

## RICHES SEEN ON USELESS ISLAND

Canadian Principality of Frenchman Worth Fortune.

### ANTICOSTI BEING DEVELOPED.

Wood Pulp to Be Exported to United States, as Menier's Property Is Not Amenable to New Dominion Law. Half a Million to Be Expended on Improvements.

Anticosti, the Canadian island principality of Henri Menier, the French chocolate man, is shut off from the outside world for another season, the last boat having arrived in Quebec from there, and nothing more will be heard from it till navigation in the lower St. Lawrence and gulf is opened in the spring. Great changes are going on in the island, which is rapidly becoming important industrially.

Henri Menier has tried many things to make the island self supporting. Included in these enterprises have been lobster and other fisheries and even the breeding of silver foxes, only to result in failure.

#### New Markets Opened.

There is a great amount of spruce and fir timber on the island, but it is for the most part not of a size suitable for deals, and until now the haul from Anticosti has been considered too long for successfully marketing the pulp wood.

But with the adoption by the province of Quebec last spring of its policy of prohibiting the exportation of pulp wood from crown lands there came a boom on the island, and now great plans are on foot for the exportation of pulp wood to the United States in vast quantities, beginning next spring.

Mr. Menier is building one of the largest rossing plants in the world, with a capacity of 400 cords a day. Rossing plants are mills in which the bark is removed from pulp wood by machinery, the logs being cut into two foot lengths and these two foot blocks held against a rapidly revolving disk in which are set knives which cut the bark away.

#### Not Affected by Law.

As Mr. Menier owns the island in fee simple the prohibition of the export of pulp wood from the province of Quebec does not affect him, such prohibition applying only to wood cut from the crown lands. Not less than 30,000 cords of this rossed wood will be shipped from Anticosti next season, all of it going to points in New York state on the upper St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario.

The population now numbers 1,200. Mr. Menier will spend next summer on the island, and he is planning to expend \$500,000 in improvements, including the construction of twenty miles of railway. Miles of new railway will be added each year till the road runs the whole length of the island.

Six hundred laborers are employed this winter in cutting pulp wood. A wharf a mile long has been constructed at Ellis bay, where it will be loaded on to steamships.

### DISCOVERS NEW MINERAL.

Princeton Professor Names It Gageite. After a Trenton Man.

Dr. A. H. Phillips, professor of mineralogy at Princeton university, has announced the discovery of a new mineral in the vicinity of Franklin Furnace, N. J. Professor Phillips names his discovery gageite, in honor of E. B. Gage of Trenton, through whose efforts sufficient material was gathered to make the necessary analysis. The new mineral is said to belong to the family of leucophoenicite, and its probable existence has been predicted by mineralogists since 1899.

Gageite is found in a transparent crystalline formation and possesses a high vitreous luster. Thus far none of the mineral has been found anywhere but in the Parker shaft near Franklin, where it was discovered lodged in the walls of small cavities and in fan shaped groups.

It is not believed that the new mineral will be of any value commercially.

### LIBERTY TREE MADE OF ZINC.

Haiti Bound to Have Durable National Emblem.

In front of the presidential residence in Haiti is a giant cocconut tree, but its leaves are always in the same condition. In storm or sunshine their serenity is never disturbed.

The tree is the republic's tree of liberty. When the republic was established it was thought that a tree should be planted to signify so great an event, but Haiti, it seems, has but one tree, and that the cocconut tree. But the cocconut tree is hardly the species to be chosen for a tree of liberty, for it grows to a good height and becomes bare as its age increases.

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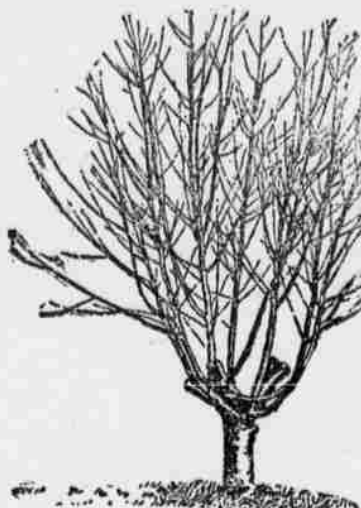


### BEHEADING THE PEACH TREE

Peach Tree Only Tree That Will Stand Such Treatment.

The peach is the only kind of a fruit tree that will stand "beheading," or "dehorning" as it is sometimes called. This is a very fortunate circumstance for several reasons. One is that the peach is sometimes killed back to the stem by severe winters, but after having the dead wood cut away, will sprout out and form a new head.

Another is that the peach is usually the first tree to be attacked by



NEW GROWTH ON OLD STUMP.

the scale and is often completely encrusted by that pest before it is discovered. In that case it is sometimes thought that the best way to get rid of the scale is to behead the tree and let it form a new head.

Again, it the habit of the peach to bear fruit only on the wood of the year before and for that reason the fruit is constantly getting further and further out on the limbs. While this can be checked by regular and severe pruning, the tree is often permitted to grow until it becomes too heavy and in a good crop year the limbs break down under the burden of the fruit carried out on their ends.

When a tree has been neglected, the best way to get it into good shape again is to behead it, by which I mean cutting all the limbs off close to the stump leaving stubs about a foot long.

It is the custom with some to postpone the pruning until it is seen whether the trees are going to bear a crop. If they are not, then the pruning can be done properly and severely. If there is a promise of a small yield, then the pruning is either made very light or omitted altogether. If there is a very heavy yield of fruit then the pruning should be made with some eye to thinning the fruit to save hand thinning and to distribute it evenly over the tree and to prevent any limb from being overloaded, for in a good peach year the trees will overbear if not thinned and will not recover vigor for several years. This pruning can be done after the danger of frosts is over without injury to the tree.

#### Picking Plums to Stop Rot.

Plums that grow in clusters are most apt to be affected by mildew or rot in the growing season, and the only thing that can be done to prevent that or control it, is Bordeaux mixture, spraying every ten days with the mixture during the season, says H. H. Dunlop, Champaign Co., Ill.

The plums, if any of them do rot, and sometimes that is the case, should be removed by either a hook on the end of a light pole, or else the tree may be shaken and most of them will come down that way.

The rotten plums ought not to be left on the tree any longer than can possibly be avoided, because the spores will produce rot on the other plums. The thoroughness with which the spraying is done will result in its control more than anything else. If the spraying is half done it is hardly worth while to do it.

#### New Variety of Spinach.

A new variety of spinach which has never been listed in any of the American catalogues is being grown at Valverde, near Denver, which is creating very favorable comment on the Denver market. The seed was imported from Prussia, and for the lack of a better name it is called German spinach. Its chief advantage lies in the thickness and juiciness of the stems, which prevent the rapid wilting of the plants when placed on the market, and also add to its bulk when prepared for the table.—Denver Field and Farm.

#### To Prevent Scabbed Potatoes.

When cutting potatoes for seed throw in a handful of sulphur to each 100 pieces and shake until each piece is well coated with sulphur before planting.

#### Sugar Beets on Alkali Soil.

Beet fields subject to alkali are described as being characterized by a very uneven stand, considerable irregularity in the size of the plants and the prevalence of chlorosis of the older leaves.

### WASHING MADE EASY.

A Woman May Do the Work in Thirty Minutes.

Eighty-five dollars will pay for a washing machine of family size that will wash better than any woman can wash by hand. A good machine may, perhaps, be bought for even a little less. The machine is equipped with a wringer that is also run by power and a one-eighth horsepower motor. A plumber in a day will make the hot and cold water and drainpipe connections. Then the machine is ready for business, says the Delinicator.

How simple washing becomes! Soap the clothes. Put the clothes in the machine. Turn a valve and let in the hot water. Turn a switch and let in the electricity. Close the top to keep in the steam and smell and go about your other business, not for a day or a half day, but for twenty minutes. Then come back and turn off the power. Open the valve at the bottom and let out the dirty water. Let in clean water and run the machine two minutes to rinse the clothes. With a twist of the wrist, switch the power to the wringer and wring the clothes into a waiting tub of blue water on the other side. If there is any starching to be done, do it. If not, hang out the clothes to dry.

That's the whole operation. A quick woman can perform it in thirty minutes. Most of the time she need not work. Nor need she lift the clothes from the time she puts them into the machine until she hangs them out. All she must do is to feed them through a wringer.

Furthermore, washing done this way can be done two or three times a week instead of once. It is better with a machine to wash frequently. Simply use the machine as a clothes hamper and when it is full turn on the water and the power. Instead of a bugbear, washing becomes not much more of an ordeal than winding the clock.

#### What He Forgot.

The one woman invited to attend the meetings of the first conference of governors held at the White House in 1908 was Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker of Denver, then president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and during her speech to the conference she told this story:

One evening Farmer John came back from his weekly trip to town, half a dozen miles away, and after unhitching his mare walked over to the pump for his customary scrub and then joined his son and daughter at supper in the kitchen.

"Sort of 'pears to me 's though I'd a' forgot something or other," he remarked toward the end of the meal as he searched for his tobacco.

"Why, pa, did you get the reel of thread and the pink gingham for my dress?"

"Yep."

"And the crock for butter and the bag of flour and the vanilla flavoring?"

"Yep."

"Did ye git the harrer mended and shoe old Jinny?"

"Yep, Sam."

"Well, pa, I don't rec'lect that ye had anything else ye ought to have brought back."

But still pa did not seem quite satisfied. He chewed awhile reflectively, his gaze fixed ruminatingly on space. Suddenly he smote his thigh with a prolonged exclamation: "By gosh! It's ma I've forgot!"

"And that," observed Mrs. Decker, "has been the trouble all along. Ma's been left behind. But now she has given up waiting. She has arrived by a path of her own, and she's not going to be forgotten again."—Hildegard Hawthorne in Century.

#### Makes Pies For the President.

Mrs. Philander C. Knox, wife of the United States secretary of state, sent a jar of homemade mince-meat to Mrs. Taft, who made it into pies for the White House private table. The president likes pie. He is fond, too, of a certain kind of spiced homemade sausage, and he received some of that also. Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins sends many good things from her own kitchen, and many of the charitable institutions of Washington as well as official homes enjoy her jellies and preserves. Mrs. Joseph Bailey, wife of the Texas senator, is one of the best cooks in Washington. Her cakes are famous and are in constant demand at charity bazaars. She also sent them as Christmas presents to personal and official friends.

#### Cleaning a Veil.

To clean a veil, take one pint of wood alcohol and put into glass jar. Drop veil into jar, cover and shake thoroughly for several minutes. Remove veil, squeezing gently and allowing the dripping to drop back into vessel. Shake in the open air and draw into shape on a round, perfectly clean stick.

#### Cement For Tinware.

An excellent cement for mending tinware is made by mixing litharge and glycerin to the consistency of thick cream or putty. The mended article must not be used until the cement has had time to dry, which may be a week or more. The litharge can be secured at drug stores.

#### To Iron Embroidery.

To iron embroidery the iron should be applied to the wrong side and a thick ironing blanket should be used. In this way the embroidery will stand out well instead of being flattened and looks its very best.

### \$56,200 NEEDED TO STOCK HUGE LINER FOR ONE TRIP

Experts Figure on Necessaries For Olympic and Titanic.

Some \$60,000 worth of American food and drink will be loaded aboard the new ocean steamers Olympic and Titanic each time one of these big boats docks in New York, according to the commissary officers who are victualing such ships.

Should the government make their landing here possible by lengthening two piers these two ocean liners can bring and take away 2,700 passengers on each voyage in addition to a crew of 800. If both boats are able to begin their regular trips here next spring to piers adapted to their bulk \$1,500,000 will be spent in New York in a year simply to stock up their capacious larders.

For meals alone \$15,000 is to be paid each time either of the big sister ships comes into port. Large quantities of beef, lamb, pork, veal and mutton will be brought from all over the country and stacked away in refrigerators that must hold enough to feed 3,500 people on a transatlantic voyage. Wagon loads of poultry costing \$5,400 are to be added to this array, with piles of fish worth \$2,000. For shellfish the orders of the ship's cooks will amount to \$1,200 in addition.

Farmers from all about the neighboring country will be called upon to send \$4,000 worth of butter, cream and milk to be used on each trip of these big boats, while \$1,800 is also to be spent solely for eggs and \$3,200 for vegetables. Fruits worth \$3,500 are to be added to the ship's stores, while its bakery will lay in flour to the extent of \$2,300 on each voyage. The biggest bill next to that for meals will be \$5,500 for all sorts of groceries.

Far away in the frigid depths of the new liners' cold storage compartments \$1,200 worth of ice cream is to be stored, and for cigars \$2,000 will be spent. Wines and spirits costing \$5,000 are set down as necessary for each shipload of passengers, together with some \$3,000 worth of beer and mineral waters. Altogether the lowest cost of victualing such boats as the Olympic and Titanic is set down as \$56,200.

### COLORADO LOSES LANDMARK

Last of Taverns on Denver-Leadville Trail Is Destroyed.

To enable Sterling Jones, owner of the property, to erect a brick dwelling on the site workmen are now tearing down the old stage road house outside Salida, Colo., that has been standing since 1865 and occupied as a ranch dwelling and storehouse for several years.

The stage house was a large, long affair built in the old fashioned style with a long porch and was visible from the Rio Grande railroad track east of Salida. It had become very much dilapidated.

One end of the building was fitted up for living purposes until Mr. Jones should decide to build a residence, and the rest of the building was left vacant. It was the last stage house on the route between Denver and Leadville to be torn down, and it was looked upon as a relic of the time when Indians roamed through the Arkansas valley.

While the workmen were excavating they uncovered some human bones. In the dump also were the remains of some tomahawks, flintlocks and other curios, supposed to have been left by Indians.

### SPIDER KILLS MINNOW.

Remarkable Fish Story Comes Forth From Missouri.

While at the ice pond fishing recently W. R. Sweeney of Keytesville, Mo., noticed a large spider on a leaf at the edge of the water that seemed to be fishing also. The spider would put one leg in the water, shake it a little bit and then wait. By and by a minnow came to the top and grabbed the spider's foot.

This seemed to be what it was waiting for, and without a minute's hesitation it sprang on to the minnow, being carried under the water several times, but never releasing its hold on the fish until it ceased to struggle and was dead, when the spider hauled its prey ashore to be devoured at leisure.

In trying to land the struggling minnow the spider would lay hold of a leaf with a deathlike grip and at last landed his catch in that way.

### USE WHEELS IN ASTRONOMY.

Scientists Take Bicycle Kind to Figure Meteors' Velocity.

An interesting use has been found in astronomy for the bicycle wheel. By fitting such a wheel with a series of opaque screens placed at regular intervals and then rotating it with the aid of a small motor at the rate of from thirty to fifty turns in a minute before the cameras used to photograph meteors one investigator has succeeded in measuring the velocity of the meteor's flight.

The principle depends upon the interruptions produced by the screens in the trails of light made upon the photographic plates by the flying meteor. The velocity of the wheel is known at every instant by means of a chronographic record, and the length of the interruptions indicates the speed of the meteor.

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### Salt Codfish, Spanish Style.

Cut into small pieces enough salt codfish to make a heaping cupful. Remove the skin and bones, put the fish in an earthen dish, cover with boiling water, keep hot for two hours, then drain, cool and shred fine. In one tablespoonful of butter fry one chopped onion. When delicately browned add the prepared fish, sufficient water to cover, one cup of stewed and strained tomatoes and one tablespoonful of chopped green pepper and let simmer one hour. Season with salt and serve on squares of toasted bread.

#### Renovating White Fur Cloth.

To clean white fur cloth, first brush the garment to get all the dust out, then dip a perfectly clean sponge in alcohol and wash the nap thoroughly. While it is still wet sift into it all the powdered starch it will hold. Mix fine borax with the starch in the proportion of one part borax to three of starch. Put the garment away in a box, free from dust, and leave three days, then take it out and beat and brush out all the starch.

#### A Competent Critic.

A famous actor at an elaborate entertainment at a Fifth Avenue millionaire's palace in New York rose to recite Mrs. Browning's "Dead Pan." As he announced his subject and prepared to begin he heard a lady near him say distinctly:

"What is the next piece? Something funny, I hope. Oh, yes—"The Dead Pan!" Dear me, how odd! Of course it must be funny—something about bad cooking, I suppose."

#### The Supreme Test.

"Do that couple near you really love each other?"

"Do they? I have absolute proof of it."

"What is it?"

"He smokes the cigars she buys him."

"Well?"

"And she wears the hats he selects."—Baltimore American.

### ANTS BUILD SKYSCRAPERS.

Some Remarkable Structures Reared by the Termites.

The white ants or termites are great builders. A naturalist exploring in Somaliland recently came across a cone-shaped mud and clay hill which they had constructed which was eighteen feet in height, while many other were from ten to fifteen feet high.

When one compares the size of these ants with that of men it becomes apparent that these hills are real skyscrapers from the termite viewpoint, if there is any.

While the average man is five and one-half feet high, the ants are only half an inch high. Therefore a 10-foot ant hill is 240 times the size of one of its builders, while such a structure as the Cliffl tower, though rising 984 feet, is only 179 times the height of average man.—Philadelphia Press.

#### The Rat.

The rat's sins are manifold. The damage which he does in a year to crops, cargoes, stores, granaries, poultry and game, dairies and out-houses, foundations, walls, and drainage cannot be calculated exactly, but it must be enormous. He is ubiquitous; he swarms in fields, hedges, coverts, farm yards, cellar, sewers, docks and ships; he is clever in getting out of difficulties, extremely courageous, able to exist on almost any kind of food, and horribly prolific.—Spectator.

#### Paper Coffins.

Some undertakers, whose customers are poor people, are using coffins made of paper. The coffins are made in all styles of pressed paper pulp, the same as the common paper buckets. When they are varnished and stained they resemble polished wood, and in point of durability it is said they are much better than wooden ones.

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