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**Who Could Doubt It?**  
 Artist (angrily)—No; I don't want a model. I only paint flowers or fruit.  
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**Important to Mothers.**  
 Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA**, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of **Dr. J. C. Fletcherson** in Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcherson's Castoria

**Superstitious Waiter.**  
 A man dining at a cafe observed that though he had ordered one dozen oysters, he was served with only eleven. The next evening the same thing occurred again. Then the diner became somewhat irritated.  
 "Why," he demanded of the waiter, "do you serve me only eleven oysters when I order a dozen?"  
 The waiter bowed apologetically. "I didn't think you'd wanting to be sitting thirteen at table, sir."

**See Riches in Swamps.**  
 The Russian department of agriculture has founded at the Riga Polytechnic a school for specialists in swamp cultivation. The North Pechora expedition worked many years with great success in the deserted region of the northern swamps, and proved that the swamps of the Archangel province are full of wealth, and that millions of peasants, devoured by poverty and hunger in their native places, can find food and shelter in the swampy regions after their cultivation. With small expense the swamps can be turned into land covered with rich grass.

**Real Woman-Hater.**  
 A will of a confirmed woman-hater, writes Virgil M. Harris in "Ancient Customs and Famous Wills," is that of a rich old bachelor who had endured much from attempts made by his family to put him under the yoke of matrimony, and who wrote: "I beg that my executors will see that I am buried where there is no woman interred, either to the right or to the left of me. Should this not be practicable in the ordinary course of things, I direct that they purchase three graves, and bury me in the middle one of the three, leaving the two others unoccupied."

**GRAND TO LIVE**  
**And the Last Laugh Is Always the Best**  
 "Six months ago I would have laughed at the idea that there could be anything better for a table beverage than coffee," writes an Ohio woman, "now I laugh to know there is."  
 "Since childhood I drank coffee freely as did the other members of the family. The result was a puny, sickly girl; and as I grew into womanhood I did not gain in health, but was afflicted with heart trouble, a weak and disordered stomach, wrecked nerves and a general breaking down till last winter, at the age of 38, I seemed to be on the verge of consumption."  
 "My friends greeted me with 'How bad you look! What a terrible color!' and this was not very comforting."  
 "The doctors and patent medicines did me absolutely no good. I was thoroughly discouraged."  
 "Then I gave up coffee and commenced Postum. At first I didn't like it, but after a few trials and following the directions exactly, it was grand. It was refreshing and satisfying. In a couple of weeks I noticed a great change."  
 "I became stronger, my brain grew clearer. I was not troubled with forgetfulness as in coffee times, my power of endurance was more than doubled."  
 "The heart trouble and indigestion disappeared and my nerves became steady and strong."  
 "I began to take an interest in things about me. Housework and home-making became a pleasure. My friends have marveled at the change and when they enquire what brought it about I answer 'Postum, and nothing else in the world.'" Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

**CHURCHES SHOW SMALL INCREASE**

Figures For 1911 Not What They Should Be.

1 7-10 PER CENT INCREASE

Figures Show Greater Part Of the Country's Population Are Not Church Members—Methodism Shows Up Better.

New York.—Membership of all the churches of the United States increased by 894,366 last year, according to statistics prepared and made public by Dr. H. K. Carroll, formerly director of the Religious Census.

This is less than three-fourths of 1 per cent of the country's entire population and is only 1 7-10 per cent increase over the country's church membership for 1910.

"The increase cannot be considered at all satisfactory," said Dr. Carroll. "It shows that the greater part of the country's population are not church members. The body of ministers, one of whose principal duties is obviously to secure converts, is increasing, the number of churches is increasing also, and so, presumably, is the number of devout lay workers whose desire it is to win converts."

"It is true that the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been one of the most active evangelizing denominations, reports a larger annual increase this year than it has made during the last few years. But even this increase is a fraction lower than it should be, compared with the increase of the population, the ministers and the churches."

"The increase in membership of the Presbyterian Church (Northern) falls below 1 per cent of its entire membership. The increase in membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church is barely 2 per cent."

"The average net increase in membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church last year was less than two for each of its churches. The average increase in membership of the Northern Presbyterian Church is a little over one for each church. The average increase in the membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church is a little over two for each church."

"In short, either the losses by death, removal, exclusion, etc., from this country's churches are much larger than formerly, or the ingathering through revivals, Sunday schools, etc., is smaller. The net increase of church members in this country for the decade ended with 1910 was about 786,000 a year."

There was an increase of 1,990 in the number of ministers in this country last year, according to Dr. Carroll, and an increase of 2,832 in the number of churches.

During 1911 the Methodist Church showed the greatest proportionate gain in members—204,289 over 1910. The Roman Catholic Church showed the greatest numerical gain, 230,665.

**EMPEROR WILLIAM 53.**  
 Taft and Other Heads of Nations Congratulate Him.

Berlin.—Emperor William was 53 years old Saturday. The Emperor spent the greater part of the day with his family, but received delegations of public men and representatives of civic organizations who wished him health and a long life. Scores of congratulatory messages were received from the heads of foreign governments, among them a cablegram from President Taft.

**SHE STOLE AN APPLE.**  
 Converted 20 Years Later, Woman Confesses Theft.

Devils Lake, N. D.—Remorse over having stolen an apple from a department store in this city 20 years ago, when she was a school girl, caused a St. Paul woman, who signed her name as "Mrs. F. C.," of Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, to send the local merchants a letter asking forgiveness. She explained she had been converted at a revival meeting held in a Dayton's Bluff church recently.

**MAYOR SHANK IMITATED.**  
 War On High Prices Started in New York.

New York.—War on high prices for vegetables for the poor of New York, fashioned after the campaign of Mayor Shank of Indianapolis, was begun here with the opening by a committee of clergymen and others of the first of what is proposed to be a series of sales places where products of the soil will be transferred from producer to consumer without a middleman's intervention.

**Clergyman Commits Suicide.**  
 Blossburg, Pa.—The Rev. John C. Grimes, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at this place, committed suicide by firing a bullet through his brain.

**Mistakes Gasoline For Oil; Dies.**  
 Huntington, W. Va.—G. A. Blake, 32 years old, a business man of Millersport, Ohio, was burned to death in an explosion of gasoline which he mistook for oil, and with which he tried to start a fire in a cook stove.

**COMMERCIAL**  
 Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Extreme cold weather, while it has stimulated certain branches of trade, has had the general effect of checking retail distribution; otherwise the business situation shows a strengthened confidence, combined with a clearly defined conservatism. The best exhibit continues in iron and steel, in which further large orders by the railroads, the government and the individual contractors serve to increase the volume of business and cut down the number of idle mills."

"Retail dry goods distribution has been retarded by the extremely cold weather over a large area and the efforts of merchants holding special sales were adversely affected. New low prices have been named in primary markets on cotton blankets for fall delivery."

"The volume of trade in shoes has increased owing to the return of salesmen to the road and to an increased number of buyers at Boston who are taking more stock for present requirements."

**Wholesale Markets**

**FOUR-NEWS; 11 a. m. Saturday.**  
**NEW YORK—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 2 red, 98 1/2c elevator export basis and 101 f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 120 1/2 f o b afloat.**  
**Corn—Spot steady; export, new, 71 1/2c f o b afloat.**  
**Oats—Spot dull. Futures market was nominal. Receipts, 27,450 bu.**  
**Eggs steady. Fresh gathered extras, 36@37; extra firsts, 34@35; firsts, 32 1/2@33; seconds, 31@32; thirds and poorer, 25@30; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 29 1/2@30; firsts, 28 1/2@29; seconds, 27@28; poor, 18@23; State, Pennsylvania and nearby henney brown, 36@37; do gathered, brown and mixed colors, 32@35.**

**Poultry—Dressed quiet and steady; Western chickens, 13 1/2@13; fowls, 14@17 1/2. Turkeys, 12@21 1/2. Live, receipts heavy; trading slow and market badly demoralized. A car of fowl sold at auction at 12 1/2c.**  
**PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat quiet; contract grade; No. 2 red in export elevators, 94 1/2@97. Corn firm; car lots for local trade 14 1/2c higher; No. 2 in export elevators, 68 1/2@69; No. 2 yellow for local trade, 71@72.**  
**Oats firm; No. 2 white natural, 55 1/2.**  
**Butter weak, 1c lower; Western creamery special, 42c; do, extra, 42; nearby prints extras, 44.**  
**Live poultry quiet; fowls, 13@14c; old roosters, 10@10 1/2c; young roosters, stags; 11@11 1/2c; spring chickens, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; ducks, 16@17; geese, 14@16; turkeys, 16@17. Dressed poultry firm; fresh killed turkeys, nearby choice to fancy, 20c; fair to good, 17@19; Western choice to fancy, 19@20; fair to good, 16@18; old, 18; fowls, nearby, 17@17 1/2; do, Western, 13@17; ducks, nearby fancy, 20@21; Western fancy, 19@20; fair to good, 12@16; geese, fancy, 14@15; fair to good, 10@13.**

**BALTIMORE—Wheat—Spot and January, 98; February, 99; May, 102.**  
**Corn—Spot, 70 1/2c; January, 70 1/2c; February, 69 1/2c; March, 59 1/2c.**  
**Oats—No. 2 white, 55@55 1/2c; standard white, 54 1/2@55; No. 3 white, 54@54 1/2c. Lightweight white oats are bringing a premium over the above prices. Rye—No. 1 domestic, \$1.01@1.02; Western domestic, No. 2, \$1.00@1.01; No. 3, 96@97c; No. 4, 94@95c; nearby, No. 2, 92@93c; bag lots, as to quality, near, 76@85.**  
**Butter—Creamery specials, 42c; extras, 40 1/2@41; firsts, 38 1/2@39; thirds, 30; creamery held specials, 38@38 1/2c; extras, 36 1/2@37; firsts, 34@35 1/2c; seconds, 31@33; state dairy tubs, finest, 37@39; process specials, 28 1/2c; extras, 27@27 1/2c; firsts, 25 1/2@26; seconds, 23@24 1/2c; factory current make firsts, 24; seconds, 23; packing stock held, 23@23 1/2c.**  
**Cheese—We quote jobbing lots, per lb, 18@18 1/2c.**  
**Eggs—Fresh gathered extra firsts, 35@36c; do firsts, 33 1/2@34; do seconds, 32@33; refrigerator special marks fancy, 29 1/2@30; do firsts, 28 1/2c; do seconds, 27@28; do poor, 18@23.**

**Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, heavy, 14c; do, small to medium, 13c; young, large, 13@14; rough and poor, 12; old roosters, 9. Ducks—White Pekins, 14@15c; Muscovy, 13; puddle, 13@14. Geese—Nearby, 12@13c; Western and Southern, 11@12; Kent Island, 14@15. Pigeons, per pair—Young, 20c; old, 20. Guinea fowl, each, 25@30c. Turkeys—Choice hens, 15; young gobblers, 15; old toms, 14; small and poor, 10@12.**

**Live Stock**  
**CHICAGO.—Cattle; market steady. Beeves, \$4.85@5.40; Texas steers, \$4.40@5.99; Western steers, \$4.50@6.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@6; cows and heifers, \$2.19@6.70; calves, \$6.50@10.**  
**Hogs—Market strong, 10c higher than early. Light, \$5.80@6.25; mixed, \$5.95@6.40; heavy, \$6@6.45; rough, \$6@6.15; pigs, \$4.50@7.55; bulk of sales, \$6.20@6.35.**

**ENDED THE SPELLING LESSON**

Bobby's Education, Under Aunt's Tutelage, Afterward Proceeded Under Different Lines.

Miss Thompson, whose form nature has endowed with all-too-ample curves, was giving her little nephew a lesson in spelling the other day. He had spelt be, he, and he, he, and now she was trying to get him to tell her what m-e, spell.

"Listen, Bobby," she said earnestly. Then closing her lips she pronounced the sound of a long m, and opening them, the sound of a long e.

"What does that spell?" Bobby looked at her and shook his head. Again she tried, and this time, while pronouncing the sounds, she vigorously tapped her own round chest with her plump forefinger.

"Mmum, ee. What letters am I saying and what do they spell?" she asked, still vigorously tapping her chest.

"I don't know what the letters are," replied Bobby, watching the plump forefinger, "but I guess they spell Fat."

**A DIFFERENCE.**



The Romancer—When you have money, people will shake you by the hand—  
 The Philosopher—When it's gone they'll shake you altogether.

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Who the Heathen Be.  
 Father Bernard Vaughan was condemning a somewhat acrimonious religious argument.  
 "Disputes of this kind," he said, "remind me forcibly of a little girl."  
 "What are the heathen, Jenny?" her Sunday school teacher asked this little girl.  
 "The heathen," the child replied, "are people who don't quarrel over religion."  
 Didn't Think Much of Fred.  
 Louis—"They tell me she will get a million the day she marries Fred."  
 Louise—"Well, it's worth it."—Chicago Daily News.

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**Letter from Mrs. Julia King, Phoenix, R.I.**

Phoenix, R.I.—"I worked steady in the mill from the time I was 12 years old until I had been married a year, and I think that caused my bad feelings. I had soreness in my side near my left hip that went around to my back, and sometimes I would have to lie in bed for two or three days. I was not able to do my housework."  
 "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped me wonderfully in every way. You may use my letter for the good of others. I am only too glad to do anything within my power to recommend your medicine."—Mrs. JULIA KING, Box 282, Phoenix, R.I.

**Letter from Mrs. Etta Donovan, Willimantic, Conn.**

Willimantic, Conn.—"For five years I suffered untold agony from female troubles causing backache, irregularities, dizziness, and nervous prostration. It was impossible for me to walk up stairs without stopping on the way. I was all run down in every way."  
 "I tried three doctors and each told me something different. I received no benefit from any of them but seemed to suffer more. The last doctor said it was no use for me to take anything as nothing would restore me to health again. So I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and to see what it would do, and by taking seven bottles of the Compound and other treatment you advised, I am restored to my natural health."—Mrs. ETTA DONOVAN, 702 Main Street, Willimantic, Conn.

**Letter from Mrs. Winfield Dana, Augusta, Me.**

Augusta, Me.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured the backache, headache, and the bad pain I had in my right side, and I am perfectly well."—Mrs. WINFIELD DANA, R.F.D. No. 2, Augusta, Me.

**Letter from Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Newport, Vt.**

Newport, Vt.—"I thank you for the great benefit Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. I took eight bottles and it did wonders for me, as I was a nervous wreck when I began taking it. I shall always speak a good word for it to my friends."—Mrs. JOHN A. THOMPSON, Box 2, Newport Center, Vermont.

**Letter from Miss Grace Dodds, Bethlehem, N.H.**

Bethlehem, N.H.—"By working very hard, sweeping carpets, washing, ironing, lifting heavy baskets of clothes, etc., I got all run down. I was sick in bed every month."  
 "This last Spring my mother got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and already I feel like another girl. I am regular and do not have the pains that I did, and do not have to go to bed. I will tell all my friends what the Compound is doing for me."—Miss GRACIE B. DODDS, Box 133, Bethlehem, N.H.

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