ISOLATED GREATNESS.

The man who never makes mistakes, He is the creature who awakes The soul to scorn, the brow to frown With wrath no charity can drown. Men sound his praise with zeal intense

And bid us heed his excellence. But none the less, when he comes

'round. Discomfort seems to reign profound. For how can he, so coldly wise, Extend a hand and sympathize With simple, struggling, mortal men. Who rise and fall and rise again? How can his heart responsive beat To that remorseful mood complete Of those who feel they cannot be, Strive though they may, as good as he?

He knows all things in human life, Save to forgive the struggling men Who grope and stumble now and then. I'd rather be a dull machine And clink and clank in a routine Of duty until something breaks Than he who never makes mistakes. -Washington Star.

> "GO!" An Episode of lavasion. BY FRANKLIN W. CALKINS.

Gordon's party of twelve tired front- mules of the splendid eight lay welteriersmen had mounted the high divide ing in blood; another was disabled, and which separates the sources of the only one had come off without hurt. Running Water from those of the Half the counties of northern Iowa Cheyenne. For five weeks the men had had been scoured to get together "Gor- -Youth's Companion. shovelled drifts, buffeted blizards and don's pride," as this fine frieght team kept a constant vigil among the inter- had been named, before the party left minable sand-hills. By means, too, of Sloux City, stable canvas, shovels, axes, iron pick- The blight of their hopeful expediet-pins and a modicum of dry feed, tion, the frightful peril of their situathey had kept in good condition the tion, were lost sight of in their desire splendld eight-mule team which drew for revenge, which burned in the heart their big freighter.

In fact "Gordon's outfit" was a mod- apon the stricken, stiffening heap of no similar body of men ever faced our mediately. They believed they could the mysteries of occultism, into the snow-bound, trackless plains, better easily overtake the Sloux among the arcana of black magic. There are perequipped for the adventure. And now drifts of the lower lands, where creeks sons, they opine, even in these latter far rim of a limitless waste of white. them had hastily begun to strip for the

ter's expedition, lay before them. cured. Out of the bitter cold, after

hostile Sioux, but their frosty cheers, come as unexpectedly as the flood of a no mean opinion of himself, so that it eral kinds of vegetables. thin and piping, had hardly been borne cloudburst or the bursting of a gun. away by the cutting wind when a moving black speck appeared on the west- fiercely watching the flying Sloux Gorern horizon.

itself into a solitary horseman. Could frozen bread and cartridges, slipped It be that a single Sioux would apon a pair of snowshoes kept for an proach a party of their strength? They emergency, tightened his belt and then short, when the results arrived at are watched the rider without anxiety. launched himself in pursuit. They were so near the goal now that no war party of sufficient strength to than a speck upon the vast snow field. thoughtfully been forwarded to me, become a menace was likely to be- Gordon, with an "express" rifle under gives full details of the three years' come a menace was likely to be gath- his arm, took the long, swinging stride course. During the first year the ered. They were equipped with an ar- of the accomplished snow-shoer. In an student is made to acquire as much senal of modern guns, with fifty thou- hour the speck upon the snow had not Hebrew as "will enable him to undersand rounds of ammunition, and had boasted they were "good to stand off three hundred Sloux."

Nearer and nearer drew the horseman, his pony coming on in rabbit-like jumps to clear the drifts. Speculation ceased. It was an Indian-probably a hunter strayed far from his village. half-starved and coming to beg for food. Well, the poor wretch should have frozen bread and meat, as much as he could eat-they could not stop to give him better fare.

It was as cold as Greenland. The bundled driver upon the great wagon slapped his single line, and yelled at the plodding mules. Eleven buffalocoated, fur-encased men with feet clad in snow-packs marched at the tail of the freighter. In such weather their cold "shooting-irons" were left in the wagon, nor did they deem it necessary now to get them out.

They were prepared for a begging Indian, but the apparition which finally rode in upon the monotony of their long march seemed to them a figure as farcial as savage. As the Sloux horseman confronted them he lovered his blanket, uncovering his solemn, barbarian face, and stretching out one long arm, pointed them back upon their trail.

"Go!" he said, and he repeated the command with fierce insistence.

but the footmen halted for a moment of river drifts, and scooped himself a tion of the mules that form a conspicuto laugh.

and shouted, "Go!" still more savage. slapping his hands to keep his fingers the character and training of the ly. It was immensely funny. Gor- ready for action, he waited, meaning mules, and she would take no chances don's men jeered the solitary autocrat, to do what execution he could before in the matter. Finally she decided upand laughed until their icicled beards the end. pulled. They bade him get into a drift and cool off; asked him if his mother tween the Sloux, and then only a sin- Calve herself rehearsed the mules and knew he was out, and whether his feet | gle Indian advanced towards the white | christened them. They became great were sore, and if it burt him much to man. This one came on afoot, within pets with the singers, and this sumtalk, and if he hadn't a brother who gunshot, then stopped and shook his mer Mme. Eames has invited them to could chin-chin washtado?

His sole answer to their jeering, as proach and talk. he rode alongside, was "Go! go! go!" Gordon laughed. The situation aprepeated with savage emphasis and a peared to him grimly humorous. He Some women, when a gown doesn't flourish of his arm to the southward. | motioned to the Indian to come on, and match their complexions, finds it easier | peanuts, they can do so by giving to mal life found in their water excur-The tootmen were plodding a dozen kept him well covered with his rife. to alter the complexion than the gown. any dry soil a thorough pulverization sions. Unless they have something to

yards in the rear of the freight wagons A moment later, however, he lowered and still laughing frostily at this queer his gun. specimen of "Injun" when the savage | Whatever fate awaited Gordon he spurred his pony forward. A few quick knew that he stood in no danger of a leaps carried him up to the tolling treacherous stroke from the approacheight-mule team. His blanket dropped ing Sioux. It was the chief, Red Cloud. around his hips, and a repeating carbine rose to his face. Both wheelers forward with a hand outstretched. dropped at the first shot, killed by a single ounce slug. A rapid fusillade mules," was Red Cloud's greeting in of shots was distributed among the the Sioux tongue. struggling mules, and then the Sioux was off, shaking his gun and yelling

leaps and like the wind. get into the wagon and at their guns. ers under their great-coats, jerked off their mittens and fumbled with stiff fingers for their weapons. They had not been nerved up with excitement, like the Sloux, and before they could bring their guns to bear the savage

was well out upon the prairie. And when these men tried, with rifle or revolver, to shoot at the swiftly moving, erratic mark presented by the the cutting wind numbed their fingers You will find your soldiers at the three cunning Sloux and his rabbit-like pony and filled their eyes with water, the forks of White River. Now go!" glistening snow obscured their front sights, and they pelted a white waste furlously with bullets.

The anger which raged in them as they saw that the Sloux had escaped The new El Dorado was in sight, scot free was something frightful. Six

of every man of them as they gazed

don stripped himself of his superlative The speck drew nearer, and resolved wrappings, stocked his pockets with

> Horse and rider were again no more grown smaller.

At noon, by the sun, upon a broad flat where tall grass held the snow. Gordon came almost within bullet range of the Sloux. An hour later, close look at spirit phenomena, and among a tangle of driftwood vines, learns, doubtless, with growing interthere was an exchange of shots, and est and profit, "the practical adaptathe Sloux's pony dropped in its tracks. tions of the various arts of divina-The Indian dodged out of sight, and tion." Finally, in his third year, he Gordon pushed warily on with a grin studies "the action of human thought of hate under his icicles,

through the light crust at every other cessive stages accomplished, it is his step. In just a little while!

among a seemingly interminable tangle wise be ignorant of its greatest maof gullies without catching a glimpse gicians, it might be mentioned that of the wary dodger. Then he emerged the founders of the occultist school are into a wider valley, to find that the Correspondence Pall Mall Gazette. artful rascal had escaped out of his range and out of sight upon a windswept stretch of river ice.

Gordon ground his teeth and swept tion. At a turn of the river he saw proaching the runner. The mule-kill- \$1,000. er's camp or town was close at hand.

Exhausted from his long run, Gordon, in his own language, threw up the try in "Carmen" she insisted that The big freight wagon rattled on, sponge. He hastily sought the cover great care should be taken in the seleckind of rifle pit. Then, with a pile ous part of the gypsy outfit. The Indian stretched his lean arm of cartridges between his knees, and Mme, Calvesaid much depended upon

blanket in token that he wanted to ap- pass their vacation at her country

Gordon arose, and the chief came My young man has killed your

Gordon understood, "Yes," he said, "and I will not take your hand un til

definace, his pony going in zig-zag you have done right." The grave old chief drew his blanket Men ran tumbling over each other to about his shoulders with a shrug. "Now listen," he said. "If one of your The teamster and two or three others soldiers had approached a party of who, despite the cold, carried revolv- my soldiers and had killed all their horses, and so crippled them and escaped you would have made him a big captain. It is so. My young man tion it would have small effect on the is very brave. He did as he was told. country-not yet. I have watched your advance and complained to your soldiers at White River. When I saw they did not go out and catch you as our Great Father has said they should do, I sent my young man to stop you.

> And without another word, Red Cloud turned upon his heel and stalked away. This time Gordon was glad enough to obey the injunction to "go." Three days later his little party filed in at the military camp on White River, and when, some time afterward, their boxes of freight had been recovered, not so much as a blanket or a pound of sugar had been taken by Red Cloud's Sloux.

> > WITCHCRAFT SCHOOL IN PARIS.

Three Years Required to Learn the Secrets of the Black Art.

A school of a very curious order is to be opened in Paris to-day. Its founders offer to initiate whoever is possessed of the necessary dose of pa- and are largely worked by hand. The el one in every respect, and probably animals. All were for giving chase imthe muffled marchers cheered as "Cap" and snow filled ravines must cause and skeptical days, who would like to but there is something to learn from done at the right time to secure a good kept carefully in the background, in follow in the footsteps of a Paracelsus | Europe in increasing the crops by the and profitable crop. If we would have fact, he had been in the sweat lodge blurred and inky upheaval upon the "Boys," said Gordon, when some of or a Trismegistus, and for the benefit The famous Black Hills, a veritable chase, "boys, this is my particular afwonderland, unseen hitherto by any fair. You make camp and fit it for and witchcraft, of astrology and the manure. It requires a large amount of rain that fails, forming a crust on the party of whites save the men of Cus- fightin'. I'll either get that Sloux, or be admitted that the advantager half. he'll fetch his tribe back and get us." be admitted that the advantages held will be large, correspondingly, and the Two more days and the gold-seekers

Cy Gordon was their captain. He had to complete imitation are considerable.

Cy Gordon was their captain. He had to complete imitation are considerable. would gain the shelter of those pine- been a hay and wood contractor for An inscription on the wall of the oc- valuable crops are so treated. It would covered hills, where their merry axes many years in the Sloux country, and cultist school says that "the initiatwould "eat chips" until shelter, com- his word was law to this little band. ed. in virtue of the powers transmit- crops as celery, peas, cabbages, lettuce, weeks of toil and danger, into warmth daring and disaster they had looked feared in hades." A magician of this crops. and safety-no wonder they were giad! upon. The performance had been too calibre would certainly occupy an en-As yet they had seen no sign of the appallingly simple and easy. It had viable position, and be entitled to have necessary for making tests with sevwould not be just to scoff at the occult-While his men stood vengefully and ist professors unless by any chance they should fail to keep their promises.

Nobody will be surprised to learn that a magician is not made in a moment. Still, though the process of initiation extends over three years, the time expended will be allowed to be considered. The program of studies at the occultist school, which has stand the books of the old alchemists." This is not all, but I am compelled to abridge. In his second year he dips into Sanscrit, exercises himself in hypnotism and somnambulism, takes a on the invisible," and many other ob-He took up the Sioux's tracks, and scure matters, his comprehension of noted with satisfaction that the In- which is aided, it may be presumed, dian's moccasined feet punched clear by his previous training. These sucown fault if he is not a full-fledged But he followed for an hour or more wizard. As the world might other-

Three Grand Opera Mules.

For the past eight years the salary over the smooth surface, sweating, de- list of the Metropolitan opera comspite the sharp cold, from flerce exer- pany has included the names of three mules. On the payroll they appear the Sloux; but there were others, more thus: "Calve, Carmen, Carmencitathan a score of them, mounted and ap- mules." And they have earned nearly

When Mme. Calve was about to make her first appearance in this coun-

on three animals that have ever since There was considerable parley be- appeared regularly in the opera. Mme. home.-New York World,

TEMS OF INTEREST ON ACRICUL. TURAL TOPICS.

Keeping Weeds Cut Down-Remedy For the Oat Smut-Methods of Farming-Eradicating Wild Mustard-Some Dairy Hints-Etc., Etc.

Keeping Weeds Cut Down.

urges the importance of keeping weeds | inch, leaving the ends of the vines just cut down as one measure in the war on out of the ground. insect pests. Many of the insects that would be starved out.

Remedy For the Oat Smut.

Do not sow oats without treating them for the destruction of smut, if the smut has ever appeared on the farm or farms in the vicinity, and there are few places where it has not. The out given for oats is one pound of bluestone the wheat formula uses same amount is an increase of crop and an improvement in quality.

Methods of Farming.

There are many methods of farming, but in all countries the crops grown and the mode of cultivation depends take to do too much, so that they have upon the cost of labor. In Europe, not time to give growing crops proper gay colors. At noon the medicine men where labor is chesp, owing to the employment of women and children in the fields, plants are grown closer together intensive system is used on such farms | ter. The successful farmer of the fu- grounds and placed in a little house. because the farms are small. In this ture will find that he can do well. I Then the Indians assembled around a Such experiments should not be

Eradicating Wild Mustard.

wild mustard. It is an annual and is ground live for years and continue to germinate as they are brought to the surface. If they are present in small amounts, hand pulling is the best meth- the fertility of the soil.-M. Trussler, in od of eradication. When the field is Farmers' Guide. badly infested, the ground should be barrowed or gang-plowed soon after harvest. As soon as the seeds have sprouted, cultivate thoroughly and at fall. Put in a hoed crop the following spring and cultivate thoroughly through the whole of the growing season. Culand plow again with a double mold been shown so clearly as in experi- The man has special facility of tivate and harrow after the crop is off board plow. Sow the ground the next ments recently concluded by the New, speech, and it was not long before he spring and seed with clover, pulling the York Agricultural Experiment Station began to describe Kassassin and his weeds by hand out of the grain crop. at Geneva. In these tests 1,000 chicks part in the battle-the long wait, the After one or two crops of hay are cut, and 170 ducklings have been grown to restrained impatience, the nerves rotate again in the same way.

Some Dairy Hints.

At the dairy institute at Springfield, Professor Cooley told the members

The food does not affect the richness of the milk. You cannot tell by the looks of milk how rich it is.

We cannot afford to run cows on half time. cows before milking, and it is advised one containing animal meal, is supplied by many that the udders be clipped.

throughout the year. It is claimed that summer silage will stop summer shrinkage. Overalls should be clean. Don't have

thom stiffened with dairy starch. Don't make a strainer do too much work. Have a fresh one for every

ten or a dozen cows. Cool the milk and keep it at a given temperature, Care, cleanliness and cold are the

three c's of milk production. The German dairymen have a stall which seems nearly perfect. The platform is just the right length for the cow, and behind it is a deep ditch of six or right inches with a ledge part way down, so that the cow in slipping

off does not slip clear to the bottom The cows soon learn to stand out of the disch and keep perfectly clean.

Cultivating Peanuts.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. and fertilization with decomposed take the place of this animal matter up keep the land clean by hoeing. When feed, they begin to run and show blossoms the vines and blossoms should be cov-A writer in American gardening ered with earth, to a depth of about an

With good cultivation the vines will infect field and garden crops live on grow rapidly and the earthing process the weeds that spring up in early spring must be continued. They will continue until the cultivated crops come on. Of to grow until frost comes, and then they should be lifted from the ground. munity kept the weeds under subject Leave the nuts clinging to the vines, in stalled a new chief into office recently. which condition they must be thor- and they have not entirely recovered insects, but if there was a general pol- oughly dried. Do not let them mould. from the effects of it yet. You cannot come here and take my key of weed destruction many pests With good culture and luck a quart may be gathered from a single plant. chief by the head medicine man, Ke-If the farmers' boys prefer to grow Wa-Nah, who said he had received the their own peanuts, there is no great appointment from the Great Spirit. The difficulty attending the operation.-The old chief died several weeks ago and Epitomist.

> Intensive vs. Extens ve Farming. The successful farmer of the future | Waw-Pa-Se-Kek comes of an old line smut requires a stronger solution to must farm fewer acres and grow more of warriors and he said that he needed kill it than wheat smut. The formula per acre. Rotation of crops and diver- the place in order to keep up the digsified farming and stock raising are the nity of the family. He made a speech or sulphate of copper, in eight gallons best foundation for the success of the which greatly pleased the tribe. He of water for eight bushels of oats, while future farmer, and, as it costs no more said that he did not favor the Indians to raise a well bred animal than it does living on allotments and having to of sulphate of copper in ten gallons of to raise a scrub, better sell off the in- work, and he was going to Washingwater for ten bushels of wheat. The ferior stock, and in the future raise ton to see the great white father and gain by using this preventive for smut none but the very best to consume the have the allotment talk stopped. He crops raised. Fewer animals in number said the Indians ought to be let alone and better ones to consume the grain by the whites. The new chief was inand grass raised on fewer acres is the stalled with much ceremony. road to success in these days of small margins and sharp competition. The

attention at the right time. Better drop off one or two things in grounds and sang the death chant of which there is the least profit, and put the tribe after which the body of the more time on other crops that pay bet- dead chief was carried to the burial crop can be cultivated with its aid, that in farming many things must be soup. In the meantime the new chief red as soon as dry enough after every dian. After dinner the Indians went about \$8.20 worth of fertility; every and there took up their position in a ton of timothy hay that he hauls away circle around the outer edge. When robs it of about \$5.48, and every ton they were in place with the medicine

fort and safety from attack were se. There was no need to argue that no ted them by the masters, reign in onions, or early crops of any kind, will that if we grow clover and timothy loss of sleep. All of the medicine men man could even have guessed at the heaven, command on earth and are pay, as they can be followed by later for the market it is only a question of cast their sacred otter skins at him and time when the best of farms will be- he fell down acting as if he were dead. come unproductive. We must prac- Then the redskins began singing the tice more intensive farming and less medicine songs, during which they extensive if we make farming pay in dragged the chief into the dancing the future. We must plant fewer acres circle outside. Once there he recovand raise more to the acre. Wheat at ered and made a speech. Then the One of the worst weeds in many parts 50 cents per bushel and twelve to fifof the United States and Canada is the teen bushels per acre, does not pay expenses. But if we can so farm as to spread entirely by seeds, and owing to raise thirty or thirty-five bushels per the great vitality of the seeds them- acre, then there would be some profit selves, it is a very difficult weed to in raising 50-cent wheat. But the eradicate. The seeds once in the American farmer cannot afford to quit growing wheat if there be little or no profit in it, from the fact that we must rotate our crops in order to keep up household.-Chicago Record.

Animal Food For Poultry.

This matter is discussed lucidly with is desirable to feed poultry animal matact effect of such feeding has never ences on the field, marketable size, and ninety hens and tense, the bits jingling in the silence; forty cockrels have been fed for then the advance, the trot, the gallop, points in one direction: Toward superiority of rations containing animal food over those made up of grains alone. In no case has the reverse of this proven true, and in nearly all the trials the difference has been most noticeable. When the lack of mineral matter in To get high-grade milk, brush the an all-grain ration, as compared with by bone ash, the difference disappears or favors the grain ration; so far as perfect simplicity, said: Manage to have the cows come fresh, so as to maintain a uniform supply chicks and laying hens are concerned. in the grain ration which makes this me,"-Cassell's Saturday Journday. ration inferior to one containing animal meal, rather than a difference in quality of the protein,

Practically, this is of little importance, for, except under rare conditions like those surrounding these experiments, it would be easier, cheaper and better to use animal meal, meat scraps or cut bone to supplement a ration for fowls in confinement, than to burn the bones or to buy bone ash. Something to supplement the ash-poor grains they must have and it is simpler to give it in a natural form combined with val-

urally great lovers of small fish and there is very little illness among If anyone desires to grow his own frogs and snails and such forms of ani- them."-Philadelphia Record.

and plant about the time of planting In farm poultr feeding, where the beans, getting fresh unbaked nuts, birds have the range of orchard and which should be removed from the pasture, of course they get animal food shell. Plant in hills from two and one- in the insects and worms and snails half to three feet apart, with two ker- which they scratch for so vigorously; nesl to a hill, so as to insure at least so grain may make up practically all one plant to every hill. The surplus the ration fed. The birds themselves can be transplanted. When they come will attend to the supply of animal

SAC AND FOX'S NEW CHIEP.

Waw-Pa-Se-Kek Installed as Head of Tribe With Much Pompt.

With much pomp and several circumstances the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians, who live on a reservation in Oklahoma when they are at home, in-

Waw-Pa-Se-Kek was chosen the new was buried yesterday, just before the new chief was declared the ruler of his tribe.

Tuesday morning the Indians com-

menced to assemble at the dance made by many farmers. They under- grounds. By 10 o'clock about 1,000 of the trible assembled on the dance men on the inside the chief appeared. Hence it is evident to every man He was rather weak from fatigue and Indians engaged in a big dance which lasted until morning.

Besides falling beir to the chieftancy. Waw-Pa-Se-Kek also gets six muaws and fifteen children of the dead chief, which with his own three squaws and ten children and the numerous medicine men make quite a large official

What Struck Him Most.

A gentleman in this country has a confidential servant who has served in the army, and who completed his term repeated intervals. Rib up with a reference to farm poultry in "Review of active service at the famous charge double mold board plow late in the of Bulletin," No. 171, as follows: It at Kassassin. Not long back his master in some form. This has long been African campaign, and led him on to taught by practical feeders; but the ex- say something about his own experi-

lengthy periods; so that the evidence the charge; then how the rider just presented in Bulletin No. 171 has the ahead of him fell from his saddle and weight of time and numbers. It all shot his own horse dead with the death grip of his fingers on his revolver as he dragged; and how the men's faces hardened at the sight and they set their teeth to win.

"And what struck you most when it was all over, and you looked back on

it?" asked the master. The servant paused for a moment's reflection, and then, with the most

"Well, sir, what struck me most That is, it is the small amount of ash forcibly was the bullets that missed

Pearls Are Enjoying Good Health.

It is interesting to know from a Chestnut street dealer in jewels that pearls are in particularly good health this summer. "Good health" is the expression of the dealer, and he meant it iterally: "These gems are particularly liable to disease," he said. "Commercially, the health of a pearl refers to its lustre, and when it becomes dull, you may know that it is sick. Salt water is the only tonic that is known nable protein and fats, than to burn to be efficacions in such cases, and out the organic matter and give the ash after being immersed in brine for several days, the gems will be found to With ducks, however, even the addi- be restored to their usual health. The tion of the bone ash did not make the summer months are usually hard on grains a perfect feed. Ducks are nat- pearls, but this year, for some reason,