ireland third with 23,738 offices.

White Animals.

In Siam white elephants become the property of the King and are kept at the palace because of the good luck they are supposed to bring with them.

Today we went to the Dal Lake. We got into a little pointed boat with a top to it and three men picked up their heart-shaped paddles and off we went.

Colors of the Seas.

The poet sings of "deep, blue sea," but the sea is not always blue by any means. There are a number of colors to be observed in the oceans, and many interesting facts have been gathered with respect to them.

The Mediterranean and Caribbean seas present the true blue color. The extraordinary blueness of the first named has been assigned to two causes. One is that very few large rivers of fresh water enter it; the other is that the Mediterranean, practically landlocked and exposed to powerful sunlight, has the greatest evaporation of all seas.

Aside from blue and green, other colors are to be seen in the world's seas and oceans. In January, 1909, a river of yellow water, three miles wide and of enormous length, was observed running parallel with the Gulf Stream.

The Yellow Sea, of China, is supposed to owe its color to the floods of muddy water that the great river pours into it, but many scientists are of opinion that the color is to be ascribed to the living organisms that flourish in the waters.

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Taking Chances.

There is no more reckless fighter than the American soldier. The American soldier is but the American citizen in uniform. His recklessness is characteristic of the man, whether working or fighting.

Steel Plant Fights 'Booze.'

A campaign to discourage drinking among its 20,000 employes has been launched by the Illinois Steel Company. Electric signs flashing pointed queries as to the effects of drink have been placed over entrances of the company's plants in South Chicago.

Parcel Post May Cut Cost.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. DAILY THOUGHT. In God's world, for those who are in earnest, there is no failure. No work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was ever made in vain.—F. W. Robertson.

The Woman's Home Companion is appealing to American women to wear American-made garments. In the October number Ida M. Tarbell wrote such an appeal and in the December number her position is strongly approved by a number of famous people whose letters are published.

The idea is that in the past American women have preferred foreign goods, but that with the war the opportunity has been opened for American consumers to use domestic goods and to develop a real taste for them which shall continue.

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FARM NOTES.

—Never ship a chicken to a customer that you would not want sent to you for the same amount of money.

—In building up fertility, more depends upon the saving and proper application of the manure from the stock than upon the class of animal fed.

—Careful use of the drag on a road that is already in reasonably good condition will almost entirely prevent trouble from ruts, mud holes or dust, and give good service at a low cost.

—Overproduction affects generally the producer who is content with the average crop of the product of medium quality. The best of cereals and the choicest stock bring remunerative prices.

—The older a hog gets, the more it costs to put a pound of meat on him. The State Experiment Stations have established this truth beyond all argument. Early to market is the way to capitalize this information.

—Molasses seeds have usually been found to contain large quantities of weed seeds. It is said, however, that now several of the largest firms kill the weed seeds germs by heat, so they will not grow when scattered on the soil.

—Indigestion in older calves is usually due to unclean milk or feed, unclean vessels, close confinement in dark, unsanitary stalls and irregular or excessive feeding. In some cases it appears to be due to sheer weakness and inability to digest.

—A corn expert of Illinois places emphasis upon the stalk as well as the ear in choosing seed corn. He prefers the stalks that are of uniform height, with ears that hang over at the proper angle. Interest, he thinks, should be taken in the stalk as much as in the ear.

—A calf that has one-half of its mother's milk will put on 100 pounds of weight a month, and at three months it is eating and may be weaned. Such a calf at 6 months will weigh nearly as much as a year-old calf that was taken away at once from its mother.

—The best time to peel posts is a question which must be determined for each particular case. As a rule, it is good practice to remove the bark as soon as possible after the posts are out, and regulate the rate of seasoning by methods of piling. In this way peeling will be easier, there will be less danger from insects and seasoning will be more rapid.

—Cultivating crops, with turning plows and one-horse cultivators is a slow process, and should not be practiced unless the land is full of ruts and stumps. Such a condition is inexcusable, for the reason that we can burn, dig, pull and blow out the stumps in a few years. Spare time can be used to the best advantage in getting out stumps and roots.

—When we take into consideration the larger prices received by the Eastern farmer for his produce, his nearness to market, shipping station, school and church and other advantages we are convinced that there must be something wrong with the man who sells his farm at a low price and buys new land in the far west. The eastern farm values may go higher, but they will not go lower than they are at the present time, and are therefore safe and investments.

—Good breeders and farmers with experience have the fixed habit of never allowing a newly-purchased pig to mingle with the other hogs on their farms until it has been kept in quarantine for several weeks. Every new hog that is bought should be quarantined in a pen widely separated from that which contains the other hogs, and kept there for not less than three weeks, or until there is an absolute certainty that it will not develop any disease or carry it to the other animals of the herd.

—Concrete Storage for Apples—Apples can be kept in cold storage without the use of ice. In a specially constructed concrete storage cave, built by the horticultural department of the Kansas Agricultural College last fall, fruit was kept in such perfect condition through the winter that it was not necessary to open the packages and regrade before selling in the spring. Practically no loss was incurred by rotting, which causes damage to stored apples only when there is a lack of ventilation and a variation of temperature. The average variation was one or two degrees a week.

—Such a cave as this one, large enough for 1000 boxes of apples, can be built for \$250 to \$300, including the excavating, which should not be expensive. Inside, the cave measures twenty-four feet long, twelve and a half feet wide, and seven feet high. Ventilation was provided by means of an eight-inch tile laid below ground and coming to the surface three rods from the cave. The air which passed through this Ventilator was warmed in summer and cooled in winter, so that it was near the temperature of the cave when it reached the storage room.

—After the fruit had been stored about a month the ventilator was partly closed, as the fruit during the remainder of the time required less rapid ventilation. During the picking season when the nights are quite cold and frosty a low temperature is obtained in the fall without the use of ice by opening the cave door late in the evening and early in the morning. A temperature of 40 to 50 degrees is low enough at the start, and little trouble is experienced in obtaining a lower temperature after the first month. As near 33 degrees as possible should be maintained during the winter and spring.

—Nearly any fall or winter apples will easily keep until after Christmas. Under proper care the Winesap, Tewksbury, Genet and similar varieties keep almost perfectly until May or June.

—The apples should be taken from the tree as soon as well colored but before they become very ripe. They should be handled with great care, as a bruised spot will start to rot within a very short time.

—Any one having several barrels of apples can afford to store them in a storage house. This need not be expensive, but should have insulated walls like an ice house.

—It is better to place the apples in boxes or barrels than to store them in the bulk. If one apple rots in a box it will spoil only that box, while in a pile it would cause all the others to rot.

—Under no conditions should apples be stored in the cellar, because it is very unsanitary and is likely to cause disease. Also it is impossible to keep an even temperature and good ventilation, the most important factors in the successful storing of apples.—Kansas Industrialist.

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