

DOUBLE CROPS LIKELY SOON

Wisconsin Seed-Breeding Professor Tells How Selection Does It with Unfailing Success.

Chicago.—A doubling of the present production of farm staples is in sight, according to Prof. B. C. Buffum of Worland, Wis., who is a pioneer in the science of seed breeding.

"We already have practically doubled the yield of corn by selection and plant-breeding," said Prof. Buffum yesterday, "but we need not stop with corn, as we can deal with all other crops in a similar way. The reason that this has not been done earlier is that plant-breeding has been utilized heretofore mainly for the production of curiosities. Men who brought out anything new were 'wizards.' Few saw any practical value in what was being done. Much was accomplished in an aesthetic way with reference to improvements of flowers, but the great farm crops were neglected.

"As Mark Twain said in 'Pudd'n-head Wilson': 'Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond, and cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.' Plant breeding supplies this 'college education' to the plebeians of the vegetable world, and therefore by increasing crop yields, promises more than anything else with reference to the growth of the world's permanent wealth."

Gives \$2,500 to "Bread Line."

New York, N. Y.—At Salva-Army headquarters the other day, when the "bread line" with its waifs and strays of hungry humanity was filing past the officer who has charge of the relief department and receiving the tickets which are redeemed at the army's restaurant, a richly dressed woman entered. Going up to the head of the department she greeted him with "Good morning, Mr. Salvation Army. Here is something to help along your work," handing him an envelope.

The officer thanked her and asked for her name, so that a receipt for the money might be sent.

"Oh, no receipt is necessary," she replied and passed out.

After she had left, the officer opened the envelope and almost fainted. It contained two bills for \$1,000 each and one for \$500.

"ON APPROVAL" ABUSES ENDED.

Opera Cloaks Sent for Husbands to See Will Be Tagged.

Chicago.—No more buying of opera cloaks and party dresses "on approval" to wear them once or twice and then return them as "unsatisfactory"—no, not if department stores can help it. A general campaign against abuses of the "goods on approval" system is to be begun by big retailers.

The device which is intended to reduce the "on approval" abuses is a glaring red tag, about two inches wide and four inches long. On it is printed in large black letters:

"This article will not be accepted if this ticket is detached."

But instead of the tag being tied to the article it is attached in a conspicuous place by a lead seal similar to those used to close mail bags and money bags. The only way to get the tag off is to cut it, and this cannot be done without detection.

SUGGESTS COWS BE BATHED.

Woman Preacher Would Have Them Wiped with Towels.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—The Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane of Kalamazoo, in a lecture in the Universaal Church here on the "Need of Pure Milk," startled her audience by saying:

"Dairymen should bathe their cows every day and wipe them off with Turkish towels."

She spoke of the big expense that would be involved, and argued that it would be warranted.

"Almost any one would be willing to pay ten cents a quart for milk if he could be sure it was pure," she said. "Most of us would pay twelve. I would. Then the dairymen could afford the baths for their cows."

She also paid her earnest respects to the dairymen who water their milk instead of the cows.

EAT LOTS OF PUDDING.

Tatt's Advice to Boy Soprano Who Desires to Be Tall.

Washington, D. C.—Albert Hole, the English boy soprano, called at the White House to see the President of the United States, although he owes allegiance to King Edward. Albert is only about three feet high, and one thing which he greatly desires is to be tall. He told the President that and got this advice:

"Well, Albert, you want to eat lots of pudding. That will make you tall." Albert said he would.

Writing for Courage to End Life.

Evansville, Ind.—When arrested for disorderly conduct Louis Steormer, aged forty, a laborer, told the police that for fourteen years he has carried a pint bottle of carbolic acid in his pockets, always ready, if the courage ever came to him, to take his life.

"But I lose my nerve whenever I see the stuff," he said. Steormer, arming himself with a revolver, as an additional means of suicide, terrorized saloonkeepers into giving him free drinks.



Washington in Silhouette.

SOME PASTIMES FOR FEBRUARY 22.

Washington's Birthday Games that Please.

Although the winter season brings with it such a wealth of holidays, some of them interwoven with the most cherished traditions of our race, there is one modern festival which every true American delights to observe the birthday of Washington.

The fact that preceding celebrations, those of Christmas, New Year's and Valentine's for example, have drained the purse of hospitality to a low ebb, need not be allowed to militate against patriotism and a delightful evening. George Washington can be honored with little or no outlay outside of the refreshments offered to guests.

Silhouette cutting being such a popular pastime at present, an appropriate number called Washington Silhouettes might be arranged to lead off the fun.

This requires as many small squares of black cardboard or court plaster (flat not rolled) as there will be players. Each participant must be furnished with a pair of sharp scissors; and a time limit (say of 10 minutes), must be set. In this time the contestants are asked to see who can cut out the cleverest silhouette of Washington.

Candy boxes decorated with the head of the celebrated man and filled with sweets make good prize awards in this game.

A contest known as the Cherry Tree is extremely pretty in addition to its fun. The foundation required is a small branch from a country cherry tree which is embedded in a large pot or tub and furnished with tissue paper leaves.

The cherries are made by rolling tiny gifts, which may be extremely inexpensive, in cotton batting and covering with scarlet tissue paper. The cherries are fastened to the tree with cotton or something else easily broken.

One player at a time is blindfolded and sent to cull a cherry from the tree. If a player can reach the tree and capture a cherry the gift concealed at its heart belongs to him.

WASHINGTON'S AGROSTIC.

Washington, the mightiest name on earth.—Lincoln.

A fixed star.—Webster.

Shine on in deathless splendor.—Adapted from Lincoln.

He was always a good boy.—Washington's mother.

I am not surprised at what George has done.—Washington's mother.

No whiter name than his.—Palgrave.

Great as he was good.—Edward Everett.

The pride of his country, the wealth of the world.—Tennyson.

One of the greatest captains of the age.—Franklin.

Now as ever.

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen!"—Lee.

PASSION OF WASHINGTON'S LIFE.

His Intense Love for Pretty Sally Cary, and His Marriage.

Writing of Washington's great passion, Sally Cary, in March Ladies' Home Journal, Mrs. Burton Harrison says: "Apparently so ridiculed by the shafts of the little god of love had been the heart of Washington, the boy, that it is hard to know how, after his sighs for the 'Lowland Beauty' (Sally Cary), and his repeated addresses to Miss Betsey Fauntleroy, and his later sensibility to the charms of 'the very agreeable young lady,' afterward Mrs. Ambler, the passion for a woman who never might be his could have dominated him as it did for so many years. But from the evidence of his own letters the love he had felt for the others was as water unto wine beside the hopeless attachment for his beautiful neighbor (Sally Cary), that during this period, threatened to assume 'sovereign control' of his ardent nature. Fortunately, thanks to time, to the lady's subsequent absence in England with her husband, and, above all, because it was made subject to his own indomitable will, the feeling was subdued, and his marriage with Mrs. Custis ended the episode happily.

"The proofs are the enduring intimacy and confidence that existed between Washington, his wife, and every member of the Belvoir family during their respective lives. They may be read by any student of the writings of Washington, and will carry conviction in each line. * * *

FOR THE CONTRIBUTION BOX.

A Convenient Arrangement for Giving Early and Often.

A custom among attendants of the Greek Church at Trebizond explains the use of certain tokens which have been presented to the American Numismatic Society in this city.

According to the Journal of the society sometimes several collections are made during the service in these churches. Even should there be but one, the visitor may desire to make a special contribution at the shrine or picture of some of the saints whose impression he desires to secure, or he may wish to purchase a candle for use in some of the ceremonials in public or private devotions.

On entering the church, therefore, he exchanges a certain sum of money with the deacon at the gate for an equivalent amount of these tokens. He is thus able to respond to the calls for the various offerings during the service or to deposit his gift at the shrine of the saint by using one or more of these tokens as he may be disposed, yet without any heavy demand on his purse. These church tokens are sometimes of brass and sometimes of paper.

Value of "Stooping."

Always be civil. Try to treat rich and poor alike. Is not the poor man's 20 shillings as good as the rich man's pound? The working man's wife, with her basket on her arm, says Sir Thomas Lipton in the Strand, is entitled to as much respect as the lady who comes in her carriage. When Benjamin Franklin was ambassador at the French court, speaking to a young man, he said: "The last time I saw poor father he received me in his study. As I was leaving he showed me a short way out of the house through a narrow passage crossed by a beam overhead. Suddenly he cried: 'Stoop! Stoop!' I did not understand what he meant until I felt my head bump against the beam. He was a man who never failed to give good advice. 'You are going,' he said, 'and have got to go through the world. Stoop as you go through it, and you will miss many hard thumps.' I have never failed to be impressed by this lesson of humility.

Results Becoming Manifest.

A year ago the rate of increase among tuberculosis organizations and institutions was one every other day, only one-half as fast as now. Less than a year ago there were 40 consumptives for every hospital bed provided. Today the number has been reduced to 39. Nearly 20,000 beds are now provided in institutions for treatment of consumption, an increase of over 5,500. The number of special tuberculosis dispensaries in the United States has more than doubled, the number of anti-tuberculosis associations has increased 68 per cent., and the number of hospitals and sanatoria 43 per cent.

First Love.

It is a popular fallacy that the first love is the true one, unique in its excellence, says an exchange. As well say that the first picture of a painter is the best of all he will paint in the course of his life; that the first speech, the first book, the first statue, the first composition, will be the best of the statesman, novelist, sculptor or musician, as the case may be. First works have all the imperfections of uncertainty, of inexperience and ignorance. And it is rather by chance than by anything inherent in the nature of Cupid's ways that the first love turns out to be the great one.

Spiritual Fellowship.

At one time the apostle Paul seems to make much of his having actually seen Jesus, but again he declares that even though he did know Christ in that way he knows him no longer, and he is constrained thereafter to know no man "after the flesh." However precious, for the moment, the physical relationships, they cannot last. The spiritual fellowship is incomparably more worth while; which is what Christ died to teach mankind.

Austria to Build Airships.

The first Austrian airship construction company has just been formed with a capital of 390,000 kronen, and it is understood that the war office is immediately placing an order for a dirigible. The constitution of the company is largely due to the fact that the efforts of the government to obtain a dirigible from Germany during the recent crisis failed.

Origin of Pasquinades.

Pasquinades is a term frequently applied to anonymous publications of a satiric or libellous nature, sometimes written and sometimes printed. They derive their name from one Pasquino, a witty tailor, who dwelt at Rome at the close of the fifteenth century, and delighted his patrons with his sarcastic humor.

Venerate the Turtle.

At a place called Kotron, on the French Ivory coast of Africa, the natives believe that to eat or destroy a turtle would mean death to the guilty one or sickness in his family.

Caused Suspicion.

"Looks like a good man," said Hawkins. "But great Scott! When I shook hands it sounded like I was shaking dice."—Harper's Weekly.

Coinage of World's Mints.

The coinage value of the gold and silver of the mints of the world in 1907, totaled \$4,982,002,850.

It is getting so that it is harder to find a gentleman than a genius.—Phillistine.

TINIEST HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Catholic Church in Suburb of City of Mexico Said to Be Smallest in the World.

The Catholic church at Penon, a suburb of the City of Mexico, is said to be the smallest in the world. In general appearance this tiny structure somewhat resembles the oldest Catholic church in Mexico, situated in Mexico City, but the Penon church is much the smaller. The Penon church is comfortably accommodate as many as ten worshippers. It contains the same ceremonies of the young people of the village are performed. So small is the altar that there is hardly room for the bride and groom to stand before it side by side. The door into the church is so low that a man of ordinary height cannot enter without stooping. The roof is surmounted by two small steeples in which the present bells hang and are rung regularly as the big bells in the great cathedral in this city. The total height of the Penon church, including the steeples, is not more than one-half

the height of the great doors of the big cathedral. The Penon church serves as a place of worship for the entire population of the little village where it is situated. When the interior becomes crowded the parishioners patiently wait until some of the worshippers leave and there is room for them to enter.

Obeying Orders.

Seamen are strict disciplinarians, and a ship's crew seldom even dreams of interpreting a commander's orders otherwise than literally. Of the recognized rigid type was a certain English captain. The way the strict letter of his law was observed aboard his ship is described by a writer in the London Telegraph.

One day, while the ship was in a certain port, the captain gave a dinner to some town acquaintances, and the resources of the ship were not so great, some of the sailors were deputed to wait on the table to re-enforce the insufficient number of stewards.

As these men were not used to such work, each one was told exactly what service would fall to his share.

The hour came, and the dinner went merrily on. Presently, however, one of the ladies wanted a piece of bread. There was none near her, and the finely disciplined stewards seemed to be quite blind to her need. She turned her head and spoke softly to the man at her elbow.

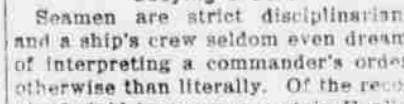
"Bread, please," she said.

He looked gratefully at the bread and then at her. It was evident that he would fain have helped her if it had been in his power. He saluted in fine naval style.

"Can't do it, ma'am," said he. "I'm told off for 'taters'."

Shield Protects Rider from Fire of Enemy.

Now that automobiles have far supplanted bicycles in all kinds of service where cost is not a vital restriction, it seems rather late to armor them for military purposes, yet this is the latest design of such a machine. The



Armored Military Bicycle.

Iron shield protects the rider's lower extremities from rifle fire, unless running away from the enemy. The upper part of the body, hanging low over the handle bars, does not offer an easy mark to hit when running swiftly.—Popular Mechanics.

Mistaken Identity.

A few miles from a certain summer resort stands a glue factory which, when the wind happens to blow from that direction, proves a great annoyance to the villagers. One of the city sojourners, who had armed herself with a bottle of lavender salts, was seated one evening on the inn veranda near an old countryman who was evidently unaware of the proximity of the factory.

As the breeze veered, the visitor opened her smelling-bottle. The sultry air soon became laden with the odor of the glue. The old farmer to the far end of the porch, but found himself no better off. Presently he tiptoed deferentially back to the owner of the green bottle.

"Ma'am," he ventured, "if you ain't taking that for your health, would you mind putting the cork back till after supper? I'm going home then."

DOG-STAR'S COMPANION.

Missing Satellite Once More Seen by Human Eyes.

Sirius, the dog star, which is the brightest to our eyes of all the fixed stars, has a very remarkable companion, never visible except with powerful telescopes. It was first seen in 1862, and in 1890 it disappeared, the reason of its disappearance being that it had moved so close to Sirius as to be lost to view in the overpowering light of that great star.

During the time of its visibility the fact had been ascertained that it was revolving about Sirius at a rate which would carry it completely around in some fifty years. The shape of its orbit, which is an ellipse with Sirius situated in one of the foci, being calculated, astronomers felt certain that in a few years the vanished star would reappear as it moved into a part of its orbit more distant from Sirius. This expectation has now been fulfilled, for recently the missing star was seen again at Flagstaff Observatory in Arizona.

Although probably half as large as Sirius, it is but one ten-thousandth part as luminous as that star.

Conkling's Recipe for Success.

When the late Senator Gorman of Maryland first came to the Senate, Mr. Conkling and he happened to be seated together upon a sofa in the Senate chamber while a well-known statesman of the period occupied the floor. "Gorman," said Conkling, "you have come here in good season. Let me give you a sure recipe for success. Begin every speech you make with the assertion that you, and you alone, are the purest man that ever lived, and end each with the declaration that you are the bravest." And when Gorman asked Conkling why he himself had not followed this receipt, Conkling answered with a sigh: "I learned it too late.—The Reader.

CIRCULATE THAT GOOD OLD AT HOME. DON'T SEND IT AWAY TO THE MAIL ORDER MAN.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. ESTATE OF JAMES NEVILLE late of Sterling, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested, for settlement.

Sterling, Jan. 16, 1910. J. E. CROSS, Administrator.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK

HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY, PA. At the close of business, Jan. 31, 1910.

RESOURCES.

Table of resources including Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, Bonds, Securities, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table of liabilities including Capital Stock, Undivided Profits, National Bank Notes Outstanding, etc.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss. I, H. Z. RUSSELL, President of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. Z. RUSSELL, President. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Feb, 1910. W. H. STONE, N. P.

Correct—attest: ANDREW THOMPSON, H. T. MESSER, LOUIS J. DORFINGER, Directors.

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