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## HERMITS AMONG THE COMMONERS.

The English M. P.'s Are Not a Sociable Set—Twenty Years of Silence.

There is probably no assembly in the world where so little social and personal intercourse takes place. I was for five years in the House of Commons without knowing half a dozen men outside the small body of 35 to 40 members with whom I acted. These were, of course, stormy times, and it was difficult to say whether an Irishman in the epoch between 1880 and 1885 had a fiercer hatred for Liberals or Tories.

Things, of course, have greatly changed, but even now I see every day members of the House of Commons who must have been there for the same 30 years as myself, and not only have I never spoken to them, but I do not know some of them by name.

Amid all this gregariousness the House of Commons has its isolation. Members retain there the eccentricity or the love of solitude which are characteristic of certain temperaments. Mr. Charrington, the member for Mile-End, for instance, who is one of the most universally generous men in the House, and who is never deaf to a true tale of undeserved suffering, has rarely been seen to talk to a single human being. The same instinct, perhaps, which made him refuse both a baronetcy and peerage, keeps him apart from his fellows. He dines alone, he takes his single cigar in the smoker's room alone, he sits on a back bench in the House, still and ever alone.—T. P. O'Connor, in London Mail.

## Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. It is caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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## FARM TOPICS

### Making Combs Into Wax.

To make combs into wax, break them into small pieces and put them into a cheese cloth bag, then put the bag of combs into a boiler half filled with cold water. After boiling half an hour, remove from the stove and sink the bag to the bottom with a weight. Cover up and let it cool off slowly, then you will have all the wax on top of the water and the refuse in the bag.

### Trying New Varieties of Wheat.

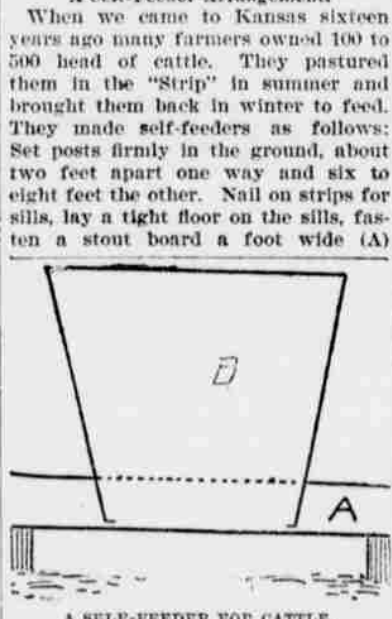
Farmers should not be too sanguine with new varieties of wheat. Every year some one comes to the front with extravagant claims for newly-discovered or improved varieties. Use only varieties that have been tested on the farm, as climate and soil are to be considered. If new varieties are desired use only a gill of the seed and compare growths. Do not pay high prices for a bushel or two of seed that may be dropped from the list next year.

### Value of Garden.

The market garden business is a very good business when one makes it his entire business. Yet there are always failures and disappointments in it. Some crops fail to grow well, and others yield abundantly and cannot be sold at a satisfactory price. But the family garden, a little larger than needed for the home supply, well managed and well cared for, is never a disappointment. If some crop is a partial failure it may not have any surplus over the home demand, but there will be something else to substitute for it. If another is over abundant and low priced it can be used freely, and will taste just as good as if the price were twice as high. If there is a market for the surplus and it is sold, it seems almost like finding money, and if it cannot be sold there are some who find much pleasure in supplying the wants of poorer neighbors who cannot afford to pay the price asked by retail dealers. Plan each year to have a good garden, and trust to luck only for the market.

### A Self-Feeder Arrangement.

When we came to Kansas sixteen years ago many farmers owned 100 to 500 head of cattle. They pastured them in the "Strip" in summer and brought them back in winter to feed. They made self-feeders as follows: Set posts firmly in the ground, about two feet apart one way and six to eight feet the other. Nail on strips for sills, lay a tight floor on the sills, fasten a stout board a foot wide (A)



around the platform, which may be any length desired, but usually twelve to sixteen feet. Make a box (B) that will be two feet less in length and width than the platform; set it so that there will be a space of a foot all around the box or bin; this makes the trough for the cattle to eat from. Allow a space of about one inch at the bottom of the bin for the shelled corn to work out as the cattle eat it. They filled these feeders full of shelled corn and let the cattle run to them at will. They had to use caution until they got the cattle used to eating all they could get. They had a lot of hogs to run with the cattle to eat what corn the cattle wasted. Since the "Strip" has been settled the stock is not kept in large herds. The cut shows an end view of this feeder.—Ohio Farmer.

### Poultry Notes.

Pig's liver is a cheap and handy form of fresh meat for poultry.

If a hen has a large red comb the chances are that she is a good layer.

Successful poultrymen are nearly always fond of fowls, and spend much time studying their habits.

To fatten a fowl in a week, feed it all the soaked corn it will eat, with just a little of green garden truck to keep up the appetite. Then kill, cook and eat.

Hens enjoy getting onto a pile of barnyard rubbish and manure of a winter day to scratch, and if it is not too cold it is a good thing to allow them this privilege unless you have provided so that they can have all the indoor scratching they wish.

If you have failed to provide large windows in your hen house to admit the sunshine and wish to let your hens out on the sunny side for a few hours during the warmest part of the day, be sure and sweep the snow away well before letting them out.

There are few things better calculated to promote health of fowls and induce them to lay than fresh green bone meal, and since that cannot be had in the market, every farmer should have a bone mill and grind a supply for his fowls at home. It is easy enough to gather up the bones.

Cabbage leaves or inferior cabbage make an excellent green stuff for fowls in winter. Beets and turnips are a fair substitute for cabbage, and chopped alfalfa hay dampened with warm water will answer. Hens will eat the hay from the stalk if allowed access to it.

## THE MARKETS.

### PITTSBURG.

WHEAT—No. 2 red	68 79
Bye—No. 2	58 69
CORN—No. 2 yellow, ear	46 47
No. 2 yellow, shelled	45 46
Mixed corn	45 46
OATS—No. 2 white	26 27
No. 3 white	26 27
FLOUR—Winter patent	4 00 4 10
Fancy straight winters	3 65 3 75
HAY—No. 1 timothy	13 75 14 25
Clow, No. 1	13 00 13 25
FEED—No. 1 white mid, ton	18 25 18 75
Brown middlings	16 00 17 01
Bean, bulk	15 75 16 00
STRAW—Wheat	7 25 7 50
Oat	6 75 7 25

### BALTIMORE.

FLOUR—Ohio creamery	3 75 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	72 77
CORN—Mixed	44 45
OATS	23 24
BUTTER—Ohio creamery	18 19

### PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR—Patent	3 75 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	70 75
CORN—No. 2	42 43
OATS—White western	26 27
BUTTER—Creamery	22 23
EGGS—State and Penn.	10 11

### NEW YORK.

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### LIVE STOCK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.	
CATTLE	
Prime heavy, 1500 to 1600 lbs.	5 60 5 81
Prime, 1000 to 1100 lbs.	5 43 5 61
Medium, 1000 to 1200 lbs.	5 01 5 15
Fat heifers	4 25 4 50
Butcher, 800 to 1000 lbs.	4 21 4 50
Common to fair	4 01 4 49
Oxen, common to fat	3 50 4 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows	2 25 4 03
Milk cows, each	20 04 30 03
Extra milk cows, each	35 00 45 00

### Wool.

Prime medium wethers	5 75 5 75
Best heavy wethers and merinos	5 50 5 70
Good to choice packers	5 00 5 63
Good pigs and light Yorkers	5 63 5 79
Skip pigs	3 70 4 50
Prime heavy hogs	5 50 5 55
Common to fair	5 25 5 30
Longhairs	3 50 4 00
Stags	3 00 4 00

### Sheep.

Extra, med. weight washers	4 26 4 33
Good to choice	4 09 4 15
Medium	3 75 4 19
Common to fair	1 50 3 00

### Lambs.

Lambs, extra spring	5 50 5 75
Lambs, good to choice, spring	5 00 5 50
Extra, yearling	4 19 4 50
Good to choice	4 00 4 25
Medium	3 25 4 15
Common	2 00 3 10

### Calves.

Veal, extra	7 00 7 50
Veal, good to choice	6 00 6 50
Veal, common to fair	5 50 6 00
Veal, common heavy	4 50 5 40

## REVIEW OF TRADE.

Encouraging Report From All Trade Centers. Politics is the Disturbing Factor at Present—Growing Activity.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: The volume of business does not materially enlarge at the East, and there is only moderate improvement at the West and South, but if expectations of greater activity when politics cease to disturb are realized, current operations will be found to have laid a substantial foundation. Prices of grain are little altered, good crop reports neutralized by a foreign estimate of a world's crop below requirements. Wheat stocks carried over were ample to meet the discrepancy, and traders do not seem able to advance prices more than 5 cents over last year's for wheat, and 6 cents for corn. This difference is apparently satisfactory to growers, as 7,430,372 bushels of wheat were received at interior cities in the first week of September, against 5,945,097 last year. Exports from Atlantic ports amounted to only 1,922,540 bushels wheat, flour included, against 2,000,960 a year ago. The Atlantic shipments of corn made a better comparison than in recent weeks, 2,923,079 bushels against 3,051,560 last year. Business in iron and steel products steadily increases, and mills are more actively employed. October 1 is mentioned as the probable date of a general resumption. It is significant that shipyards on the lake and the Pacific coast are full of orders for eight months or more. As to pig iron the outlook is no better. In spite of a decrease in production to 231,778 tons weekly, furnace stocks have increased to 504,218 tons, a gain of 89,877 tons during August, but the increase in demand was not noteworthy until August 15. Bessemer pig and grey forge further declined \$1 per ton at Pittsburg, although no change is reported at other points. Copper continues firm, with electrolytic higher at 16 1/2 cents bid, and tin advanced moderately.

Failures for the week were 145 in the United States, against 132 last year, and 24 in Canada, against 30 last year.

Bradstreet's review says: Trade developments during the week have been mainly favorable, and the improvement in general distributive business noted the latter part of August has gathered force in the first week of September. Leading features have been the widening fall trade reported at nearly all points West, South and on the Pacific coast, some improvement in the jobbing demand at the East, with Southern buying a marked feature, rather better reports from the two great staple crops of the West and South, corn and cotton, improved export demand for American products, notably wheat, iron and steel and cotton, and unvaryingly good returns by the transportation interests of the country.

## OUR CONSULS NEED MORE PAY.

Present Compensation is Inadequate to Propriety Meet Requirements.

The meager pay of our consuls is a matter of whose importance congressmen who are themselves essentially provincial can never be convinced. Knowing little of any world but that in which they have moved and had their being, entirely ignorant of the established usage of diplomacy and the cosmopolitan society in which the consular representative must dwell, they forget that a proper consideration for appearance is an absolute necessity; and pettiness and meanness and certain sorts of small economy bring us into contempt and minimize our influence with European powers, which in their long experience have acquired a very salutary worldly wisdom. There is hardly a consulate in the world where the American representative is not the most shabby housed, poorly served and poorly paid man among his consular associates. Frequently his means are so inadequate that he is unable to return in any proper degree, the social favors that have been shown him. Through parsimony that curtails expense here that the Government may be wantonly lavish with certain species of bold and notorious jobbery, its representatives abroad are often placed in the humiliating attitude of mere hangers-on—men tolerated, but not respected. It also explains why so many entirely objectionable persons are appointed to consular posts, aside from the confessed reward for purely political service, in which fitness, intelligence and ordinary good breeding cut no figure. Men of refinement, of culture and experience refuse to be so abused.—The Chautauquan.

## Europe Does Not Combat Trusts.

The European public maintains a complacent attitude toward trusts, but if these trusts had done evil instead of good they would not have been tolerated, for governments and the leading political economists, as well as trade rivals, have closely scrutinized their daily walk and their average tendency. There are pirates among trusts, combinations with more water than blood in their make-up, and reckless gamblers. The world has nothing to fear from the proper use of the power of combination. It is the abuse of that power that should exercise the vigilance of the citizen and the strong arm of the law.—Ainslee's Magazine.

## Not Typewritten. Play Rejected.

Struggling authors who feel that their work waits long for appreciation may take some comfort from the history of a play which has been the one real success of the past year in London, a time when almost nothing has succeeded, not even war dramas. This summer one of the most prominent and successful of American actors sat in a box and saw the performance and suddenly realized that 14 years ago the play had been submitted to him. It was not typewritten, and the author's handwriting was so illegible that the actor never managed to get into the play.—Saturday Evening Post.

## No Taste Better Than a Bad Taste.

The Germans and the Austrians have for many years drawn their teas from unknown sources, neither Indian nor Chinese. Hence the present complications in China will not affect them. When George Eliot and George Henry Lewes arrived for the first time in Berlin the latter craved for a cup of tea. "It tastes like nothing at all," he said when it was brought to him. "Then thank your stars," remarked his companion, "for it might taste bad."—London Illustrated News.

## HOW BIG BEN GOT HIS NAME.

Factors About the Famous Clock So Dear to the Hearts of Foreigners.

"Big Ben" has ceased from booming for a brief space, and a large section of London mixes in consequence one of its most familiar sounds. But there is nothing very wrong; a little cleaning is being done. How many people know why the famous clock is called "Big Ben." The name, in fact, is that of the hour bell—which weighs 13 tons 11 cwt.—and was so called after Sir Benjamin Hall, who was first commissioner of works in 1860, the year in which the clock was first set going in the tower. It had, however, been in motion in the manufactory for some years before that date. Each of the four dials is 22 feet 18 1/2 inches in diameter, and the clock is 180 feet above the ground. The quarters are struck on four bells weighing from one ton to four tons each. The large bell cracked before leaving the foundry, and a similar late befell the second bell of the same size, the hours being struck for several years on the largest of the quarter bells. "Big Ben" the Second, after undergoing repairs, was again brought into use and has performed satisfactorily ever since. The clock part proper takes only about 20 minutes to wind, but the striking parts require five hours each. It should be remembered that the first stroke of "Big Ben" denotes the hour, the smaller bells indicating the quarters by the first stroke in each case.—London Sphere.

## The Queen Hunts, Others May Follow.

Now that the Italians possess a sporting queen it is to be surmised that they themselves will care more for hunting and shooting. The average Italian gentleman does nothing; he is content to be idle and waste his time at a cafe. But the new queen is apparently a splendid shot. She is an adept with a revolver, and possesses the island of Monte Cristo, an agreeable little wild resort where her husband built her a hunting lodge, and where she spends happy days of hunting, pursuing every kind of game, even wild boars. Such an example will surely move the most indolent of Italian men into some semblance of virility.—London Graphic.

## England Seeks to Retrench in Coal.

For illuminating purposes we now have gas and electricity, and from the point of view of coal economy, the latter wins in a canter. In large supply stations steam engines are used to generate the electric current, and in smaller ones gas engines are employed; each has its advantages in its own sphere of action. It has been calculated that the ordinary gas flame consumes about 16 times as much coal energy to produce the same amount of light as does an incandescent electric lamp, and about 60 times as much as produces an equal illumination in the electric arc.—Pearson's Weekly.

## Aids to Siberian Emigrants.

The Russian Government is distributing large numbers of pamphlets in which the advantages of Siberia for colonists are described in tempting language. Since 1893 nearly a million peasants have emigrated to the regions opened by the new railway. They receive reduced rates, get land at low rates, and even advances of money, while 73 schools and more than 100 churches have been built for them.—New York Post.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SEVERI, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1898.

Next to Gibraltar, Malta is the strongest fortress in the world.

The man who crossed Niagara Falls on Blondin's back lives in Chicago. Blondin was the greatest rope-walker of that day.

Sweat and fruit acids will not dissolve goods dyed with PURSANT FADLESS DYES, sold by all druggists.

The Prussian government is about to take measures to preserve various kinds of trees that are in danger of extermination.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

The population of Finland includes 2,527,800 Russians.

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India, it is said, is well able to spare 20,000 more native troops.

Drugs have their use, but don't store them in your stomach. Lemman's Peppa Gum aids nature to perform its functions.

The average watch is composed of 75 different pieces.

Frey's Vermifuge makes happy homes and keeps the children well. Entirely vegetable.

Chile can put 37,000 men in the field and has ample modern arms.

Mrs. Winslow's Sorening Soap for children's bathing, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 50c a bottle.

Country roads in China are entirely undefined.

"Well, I say that the very best of men don't know the difference between their souls and their stomachs, and they fancy that they are wrestling with their doubts when really it is their dinners they're wrestling with."

"Take my old man. A kinder husband never drew breath; yet so sure as he touches a bit of pork he begins to worry himself about the doctrine of Election, till I say, 'I'd be ashamed to go troubling the minister with my doubts when an Ayer's Pill would set things straight again.'"

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are packed away in your insides and must be kept clean, in order and doing business. It's a long way, with many turns and pitfalls to catch the refuse and clog the channel if not most carefully cleaned out every day.

When this long canal is blocked, look out for trouble—furred tongue, bad breath, belching of gases, yellow spots, pimples and boils, headaches, spitting up of food after eating—all-around disgusting nuisance.

Violent pill poisons or gripping salts are dangerous to use for cleaning out the bowels. They force out the obstruction by causing violent spasms of the bowels, but they leave the intestines weak and even less able to keep up regular movements than before, and make a larger dose necessary next time.

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