Cost of Growing Wheat.

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a summary made from estimates of 25,000 farmers of the West and Northwest and of 4,000 experts of the department on the cost of growing wheat. The average cost per acre for the region covered is \$11.69, while the average for Wisconsin is more than a dollar higher, or \$12.93. Ground rent is the heaviest single item, and estimated at nearly \$3 per acre. The principal items of cost have rema ned about normal during the past four or five years, being slightly higher where any change is noted, owing to increase of cost of labor during the prosperous times from 1890 to 1892. During that period, however, the price of wheat fell nearly one-half. As a result either wheat production must be restricted or a large part of it must be done at a loss.

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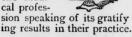
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Afflicted With a Peculiar Disease—H Body Covered With Lumps—Could Not Eat and Thought He was Going to Dry Up—His Recovery the Mar-vel of Tennessee.

(From the Nashville, Tenn., Banner.) Mr. John W. Thomas, Jr., of Theta, Tenn.

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Mr. John W. Thomas, Jr., of Theta, Tenn., is a man with a most interesting history. At present he is interested in blooded horses, for which Maury County is famous.

"Few people, I take it," said Mr. Thomas to a reporter who had asked him for the story of his life, "have passed through as remarkable a chain of events as I have and remained alive to tell the story.

"It was along in 1884, when I was working in the silver mines of New Mexico, that my troubles began; at first I suffered with in digestion, and so acute did the pains become that I went to California for my health, but the trip did me little good, and fully impressed with the diea that my last day had nearly dawned upon me, I hurried back here to my old home to die.

"From simple indigestion my malady developed into a chronic innbility to take any substantial food, I was barely able to creep about, and at times I was prostrated by spells of heart palpitation. This condition continued until one year ago.

"On the I th of April, 1893, I suddenly collapsed, and for days I was unconscious, in fact I was not fully myself until July. My condition on September 1st was simply horrible; I weighed but seventy pounds, whereas my normal weight is 165 pounds. All over my body there were lumps from the size of a grapet to the size of a walnut, my fingers were cramped so that I could not more than half straighten them. I had entirely lost control of my lower limbs and my nand trembled so that I could not drink without on my stomach, in Nothing would remain dry up before many more days had a man and trembled so that I could not drink without on my stomach, and Nothing would remain on my stomach and of the physicians, calling in one after the other, and by the aid of morphine and ther medicines they gave me, i managed to live though barely through large irreduced the could not drive was a farge irregular stain as elect as even as a farge irregular stain as the count of the physicians, calling in one after the other, and by the aid

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Here Mr. Thomas displayed his arms, and just above the cloow of each there was a large irrogular stain as large as the palm of the hand and of a purple color; the space covered by the mark was sunken nearly to the bone. "That," said Mr. Thomas, "is what the doctors did by putting morphine into ma,

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Understand Your Agreements.

Many of the disputes which arise between buyer and seller are due to the fact that in making a contract the terms are not clearly understood. In so common a matter as the buying and selling of goods it is necessary that all points relative to the transaction should be definitely stated. Some houses state distinctly on their bill heads the terms on which sales are made, so that the buyer is compelled to recognize the terms.

There are many other contracts which come up in the course of business which need a clearer understanding than the act of buying goods. It is important that both parties should thoroughly understand the transaction. There are multications devoted

lng than the act of buying goods. It is important that both parties should thoroughly understand the transaction. There are publications devoted to contracts in which forms are given, but many of these legal forms seem better devoted to obscuring than clearing up matters. In all transactions it is necessary to come to a point and have that point clearly understood. Long arguments are not necessary, and the whole tendency of modern trade is to put things on a basis of brevity. It is advisable to make a written memorandum of agreements, for it will always be in evidence and save many future disputes.

The Serpent's Trick.

The power of continuing motionless with the lifted head projecting
torward for an indefinite time is one
of the most wonderful of the serpents muscular leats, and is one of
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From Arizona for three years past has come the earliest car load of American raisins shipped East. The season there is aliead of that of Southern California and the atmosphere is peculiarly suited to the curing of raisias. The Serpent's Trick.

SOME OF THESE DAYS.

of these days all the skies will be brighter; Some of these days all the burdens be

lighter; Hearts will be happier, souls will be whiter Some of these days, Some of these days!

Some of these days in the desert upspring ing Fountains shall flash while the joy-bells are

ringing,
And the world with its sweetest of birds

shall go singing Some of these days, Some of these days!

sorrow;
Faith in the future, its light we may borrow
There will be joy in the golden to-morrow
Some of these days!
—Frank L. Stanton.

THE SECOND SIGNATURE.



hecf.)
Lapham—"Whew-ew! My! But it's
ot! Hello! Hello, Bob! (Looks
own the beach.) What is it? A fire?"
The Colonel—"Oh! N-n—nun—noh! Why, it's you, Morley! This is
n unexpected delight."
(Rises, shakes Lapham's hand and
t down again.)
Lapham—"Where are all the folks?"
The Colonel (looking, down the

s'ti do vn again.)

L'apham—"Where are all the folks?"

The Colonel (tooking down the beach again)—"Down boating, or bathing, or somewhere. (Aside.)

He's caught up to her. Confound his gray hairs and presumption. I believe the old fool is serious. (To Morley)—Ahem! Got too hot in town for you, did it? No wouder! I have campaigned it in Arizona in August, but it's nothing to Broadway on a day like this."

but it's nothing to Broadway on a day like this."

Lapham—''Hot? Simply seething, sizzling hot! But you slim fellows shouldn's complain. Wait until you weigh a hundred and seventy-five."

The Colonel (pushing an electric button)—''You make me thirsty. Will you have a lemon and seltzer?"

Lapham, "You reserved."

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rou have a lemon and seltzer?"

Lapham - "Yery apropos! The lucker the better, Bob. I simply nade time in order to get down here. Totter it is, busier I am. I sail for londen to-morrow at 11 for the Atlas Jompany. Capital ten million and hoy've made me their attorney, Bob."

The Colonel (endeavoring to be enhusiastic)—"Lucky dog! Everyhing comes your way. We poor chaps in the army never get any such hances."

chances."

Lapham—"Where did you say Eunice was?"

The Colonel—"Out with young Bradsleigh."

Lapham (tugging at his mustache)—
"Ob, the son of the millionaire!"

The Colonel—"Yes, His head's as empty as his pocket is full."

Lapham—"Bob!"

"The Colonel—"Well?"

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Lapham—"Bob, I came down here to see Eunice--to--ah—settle a little matter. Eunice will be twenty-one before I return."

The Colonel—"And you are in a little with the colonel of the colone

The Colonel—"And you are in a trap?"
Lapham—"Yes—yes—that's it—that's it, Bob."
The Colonel—"When her father's estate was settled there was nothing left and you have educated her and eared for her practically out of your own pocket because of your love for her dead brother—dear oid Tom. 1 can see him now rushing in at the head of his men, and I can hear him saying as he lay there in the dust with that red imp's bullet in his breast: 'Go on! Go on! Run the dogs down! Don't bother about me!'"
(Both use their handkerchiefs freely, principally about the eyes).
Lapham—"No, not that. You didn't understand me. I made a very lucky investment—very, Bob. Whewew! But it's hot!"
The Colonel—"Yes."

The Colonel—"Yes."

Lapham (suddenly and anxiously)

Don't you ever let Eunice know a

word—"
The Colonel (rising in his chair and with emotion)— "Lapham, after knowing me all these years, do you think I am that sort of a man?"

never thought of her in that respect. Besides, I can see that your military bearing has won her already."

The Colonel—"Oh, no! Won't you have another lemon and seltzer, Morley?—if that waiter ever comes. That Atlas Company affair is the stroke of your life. (Jumps up and vigorously shakes Lapham's hand.) I am as happy about it as you are. It's great—simply great, and you deserve it. Deserve it all and more."

Lapham—"Bob, it's Eunice of whom I wish to speak to you. Let me say it frankly: I came down here to ask her to be my wife. I do not want her unless she wants me, and if the should accept me because of what I have done for her and not because she loves me, when I found it out I should be miserable. You have seen us together, Bob. I am much older. You know I have never cared for society, and I'm a sort of back number in the art of courtship, I dare say. But, Bob, old fellow, do you think—she cares for me?"

me?"
The Colonel—"You want the truth?"
Lapham (with emotion)—"Nothing
else—and all of it."
The Colonel—"She is with young
Bradsleigh constantly. People say
they are engaged."
Lapham—"I don't believe it! To
him! I—but if she loves him, it's,
right. Why, Bob, I was actually
sulking." him! I--but if she loves had, i.e., right. Why, Bob, I was actually sulking."
(Eunice enters—a beautiful picture in a boating costume.)
Eunice (in surprise)—"Mr. Lap-

Lapham-"You didn't get my tele-

Lapham—"You didn't get my telegram!"

Eunice—"It may be in my room. I have been out all day, I am so glad to see you."

Laphan—"It is very warm."

Eunice—"Very. You must cool off with a dip. The water is perfect."

The Colonel—"If you will excuse me, Miss Hardy, I'll go down and see why that lemon and selzer doesn't come. The waiters are the awkwardest squad I ever saw. (Stops on the doorsill.) Ah—Miss Hardy, have you—ah—seen Mrs. Mordaunt?"

Eunice—"Yes; she will be here soon. (Exit the Colonel.) Oh, there's my purse. The Colonel's honesty is unquestioned." (Picks up her purse from the chair in which the Colonel was seated.)

Iron the chair in which the Colonei was seated.)

Lapham (aside)—"I may have another opportunity to be alone with her. Possibly this gossip is unfrue. I can't leave her without a word. (To Eunice)—Eunice, I must sail for Europe to-morrow, to be gone for a month."

Eunice -- "And you'll not be here for

my birthday?"

Lapham - "No. Eunice, I'll try to say it so you'll understand. It is

Lapham—Vo. Enfines, Ill try to say it so you'll understand. It is something very serious. I have had it in my heart for a long time—"

Eunice—"You look so warm and tired! Take your dip first and you will be cooler, and you can tell me in better fashion. After dinner I will listen to the advice of my guardian—(shaking her parasol at him)—my irreproachable guardian. I just run up to get my purse, you know. The key to the boathouse is in it. I promised Mr. Bradsleigh I would hurry. So you will forgive until dinner?"
Lapham—(Taking the gloved hand held out to him)—"Yes; enjoy yourself."

(Exit Eunice. As Lapham sits down e sees the paper at his feet and picks

Exit Eunice. As Lapham sits down ho sees the paper at his feet and picks it up.)

Lapham—"Yes, yes. Bob is right. (Opens the paper.) But it will be hard to give her up."
(Be reads: "Dear Eunice—"I love you with all my heart. My love will never fail. I love you more to-day than yesterday, and I shall love you more to-morrow than to-day. (Signed) "Edwamb Bradsleid")
(Enter the Colonel.)

The Colonel—"Officers and men ought to be in the guardhouse. I gave them a shaking up and a waiter will be here directly. Morley! Your face is as white as your shirt front! (Lapham tres to smile! Don't try to smile! You can't fool me! Old man, you are suffering. You spoke to her?"

Lapham—"I picked this up on the floor."

(Lapham passes the note to the Col-

(Lapham passes the note to the Colonel, who reads it and passes it back.)
The Colonel—"By George, sir, this is infamous. Such a girl as she attached to that spendthriftfool! Never! I'll speak to Mrs. Mordaunt."

Lapham (going over to the Colonel and laying his hand on his shoulder)—"No; you will not. She is a sensible girl, and if she loves him, let him have her. I know that if I were a young man of his age and she loved me, and one got in our way, I would—"

The Colonel-"Find your way to the nearest church?"

Lapham—"Yes. I understand that
you will not say a word to Mrs. Mor-

The Colonel—"Not a word."

Lapham (trying to smile)-"No-

inst getting cooled off."

The Colonel—"Excuse me, Miss Hardy, but I will go down and bring up that lemon and seltzer myself."

(Exit the Colonel.)

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(Exit the Colonel.)

Eanice—"Carrying that baby made you ill! It was Mrs. Miller's baby. I met her on the walk and she told me all about it. She keeps the little stand down at the beach. I buy candies from her for my youngsters there, and we gossip between bargainings. The train was suffocatingly hot; she was tired and the baby cried. You took it on your lap and winked at it—that wonderful wink of yours—and it went to sleep—twenty pounds of it in your lap twenty miles."

Lapham (uneasily)—"Please—ah!—don't talk about it."

Eunice (assuming defianace)—"But will! Mrs. Miller is going to send you up some of her wonderful lemon drops. (Laughs.) You see one never gets into these things that one doesn't get in deeply."

Lapham—"I didn't, intend to give

you up some of her wonderful lemon drops. (Laughs.) You see one never gets into these things that one doesn't get in deeply."
Lapham—'I didn't intend to give you this note, but now—that—that you are here—I will." (He passes her the note, which she reads.)
Ennice (blushing)—"It's Mr. Bradsleigh's!"
Lapham (choking a little)—"Yes—I found it under the chair. I could not help opening it. I wish you joy!"
Eunice—"Joy? Joy? Mr. Bradsleigh! (Laughs.) I'm not the Eunice. It's his Eunice, who is out in California. He made me his confessor and told me how she had put him on probation. He says! keep him from doing reckless things which he promised her he would not do."
Lapham—"Eunice—Eunice—I want to say, Eunice—to ask you, Eunice—please do not let our relations in any way influence you in your answer. It may seem great presumption—"
Eunice—"What do you mean?"
Lapham—"I mean—" det table on the piazza, crosses out Bradleigh's name and writes his own in its place. Then he passes it to her.)
Eunice—"I understand!"
(The Colonel and Mrs. Mordaunt enter and pass to the other end of the piazza. Eunice sits down at the table and writes on the back of the letter.)
Mrs. Mordaunt—"You are an old campaigner, Colonel; and naval officers tell me that one must take what army officers say with a grain of salt."
The Colonel—"I protest, my dear Mrs. Mordaunt, that it is the most serious moment of my life. Your answer?"
Mrs. Mordaunt—"Maybe, Colonel—"
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Mrs. Mordaunt - "Maybe, Col-

onel—"
The Colonel—"Alice!"
Mrs. Mordaunt—"Maybe not. I
will think about it."
The Colonel—"But that is not
'No!' or 'Yes!'"
Mrs. Mordaunt—"Then, Colonel, I

Mrs. Mordaunt—"Then, Colones, will."

(The Colonel kisses Mrs. Mordaunt just as the waiter having the lemon and seltzer elbows him.)

The Colonel (to the waiter)—"What in thunder are you doing here, man?"

(Eunice, having finished writing, passes the note to Lapham.)

Lapham (reading)—"'I hereby appoint Morley Lapham my guardian for life, because he is the best man in the world and because I love him.

(Signed) EUNICE HARDY."

Eunice (placing her arms around (Signed) EURIGE HARDI."

Eunice (placing her arms around his neck)—"I could have told you that long ago—if you had asked me."—New York Press.

American "Teeth Factories," American "Teeth Factories,"

The French Nation has recently been put in possession of some remarkable information in regard to American "teeth factories." The United States commercial agent at Luxembourg has sent to the Department of State the following translation of a report on artificial teeth:

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it is in America that the worstteeth are found, which accounts for the multitude of dentists, more or less American, scattered over the globe, and especially for the importance of American fabrications of everything appertaining to the art of the dentist. If it is possible to believe authentic documents, the cost of an artificial tooth at the factory in the United States should not exceed thirty or thirty-five cents. One of these factories in New York sells not less than 8,000,009 of these teeth per annum. If the teeth are porcelain, covered with a special enamel, the application of which is so delicate that there are no two teeth which are tinted exactly alike. Moreover there are about fifty different tints which are artificially obtained, corresponding with the color variations of natural teeth. The imitation is carried so far as to stimulate defects, which render the illusion more complete.

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"Because he had no mother-instead him with the top row of the reserved seats, as he allowed his feet to hang down the kink out of them. "Icameto the kink out of them. "Icameto the circus expecting to hear that joke, that moss-grown gag, and I have not been disappointed.

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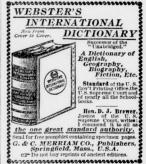
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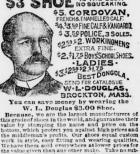
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