

"IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND WORTH LOVING."

If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes, and let him know...

RETURNING FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. China as Seen on a Brief Trip Through Some of Its Cities.

YOKOHAMA, APRIL 5th, 1914.

Dear Home Folk: I know that you have no doubt gotten the various letters and cards I have been sending to you along the way...

The town was not so different from others I have described as there were many English speaking people there, but the Korean—well, of all the queer, quaint folk I have ever seen these far exceed the quaintest.

The men wear high hats, made of horse-hair and about three sizes too small for them; white coat and white pajamas, white socks and rope slippers.

I had one day at Seoul, then went on to Fusan; the entire way was up through mountains and then down past most beautifully cultivated rice land.

ate on my morning porridge. After a very beautiful ride we reached Fusan; an Australian man had shared my compartment and he proved to be a very delightful traveling companion.

A flower garden under most perfect cultivation could be no more perfect than this little, over-populated island is—not a square foot of earth going to waste; even the mountains are encroached upon to provide food for the people.

My first stop was at Miyijima, and it indeed is one perfect spot, and it will always stay so for beyond everything else, this nation is commercial and they know if they change tourists and their "filthy lucre" will stop coming their way.

I was glad to move on to Kyoto, a city full up to the brim of temples and palaces and there, to cap the climax, I went to see the "Cherry Dance."

I know Peking was the last place from which I wrote to you, although I did send you a card from Miyijima. The five of us left Peking and its attractions at last and started north to Mukden on the fast express that connects with the Trans-Siberian trains.

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The next day I went to Nara, where sacred deer wander around by the hundreds, and Old Temples and cherry blossoms, and curious stone lanterns were so numerous I almost tired of them and I am not going to rave any over them.

Sunday I went to church and on Monday I went to the places "The Lady of the Decoration" has made famous and I can't describe it as well as she does but I'll just say she "hain't" exaggerating any.

go back to Tokyo for a few hours, then Yokohama and will sail for Honolulu on Friday, and this is Tuesday, so it won't be long now. I have enjoyed it all, this place especially, and would like to stay longer, but know I will be ready to go when the boat starts.

Bounty Information—Cured Skin only to be Sent.

For the information of those who desire to secure bounties as provided for by the Act of April 15th, 1915, we beg to advise that this Act distinctly provides that in case the necessary affidavit is made before a justice of the peace, alderman, or magistrate, on forms secured from the Game Commission by such official, the unutilized skin or entire pelt of such animal shall be forwarded to the Game Commission, Harrisburg, and, therefore, it does not provide for the sending of the entire carcass of the animal.

Increase Size of Parcel Post Packages 12 Inches.

Postmaster General Burleson has ordered that the size limit of packages for parcel post shipment be increased to a combined length and girth of eighty-four inches, which will permit the mailing of standard-size fruit and berry crates.

The Postmaster General also authorized the establishment of a receipt system for parcel post packages similar to that employed by express companies.

A successful Moscow merchant named Spiridonov, who had made a vast fortune, thought of a novel way of inviting the guests to his golden wedding. The invitations were engraved on golden cards.

A husband and wife ran a freak show in a certain provincial town, but unfortunately they quarreled and the exhibits were equally divided between them.

A German sausage exhibition was held in Berne a few years ago, and 1,785 varieties were exhibited. The center of the production is in Westphalia, where 400 varieties are produced.

"You can never tell these days," remarked the man in the armchair, "where the uplift will bob up next. Every time there are several consecutive days of rain and gloomy weather I expect to read how a committee of earnest persons has got together and organized a Society for the Promotion of Higher Barometric Conditions."

Reflections on Old Home Week.

PINE GROVE MILLS, July 27th. The beginning of this world's history was a song; the end will be a doxology.

In the cathedral of Lemerick there hangs a peal of bells which was manufactured for a convent in Italy by an enthusiast who made his home for many years near the convent cliff in order to enjoy the daily chimes.

Who has not experienced the power of association in its milder mood, its happier form? The return of an anniversary, the melody of a tune, the ringing of the church bells will set memory in motion and unveil the pictures which hang upon the sacred walls.

The bare mention of the phrase, Old Home week, in counties—what a power it has to revive the pleasantest reminiscences and recall the brightest scenes of other days in many hearts.

Every image of peace, contentment, competence, abundance and joy come back spontaneously on each return of the grateful festival of Old Home week. It is a week not heralded and emblazoned like other festivals in our ancestral land, in all the pomp and glory of song.

I noticed as the day moved on, anticipation was busy in the young and old. The Mayor and citizens were busy in contemplation and hard work, furnishing amusement to the aged pair from beneath whose shelter their children, one after another, have gone forth into the world leaving them alone, looking forward with delight to the prospect of being surprised once again by their numerous progeny on the week of gladness; and children separated widely apart and already grown familiar with life's perplexities and cares hailed with pleasure the yearly sacrifice when they should all rally again around the paternal hearthstone, and renew their faith and affections among the long-cherished scenes of their childhood days.

Happy was the venerable sire who went up that day to the House of God in company with his children and his children's children, and who sat down to the table of plenty with his whole household in peace, health and contentment.

This Home week had a history attached to it; a history which runs through the life of a people. We cannot afford to lose reverence for ancestral memories. The voluntary appointment of the good citizens of Centre county by the whole people for a week for the distinctive purpose of rendering thanks to the Almighty for his manifold blessings, civil and religious, national and domestic, marks an epoch in Centre county history.

FARM NOTES.

It is claimed that uncooked fresh mutton fat is better than oil as a preservative against rust in tools.

The great majority of diseases are due to bad management and housing, including cold, damp and ill-ventilated houses, rich feeding, impure water and lack of exercise.

A Camden poultry-raiser wants to know where there is a market for chicken manure. The principal market is to farmers and fruit-growers. Almost any farmer would be glad to get it.

Frequency of garden cultivation is very essential in seasons of frequent showers or heavy rains. Special pains should be taken to keep a soil mulch on the surface of the garden soil and thus prevent the weeds from making a start.

No horse should be allowed to stand for even a day without exercise if the health of the animal is valued by the owner, and it is just because those two most important adjuncts to health, "careful feeding and regular exercise" are not properly attended to that we have so much sickness among farm horses, especially in the winter months.

Nitrate of soda may be used to good advantage in hastening vegetables to maturity. This fertilizer is easily dissolved in the soil and readily available for the use of plants. It may be spread between the rows of garden plants, and you will be surprised at the rapidity of the growth.

In order that a brood mare may deliver a strong, healthy foal she must have plenty of exercise. Ordinary farm work is the very best kind of exercise for her.

The Farm Advisers' work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture was begun August 1st, 1913, being authorized by a special Act of Assembly passed at the preceding session of the Legislature.

In accordance with the terms of the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture appointed ten persons, deemed to be "qualified by experience, to give instruction in the Science of Agriculture and to demonstrate approved agricultural methods" at such times and places as should be indicated by the calls made for such service.

Considerable time having elapsed between the date (May 31st, 1915) when the availability of the appropriation, carried by the Act authorizing the work, ended, and the final passage and the approval of the general appropriation Act of 1915, making its continuance possible, the work was suspended, to be taken up after the organization of the Commission of Agriculture, appointed pursuant to the Act of May 18th, 1915.

The Commission met at the State Capitol on the 16th inst., and no change having been suggested in relation to the Farm Advisers' work, the Secretary of Agriculture announces his intention to again start this branch of work with such changes as seem desirable beginning the first day of August next.

To Clean Watch Chains.

Gold or silver watch chains can be cleaned with a very excellent result, no matter whether they be mat or polished, by laying them for a few seconds in pure aqua ammonia. They should then be rinsed in alcohol, and finally shaken in clean sawdust, freed from sand. Imitation gold and plated chains should be cleaned in benzine, then rinsed in alcohol, and afterward shaken in dry sawdust.

Never Neglect a Cold. Every cold, especially in a young child, should be considered serious. The possibility and the frequent occurrence of complications such as middle ear inflammation, inflammation in one of the accessory sinuses of the nose, broncho pneumonia or lobar pneumonia must always be a subject for consideration and prevention if possible.

Lively Town. First Boomer—"You fellows have no git-up about you at all. Why don't you have photographs of your town taken, like we did? Are you ashamed of it?" Rival Boomer—"Naw, that ain't the reason at all. I want you to understand, young fellow, that our town don't stand still long enough to be photographed."—Terre Haute Express.

More Severe Punishment. Lawyer (to fair client)—"Don't you think this cash offer of \$20,000 from the defendant is a fair compromise for your wounded heart? Isn't prying that old tightwad from his twenty thousand shiny ducats punishment enough for his breach of promise?" Client—"No, indeed! I want him to marry me!"—Judge.

Worth While Quotation. "Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means."—Selected.

Hydrophobia Almost Abolished. Pasteur's discovery of the treatment for hydrophobia was due to experiments on animals. Before this the death rate was from 6 to 14 per cent in different parts of the world. It is now less than one per cent.

Alpacas. In spite of attempts to introduce the alpaca into countries away from its native habitat, failure has attended them. It is rarely found below an altitude of 5,000 feet. Its wool is of an exceedingly fine luster and quality, and occasionally attains a length of six inches.

Ancient Writing Implements. When writing, Confucius used a small brush, like a camel's-hair brush, for a pen, and so did his ancestors for centuries before his time. The reed came into use for writing in the marshy countries of the Orient. It was hollow and cut in short lengths.

Compliment for Grandpa. Grandpa was visiting in a family where there was a little girl named Lucille. After he had gone someone said, "Well, Lucille, what do you think of grandpa?" "Oh," she said, "I think he is just awful cute."

Our Work. It's as simple as the rule of three. If we make light of our work by using it for our own ends, our work will make light of us, and as we are the weaker, we shall suffer.—Kipling.

Giant Leaves. The leaf of the cocoon tree is nearly thirty feet long; while a single leaf of the parasol magnolia of Ceylon will shelter fifteen to twenty persons.

How to Drive a Nail. Drive a nail home and clinch it so faithfully that you can wake up at night and think of your work with satisfaction.—Thoreau.

Worth While Quotation. Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns—I am thankful that thorns have roses.—Selected.

Diversified Humanity. Some men are hammers; others anvils, but most of us are mere bellows.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Optimistic Thought. If you want clear water always draw it from the spring. Sound Advice. "Don't ax de good Lawd ter send prosperity. Let him see you wid yo' coat off an yo' sleeves rolled high, tryin' ter pitch hard times over de fence, an' prosperity will be settin' at yo' breakfas' table nex' mawnin', an' yo' needn't wonder how he got dar!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Demand Attention. Duties retire q'ermore from the observation of those who slight them.—Sarah W. Stephen. Pledgatorial Note. The tale is usually the biggest part of the fish.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.