

**Savages Liked Noise.**

A Birmingham clockmaker discovered that a rival was sending out large stocks of cheap clocks to the heart of Africa and doing good business with them. Finally he found a key to the mystery. Savages like noise. The clocks made by the first exporter had a particularly loud and aggressive tick. His competitor had made a better clock, but it was almost noiseless, and the savages would have none of it.

The great flood of Topeka, Kan., last year has been found to be a blessing in disguise. Ever since the district has not been bothered by the vermin that before infested it—mice, rats, moles, gophers and rabbits.

**PLS** permanently cured. No fit or nerve-cessness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. 271 North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Germany has ten trade journals devoted to tobacco.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Monaco is Europe's most densely populated spot.

**Japan vs. Russia.**

It is well known that Japan is a very small country as compared with the Russian empire. Its area is 147,000 square miles, while Russia has 3,000,000. In population the disparity is much less, but still very great—44,000,000 for Japan against 129,000,000 for the Russian Empire.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.**

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

**Our Life Saving Service.**

So effective is the life-saving service of the United States that from disasters to 246 documented vessels on the coast during the year, having 3262 persons on board, only twenty lives were lost, and of the \$9,000,000 worth of property put in jeopardy but a little more than \$1,000,000 was lost.

**New Whaling Stations.**

Two whaling stations have been established in the British Isles and three more are to be built. As a whaling station costs \$40,000 there must be some evidence of a stock of whales still in British waters.

**Bad Smell on Jap Ships.**

Travelers say that there is a certain undefinable smell peculiar to Japanese steamships that makes life on board of them not worth living. It has been traced to "daikon," a large-leaved vegetable dear to the Japanese palate.

**CHIEF OF POLICE SAVED.**

Newberry, S. C.—W. H. Harris, Chief of Police of Newberry, says: "I suffered for a number of years with kidney complaint. There was a dull aching across the small of my back that was worse at night and made me feel miserable all the time. The kidney secretions were dark and full of sediment, and lack of control compelled me to rise a number of times during the night. Between this annoyance and the backache it was impossible for me to get much sleep and my health was being undermined. I tried a number of remedies, but nothing helped me until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. The use of this remedy according to directions promptly brought about a change for the better. After using two boxes the backache all left me, the kidney secretions cleared up and the action of the kidneys became normal."

**A FREE TRIAL OF THIS GREAT KIDNEY MEDICINE WHICH CURED CHIEF HARRIS** will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price, fifty cents per box.

**New Third Degree Feature.**

An entirely original feature has been introduced into what the police know as the "third degree," or the "sweat box" process, by Postoffice Inspector Williams. It is to read from the prayer book to the suspect the petition for the remission of sins. It was successful with the man upon whom it was tried. Probably it would be effective only with susceptible sinners who had had careful religious training. Many men who fall into the hands of the police could listen to the entire liturgy without making confession. The incident showed the cleverness of Mr. Williams, who tried the prayer for absolution upon a man who at one time led a highly religious life.

No. Maude, dear; a sliding scale is not necessarily one on which ice is weighed.

**B.B.B. Household Remedy**  
Cures SCROFULA, ULCERS, SALT RHEUM, ECZEMA, every form of malignant SKIN ERUPTION. Besides being efficacious in restoring the complexion and clearing the system from any cause, it is a fine tonic, and its almost supernatural healing properties justify its use in guaranteeing a cure of all blood diseases, if directions are followed. Price, \$1 per Bottle, or 6 Bottles for \$5. FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS.

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**HORTICULTURE**

**TOP THE CANES.**

Top the blackberry canes when about three feet high, this securing a stout compact bush instead of a long sprawling shoot.

**SETTING PLANTS.**

In handling and setting out plants, never let the roots shrivel or dry out. After plants and cuttings are in the ground, never leave them just long enough to dry out and die. Keep them moist—not wet and sodden, but moist all the time. In setting out plants, especially strawberries, spread out the roots and make the ground very fine about them. In trenching stock, put the roots down deeply, and cover well half-way up to the stems. The gardener who fails to carry out the principle under this number has not learned the letter A of his business.

**VARIETY IN FRUIT GROWING.**

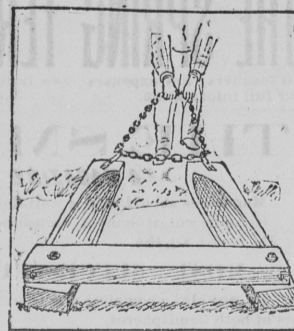
The writer was struck by an incident which occurred recently and which leads to this article. In company with one of the best fruit growers of the country we visited a section famous for its apples. On one or two farms on the outskirts of what might be termed this apple belt were orchards which were not at all attractive. My friend called my attention to them and remarked that for years he had tried to persuade the owners to give up trying to raise apples and to devote their soil to crops which would give better results. He claimed that the larger part of one farm was a natural soil for celery, and that the other farm should be given over largely to small fruits and particularly strawberries. Neither of the owners could be made to see that he would not duplicate the business of the people near him in apple growing. This is the case in many sections. One man will make a success in growing some particular crop by reason of having soil particularly suited for it, or because he understands how to grow that crop.

At once every farmer within easy reach of him will put in the same crop, some of them giving up crops which they had made up their minds to discontinue. Look over the soil and your capabilities thoroughly and don't grow potatoes because Jones had been successful in growing them. Find out if you know how to grow potatoes and if your soil is suited to them; if so go ahead. If not, stick to the crop out of which you are now making money because it is suited to your soil and because you know how to grow it.

**REMOVAL OF LARGE TREES.**

In reply to a correspondent who said that one of the simplest and most satisfactory contrivances for removing large trees on the farm or elsewhere have ever seen is shown in the accompanying illustration. In construction it is very simple and cheap. It can be made and used on any farm. The device consists of three heavy pieces of oak timber or other hard wood, five to eight feet long, the size depending largely upon the size of the trees to be removed. The rear cross piece is bolted on the lower bases, as shown in the picture, and a heavy log chain is attached to the hooks or rings in the front pieces, as illustrated.

In removing a large tree, a trench is dug around it, leaving a ball of earth as large as desired. The apparatus is slipped around and under the sides of this ball of earth containing the tree. As the sides of the ball are cut out and rather shape, these are



sled for handling trees.

drawn together with a log chain by a team of horses or block of tackle. By drawing this up tightly the points are brought together, thus raising and lifting the ball of earth and the tree upon the runners. When everything is in readiness, two or four horses, as the case may require, are hitched to the chain and the tree is drawn out, the front part of the opening having been filed for that purpose.

When a tree is to be reset, a hole large enough to accommodate it is dug with both sides slanting into it so that the horses can be driven down through and out the hole, thus drawing the tree in place. By loosening the chain and hitching the horses to the other end of the boat, this is easily withdrawn, thus leaving the tree in position. By filling the hole and watering carefully, large trees can be easily removed, even in midsummer, without serious disturbance. The same apparatus was used for transplanting a large block of maple, cedar and other ornamental trees; it was designed, made and used by Alexander Mayer, of Long Island.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Oysters abound in the Inland Sea of Japan. They are served in the restaurants for five cents a dozen.

**MAY BE A BUTTON FAMINE.**

**Shortage Reported in the Production of Vegetable Ivory.**

The production of vegetable ivory during the past season has been very small and very heavy purchases of the available supply have been made by Germany, the result of the two combined influences being that the price of this product has been advanced from twenty-five to thirty per cent. during the last ninety days.

Though perhaps not one person in a thousand is aware of the fact, nearly every man and boy in the United States is daily wearing vegetable ivory, as the greater part of the coat and vest button supply of the world is made from this product. The nuts from which it is made grow wild in the forests of Colombia and Ecuador and are imported into the United States in quantities varying from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds a year. Each pound makes several hundred gross of buttons, which are dyed to match the color of the cloth with which they are to be used.

The nuts grow upon a tree somewhat similar to the palm, the fruit growing in a pod, larger than a coconut, which contains a large number of nuts, from the milky inside of which is produced the hard substance used in making buttons. The nuts are gathered by the South American Indians and taken in boats to the nearest transportation point. The market price here is from two and a half to four and a half cents a pound.

**WISE WORDS.**

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Prudence is merely well trained common sense.

A day without a good deed leaves you in debt.

The best talker is a man who knows when to stop.

Abuse is an indirect species of homage.—Hazlett.

Personal force never goes out of fashion.—Emerson.

If you would be wealthy, think of saving as well as getting.

Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up.—Ruskin.

Good qualities, like good steel knives, grow dull of edge unless they are used.

No man ever did a designed injury to another but at the same time he did a greater to himself.

No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence.—George Eliot.

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rasul less in the world.—Caryle.

Self-trust is the first secret of success, the belief that, if you are here the authorities of the universe put you here, and for cause, or with some task strictly appointed you in your constitution, and as long as you work at that you are successful.—Emerson.

**Franklin's Idea of Nero.**

Seven-year-old Franklin is one of those bright and alert youngsters whose fathers would like to tell all about them if they dared, but who fear the wrath of their fellows and hold their peace. Franklin goes daily to a Camden (N. J.) school with his older sister, who is in the eighth grade and knows a lot about ancient history and things which make wonderful stories for the lad to hear. She was telling him the other day all about wicked Nero, who fiddled while Rome burned, and the boy was duly impressed. At dinner that night, in order to discover whether the knowledge imparted had taken root, the sister asked the boy:

"Who did I tell you about to-day?"

"Nero," readily replied the young learner.

"Who was he?" was the next question.

There was a bit of hesitation, but finally the answer came out with a twinkle:

"Oh, he was a bird."

"Well, what did he do?"

"Ate worms," has the unexpected reply, which gave the tableful of diners something of a shiver.—Philadelphia Record.

**Wise Man of the Trolley.**

"Yes," said the conductor, as he gave the motorman the double ring. "I can tell what day of the week it is by the size of the money these young fellows have. Now, there is that kid in front just gave me a five-dollar note and made me hustle for change. That's his salary. He'll be walking down town next Friday morning. That young woman there, who just gave me a dollar bill, had to look through a pocketbook full of samples on Saturday morning to find a nickel."

"But this is Monday," remarked the observant patron, "and I saw a man give you five cents just now. How do you account of that?"

"Oh, that's easy," said the knight of the cord; "he's married!"—Baltimore News.

**The Largest Oil Barge.**

The biggest oil carrying steamer, barge in the world, Standard Oil No. 94, recently built at Shooter Island, arrived at New York recently on her first trip from Port Arthur, Texas, with 50,000 barrels of oil, the largest cargo that has ever come from the Lone Star State in one bottom. The barge made the trip in ten days, in tow of the big ocean tug Astral.

**Three Irish Proclivities.** Three great qualities of the Irish language, said a delegate at the Irish Teachers' Congress lately, were that it was the language in which they could pray the most fervently, curse the most bitterly and court the most sweetly.

**FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW**

**CONFIDENCE IS RETURNING.**

**Trade Conditions Are Said to Be Improving Regardless of the Labor Troubles.**

The advice received from special agents of the International Mercantile Agency, at the leading trade centers of the country, are in the main satisfactory. Confidence in a good fall and winter business increases from week to week. Current activity in the different industrial lines is not great, but it is better than it was a year ago, with the very whole some influence of a faith in better things.

There has been good growing weather for the crops, which are approaching harvest under continued improved conditions. In the spring wheat section of the northwest some rust has been discovered, which will reduce the yield. Harvesting is in progress in nearly all of the leading winter wheat states, and the results are better than farmers thought they would be two weeks ago. It is beginning to be believed, though, that the total yield will leave a small exportable surplus, and that the price of wheat and flour during the next 12 months will be high. The speculative months are now at the top prices for this movement, having been helped by a war scare which produced an opposite effect on stocks.

The returns on wheat in the southwest have stimulated business in that part of the country. Collections in the St. Louis district have far exceeded those of last year. Fall orders being received are beyond expectations. Boots and shoes have been in especially good demand, though clothing is slow. Dallas reports bright trade prospects.

The first symptom of discouragement that has been shown at Kansas City is apparent this week in reports of a slack condition of trade in most lines. Chicago retailers are said to be more pessimistic than they ought to be in view of actual events. The packing house strike casts a shadow over trade there, even with advance orders for clothing, men's furnishings, shoes and wearing apparel quite satisfactory. Indianapolis indicates some improvements in dry goods and shoes, though with hardware behind last year.

The most gratifying trade statements of all are those from Pittsburgh. This is due to the improvement that has come about in the iron and steel trade. The tone of business is certainly much better than it has been, and a sharp revival is not improbable after election.

**MARKETS.**

**PITTSBURG.**

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—No. 2 red	\$ 97	98
Do—No. 2 white	91	92
Corn—No. 2 yellow ear	56	57
Do—No. 2 yellow neck	49	50
Mixed ear	54	55
Do—No. 2 white	46	47
Do—No. 3 white	44	45
Flour—Winter patent	5 33	5 34
Wheat—No. 2 red	10 52	10 53
Hay—No. 1 stubble	12 75	12 76
Clover No. 1	11 00	11 50
Feed—No. 1 wheat mid.	7 75	7 76
Do—No. 2	7 50	7 51
Bran, bulk	19 50	19 50
Straw—Wheat	9 50	10 00
Oat	5 30	5 30

**Dairy Products.**

Butter—Elgin creamery	\$ 20	21
Ohio creamery	17	18
Fat country roll	14	14
Cheese—Ohio, new	8	9
New York, new	8	9

**Poultry, Etc.**

Hens—per lb.	\$ 14	15
Chickens—dressed	16	17
Turkeys, live	20	23
Eggs—Pa., Ohio, fresh	18	19

**Fruits and Vegetables.**

Potatoes—new per bbl.	\$ 20	22.5
Cabbage—per bbl.	1 50	1 75
Onions—per barrel	2 25	3 50
Apples—per barrel	3 50	3 75

**BALTIMORE.**

Flour—Winter Patent	\$ 49	52
Wheat—No. 2 red	87	88
Corn—mixed	56	57
Eggs	17	18
Butter—Creamery	19	20

**PHILADELPHIA.**

Flour—Winter Patent	\$ 51	53
Wheat—No. 2 red	87	88
Corn—No. 2 mixed	56	57
Do—No. 2 white	48	49
Butter—Creamery	17	18
Eggs—Pennsylvania fresh	19	20

**NEW YORK.**

Flour—Patent	\$ 50	56
Wheat—No. 2 red	87	88
Corn—No. 2	57	58
Butter—Creamery	17	18
Eggs	18	19

**LIVE STOCK.**

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburgh.

Cattle.		
Prime heavy, 1400 to 1600 lbs.	\$ 6 00	6 25
Prime, 1200 to 1400 lbs.	5 75	6 00
Medium, 1000 to 1200 lbs.	5 50	5 75
Fat heifers	4 50	4 75
Butcher, 800 to 1000 lbs.	4 50	5 00
Common to fat	3 00	3 50
Oxen, common to fat	3 00	4 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows	2 50	3 50
Mixed cows, each	2 50	3 50

**Hogs.**

Prime heavy hogs	\$ 5 80	5 90
Prime medium weights	6 00	6 10
Best heavy Yorkers and mediums	6 15	6 20
Medium pigs and light Yorkers	5 80	5 90
Pigs, common to good	4 70	4 85
Butcher, 100 to 150 lbs.	4 00	4 10
Stags	3 50	4 25

**Sheep.**

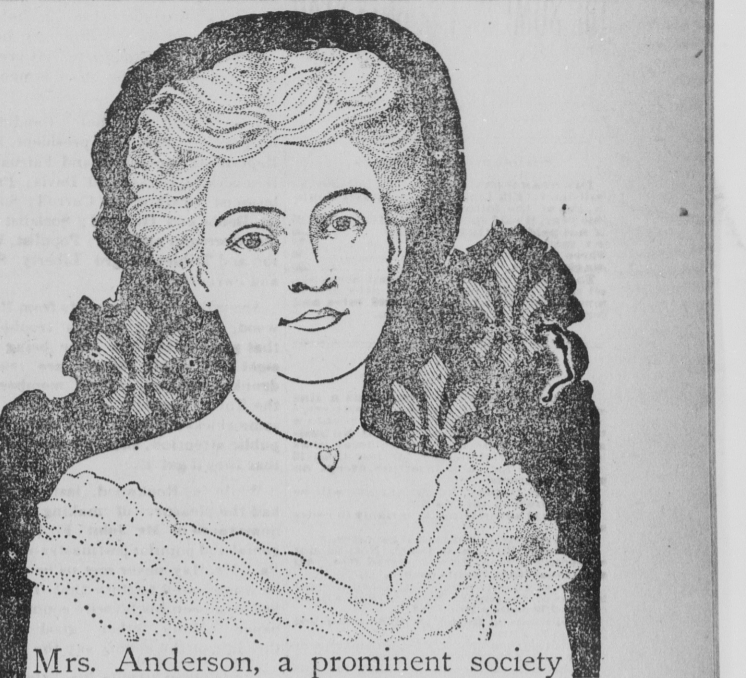
Extra, medium wethers	\$ 4 70	4 99
Good to choice	4 40	4 69
Medium	4 20	4 49
Common to fair	3 50	3 79
Spring Lambs	4 00	6 50

**Calves.**

Veal, extra	\$ 6 00	8 06
Veal, good to choice	5 50	4 00
Veal, common heavy	5 00	3 50

**Cancer and Beer.**

An inquiry by Dr. Alfred Wolf into the mysterious cause of cancer has yielded an unexpected conclusion which promises temperance advocates a new and powerful argument. Dr. Wolf discovers that all the districts of high cancer mortality are those in which beer or cider is largely drunk. Bavaria, for instance, heads the list in Germany, and Salzburg in Austria, both great beer-drinking provinces. In France the statistics are still more striking. There is the most marked contrast between the high cancer mortality in beer-drinking departments and the low death rate from cancer elsewhere.—London Tit Bits.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

No other medicine for women in the world has received such widespread and unequalled endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

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