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DRUGS MAKE PLANTS GROW

Flowers and Vegetables Mature Quickly Under the Effects of Ether.

Flowers and vegetables are drugged with ether nowadays. They are put in airtight dens and fed on ether for 24 or 36 hours until they become so permeated with the fumes that they mature in about half the time it takes them to develop naturally. Stately Easter lilies treated for 24 hours have put forth magnificent blooms with the help of warm acetylene light at night, and marigold plants have doubled the size of their flowers after spending a day and a half in the den.

This remarkable method of forcing both flowers and vegetables to maturity has been developed in the horticultural department of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

It was told to the public for the first time at the winter exhibition of the Farmers' Institute, in the American Institute, 19 and 21 West Forty-fourth street, by Prof. John Craig, head of the horticultural branch of Cornell.

"It means a revolution in flowers and vegetables, this new way of forcing them, because they seem to be stimulated to a more perfect maturity than when they develop naturally," Prof. Craig said. "By experiment in the university we found that the ether administered in an airtight box or den for 24 or 36 hours had a most remarkable vitalizing effect on certain kinds of flowers and vegetables.

"When, in addition to being kept in the sunlight during the day time, they were exposed at night to the light from acetylene burners, which seem to have a spectrum similar in effect to the real sunshine, they grew almost riotously.

"Lilies, for instance, will be in bloom at least ten days sooner under this treatment than when they develop naturally or by the ordinary means of forcing, as will also azaleas and rhododendrons. When putting the roots into the ether the greatest care should be taken not to leave them in the stimulating atmosphere more than 36 or 48 hours or the drug will have the opposite effect, and instead of being forced to mature they will die as soon as removed."

Speed of Electricity.
The speed of the electric current in copper wire is 461,500,000 meters a second. The fastest ocean steamer makes only 9.8 meters a second.

Bar to Success.
No young man can succeed if he is paid for a little more than he is paid for.—Chicago Daily News.

From Peruvian Tombs.
Fine specimens of cotton fabrics are often found in Peruvian tombs dating back to the time of the Incas.

Forbidden in Norway.
No monasteries or convents exist in Norway or Sweden, as they are forbidden by law.

Very Cheap Traveling.
Beginning Feb. 14 and continuing daily until April 6th, the Erie R. R. will sell tourist tickets to all Pacific Coast and numerous interior points at very low rates, which will be quoted and all other information given by calling on or writing any Erie ticket agent, or J. H. Webster, D. P. A., Elmira, N. Y. 226-502.

GHOSTLY CRAFT ADRIFT ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Boat Containing Several Spectral Occupants Sighted Floating Down the Stream.

Memphis.—Somewhere between Memphis and Cairo, Ill., on the Mississippi river, either floating down the river with the current or caught against a bank, is a fine gasoline launch which recently caused the death of two Cairo young men.

The launch has been seen several times since then, the last time near Hickman, several days ago, by an old dandy, who claims he saw a white-shrouded figure seated in the bow of the boat. Later a fisherman told how, late at night, he saw a bright, blue, unearthly light far out in the middle of the stream, and by its glare made



SAW A WHITE-SHROUDED FIGURE IN THE BOAT.

out the outlines of a launch and three white figures, with their heads and faces covered over, sitting silently in the craft as it glided down the stream. It was not floating with the current, but went smoothly and swiftly along, impelled, according to the fisherman's story, by no earthly power.

When this had been related another fisherman said he had seen the same craft and the same unearthly glare about it several miles further down the river, on the same night. According to this story, however, the craft was empty of occupants, either earthly or unearthly, and at this time was merely floating with the current. He was out in his boat some distance below the craft when he first sighted it. Impelled by curiosity, he paddled out in the path of the mysterious looking boat, and got within 100 yards of it. Try as he could, he says, he could approach no nearer. Some force prevented him from using his oars, and he could only drift along behind the craft and the light until a cold chill seized him and he hurried to the shore. When he next turned around the craft and the light had both disappeared.

Just whether this strange craft is the one which was lost at Cairo is not known. Leonard Mueller and Walter Jocelyn, of Cairo, were drowned by the overturning of the boat. The bodies of the young men were later recovered, but the craft had disappeared, although it is said to be one which has been seen several times since. The one with the bright light about it was floating along right side up.

SEAGULLS THAT CAPER.

Shore-Feeding Birds Dance to Frighten Worms from the Earth.

"It is no uncommon sight to see gulls, or other birds, dancing or paddling upon the sand," says a writer. "Curious and most other shore-feeding birds do the same thing, the object being to frighten the worms from their retreat below, when they appear to be instantly swallowed up. But the really interesting part of the performance is—why should the worms be so frightened by the shaking produced in the sand as to come to the surface? The inference, of course, is that they have a greater dread of some enemy beneath, whose approach they believe to be heralded by the vibration which his movements through it impart to the sand."

"I confess to being a little puzzled as to what the enemy can be. When the angler wants to collect earth worms, in a place where it is not convenient to dig, he is accustomed to push a stick into the ground and by moving that about impart a vibration to the soil around, which has the effect of forcing those worms within its influence to crawl to the surface. This is precisely the practice followed by the dancing gull and with the same result.

"But on land we are led to suppose that it may be an attack from a mole which the worms fear, while on the wet sands there are, of course, no moles to be dreaded. Are the worms thinking back, through a remote ancestry, to a time when they were dwellers upon dry land and were acquainted with the mole, or his forbears, or what is the true solution of the mystery?"

ELECTION STARTED WITH A RUSH

Indications That a Large Vote Will Be Polled at Today's Contest

Waverly.—The village election which is going on at Stone's hall started off with a rush this morning. Forty votes were cast in the first fifteen minutes and every indication points to a very large vote being polled. Every carriage in town has been brought into requisition and those who cannot get to the polls on account of the storm, will be looked after. The first vote was cast by Simon Zausmer, who is a candidate on the Union ticket for the office of trustee. Arrangements were made for special cars to bring those who worked in Sayre to this place this afternoon and a large delegation came up.

WAVERLY

Miss Alice Devlin went to New York yesterday.

Miss Frances Lyon is visiting friends in Owego.

H. W. Weeks of Lincoln avenue went to Port Jarvis this morning.

Harry Thatcher of Clark street, is in Cleveland, Ohio, on business.

Dr. Clements of Kentucky is in Waverly with a view of locating here.

Dr. E. M. Davis is fitting up rooms for his dental business over Zausmer's store.

The Methodist ladies will serve supper in the Sunday school room on Friday evening.

Postmaster G. D. Genung and wife returned this morning from a visit in New York.

Harry Conant of Nichols, who has purchased Ed. Palmer's barber shop took possession today.

Rev. A. R. Hageman of Binghamton will assist in the Lenten services at the Grace church Friday evening.

Mrs. Haviland Jenks entertained a large company of friends at her home on Clark street this afternoon.

A number of Waverlyites are planning for a theatre party to attend "Ben Hur" at Elmira next week.

The Tioga Hose Co. No. 1 will give the second of their pleasant receptions at their parlors Friday evening.

Seward Baldwin left last night for Cleveland, Ohio, on a business trip connected with the Lawrence-Letts Elbow Co.

The new board of village trustees will take the oath of office at noon next Monday. A meeting for organization will probably be held that evening.

The Waverly Hook and Ladder company boys are hustling to make their benefit performance to be given by the Waverly Imperial minstrels a success.

It is expected that the next meeting of the Manoca temple association will be held at their new quarters in the Tioga hotel block. Elegant new furniture is being installed.

The contract for building the county clerk's office at once was let to Pierce & Bickford of Elmira yesterday by the committee from the board of supervisors who have the matter in charge.

Rev. F. T. Naughter, who was for several years priest of St. James parish, but who is now located at Hornellsville, has gone to Europe on a three months' tour. He will spend most of the time at Rome.

There is no nook or corner in the valley where The Record does not circulate.

CHINA AND CHICAGO

DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONERS STUDY INSTITUTIONS. MAKE ONLY A BRIEF STAY

With Chinese Politeness, Send Flowers for Marshall Field—The Unusual Tribute to the Dead Citizen —Business Stopped.

CHICAGO.—We have just been entertaining the members of the Chinese industrial commission in the style supposedly characteristic of our town. We have whirled them here, we have whirled them a score and a half miles there; we have made them pile impression on top of impression, we have confronted them with a mountain of statistics, we have feasted them and speech-making to them, and finally, breathless and worn-out as it is possible for a well-fed Chinaman to look, the Orientals have taken train and departed.

Many of us had just finished the perusal of that most interesting fat volume "Letters From a Chinese Official," and to these readers the Chinese individual had begun to take shape as a calm, untroubled philosopher, an apostle of sweetness and light, a man endowed with the wisdom of countless generations of like philosophic, gentle, rural-life loving men; and to us these readers it appeared somewhat incongruous for a group of Chinese gentlemen to set themselves the task of "seeing Chicago."

They entered the gates (railroad) of our city, these "prominent and influential persons"—statesmen, administrators, scholars, the party, counting secretaries, attaches and servants, numbering six score persons. Accompanying the commissioners were Lieut. White and Capt. Zopek of the United States marine corps in San Francisco, appointed to protect the distinguished envoys, and when they set foot on Chicago sands a picked body of men was detailed to guard them constantly during their stay. Which looked somewhat sinister, suggested the land-worming them was not so much a land of peace as of plenty. But we are told the guard was for protection against outbursts of their own, from that peculiar and dangerous fraternity, the highlanders.

East and West. THE distinguished visitors arrived the day the city was paying tribute to Marshall Field, and the programme of their entertainment necessarily underwent some change, some members of the committee necessarily absent. At the train the dignitaries were met by Mayor Dunne, who extended to them the hospitality of the city. And forthwith the two commissioners, Tai Hung and Tuan Fang, with their staffs, were started on a personally conducted tour of the strange, sprawling western town.

First the party went to the Auditorium, where they were officially entertained by Hip Lung, the local leader. Then the picturesque Chinese gentlemen set forth by train for Dunning, the institution that has charge of county paupers and insane. The visitors were escorted through the asylum, and the workings of the institution explained. They were shown so much in so short a time and hurried along so fast, they seemed no little relieved when chairs and tea were suggested.

The train whisked the Orientals back to the city in short order, and then followed a visit to the Young Men's Christian association; they were told of its educational advantages, and taken to the gymnasium classes. Next, carriages carried commissioners and suite through grimy streets to Hull House. Miss Jane Addams received the party.

In the evening the citizens of Chicago gave a banquet to the envoys, and preceding the banquet a reception was held, at which were present more than 500 Chinese merchants of the city. The industrial commission made a visit to the McCormick works and showed great interest in the agricultural machinery. It goes without saying that they were taken to the stockyards. They wandered about the retail store of Marshall Field & Co., and some of the members paid a formal call at Fort Sheridan.

Marshall Field. WITH true Chinese courtesy visitors that arrived in Chicago the day Marshall Field was laid to rest, requested that they be allowed to send flowers to the dead great man. And among the wealth of blossoms was this tribute offered by the men from the east.

We do not remember ever to have seen Chicago as it was the day of Mr. Field's funeral. In Chicago Marshall Field has stood for so much more than merely a great storekeeper. There are other big State street stores, other owners thereof, Marshall Field is a name we have known since infancy, a name associated with a man whom we had not thought of some many years to come as aged and dying, that erect figure and military bearing balanced

to such a young old man. When the news came of his illness in New York, it was thought surely he would rally. When the news came of his death, the whole town was saddened.

Marshall Field's has meant generally Marshall Field himself. Back of this wonderful establishment—for we may use this word of an establishment that has no rival in the world—there has ever been visible to his townsmen a slight erect figure with military bearing, a man of few words but decisive action, a man making no parade but a citizen warmly interested in the advance of the city where he had made his own advance and where he had made his home. The building and equipment of the great retail store, the great granite wholesale house, Mr. Field's residence, all spoke of solidity and endurance and beauty.

It has been a name for us to conjure by, Marshall Field's. Strangers were given direction from that as a center, stranger and townsman took their bearings from that corner on State and Washington streets. Few indeed are the residents unfamiliar with the name and place, only the newest immigrant, the newest infant.

The City Mourns. WE walked slowly along State and Michigan the day of the funeral, and marked the universal respect and tribute to the dead citizen. From Field's north and south as far as we could see flags drooped at half mast on buildings lining the two sides of the street, on sky-scrapers, on big shop and little shop. A passer-by remarked, half between smiles and tears: "Even the five and ten-cent stores are closed."

Lowered curtains added to the unusual aspect of this crowded mart, in some cases iron railings were up before the doors. There was calling the attention to wares, but a suggestion that the buyer think of a great merchant price dead. On the door of closed shop a brief notice told of the cessation of business from 12 to 1 as a mark of respect to Marshall Field. Business rivalry was forgotten, a heartfelt tribute given a chief.

During the hour when the wheels were let run down, we cannot say the streets were silent; for they were filled with a great crowd. But it was a crowd involuntarily paying respect, the like of which we assert we have never seen on Chicago streets before. A majority were employees of the closed stores, some were women that had planned to be down town at that time. Commemorative, on the whole, but representative. And we found little fault with an extremely commonplace looking youth who, looking down the length of the thoroughfare, excitedly cried, "Every place on the street closed except that blankety-blank Karsky's."

Honest Sympathy. HE people on the street spoke kindly of the dead, one heard no harsh criticism of "multi-millionaire." In passing we overheard a woman say to a companion, "If his son had died like any other man, it would have been bad enough," this only son a short time ago met with a violent death, a shock that greatly enfeebled and saddened the father.

The traders showed no unseemly haste to open their doors, but for the full allotted time kept the waiting crowd without. At the Chicago club, on Michigan avenue, a beautiful flag at half mast marked the front of the building; the florist's shop across the way was curtained close. Michigan avenue was very quiet, at the noon hour, and along the smooth asphalt of this quiet street the funeral procession passed on its way to distant Graceland. The few people on the street stood quiet, respectful, sorrowful, as the body of Marshall Field went by on its way to the grave. A great and good man gone, they said; and then went about their work.

Save the thousands of Field employees. These gathered in the afternoon in a great memorial service at the Auditorium theater. Of the 13,000 in the city, not half could find entrance. Preference was given those that had been long associated with the dead merchant, and some 200 men grown gray in the service of his house were seated on the platform. There were present men much older than Mr. Field, men that could count their time with him back 30 and 40 years. And there were present mere lads, office boys as well as heads of departments taking part in this service for their old employer.

Mrs. Field attended this service too, sitting in a box near the platform. Two boxes were filled with household servants. Dr. Morrison, the first speaker, said: "The service of this hour has been provided in order that an opportunity might thus be afforded to many devoted friends to pay tribute to the memory of our foremost citizen."

Greatest Writers. A symposium of 100 scientists recently decided that the world's greatest writers were Darwin, Shakespeares, Schiller, Goethe and Humboldt.

Seaweed of Norway. Along the shores of Joderen, on the southwest coast of Norway, the seaweed grows in veritable forests; not the common green variety but actual trees from eye to six feet in height, with stems like ropes and leaves as tough as leather. It begins to sprout in March and April and gradually covers the ocean bed with a dense, impenetrable brush.

REMOVAL SALE

We positively will move on April 1 and in order to reduce our \$15,000 stock of CLOTHING AND SHOES we will inaugurate a removal sale, beginning March 13, to last 12 days, and will give you some convincing prices.

SUITS	HATS
Men's suits that were \$7 now \$4.48	-\$1.75 and \$2 derbies and soft hats, newest shapes, \$1.28.
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OVERCOATS	SHOES
Overcoats that were \$6 to \$9, \$4.78 to " " 10 to 14, 6.80	100 pairs men's \$3 shoes, now \$1.98.
MEN'S PANTS	Children's shoes 50c and up.
150 pairs Men's Pants that were \$1.50, now 98c.	
\$2 and \$2.50 Men's Pants, now \$1.48.	KNEE PANTS
FURNISHINGS	50c and 75c values now 42c. 25c values 18c.
500 silk bow ties worth 25c, three pair for 25c.	
90 dozen black half hose, silk finish, three pair for 25c.	Suit cases worth \$1.50, now 98c. 60 pairs ladies shoes, the \$1.25 kind, now 95c.
Men's 50c work shirts, double or single fronts, now 38c.	Men's odd vests, worth \$1 to \$1.25, now 65c.
Men's white handkerchiefs 3c each, two for 5c.	

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Matinee and Night THURSDAY, MARCH 22, Special Return Engagement of MISS EMMA BUNTING And an Excellent Company MATINEE The Society Comedy Drama, "The Girl From the West" EVENING The Great Melodramatic Success, "The Sidewalks of New York." The Sensational Novelty.

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Lost

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