

# Farming in Alaska

Seattle, Wash.—Touring southeastern Alaska for an inspection of natural resources, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine will find farm life of the Far North in the midst of a colorful transition.

The "bachelor farmer," whose pioneer struggles are written into the agricultural history of every frontier, is slowly passing from the land he cleared of timber and is being replaced by men with families. Where his shack stood the new farmer is building houses and barns and his one-crop system of farming, is giving way to diversified activities, including the production of live stock.

Needing little and obtaining that principally from the forests, the early settler lived under conditions impossible for a man with a family. He planted his wheat or potatoes in the spring, left during the summer months to earn a "grubstake" and returned in the fall to harvest a crop that had received no attention.

Long-required diversified farming is coming in with the families. The small dairy farm grows more common and many vegetables are grown. In the region near Fairbanks the bachelor still predominates, and since the area is adapted to wheat and potatoes, it may take longer to introduce diversified systems.

Southeastern Alaska is rough, rugged and covered with timber. Comparatively little land in this region is available for cultivation. The rich farms are in the great Tanana valley, which, with the Yukon and Susitna valleys, has the essentials to make it eventually the granary of Alaska, in the fertile Matanuska valley and contiguous territory.

The secretary's plan to visit the southeastern section was motivated by his desire to see at close range the infant forest industry, other natural resources and the possibilities for preservation of wild life.

This newest Alaskan industry has

none of the stampede characteristics of earlier enterprises. The gold rush brought rapid but short-lived growth in many places, but the paper-making industry is expected to be permanent. Scientifically developed, costly newspaper plants, with strict government supervision of natural resources, have been planned with a view to encouraging prosperous cities and towns.

Water-power rights for construction of mills at Ketchikan, the secretary's first stop in Alaska, and at Juneau have been granted by the government, and two companies are making preliminary investigation for actual construction work.

The United States will be paid for the timber as it is cut, and cutting will be done in accordance with forestry principles. The southern coast is covered with thick forests, and 95 per cent of the timber is understood to be excellent for the manufacture of paper.

# Long Search for Honest Man Ends

Summitville, Colo.—For 24 years Jack Pickens kept secret the location of a "peak of gold" in the San Juan mountains until he could find a financial backer whom he would trust to help him open the treasure vault locked by nature.

Today Pickens and Judge Jesse C. Wiley, the honest man whom the prospector found after a search of a quarter of a century, are sharing equally the fortune Pickens discovered.

While prospecting over the hills about the Little Annie mine in 1904 Pickens stumbled on a protruding bowlder. He tapped the rock with his hammer. A piece broke off, revealing a layer of almost solid gold. Another blow dislodged more gold-lined slabs.

Beneath the surface of that bowlder, the prospector concluded, lay a peak of gold. Determining to keep the discovery a secret, Pickens also resolved to stay near his potential fortune. He obtained a job with a small force of miners at the Little Annie and then

began his quiet hunt for a honest man with enough money to exploit the "strike."

Several times the owners of the Little Annie mine started tunnels toward the golden peak, and Pickens held his breath. He was greatly relieved as each of these projects was abandoned, one within eighty feet of his hidden treasure.

Finally the prospector met the man whom he could trust. He and Judge Wiley formed a partnership, obtained long-time leases on 40 mining claims, including the golden peak, and within six weeks realized \$114,000 from the ore taken off only that part of the bowlder showing above the grass.

Since then half a million dollars has been hauled away and yellow metal still is in sight.

Pickens has a wife and thirteen children with whom to share the fortune.

# A Few Little Smiles



## POPULAR SPEAKER

Everything had been done to make the meeting a success. A large hall had been engaged and a widely known speaker was to attend.

The great man arrived in rather a ruffled frame of mind, and, after a hurried glance or two about him, beckoned to the chairman.

"I should like a glass of water on my table," he said.

"To drink?" the chairman asked owlishly.

"Oh, no," came the sarcastic reply; "I make a habit of concluding my speech with a high dive."—London Answers.

## SELF-SUPPORTING



"So you never expect to marry, 'Rastus'?"

"No, sah, Ah 'spects to keep right on makin' mah own livin' till Ah die."

## All Alike

A girl's a girl. And even though she looks like sin, She'll never pass A mirror without looking in.

## Ouch!

"Isn't it awful that you that flapper is hanging on that young man's neck?" exclaimed Mrs. Grouch disgustedly as she pointed to the passing car.

"Not as awful as it will be the way she'll be on his neck in a couple of years from now," growled her husband.

## It's a Great Age

"I think I'll stop in this hardware store a minute."

"What do you want to buy in there?"

"I want to see if they have something I can take to relieve the indigestion I got from eating this drug-store lunch."

## Grand Opera

"Saw you in a box party the other night."

"I was there."

"And how did you enjoy the opera?"

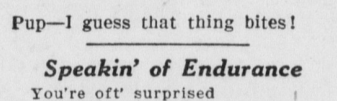
"My hostess was in very poor voice."

## Her Infinite Variety

"Hey, you have a lock of dark hair in the back of your watch, a blond one, and one of henna shade."

"All from the same girl, my boy."

## HAD A MUZZLE ON



Pup—I guess that thing bites!

## Speakin' of Endurance

You're off surprised To find that folks still live, When you know they've Been touring in a fivv.

## He Has To

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the orator, "is a wise man, but the man who gives in when he is right is—"

"Married," said a weak voice in the audience.

## Good Reason for It

Auto Tourist—Ha, road fixed at last, eh? What was the cause of it?

Farmer (at roadside)—The commissioner of roads had a breakdown here several weeks ago.

## Last Request

Doctor—About nine patients out of ten don't live through this operation. Is there anything I can do for you before we begin?

Dusky Patient—Yassah. Kindly hand me my hat.

## College Bred

"College certainly has made my boy over."

"You can hardly recognize him now, eh?"

"No—he hardly recognizes me."

# The Easiest Way to Keep in Style

By MAE MARTIN



No woman would wear dresses, or blouses, or stockings of a color that's decidedly out of style or faded, if all of us knew how easy it is to make things fresh, crisp and stylish by the quick magic of home tinting or dyeing.

Anybody can tint or dye successfully with true, fadeless Diamond Dyes. Tinting with them is as easy as bluing, and dyeing takes just a little longer. New, stylish colors appear like magic, right over the old, faded colors. Diamond Dyes never spot, streak or run. They are real dyes, like those used when the cloth was made. Insist on them and save disappointment.

My new 64-page illustrated book, "Color Craft," gives hundreds of money-saving hints for renewing clothes and draperies. It's Free. Write for it now, to Mae Martin, Dept. D-143, Diamond Dyes, Burlington, Vermont.

## Dead Notes

When Geraldine Farrar was a little girl in Medford, Mass., and first began to show her musical talent, she drove the neighbors frantic with her budding vocal efforts.

"Do you really have to do that?" a little boy in the neighborhood asked her one day.

"Of course I do," declared "Jerry." "Beautiful music always seems to haunt me!"

"That's because you murder it first!" denied the wag and the future grand opera star crossed his name off her party list.—Los Angeles Times.



# OLD FOLKS SAY DR. CALDWELL WAS RIGHT

The basis of treating sickness has not changed since Dr. Caldwell left Medical College in 1875, nor since he placed on the market the laxative prescription he had used in his practice.

He treated constipation, biliousness, headaches, mental depression, indigestion, sour stomach and other indispositions entirely by means of simple vegetable laxatives, herbs and roots. These are still the basis of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a combination of senna and other mild herbs, with pepsin.

The simpler the remedy for constipation, the safer for the child and for you. And as you can get results in a mild and safe way by using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, why take chances with strong drugs?

A bottle will last several months, and all can use it. It is pleasant to the taste, gentle in action, and free from narcotics. Elderly people find it ideal. All drug stores have the generous bottles, or write "Syrup Pepsin," Dept. BB, Monticello, Illinois, for free trial bottle.

## Literally

Brown—The doctor said he'd put me on my feet again in six weeks.

Smyth—And did he?

Brown—Yes, I had to sell my car to pay his bill.—London Express.

# Corn Made Into Starch

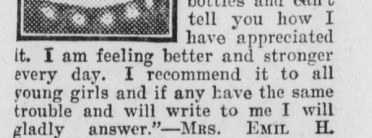
More than 70,000,000 bushels of corn in this country were converted into starch in the last year.

When we think long and seriously is when we suddenly discover that the apparent regard of some one for us is sincere.

# GIRL KEPT LOSING WEIGHT

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Built Her Up

Scobey, Mont.—"I was working for two years—clerking in a store—and seemed to be steadily losing weight so was forced to give up my work. A neighbor recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to me and I have now taken six bottles and can't tell you how I feel after having appreciated it. I am feeling better and stronger every day. I recommend it to all young girls and if any have the same trouble and will write to me I will gladly answer."—Miss EMIL H. GARBUS, Box 476, Scobey, Montana.



Do you remember Post at the corner of the Ohio road?

It was a simple box of flour point, and no post; once upon a time painted white, with probably that was as time when that name had some meaning. For the last century

# SUCH IS LIFE — A Labor-Saving Device — By Charles Sughroe



# LOW AIM

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

WE WERE visiting Fortress Monroe, and were being shown about by the officers in charge. I had never seen artillery of that sort and I was interested in all the details and calculations incident to accurate marksmanship.

"Would you like to see the target practice?" the officer asked me. "We are going out this morning, and I should be glad to have you accompany me."

It was a new experience to me, and I accepted his invitation eagerly. I

# WINS ANOTHER TITLE



Lord David Burghley, titled member of the English Olympic team, just after he had won the 400 meter hurdles championship at the Olympic games held at Amsterdam.

# Something of a Novelty for Mars' Dogs



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# Will Study Old Bones

Washington.—Relics of a buffalo hunt held by primitive men near Folsom, N. M., thousands of years before white men came to America continue to puzzle and attract scientists. In response to a telegram from Folsom received by the Smithsonian Institution, reporting new discoveries of stone arrows points and fossil bison bones, Neil Judd, a Smithsonian anthropologist, with other scientists, has set out for the scene of the excavations to examine the evidence.

The excavations are being conducted by the Colorado Museum of Natural History and the American Museum of Natural History. The stone arrow-heads used in the hunt have been found close to bones of bison supposed to have become extinct in America long before men appeared on this continent. If the stone weapons were shot at this living game, as the evidence indicates, the conclusion of some scientists is that men must have inhabited America

at least 25,000 years, possibly even several hundred thousand years. No evidence has ever been discovered in this country to show that the types of bison found with the arrow points have lived in America in recent times. Dr. Oliver P. Hay of the Smithsonian Institution is now engaged in studying some of the bones of these extinct bison. The bones found at Folsom belong to bison with flattened horns different from any living form, Doctor Hay states.

# Father Sage Says:

Only a man's philosophy will enable him to bear the burdens imposed upon him by the philosophy of others.

tion that at least three-fourths of his work should be passed with a grade of C. Now C is far below the average of college, so that the mark at which Kent was to aim was not a very remote one, and not very hard to hit.

I had a letter from his father today. The boy has failed again. He had fully intended to get no grade below C, but the trouble was that he had had no intention of making A or even B. C was the mark at which his artillery was directed and he aimed too low. He failed one course and barely passed another and the second chance for which he had begged was lost.

"It seems too bad," his father wrote, "that he should have lost his opportunity by so slight a margin."

It does indeed, but Kent's failure but illustrates the failures of many men in business or in professional life. They are satisfied to be commonplace; they aim too low.

Old Ideas Must Go

Neosho, Mo.—Old-fashioned ideas in Neosho have got to go, if they have to be pulled out by the roots. At least that seems to be the decree of a group of the town's citizens, who, wearing masks, uprooted several concrete posts and severed the iron chains that composed the "hitching rack" on the courthouse square.

# Ex-Kaiser Nears End of Wood-Chopping Job

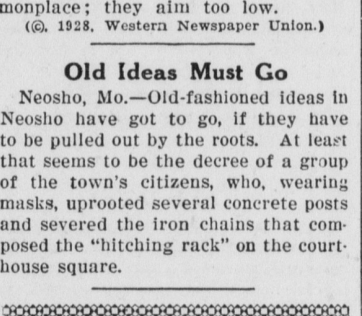
Doorn, Holland.—Former Emperor William II of Germany has practically completed his woodman's task on his own estate. The imperial wood chopper must go elsewhere if he wants to take his favorite exercise of felling, sawing or chopping wood.

In his labors on the Hohenzoeller estate, now covering a period of about eight years, the ex-kaiser was careful to remove only dead trees or such as hampered others in their growth or destroyed the symmetry of his park. It takes half an hour at a brisk pace to walk around the whole estate, which is inclosed by a high wire fence surmounted by barbed wire.

Dies in Coffin

Budapest.—For years Victor Kasau, actor, slept in a coffin, fearing death was approaching. He has just been found dead in it.

# Mascots Go With Byrd to South Pole



Here are Virginia and Samson, the two young mascots who will have the honor of accompanying Commander Byrd's expedition to the South Polar regions.

# DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

## The Dog's Jungle Hang-Over

The reason a dog turns around several times before lying down is said to be because his ancestors found it necessary to do so. The dog, being a domesticated animal, is a survivor of wild forefathers that lived in jungle-grass. If they wanted a comfortable bed they had to "n around several times to level the grass. Today's dog goes through the same process instinctively.

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