

# GOBLES NEWS

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## Chamber of Commerce Meeting July 3rd, at 7:30

### LOCAL BREVITIES

Will Brown is failing.  
Masonic regular tonight.  
Harvey Estabrook is sick with the mumps.  
Oscar Everest was home over Sunday.  
Cleone Churchill is visiting her sister in Milwaukee.  
Big Matinee Races, Hartford, on the Fourth. Four races.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ur Hicks of Vestaburg visited here Sunday.  
Rev. Hendricks of Merson called at The News office Monday.  
Fred Babbitt had the misfortune to lose his cows by poisoning.  
Bert James has moved his family to Plainwell. Sorry to lose them.  
Alice Hudson and Charles Smith are recovering from the mumps.  
Eastern Star regular meeting next Tuesday evening. Degree work.  
Mrs. A. Webster is home again and is much improved in health.  
Regular meeting Chamber of Commerce at Village hall Friday eve at 7:30.  
The Sunny Day club will meet with Mrs. Jay Manning next Thursday, July 9.  
Mrs. Frank Baker and Patty of Springfield, Ill. are visiting at the home of A. W. Myers.  
The Marriotts left Tuesday for their season's tour. They are scheduled full from July 4 until October 1. J. B. Ryno drove their car.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Clement and sons, William and James drove to Milan and Ann Arbor for the week end, returning Monday.  
Ray Feely and mother, Catherine Sage and Catherine Lucile Hudson drove to DePere, Wis. to be present at the wedding of the former Tuesday.  
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Saturday, July 4, is go as you please day in Gobles. Some stores will open all day, some part of day and some not at all. Telephone and postoffice will observe holiday hours, bank will close, R. F. D's will holiday, the bakery will bake, the barbers as usual, and other places as they see fit. Better shop early and be safe.  
Saturday evening June 20 a gathering of young people met at the Grange hall in honor of Bernard Blakeman, who will soon leave for West Point. A large crowd was present. Ice cream and cake were served. A most enjoyable evening was spent. While all regret having Bernard go, all appreciate the honor he has attained and trust there are many happy, successful years ahead for him in his chosen work.  
Two former students of Gobles, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cheney of Jackson are graduates of higher institutions this year: Adrienne of Kalamazoo College will teach French and Latin in Stockbridge next year; Alberta graduated from the University school of nursing. She was president of her class and plans to enter the new U. of M. hospital. Both have many friends here who will be pleased to learn of their progress.  
The local Co-op has just sold A. M. Todd Company, about 13 bushels of the Ontario Varigated alfalfa seed for their farm at Menasha. The Todd Company were among the first to raise alfalfa on the muck and have one piece 4 years old on deep muck and another 25 acre tract on shallow muck. They will add between 70 and 80 acres to their alfalfa this year, making about 100 acres in all. Muck land alfalfa is a distinct innovation and promises to be an excellent crop.

Mr. Williams is attending the school of Theology at Albion this week.

Mrs. H. W. Taylor and son, Charles are visiting her mother at Sheridan.

Fred Stockwell and family of Kalamazoo are visiting his mother and sister here.

Circus reunion at Marriott's Sunday. Eight acts were assembled for a jolly time.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hopkins visited his mother, Mrs. Alice Hopkins two days last week.

Lloyd VanVoorhees is much improved and Jack Harrelson is not so well as we go to press.

The Milling Company has installed a new Clipper grain cleaner to care for the trade properly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bush visited in Paw Paw last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Nye of Ganges were callers at the Methodist parsonage and church Sunday.

R. E. Dorgan, who has been on vacation for two weeks, is touring northern Michigan and Canada.

H. D. Valleau lost several good cows and Mr. Aten his. Dr. Graves pronounced it arsenical poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drook of Somerset, Ind. are visiting at the home of her brother, D. A. Graves.

The canning factory started on cherries yesterday. Everything indicates a fair crop of good quality.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason of Hopkins spent Sunday at J. Mason's and Mrs. Mason called on Mrs. Post.

Bernice Cummins and Clifford Schuyler were united in marriage Wednesday. They will reside in Osego.

We print too soon to report the band concert but it looks mighty good. Come again next Wednesday evening.

Grant Brown is able to be out again after being laid up for two weeks caused by being run over by his truck.

Traffic laws are much the same in every town and drivers should practice doing right at home so they will do so elsewhere and perhaps save them a fine and much trouble.

Monday's visitors at Irving Stockwell's were: Lester Linguist of Cadillac, Mrs. Earnest Richardson and Mrs. Margaret Gummings of Bad Axe, Mrs. Nora Andrus of Redford. The latter two were cousins of Mrs. Stockwell.

Dr. VanderMerve of Osego has arranged to do dental work in rooms at Beal's grocery Mondays and Wednesdays for a time. The doctor and Mrs. VanderMerve seem most desirable and your patronage will tempt them to reside here permanently.

Ross Herman, wife and sons, Rob and Bud of Indianapolis, Ind. and Claire Adele Herman of Kalamazoo were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. Post. They spent Monday at Sweet Lake, found the fish were not hungry, but enjoyed a weinie roast, boat ride and the day's outing.

All members of G. A. R., W. R. C., Spanish War Veterans, American Legion and Auxiliary are invited to the annual reunion in Allegan July 23 and 24. Great preparations are being made to make this one of the greatest reunions ever staged. Anyone interested in this event write W. H. Long, jr., Allegan for particulars.

Mr. A. L. Miller of Detroit, one of their best educators and public speakers will speak in the Kendall M. E. church Sunday eve, July 5 at 8 o'clock. For a time Mr. Miller addressed four thousand teachers and all the supervisors of Wayne county with great acceptability. He is the son of Rev. C. H. Miller, pastor at Kendall. Don't fail to hear this brilliant man in public work.

Don't miss "Rags-Ol' Iron" in this issue.

The Webbs and Aldriches arrived at their Lake Mill homes yesterday. Expect 100 per cent by Saturday.

Allison Richmond of Osego spent the week end with Frank Fairfield. If you want some real fish stories call at the warehouse.

H. W. Taylor brought in a root of sweet clover with 9 stalks about 5 feet long, grown this season. Looks like a good forage crop.

L. B. Wooster entertained some of his friends at cards last Thursday night. Those fortunate enough to be present report a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Wilcox of Kalamazoo announce the birth of a daughter, June 20. That's why grandpa is giving you a little extra smile with the shave these days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burr and family and Miss Josephine Swets of River Forest, Ill. and Mrs. L. A. Swets of Ocean Beach, California, were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Will Metzger.

Thursday, June 25, the Willing Workers met at the home of Anna Confer. Sewing was the order of the day. At noon all sat down to a fine dinner. After dinner sewing was continued until the meeting was called to order by our president. Meeting was opened by a selection on the Victrola. Scripture reading by Clara Towne, 121st psalm, after which all arose and repeated the Lord's Prayer. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call with 12 members present. Collection taken. As that ended the meeting the devotional part was in charge of Lynn Spencer. Ice cream was then served. One of the guests wasn't satisfied with the dish that was given so helped herself to a larger dish. Each one then left for their homes saying they had spent a very pleasant day and hoping to meet in two weeks with Ida Walters.

Our Day of Independence  
Next Saturday, July 4th, we will celebrate the 149th anniversary of the birth of these United States of America. Perhaps as never before in the history of this nation, has there been greater need for us to pause and take stock of those things for which as loyal American citizens we should be grateful. We are living in a land where individual citizenship has found its widest expression in the control of governmental affairs. Here we find greater opportunities than ever came to the people of any land for self advancement. Our country today is ringing with the hum of a new prosperity and this coming national natal day will find us happy, contented and at peace with all the world. It will find us intent in weaving out our own destinies and willing to assume our full individual share of the world's burdens and responsibilities. Heretofore our only danger, with but one possible exception, has been outside, but of late have come to our shores a merciless horde bent upon sowing the seeds of discontent which if not stamped out may some day assume a growth beyond our power to control. This newspaper, in common with hundreds of other weekly newspapers in Michigan, is dedicated to the battle of driving every semblance of radicalism out of this state. We have no room here for the teaching of the red soviet and next Saturday we call upon you as loyal American citizens to join with us in this new spirit of Independence, this new declaration of freedom which our Revolutionary heroes dreamed of in the days when Paul Revere rode out to warn his fellow countrymen of their danger -- of the days when Washington stood at Valley Forge and saw the blood stained tracks of his followers in the riven snow that gave us the red and white in our flag of the free; a flag born under the blue skies of a new day and a new world.

Fast Matinee Races at Hartford on July 4th

Hartford is getting ready to stage its annual matinee races on July 4 -- the pre-season racing event that annually attracts a big crowd of race fans from all over southwestern Michigan, and is anticipated by horsemen within a radius of 200 miles as affording the first opportunity for tests of speed at the end of the spring training season.

A number of fast nags have been in training at the Hartford track, more than 18 of them having been there the past few weeks, and a big field is coming for the annual matinee. Entries already made with Dr. W. S. Hinckley, the Hartford speed secretary, show that all four of the speed events on the Fourth will be well filled.

Four races, two trots and two paces will be run, starting at one o'clock, standard time. The Hartford fair management has hung up \$400 in purses for the matinee, and some special purses and prizes are being arranged as an added incentive for drivers to maintain the popular slogan of the track, "They race to win at Hartford."

A number of colts that have since loomed large on the larger circuits have made their debut on the Hartford track in years past. Gossip among the horsemen is that several promising youngsters are booked for the Hartford matinee this year, and the number of "old timers" already on the entry lists shows that the youngsters will have some fast company to step in.

News of Fifteen Years Ago  
Issue of July 8, 1910  
Resorters are most numerous in this section at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Enos of South Haven visited here over the Fourth.

Mrs. R. H. Bush visited her daughter in Grand Rapids over the Fourth.

A large crowd accompanied the band to South Haven on the Fourth although a few went to Kalamazoo. Haying is the order of the day.

We are sorry to hear little Gibson, Carleton and Lloyd VanVoorhees have the scarlet fever, but are some better at this writing.

Waverly  
Mrs. Frances Frisbie spent Sunday at A. C. Blakeman's.

Vernon Root and family of West Lake spent the week end at A. C. Blakeman's.

R. E. Sage and family spent Sunday at Roy Sage's.

Mrs. Martha Miller entertained relatives from South Bend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens visited their children in Paw Paw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cross were callers at L. G. Brown's Sunday.

Lewis Sage visited in Kalamazoo a few days last week.

Mrs. Rippey is visiting her daughter; Mrs. John, Russell.

(Too late for last week)

Lester Hoyt and family visited in Pine Grove Sunday.

Lillian Gault is spending a few days with Ted Frisbie and family, helping with the house work.

Mrs. Marguerite White spent last Thursday afternoon at Isadore Abbott's.

Mrs. Ellen Carr visited her sister, Emma Cross last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor of Kalamazoo visited last Friday eve at R. B. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor are visiting their son, Robert and wife of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Markillie, Mrs. A. C. Blakeman, Glenadore and Bernard, Mrs. Frances Frisbie, Mrs. John White and Fern spent last Saturday with Vernon Root and family of West Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Markillie of Three Rivers were also there.

The Methodist Church  
Dr. Foelsch gave a very interesting address Sunday evening. It was filled with many good thoughts. Thank you, doctor, we will call again.

Sunday morning hour of worship 10:30. Theme for meditation, "A Chosen People."

Church school at 11:30. Every teacher and student present.

Epworth league at 6:30. A meeting full of interest.

The graduating class of Albion college was 94 and not 24 as stated in last week's issue.

Notice of Annual School Meeting  
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of School District No. 5 of the township of Bloomingdale and Pine Grove for the election of School District Officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held at the schoolhouse in said district, on Monday the 13th day of July A. D. 1925 at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Harvey A. Estabrook,  
Secretary.

BROWN DISTRICT  
Mrs. Arthur Healy and children visited her mother, Mrs. A. Niles Friday.

Sunday visitors at Andy Sackett's were Mrs. Iva Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sackett of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Champion of Mattawan.

Mrs. Burr Chappell of Detroit of Detroit visited at Hattie Phelps' Friday.

Clyde Ruell and family spent Sunday at Ed Covey's.

Mrs. Loren Camfield visited in Kalamazoo last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fesler and children of Kalamazoo visited at Hattie Phelps' Sunday.

Glen Camfield of Elgin, Ill., was here Monday and took his two children back with him.

Mrs. Hattie Phelps visited in Osego last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilbert, Lloyd Hoffman, Greta and Horace Sackett and Lee Confer and family enjoyed a picnic dinner near Alamo.

Mrs. Hattie Phelps spent one day last week with Mrs. Mary Bradley in Gobles.

Village Taxes  
Village taxes for 1925 are due and must be paid on or before July 10, 1925 to save the additional per cent

John Reigle, Village Treas.

WAGERTOWN  
Grange Thursday eve, July 2.

Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday afternoon, July 8 with Mrs. Pearl Skillman.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Albright entertained about 25 of their friends and neighbors Friday eve. Judson Holden held the lucky number on the ladies aid quilt.

Mrs. J. G. Eastman and daughter of Chicago spent the week end with Ethel Eastman.

Zelma James spent Friday night with Margaret and Frances Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Melvin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell.

Sunday visitors at Will Pullin's were: Roland Lyster and family of Bangor, Mr. and Mrs. Canley of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Odell of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Healy and daughter, Della visited Sunday with his brother, Vernon Healy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen James visited Sunday at Albert Allen's.

Sunday visitors at Geo. Leach's were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brant and son, Rex, Verney Pifer and Emma Eastman all of Kalamazoo, Mrs. J. G. Eastman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Eastman and family.

Emma Eastman is working in Kalamazoo.

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Business Locals  
Barn for rent. See Mrs. A. Webster.

Farm for sale. See Mrs. A. Webster.

Big Matinee Races, Hartford, on the Fourth. Four races.

Veal calves wanted. See or phone Lester Woodruff.

Ey. red ras'b'y at Nursery. Company comin'? Phone for some!

Indian relics wanted. See Van Ryno.

200 cords good wood for sale. Noble Stoughton, Kendall.

Used parts for Osborne binder for sale. See or phone Fay White.

2 good fresh cows for sale. See Albert Otten, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Kendall.

Cash paid for false teeth, platinum, discarded jewelry and old gold. Hoke Smelting & Refining Co., Osego, Mich.

100 lb. cab. pl. 45c or 50 for 25c at Nursery!

Full blood roan Durham bull for service, \$1.50. Elmer Simmons.

Buy Miller tires at Dorgan's filling station.

Dance at Kendall every Saturday night.

Cabbage plants for all, are ready F. J. Austin.

Raspberry pickers see or phone F. E. Camfield for contracts for picking

Special prices on tires and tubes at Cash Supply Store.

Baby carriage nearly new. Mrs. Warren Sanford.

Boat to let on Martin lake. See Ed Youderian.

1/2 a. to 1 a. bearing orchard and small fruit for sale. Nursery.

Beagle hound pups for sale. See Jud Wormeth.

Lost—License plate No. 790-034. Please return to Grant Brown.

Big stock of Millets, Sudan Grass and Soy Beans in stock. Use them for quick hay crop. Milling Co.

For card and sign writing. See Mrs. Nellie Sanford, Citizens ph. 2t

Pasture for rent. J. V. Wise, half mile west of Covey Hill.

Good farm wagon for sale cheap. Lee Confer, farmers phone. tf

For tires, batteries, etc. see Cash Supply Store. We can save you money.

Always get our price before buying. Stanley Styles.

10-horse International gasoline engine for sale cheap at Harrelson's.

For Sale—Red Star Detroit Vapor Oil Stove, three burner. John Leeder.

Get school meeting notices at News office.

Saw mill is running at Gobles. Parties having logs to be sawed should bring them in at once. J. L. Clement & Sons.

Marcelling, waterwaving, hot oil treatments. Dorothy Chase, Marinello school graduate. At Vern Mason's barber shop every Friday. Make appointment if possible.

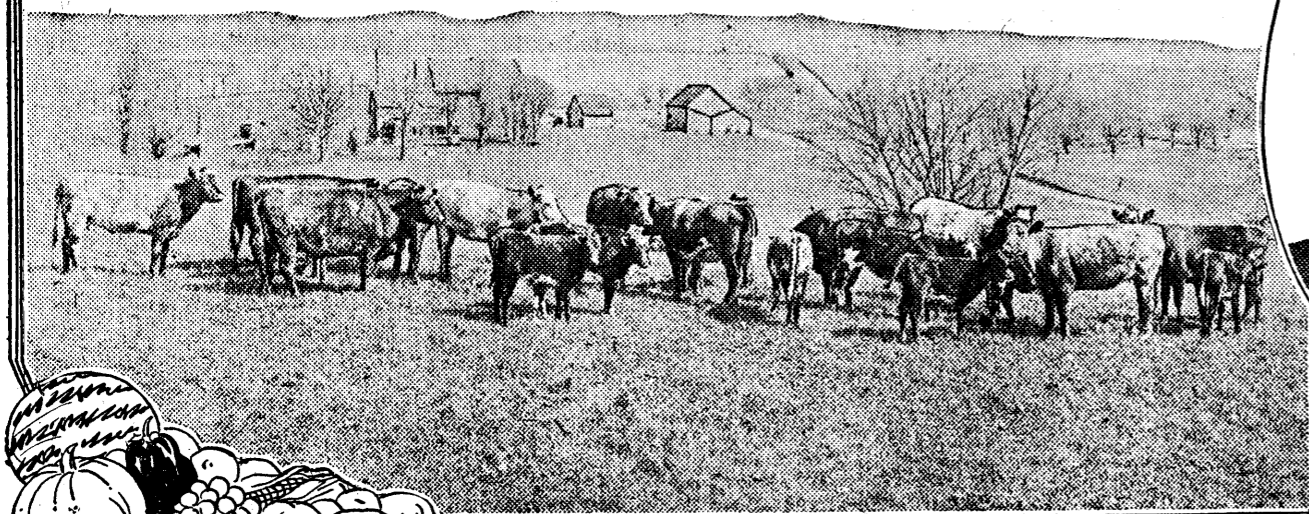
For Sale—Danish Ball Head, Red Rock and Flat Dutch cabbage plants. Head Lettuce plants 40 cents per 100. L. B. Wooster.

Surprise Garland range for wood or coal, meat chopper and other kitchen utensils, also nearly new dress for sale. See Mrs. J. B. Travis.

Dr. VanderMerve, Dentist  
will be in Gobles Mondays and Wednesdays of each week. Rooms at Beal's Grocery until further notice.

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WORTH LESS, BECAUSE THERE'S LOTS OF IT

## The American Farm On the Junk Heap

By FRANK O. LOWDEN

**O**UR agriculture is decaying. Farm bankruptcies in recent years have increased more than 600 per cent. According to the Department of Agriculture, the average farmer could have obtained a larger income since 1920 if he had hired himself out as a farmhand. In considerable portions of the agricultural area farms cannot be sold for the value of the improvements alone. Farm improvement everywhere has practically ceased.

And though the attendance in other courses in our universities and colleges has largely increased since the war, the number of students in agricultural courses has decreased about a third. Abandoned farms, which in the New England states excited so much comment a few years ago, are now found in considerable and increasing number in every state of the Union.

And yet despite these facts, which are gathered from the records, there has been a persistent effort during all these years of farm distress to minimize the seriousness of the agricultural situation. Interviews from prominent financiers, articles in magazines—one going so far, I recall, as to characterize the agricultural depression a myth—have appeared with astonishing regularity during all this time, denying that there has been a serious situation upon the farm, or announcing confidently that the farmer's troubles were over and that the future was assured.

Whatever may be the popular opinion in the cities upon the subject, the ablest farm economists generally agree that the farm situation is desperate. This they think grows out of the great disparity between the prices of the things the farmer has to sell and the prices of the things he has to buy. They can see no permanent relief until this disparity is removed. They think that it may take from fifteen to twenty years to effect this adjustment if nothing is consciously done to help the situation. They expect this to be brought about by the natural increase in our population and by the running down of the great farm plant of America.

At the end of that time they tell us there will be another maladjustment of prices, but this time in favor of the farmer, with a great and unwholesome increase in the cost of living to the so-called consuming classes, with its attendant distress.

A few months ago the Department of Agriculture issued its statement of the estimated value of farm crops for the last year. This was heralded as another proof that agriculture had come into its own. For it found that the total value of the farm crops for the year was three-quarters of a billion dollars in excess of the value of the crops of the year before. This, of course, was welcome news. The report, however, disclosed some very perplexing facts. To illustrate, the corn crop was about 20 per cent smaller than the crop of the preceding year. The total value, however, exceeded that of the preceding crop by almost \$200,000,000. And every one knows that the quality of this year's crop was far below the quality of the preceding crop. And yet, under a marketing system which it is claimed is one of the most noteworthy achievements of this commercial age, the smaller crop of inferior corn was worth more in the market than the large and superior crop of the year before.

The cause of this lesser and inferior crop was a cold, wet summer. It was a summer disastrous for corn, but very favorable to the growth of grasses in meadow and pasture. There was, therefore, an increase in the production of milk, with the result that something like 100,000,000 pounds more of butter was produced in 1924 than in the year before. This was but about 5 per cent of the total annual production of butter in the United States. It created a surplus, however, on account of increased domestic consumption of only about 50,000,000 pounds, or 2 1/2 per cent, as compared with the surplus of the year before. This relatively small increase, due to the same wet days and cold nights which so seriously injured the corn crop, resulted in a decrease of the price of butter from 20 to 25 per cent.

Now suppose that the corn growers and milk producers had been completely organized during these years, do you believe that this depressing and puzzling condition would have come about? It is safe to say that the larger part of the

bumper corn crop of 1923 was sold at a price which did not cover the cost of production. If corn growers had been organized and found that the market would not receive their corn at what it cost them to produce it they would not have dumped the larger part of the crop upon the market in a few brief months. They would have sold sparingly. They would have stored the remainder, knowing full well that seasons of bountiful production are always followed by seasons of low production, and that at no distant day they would receive a profitable price for their corn. As it was, only a few of the corn farmers were able to hold their corn for the higher prices which they had rightly anticipated and which were later received.

Of course, even if organized, they could not have expected to receive as much per bushel for a 3,000,000,000-bushel crop as for a 2,400,000,000-bushel crop. They would doubtless have asked a somewhat smaller price, but they certainly would have asked a price—and have received it—which would have made the 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn worth more to them than the very next year 2,400,000,000 bushels of poor corn actually brought in the market.

In other words, the corn farmers, if organized, would have adjusted the supply to the actual demand. And they would have made this adjustment before the price became demoralized. In fact, the adjustment was made later, but only after the great bulk of the crop had left the farmers' hands. It cannot too often be stated that the supply of any commodity which affects the price is not the entire stock of the commodity in existence, but only that portion of it which is offered for sale at a given price.

And so, if the dairy farmers had some way by which they could have taken last year the incubus of 50,000,000, or at the outside 100,000,000, pounds of butter off the market, it is almost certain, in the opinion of experts, that this depression in the great dairy industry would not have occurred. If, in other words, this added 50,000,000—or, if you please, 100,000,000—pounds of butter had been purchased at a cost, say, of \$50,000,000 and stored by the farmers themselves, awaiting a season of less luscious grasses, the dairy farmers of America would have received as a return upon their large investment and their labors many million dollars more than they actually did receive.

And so I say this report from the Department of Agriculture discloses very perplexing facts. Now, I produce both corn and milk upon my farm. I feed the larger part of my corn in the form of silage to my cows. I sell it, therefore, in the form of milk. I receive considerably less for it than I did a year ago. And so these glowing figures of the increased value of the corn crop over which the financial writers of the great metropolitan dailies gloat do not comfort me much. I am indeed puzzled to know what to do. I have been taught that to produce 60 bushels of corn to the acre is a finer achievement than to produce 45. I like to see the milk pail brimming full with sweet, pure milk. But when I see 45 bushels of corn worth more than 60 bushels of corn, and when I see the milk pail but two-thirds full worth more than the brimming pail of another year, I become confused and hardly know what to do.

Last summer the cotton crop, particularly in the Southwest, was suffering severely for lack of rain. And then one day the heavens opened and the rains descended. As a result, the government, which before had estimated the crop at 12,400,000 bales, increased the estimate to 13,000,000 bales. This was an increase of less than 5 per cent in the yield, and yet, because of this estimated increase, the price declined in the market 20 per cent. This meant that the total crop of the larger estimate was worth less in the market by \$300,000,000 than the crop by the lesser estimate. And yet at that very time the world needed cotton as it had not needed it before since the Civil war. And this paradox was the result of a timely rain.

Now, there is no music sweeter to my ears than the patter of raindrops upon the roof breaking a drought in the summer time, and yet, to save my life, I cannot tell whether that rain is a sweet and fragrant bearer of a benefit—or bankruptcy. When the hot summer winds scorch the fields, I do not know whether to pray for rain or to thank the Almighty for the unbroken drought.

Something is wrong with our methods of marketing when the aggregate money value of a larger crop of a prime necessity is smaller than the value of a smaller crop. There are untold thousands of men and women and children who need more cotton to clothe them than is produced in the world today. To say, therefore, that 12,400,000 bales of cotton are worth more than 13,000,000 bales is to condemn a system of marketing which so measures value.

Our agricultural colleges and our Department of Agriculture have constantly urged larger production. They have assumed, and naturally I think, that the more wheat and corn we raise the fewer hungry mouths there will be and that the more cotton we produce the fewer people will be obliged to go naked or but half clothed. For whatever economists may say as to surplus we know that there really has never been too much of food or too much of clothing for a needy world. And of course it follows that the larger the production per unit, the cheaper will the product be. But when large production is used to drive prices down so as to make large production less profitable than small production, large production will not continue, and the world will therefore have to pay more for the necessities of life. This therefore is the consumer's problem as well as the producer's.

It has been shown again and again that competition, when it goes to the extent of forcing prices below the cost of production, in the end is as disastrous to the consumer as to the producer himself. The demoralization of an industry which inevitably follows results in an increased cost of production which the consumers finally must meet. Organization is a most powerful factor in human progress. The economist as long ago as Adam Smith found in organization the key to industrial growth. Organization means the difference between the mob and a highly organized progressive society.

In the modern world, the farmer alone has been the last to realize the value of organization for its own sake. And therefore it happens that when the farmers in any community organize for any purpose, they soon find that there are other benefits derived in addition to the one that was their special aim. A finer community life, a widening of sympathies with their neighbors and associates, a broadening of their outlook upon the world, a new sense of the dignity and worth of their calling, an elevation of the ablest and worthiest among them to places of leadership, are among the by-products of farmers' organizations.

Agriculture has emerged from its primitive state. It must therefore conform to those practices which have been found necessary to the success of other great industries. In all other fields of commerce, unrestricted, free and open competition in the marketing of products has been gradually disappearing.

Agriculture, therefore, finds itself with its millions of members freely competing among themselves while it is obliged to sell its products in a highly organized industrial and commercial world. Now, if the farmers are to put themselves upon terms of equality with the great industries of the country they, too, must organize. It is not desirable that they should imitate the great industries, adopt the corporate form of organization and operate their farms through corporate management.

It would weaken our whole social structure if our millions of farmers were to surrender their individualism in this way. Nor is it necessary. While much improved efficiency in production is still possible, the farmers have made and are making constant progress in this respect. The problems which press hardest upon him today are concerned with the marketing of his products at a price which will enable him to live and to go on producing. He must find some way to restore the proper relationship between the prices he receives for his products and the prices he pays for other commodities.

Those who oppose the principle seem to think that in some sort of way the co-operative associations are seeking to avoid the operation of the law of supply and demand. Quite the reverse is true. Those who advocate this form of marketing are seeking only to create conditions by which that law will operate fully as between the seller and the buyer of farm products. At present it does not.

Farmers' co-operative marketing associations, however, are making real progress. Some have failed. Doubtless others still will fail. The mortality among them, however, has been no greater than among new business organizations of any other kind of which I know. We have been gathering a large fund of experience which will enable not only those already organized, but new ones yet to be, to avoid largely the errors of the past. They are destined one day to occupy the entire field, for there is no other way out. Just when that happy day shall come no man can tell. It depends largely upon the farmers themselves.

This is not the problem of agriculture alone. It is the problem of all. Because there can be no enduring prosperity unless all the principal industries which go to make up the commercial world, keeping step with one another, shall march abreast.

### Much in Little

The loud laugh bespeaks the vacant mind.

Men respect the bees, but they rob them.

Few, save the poor, feel for the poor.—L. E. Landon.

Let us draw upon content for the deficiencies of fortune.

The race is growing stronger; there is not so much fainting.

To say a man "means well" is merely to condone, not to indorse.

To keep a man wondering what you think, don't tell him too much.

In forming a judgment, lay your hearts void of foretaken opinions.

When a man freely admits that his wife is stubborn he can afford to stop praying.

A cynical man is one who has had experience; a cynical woman is one who hasn't.

What new bunk must be exploded today, is the task the press encounters at every issue.

Joy descends gently upon us like the evening dew, and does not patter down like a hailstorm.

If one had leisure to read the Congressional Record he could learn a great deal from it.

Speak the language of the company you are in, speak it purely and unadorned with any other.

A small mechanical refrigerating system has been developed for motor trucks for the delivery of milk and perishable produce.

### In Suburbia

"My cook is threatening to leave." "Mine went yesterday."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Same Everywhere

"So I will call around with the bill on Wednesday." "Yes—Wednesdays!"

### Scrambled Brains

There are two kinds of people: the intelligentsia and morons. The intelligentsia does the classifying.—Fresno Republican.

### Property vs. Human Life

There is something about a windshield glass that magnifies a tack and makes a pedestrian seem a small matter.—Wooster Record.

### No Night Owl

"Do you tell your children bedtime stories?" "I should say not. You don't catch me staying up till 4 a. m. All mine have reached the flapper age, you see."

### Brazilian Nut Crop

Only about 45,000,000 pounds of Brazil nuts will be available for export this year, according to late crop estimates, in Brazil, as against 80,000,000 pounds exported last year.—Science Service.

### Not Sea Lingo

"I heard somebody under my window this morning," said the northern guest, "remarking, 'Yo ho.'" "Yes, suh," said the southern host. "A wandering sailor?" "No, just a colored neighbor returning a garden implement."

### Especially the Cent

"Let me see," said the young man, thoughtfully. "I've got to buy some flowers, and some chocolates, and some theater tickets, and—" "Doing mental arithmetic?" inquired the man at the desk. "No, sentimental arithmetic."—Stray Stories.

## TWICE IN THIS WOMAN'S LIFE

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Ellensburg, Washington. — "When I was first coming into womanhood I suffered terribly every month. My mother did everything she could think of, so she took me to several doctors and they only helped me a little. Mother was talking to another lady about my condition and she told mother of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Mother got me six bottles and at the end of the first month I was much better, so I kept on taking it until I had no more pains. When I got married and had my first child I was in terrible pain so that it was impossible for me to do my housework. I thought of how the Vegetable Compound had been of so much benefit to me when I was a girl, so I went to Perier's Drug-Store and got six bottles. It sure did help me and I still take it. I am a well woman today and I can't say too much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I will answer any letter that comes to me to answer about what your medicine has done for me." — Mrs. WILLIAM CARVER, R. F. D. No. 2, Ellensburg, Washington.



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## Beecham's Pills

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### Scotch Infant Mortality

Ninety-eight out of every 1,000 babies born in Scotland in 1924 died before reaching their first birthday, according to the latest report of the Scottish registrar general. The birth rate for 1924 was the lowest recorded since the war. The United States infant mortality rate was 77 per 1,000 births in 1923.

## Children Cry for

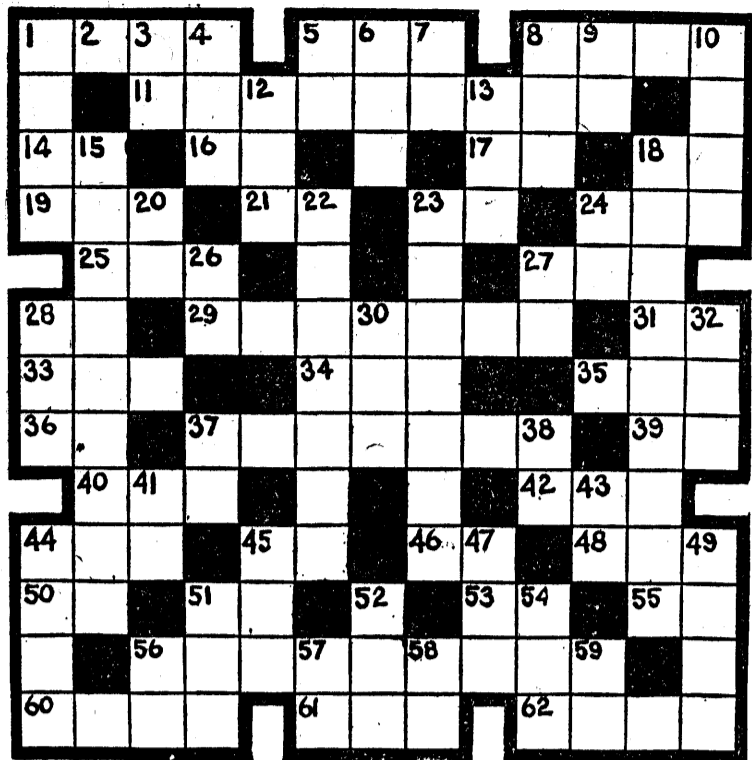


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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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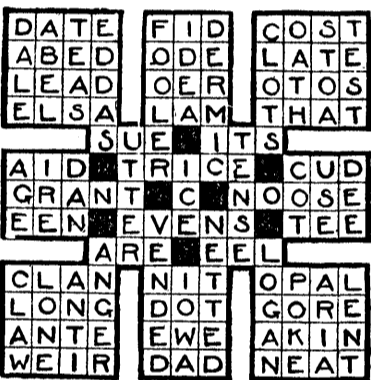
Horizontal

- 1-To present
5-Of a dull brownish color
8-A Mohammedan poet (first name)
11-A system of medical practice
14-An article
16-The Chinese name for Buddha
17-I am
18-Company (abbrev.)
19-Moved rapidly
21-Part of the verb "to be"
22-Horse power (abbrev.)
24-A pithy or witty saying
25-Too low
27-Salt (chemical)
28-That man
29-A rattlesnake
31-Africa (abbrev.)
33-Request
34-An old Dutch and German measure
35-An African antelope
36-South America
37-Green chalcidony (plural)
38-Doctor
40-An instrument used in a lock
42-Anger
44-To fold and sew up the edge of
45-An addition to a letter
46-Steamship (abbr.)
48-Part of a circle
50-Exists
53-A Chinese measure
55-In such a manner
56-A large rodent
60-To slide without rotating
61-A serpent
62-Chews and swallows

- 20-A negative
22-Slight convexity in the shaft of a column
23-Head guards
24-Mother
26-A co-ordinating particle
27-Senior (abbr.)
28-Possesses
30-To rap lightly
32-The skin of certain animals
37-July (abbrev.)
38-A note in the diatonic scale
41-A printer's measure
43-The sun god of ancient Egypt
44-Slaps
45-The established value of the monetary unit.
47-To glide upon the snow
48-Axes of kernels of corn
51-A seed vessel
52-A vehicle
54-A single unit
56-Jumbled type
57-Calcium (symbol)
58-Planissimo
59-Each (abbr.)

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.



Vertical

- 1-A toothed wheel or cog wheel
3-A southern state (abbr.)
4-A fairy
5-To perform
6-Opposite of "downs"
7-North America (abbr.)
8-The unit of electrical resistance
9-Belonging to man; initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.
10-Part of a plant
12-A tennis ball returned in a high curve
13-To tilt
15-Those who have the same name as others
18-Vessels used as strainers

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will fall into place... word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle.

CRITICISM

IT IS surprising how many things and people one may discover to find fault with if one cultivates the proper frame of mind. It takes neither genius nor unusual intelligence to detect error or to discover imperfections.

Most of the criticism which we hear every day of individuals and of organizations is offered with the mistaken idea that it reveals superior knowledge, a keener intellect, and a better judgment, and a keener insight into human nature than that ordinarily shown.

Most of the criticism we hear is entirely destructive. It preys upon the weaknesses and frailties of human beings, without trying in any way to remedy them.

ally the closing sentence of the critic's searching analysis of his victim's character.

Eager as we are to criticize others, very few of us accept criticism of ourselves willingly or react to it logically. If you indicate to your wife at the breakfast table that the coffee is cold or the biscuits underdone, she very likely meets the criticism by asking sarcastically if you posted the letter which she gave you yesterday, or by reaching across and picking a bunch of lint from your coat collar.

Not long ago I wrote a gentle, polite note to an official with whom I am associated—I know it was courteous because before mailing it I had it censored by the chairman of the English department, who pronounced it Chesterfieldian—calling his attention to certain objectionable conditions which existed and which it was his official business to correct and which I further thought, if he knew them, he would be eager to correct.

We use almost precisely the same methods in politics. During a recent political campaign most of the important points in question were thought to have been adequately met if some vituperative counteracting criticism were discovered.

We criticize too much both private and public individuals; we take personal criticism badly.

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Hogging Down Soy Beans Is Favored

Meeting a Hearty Reception by Those Who Have Given Them Trial.

The Iowa Agricultural Experiment association, Ames, Iowa, has soy beans in small lots for trial purposes by growers interested.

It is a well recognized fact that soy beans particularly suited for one purpose such as seed production or hogging down may not be so well adapted to growing for hay or in corn for silage in that particular locality.

Other growers are particularly interested in having good pure beans to try for seed production purposes. The association has a few one-bushel lots of hand-picked Manchu soy beans, which they propose to let growers have who want to get a start of pure Manchu beans to try for seed production.

Peking soy beans are a later, somewhat ranker growing variety. They stand up well, making them quite suitable for silage purposes.

Soy beans have also been grown for hay the past few seasons. Peking soy beans lend themselves readily to that purpose. A few one-bushel lots of the Peking will be supplied for this purpose to those wishing to give them a trial.

Dunfield is New Variety. The Dunfield soy bean is a new variety of soy beans, giving much promise as a seed producer and a profitable bean for hogging down in southern Iowa.

Cucumber Beetles Cause Trouble in Home Garden

Among the most troublesome insects that we have in the home garden are the cucumber beetles, both the striped and the spotted types. The adult beetles are usually waiting for the young "cukes" or melon plants to come through the ground, and in 24 hours the prospective crop is ruined.

The most recent control material used for cucumber beetles, and apparently the most effective to date, has been a 2 per cent nicotine dust, applied near midday in clear, quiet, sunny weather.

Shippers Should Avoid Oversupplied Markets

When marketing hay avoid a glutted market, advise marketing experts. Unlike wheat and other grains hay cannot be stored in great quantities at the central markets.

Ship the kind of hay the market wants. Kansas City is fortunately located to supply the demand for hay in the south. Kansas City is the largest primary hay market in the world and it is mainly a distributing market.

Destroy Melon Louse

For the melon louse which is a small green or blackish plant louse, spray with nicotine sulphate 1 to 800 with cheap laundry soap added at the rate of 4 pounds to 50 gallons of spray.

Fill Ordinary Silo Most Economically

Have Sufficient Help on Hand to Keep Going.

In filling an ordinary silo it has generally been found that it is most economical to have a sufficient number of men on hand to keep the silo filler in pretty constant operation, says Hoard's Dairyman.

With a small cutter it is usually sufficient to have one man in the silo, one man to operate the engine and cutter, three men and teams to haul the corn, with possibly two men loading in the field.

Corn will make the best silage when it is cut just as the kernels are denting and glazing and before the lower leaves have commenced to dry up badly. This will usually mean from ten days to two weeks before the corn would be cut for grain.

Alfalfa Plants Injured by Maturing Nurse Crop

Many a good stand of spring-sown alfalfa is ruined by allowing the nurse crop of oats or barley to mature for grain. "The young alfalfa plants are literally choked to death for want of water," says George W. Musgrave, agronomist at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station.

Though this moisture robbery is the chief objection to letting the nurse crop mature for grain, it is not the only one, according to Professor Musgrave. There is also the possibility of fatal injury to the alfalfa, through lodging of the ripening grain.

Successful alfalfa growers cut the grain for hay just as soon as it heads out. Not only may a satisfactory quality of grain be secured at this time, but the crowding effect on the alfalfa seedling is removed and the alfalfa is given the opportunity to develop properly.

The main object in planting the grain is to secure a successful alfalfa stand; one should take no chances on losing his investment in inoculation, seed, and labor, through losing sight of this fact.

Buttermilk for Swine

Buttermilk has the same feeding value for swine as does skim milk, and its value is measured in the same way. The simplest method of valuing buttermilk is to compare it with corn on the basis that 100 pounds of buttermilk that has not been diluted with water is equal in feeding value to one-half bushel of corn.

Farm Hints

Don't kill two birds with one stone. Don't kill one bird with two stones.

Alfalfa is the material from which good dairy cows like to grind out profits.

It's too bad somebody can't start a fight between the gypsy moth and the Japanese beetle.

Cabbage maggot is a common pest of farm gardens. Use corrosive sublimate at the rate of one ounce to eight or ten gallons of water.

When in doubt plant a bean. The bean is the great garden filler, and the one crop you can grow on poor soil.

Removing cows from pasture four to seven hours before milking time will eliminate grassy and weedy flavors in milk.

The striped cucumber beetle spreads the bacterial wilt of cucumbers. Control the beetle and thereby prevent the wilt. Spraying the plants frequently with bordeaux mixture, 4-5-50, plus two pounds of arsenate of lead powder as soon as the plants are making leaves and until the runners are several feet long will greatly reduce losses.

VARIETY IN BEADED GOWNS; COSTUMES FOR FANCY DRESS

IN ONE beaded gown after another the silhouette may be as simple as that of a plain chemise and still be wholly approved if the beading is beautiful. It is the pattern and coloring in beaded decorations that make the success of the gown and are most important.

But in beaded gowns this season certain of the great designers decided to put less emphasis on beading and more on the construction of models in order to introduce the season's new

times is revealed in the apparel of those times and it is their costuming that impresses periods of history on the minds of the young.

Recently exhibitions have been given in the cities showing how effectively fine crepe and tissue paper can be used for reproducing costumes of different periods and peoples. These exhibitions were a revelation and showed that paper is as adaptable as need be to these bygone costumes and can be used for frocks, wraps, headwear and accessories and is far less expensive than fabrics.

Three little maids pictured here reproduce the costumes of colonial days and periods a little later. The ruffled



PRODUCED BY PARIS DESIGNERS

and important style points. The side panels, front or back fullness, godets, yokes and varied necklines that are characteristic of the season find themselves dividing interest with beaded patterns in these new gowns. Just how gracefully they have been managed may be gathered from the two models shown here from Lanvin.

In the gown at the right of orchid crepe, the new low "V" shaped neckline, back and front, is introduced, and a pointed front drapery of plain

skirt with panniere drapery and elbow sleeves in a short bodice with "V" shaped front opening recall the cheerful modes of Lady Washington's day. Any color in fine crepe paper, with black tissue for the ribbon bands across the front of the bodice, may be used for this dress. Crepe paper makes the rose that is posed on the panniere and the large cap. The quaint dress shown in the center of the group is very prim looking, with little flat bows of silky paper set down the front and ruffles of it about the skirt. The demure poke bonnet is also made of paper. For the sprightly dress at the left printed crepe paper is used, with ruffles and sash of plain crepe paper. The frivolous Charlotte Corday bon-



COSTUMES FOR FANCY DRESS

crepe with beaded border. The bodice is entirely covered with the bead embroidery, but the bottom of the skirt is left plain to form a border, and a narrow border design finishes the neckline.

Every once in a while the younger generation breaks out with a desire for a fancy dress party—and so do their elders for that matter. The annual charity balls always find plenty of people eager to take part, clad in the quaint or splendid costumes of vanished centuries.

Tableaux prove a great aid to the history teacher, in which pupils take part, clad in paper costumes.

net is also of paper. A thirst for knowledge rarely impels young people to the study of apparel of the past, but a fancy dress party will make them keen about it.

By way of furthering the study of costume another use for crepe paper is found in the dressing of character dolls. Indian villages are reproduced in the recent exhibitions given showing miniature warriors, squaws medicine men, papooses fashioned of paper and wire, among teepees and trees made in the same way. Water-color paints and colored sealing wax help out in decorations and the work of making the figures proves fascinating to boys and girls.

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## The Sports Suit

By WILLIS BRINDLEY

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FOR ten dollars cash and five dollars a week, payable on pay days, Moe Golden will sell an honest working girl a sports suit that will make her look and feel like Evelyn Vandergould. Minnie Bowers knew this. Minnie had ten dollars and enough over for incidentals on her vacation at Linger Longer, where she had been invited to be a guest of rich Aunt Harriet.

But Minnie knew also that she could not possibly squeeze an extra five dollars a week from her pay envelope to complete payment for the suit.

It was Saturday morning; she would be off at one, with time to shop and pack in the afternoon and catch the night boat for Linger Longer. If she only had that sports suit.

The telephone at her ear jangled. Long distance from Berrydale for Miss Bowers.

"Yes, Mr. Simonson, two dozen cellar window bolts No. 363, four dozen light galvanized strap hinges No. 647, by auto freight today, sure. Business must be good with you, Mr. Simonson. Thank you very much. Today, sure."

She wrote the order, and ran out to the shipping clerk with it.

"Today, sure, Mike, for Simonson at Berrydale, and if you don't make that auto freight I'll never speak to you again."

"All right, Minnie, just for you we'll make it."

She returned to find Adam Goss, her employer, at her desk, with a tremendous list of hardware items, in his own handwriting.

"Today, sure," said Goss. "Copy it and get it in the mail, and don't lose it, and there's a letter goes with it—it's that big job for the Central high school we're figuring. I am going for the day."

"Mr. Goss," she said, "I'm leaving this afternoon for my vacation."

"Yes. Well, get that estimate out before you go. You got plenty of time."

But that was not what she had come to talk about.

"Mr. Goss, I think I'm entitled to more money. I want five dollars a week more."

He stared. Such talk!

"It is up to me to decide when a person around here is entitled to more money. Nobody should talk like that unless he is indispensable."

Minnie Bowers returned to her desk, her face aflame. The telephone jangled in her ear. It was the Bon-Ton store at Cedar Rapids, all out of extension window screens No. 843. She wrote the order and made savage threats to Mike of what she would do if he did not ship today, sure.

Then she tackled the estimate. Adam Goss had priced the list himself, with special prices on most items, and she must extend and total it, type the accompanying letter and put it in the mail.

The telephone rang again. It was the five and ten at Gardenville, suffering from fly-swatters and paring-knives. Came one o'clock and the office cleared—of all but Minnie Bowers. At three o'clock she finished the estimate—lunchless, tired, angry. She mailed the thing herself, walked into Goss' office with the carbons and his original, and then—

Then she walked back with the papers to her own desk and buried them in the second drawer.

Minnie Bowers, vacation at Linger Longer over, returned to the wholesale hardware business becomingly tanned and becomingly arrayed in a sports suit that lacked seven payments of being legally her own. And the first thing she did was to look in the second drawer for that estimate.

It was gone.

"Boss wants yuh," said a voice in her ear. She went to him.

"Nice vacation, I hope. That's good."—(My, but wasn't he nice?) "Well, you'll be glad to know we sold that schoolhouse hardware. We found the estimate in your desk all right."

She managed to look up at him, but found no words.

"Well, you done a good job on that estimate, but it ain't that I called you in for. I guess from now on you'll have to lay off estimates and just answer long-distance and take care of country trade. Simonson of Berrydale, he raised h—ll when you weren't here last week and the Bon-Ton store and the Gardenville five and ten, they say only you can handle their orders and get 'em right. Now, I ain't prepared to say that anybody's indispensable around here, but this country trade job is goin' to be worth five dollars a week more to you, beginning this week."

## Tuberculosis Conquered?

According to Sir Leonard Rogers, English physician, there will be no more tuberculosis after 25 years. Doctor Rogers' remedy, sodium morrhuate, consists of a sodium salt obtained from the codfish. It was first used in treating leprosy patients in the tropics. Because the bacillus of leprosy and tuberculosis are so similar it was used as a specific for tuberculosis with favorable results. The most significant feature of the new remedy is that, being so cheap, it lies within the reach of every sufferer, says Doctor Rogers.

## Too Wise

Hardware Dealer (attempting to sell automobile tools)—Why don't you take your car to pieces and overhaul it yourself? Don't you understand it well enough to?

Mr. Chuggins—I understand it well enough not to!—Good Hardware.

## Cattle and Poultry as Weather Prophets

Can meteorologists, even with the aid of wireless, forecast weather with more accuracy than country folk who watch nature's own barometers? If cattle in a field scratch themselves vigorously, or stand with their tails to the wind the countryman will tell you it is going to rain and his prediction is invariably correct. If the fowls come out to feed on a wet morning there is little chance of it clearing up that day, says the Flower Grower. The appearance of toads, frogs and earthworms in unusual numbers invariably means rain, and so do the singing of blackbirds, the falling of soot or the creaking of furniture. If the ants in the garden build their walls frequently or the house sparrow keeps to the ridge country residents prepare for rain, though if birds' frequent the eaves they will confidently prophesy fine weather.

Storms from the northwest or southwest are usually brief, but a storm from the northeast is likely to be long and severe. A veering wind brings fine weather, a backing wind means rain. These are the countryman's barometer. Their significance is based upon the observation and experience of centuries, and the forecast made from them is quite as reliable as any issued from the meteorological observatories.

## Taking of Photograph Once Tedious Process

In the first attempts to make a photograph in the early part of the Eighteenth century, the subject to be photographed sat between the source of light and a sheet of sensitized paper fastened on a board. His shadow blocked off a certain proportion of the light rays, and as a result his profile in silhouette was left on the paper. This image, however, faded in a few minutes.

Even as late as 50 years ago, taking a single picture was often a day's work, and required such skill and expert knowledge and such elaborate, costly, and cumbersome equipment that the few who had mastered the art were glad to capitalize their knowledge by utilizing it professionally.

The earliest sunlight picture of a human face is supposed to be a daguerotype of Miss Dorothy Draper, and was taken by her brother, Professor Draper, in 1840. The subject had to sit motionless in bright sunlight for almost six minutes.

## Didn't Seem Fair

A business man who had motored out to his summer camp for the weekend met his little daughter at the bridge and presented her with a small sack of candy. Just before they reached camp they overtook the small barefoot boy who brought them milk each morning.

"Give the little boy some candy, Gertie," her father suggested.

Gertie picked out a small piece, but her father took the bag and poured out several pieces into the boy's outstretched hand.

After the boy had gone Gertie said reproachfully, "Papa, why did you give that milk boy nearly all my candy?"

"Why, my dear, you must be generous! Think of all the nice milk he brings, and they don't charge much for it."

"Oh, well," said the little girl, still reproachfully, "I only had a few bits of candy, and he's got a whole cow full of milk."—Youth's Companion.

## Turbans and Nests

The turban is a fashionable head-dress in Burma, and each girl eagerly looks forward to the time when it will be her privilege to swathe her head in yards and yards of dark cloth. But until she has found a young man who is willing to build her a bamboo house and to raise rice for her, she cannot wear this coveted head-dress. Because among the Kachins unmarried girls are not permitted to wear a turban nor do they let their hair grow long. They wear bobbed hair and have done so for centuries. But the day a Kachin girl is married she lets her hair grow and binds it up with the turban, which she wears with pride. For the turban marks her as a married woman.—Family Herald.

## How Crocodiles "Hunt"

The scent, sight and hearing of crocodiles are most acute, a writer in the New York Herald-Tribune remarks. Their favorite method of hunting is to lie immersed in water, or under brush, grass or bushes near a drinking place, and when a victim bends its neck to drink, by a swift rush it is seized by nose, leg or tail and crushed in the powerful jaws of the crocodile. The powerful tail also is a valuable aid to a crocodile when in a battle. Often when a large animal, like a deer or goat, is browsing near the bank of a river, a crocodile may quietly steal close to it and by a well calculated stroke of its tail stun the animal and knock it into the water.

## Licensed to Drink Coffee

Prohibition applied to coffee drinking at one time. In the year 1781 in Germany only a few rich holders of government licenses drank coffee and deputies were employed to spy upon the common people to see that they did not have coffee. These deputies used to follow the smell of roasting coffee to seek out those who did not have permits. In consequence they were cordially disliked and were called "coffee smellers" by the indignant populace.—Family Herald.

## The Elusive Age

By M. and R. M. TERRELL

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PHILLIS RAINE seized the morning papers, folded back to the page of theatrical criticism. She had determined that her Juliet should be the pinnacle of her achievement, as it had been, according to the reviews. All but one. And that, unfortunately, was the one review about which Phillis Raine cared. For years, how many years she hardly dared to think, she had set herself to winning praise from Jacques Jackson's acridulous pen. When she didn't win it she knew in her heart she had failed.

So now one line from this man was enough to make her lie back among the costly lace of her pillows with grief starting out of her fine, dark eyes and terror crystallizing in her mind. The one line had wiped out the effect of the flowers with which the room was heaped, the pile of congratulatory telegrams accumulating on the silver tray in the corner, the messages coming in over the telephone. With his scalpel-like mind Jacques Jackson had belied the one unconquerable defect in her performance, the one fear hitherto she had not dared to face even in the secret places of her heart.

"Phillis Raine's performance of Juliet last night," wrote the critic, "was a wistful echo. Juliet Capulet is the flame of youth incarnate, preserved like a gorgeous, golden fly in the amber of the poet's words. Miss Raine's Juliet is beautiful, but not young. It reminds one regretfully of the charm that was Phillis Raine's."

Her enemy had conquered at last, the arch enemy of all womankind! She was old, too old for Juliet, the test for romantic youth. She might deceive less observant critics, but she could not deceive Jacques Jackson; and that meant she couldn't continue to deceive anyone very much longer.

The world of the theater, and of the theater-goers, was astounded when Phillis Raine announced that she was leaving the stage. To the few friends she permitted herself she made no explanations; what she said to her almost frantic manager was never revealed. The engagement was concluded and in three days Phillis Raine sailed for Paris alone.

Rumors had always gone about Broadway concerning the private life of Phillis Raine, the life from which she so rigorously excluded every form of publicity. Hearsay had it that in the spring-tide of her life she had been married and that she had not been happy. Professional gossips said also that there had been a daughter of that marriage, a fragile child brought up by an aristocratic order of nuns in France, far from the glitter of Broadway.

It was inevitable that now the Rialto chatterboxes should opine that this child was ill or dying, that Phillis Raine had rushed to her side, throwing aside her career like an old gown to speed the haste of her departure.

Then came a cable abruptly announcing that Phillis Raine had died and been buried in some unpronounceable little town in southern France. Her world mourned her sincerely. A year passed.

Then New York was astounded to hear that the daughter of Phillis Raine had arrived. She was a beautiful, slender girl, startlingly like the mother whose policy of avoiding publicity she adopted.

Curiosity seekers saw her occasionally as she arrived at or left the theater where she was rehearsing, under her mother's old manager, her mother's last role, Juliet, a slender figure discreetly muffled; wide, startled, dark eyes in the shadow of a large hat.

And so, over a year later, Phillis Raine herself lay again among the costly lace of her pillows, awaiting the papers and the reviews of her rejuvenated performance of Juliet.

Her death in obscure France had been a clever, and costly hoax. She had never had a daughter, but she had taken advantage of the established rumor. Actually, she had passed the year in the hands of two of the world's most famous specialists, the one of plastic surgery, the other of nerves. The magic of the modern beauty doctor, sane diet, rest, unlimited money and a determined woman can put old Time himself out of the running—for a season.

Those who saw Phillis Raine's Juliet that night saw youth incarnate, reckless, spendthrift, impatient, southern youth, staking honor and life against a golden hour, touching youth's heights of happiness, losing—with tragic despair, reckless abandon, touching the depths of sorrow as only tumultuous youth can.

Only to Phillis Raine's seeking eyes Jacques Jackson remained cold; she could easily see him out front; his applause seemed unwilling. And so she waited with impatience the first light that would bring the morning's papers and his review.

"The performance of Phillis Raine, the daughter, as Juliet last night was a triumph of artistry," he wrote. "One wonders that youth could be so young. In fact it is too young to be real. It strikes one as a performance not by youth, but of youth. The daughter is an artist, but her mother was a genius. It is the mind and spirit of the artist which illumine the clay of the body, and for these, unfortunately, there are no beauty doctors. We were reminded, wistfully, of the charm that was Phillis Raine's!"

## Wild Creatures Die Fast When Captives

The average person who visits a zoo for study and enjoyment often fails to realize the expert care and heavy expenditure demanded in its upkeep. Death takes a frequent toll among the animals and the birth rate cannot begin to make replacement. The four corners of the earth must be scoured or many an empty cage would confront visitors, says the New York Times.

Every month a proportion of the familiar animals die, and rare beasts and birds with strange names also succumb. Every month purchases are made that may range from 25 cents for a box tortoise to \$900 for a pair of Galada baboons.

Usually the highest mortality is among the birds. Next come the mammals, the severest financial loss. Reptile casualties are lowest. A report of the Bronx zoological park shows the death of twelve mammals, including a bonnet macaque and a white-faced sapajou, of three reptiles, crocodile and two tortoises and fifty birds in a single month. However, the increasing skill of curators and keepers in the handling of wild animals is keeping the death rate within bounds.

## Many Poisonous Fish in the Philippines

Fish with poisonous flesh are a danger to be reckoned with by dwellers and travelers in the Philippine tropics. Dr. Albert M. Herre of the bureau of science at Manila has investigated the reports that there are poisonous fishes in the islands and states that in many cases they are true. According to Doctor Herre, the most violently poisonous species belong to the puffers and porcupine fishes. The poisonous property is due to the presence in various parts of their bodies of a substance chemically similar to the deadliest of the mushroom poisons. "The poisonous quality of these fishes is well known to all the tribes dwelling along tropical coasts," says Doctor Herre, "but strange to say there is hardly a fishing village in the Philippines where there are not foolish or reckless people who eat these fishes. Not a year goes by without several deaths. The poison seems to act first on the nerves of the alimentary canal, and soon afterward on all the muscles of the body, giving rise to violent spasms, during which the patient dies in from one to five hours."

## Weeping Stove Pipes

Weeping stove pipes, from the joints of which a tartlike liquid leaks out, is often a difficult trouble to remedy. It is due to insufficient draft. The smoke, moving slowly through the pipes, condenses and the liquid so formed oozes out at the joints of the pipes. Sometimes having the pipes on an incline, upward to the chimney, will cause the smoke to pass along more quickly. Sometimes raising the chimney will increase the draft. Some find that a little opening in the pipe next the chimney, with a sliding cover, increases the draft up the chimney, when open, and so causes the smoke to pass out quickly. It all comes to this—increase the draft and the heat of the pipes and so cause the smoke to pass out so quickly that it cannot cool and condense in the pipes.—Family Herald.

## Historic Mecca Temple

The Caaba is the temple of Mecca, said to occupy the exact spot of the tabernacle that was let down from heaven at the prayer of repentant Adam, after his wanderings of 200 years. According to tradition, it was built by Ishmael, assisted by his father, Abraham, and contains the famous "Black Stone of Mecca." The temple has been twice rebuilt within historical times, but still retains its original shape. It is in the form of a cube, 50x30 feet, and about forty feet in height. It is richly decorated, and used to be annually recovered with handsome brocaded hangings presented by the sultan of Turkey. The interior is finished in marble and silver-gilt plating, and contains beautiful silk hangings, but is devoid of objects of genuine interest.—Kansas City Star.

## Cleansing Uses for Corks

Old corks can be used in many valuable ways. Spots and blemishes on windows will nearly always disappear if rubbed with a dry cork. Moistened with turpentine, it will remove marks from white glaze bricks, and rust spots on metal give way to cork dipped in paraffin; spots on linoleum by cork dipped in gasoline. Burnt marks on pie dishes and plates will vanish if treated with a cork dipped in wet salt.

An effective foot warmer for cold winter nights may be made by cutting corks into small bits, filling a flannel bag with them, and heating for ten or fifteen minutes.—Southern Pharmaceutical Journal.

## Toll of London Fogs

According to one authority, says Popular Mechanics, a single London fog may cost more lives than a pitched battle. The period of the greatest prevalence of the dense mists is in December, with the other winter months not far behind. At this season of the year the death rate from lung diseases reaches its height. The heavy, moisture-laden air aggravates such maladies, the lack of sunlight reduces physical resistance and illness frequently results from chills caused by the dampness. Mental depression is considered another harmful effect.

## Notice of Mortgage Sale

Whereas, William C. Huff and Malissa Huff, his wife, of Van Buren County, Michigan, made and executed a certain mortgage, bearing date the 14th day of April, A. D. 1924, to Charles H. Palmer, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, which was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Van Buren on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1924 at nine o'clock A. M. in Liber 112 of Mortgages, on Page 588, and,

Whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said property at the date of this Notice for principal and interest is the sum of Six Hundred Fifteen and 73/100 (\$615.73) Dollars, together with an attorney fee of Twenty-five Dollars and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby, or any part thereof, and,

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by said mortgage whereby the Power of Sale contained therein has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the said Power of Sale and in pursuance thereof and of the Statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the Court House at the Village of Paw Paw, in said County of Van Buren, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said County, on the first day of August, A. D. 1925 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, central standard time, the description of which said premises contained in said mortgage is as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the Village of Gobles, in the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: The East Half of Lots Two and Three, Block Three of Gobles Addition to the Village of Gobleville.

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## BASE LINE

Quite a number from the Base Line attended the Robinson circus in Allegan Friday.

Mrs. Edna Wilmot called on Mrs. Walker Sunday evening.

Mr. Walker, H. Merriam and Mr. Wood attended church at Merson Sunday eve.

Ben Leach and family and father, Alldin Leach of Paw Paw and Harley Merriam and mother and M. Wilmot and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of F. Reams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Venn of Gobles and Mrs. Will Sage and son of Kalamazoo were Sunday guests at G. Connerly's.

Mrs. Veryl Shields and Mrs. C. Venn and Mrs. Geo. Connerly were Allegan visitors Monday of last week.

Jean Smith and family and Arch Smith, Glen Woodruff and family and Mrs. Sadie Smith picniced at Muskrat Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Enos, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jacobs and Mr. Rice of South Haven spent the day at Muskrat lake and called at L. Woodruff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurin Rhodes of North Point and D. C. Upton and family of Kalamazoo, Ralph Adams and mother, Harlin Clair and Burl Marble, Mrs. Jean Smith and two children were Sunday callers of Jay Tuckey and family.

Mrs. Elmer Forster and son, Clair Woodruff and lady friend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Woodruff over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers and Mr. Wood called there in the afternoon.

Max Dannenberg and family visited in Grand Rapids Sunday.

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# SEVERAL DIE IN THEATER BLAST

## Explosion in Kansas City Playhouse Drops Balcony on Audience.

Kansas City, Mo.—Several persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Gillis theater while a motion picture show was in progress. Many more were injured. About one hundred persons were in the theater when a tremendous blast lifted the roof and the main floor gave way.

Flames immediately swept the building. Fourteen stores located in the building were destroyed.

Fire Chief Alex Henderson said his men reported several persons were buried in the debris.

Many of the injured were victims of the falling balcony of the theater, spectators said.

The cause of the explosion could not be determined.

A fireman was killed when a fire truck on the way to the theater crashed into a telephone post.

Members of the audience who escaped said a motion picture was being shown. In the midst of a love scene there was a terrific crash, followed by the falling of the ceiling.

The theater is on the second floor of the building. All who escaped had to go down at least one flight of stairs.

Will Sandy said the floor gave way as the ceiling fell.

When police and firemen arrived at the scene there were many bleeding and injured persons crying in the streets. Some were treated at quickly established emergency stations in nearby hotels and stores.

Other injured were rushed to hospitals in private cars and ambulances. Police and firemen rescued many persons who had been caught under falling debris.

## Strikers Seize Paris Post Office; Win Demands

Paris.—The French government promised the mail carriers who went on strike that they would be paid their overdue bonus. The mail carriers had shown the high tension of the 100,000 postal, telegraph and telephone employees over the delay in receiving their payments when they invaded the main post office, drove out the public and barricaded themselves inside for two hours.

## MacMillan's Radio Keeps Crew Awake at Night

Orlando, Fla.—Direct two-way radio communication between Orlando and the MacMillan polar expedition was set up and held for fifteen minutes during the night, Lieut. William J. Lee, Naval Reserve force, announced. John L. Reinartz, operator on the Bowdoin, said the noise in the radio shack was bothering "other boys" in the ship who wanted to sleep.

## French Chamber Votes Six Billion Paper Francs

Paris.—The chamber of deputies adopted the financial proposals of Finance Minister Calliaux. It passed article two, increasing the paper circulation by 6,000,000,000 francs, by a vote of 428 to 119.

Article three of the bill, authorizing a gold basis to an exchange for national defense bonds, was passed by a vote of 373 to 36.

## Heavy Rain Comes as Boon to Farmers' Crops

Chicago.—Farmers and truck gardeners were smiling after the welcome and profitable downpour, agricultural experts declare. The rainfall, measured by the weather bureau, was 1.5 inches and was the greatest impetus to the hundreds of acres of late field and garden crops which have been planted in the last ten days, according to agricultural reports.

## Bolt Knocks Cross From N. Y. Cathedral

New York.—Lightning struck two of New York's famous buildings. An arm of a 250-pound marble cross on the steeple of St. Patrick's cathedral was shattered. A three-ton granite ball was knocked from the tower of the Museum of Natural History on Central Park West and fell near an entrance where fifty persons were waiting for the rain to stop.

## Two Brothers Killed in Auto-Train Crash

Warren, Ohio.—Tenny Allen and Riley Allen, brothers, were instantly killed and George Longberry, their companion, seriously injured when a freight train struck their automobile at a crossing in Cortland.

## Aviator's Heart Pierced

Mitchell Field, N. Y.—Sergt. Douglas E. Logan of the army air service was killed here when a piece of a propeller, broken in the 20-foot fall of a Martin bomber, tore through the fuselage and pierced his heart.

## Boy Killed by Toy Cannon

Champaign, Ill.—Peter Andrew Kunza, sixteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunza of Urbana, was fatally wounded when a toy cannon exploded, driving a vapor wad into his heart.

## DR. J. M. THOMAS



Dr. John Martin Thomas, president of Pennsylvania State college, has been elected president of Rutgers university at New Brunswick, N. J. He succeeds Dr. William H. S. Demarest who resigned. Doctor Thomas graduated from Middlebury college in 1899 and became president of that college in 1908. In 1921 he accepted the presidency of Penn State. He will take up his new duties at Rutgers on September 1.

## COOLIDGE RESTS AT SWAMPSCOTT

### Given Cordial Reception on Arrival at Summer Home.

Swampscott, Mass.—Tired by hard work and oppressive heat of Washington but overjoyed at the warm welcome accorded him by the home folks of his adopted state, Massachusetts, President Coolidge established his summer White House in White Court, a beautifully wooded estate at Swampscott on the Boston north shore.

It was his first visit to the Bay state since his election in his own right last November, and the people turned out in swarms to welcome him when his special train pulled into Salem in the morning. All along his route were cheering crowds, and in front of every schoolhouse the children were drawn up in military formation waving flags and cheering the President and Mrs. Coolidge as they passed.

The President, too, was glad to get home.

"Tell the people of Massachusetts," he said, "that I am mighty glad to be back in my adopted state of Massachusetts and more than pleased with the reception accorded me."

Here, at White Court, he will reside for the next two months as one of the members of Boston's north shore summer colony, doing his work, but at the same time getting the rest and relaxation sought when he determined to leave Washington.

Secretary Everett Sanders, with the office force, which is about one-third the size of the regular staff at Washington, took up quarters in Security Trust building, taking over the rooms usually used by the Lynn Chamber of Commerce.

Marines are stationed at all the entrances, including Ocean drive, with orders to let no one pass except on orders of the secret service. This gives the President almost perfect seclusion.

## Woman Tells of Money Given in Prison Scandal

Atlanta, Ga.—Two women, Mrs. R. K. Walthall of Atlanta, charged by the government with having acted as a "go-between," and Mrs. George Remus, wife of the so-called Cincinnati "millionaire bootlegger," were the principal witnesses at the session of Federal court trying L. J. Fletcher, former deputy warden at the Atlanta Federal prison, and Thomas P. Hayden, former prison chaplain, on charges of conspiracy to accept bribes from wealthy prisoners.

Mrs. Remus testified that she gave Mrs. Walthall \$2,000 and Father Hayden \$500 at a meeting in an Atlanta hotel. She testified also that the chaplain approached her shortly after her husband was placed in the Atlanta prison and asked for \$100.

## Riffian Drive Repulsed by Native French Troops

Fez, French Morocco.—Native troops loyal to the French, aided by French aviators, have succeeded in repulsing the important Riffian offensive in the eastern sector, according to a communique. All along the front the forces of Abd-el-Krim have fallen back.

## Heat Wave Kills Nine

San Diego, Cal.—Two Americans and seven Mexicans are dead from a heat wave that accompanied the eruption of the volcano Sierrah Pintas. It is announced here.

## Pangalos Heads Greek Cabinet

Athens.—Greece has a new premier in the person of General Pangalos, one of the leaders of the latest revolution. He definitely assumed the premiership and completed his cabinet. Pangalos was formerly war minister.

# FINDS SHEPHERD "NOT GUILTY"

## Jury Returns Verdict After Five Hours—Will Fight Is Next.

Chicago.—"Not guilty," the verdict read and William Darling Shepherd bowed his head, crossed his hands and prayed.

It was the end of a murder trial such as had never before taken place in Cook county or in Illinois. The verdict, in effect, said Shepherd did not inoculate William McClintock with typhoid germs so as to cause the death by which Shepherd inherited \$1,000,000.

The jury was out for five hours. On the first ballot the jury was seven for acquittal and five for guilty. Six ballots were taken in all; one juror held out until the last ballot for a verdict of 14 years imprisonment.

The verdict ends all possibility of further criminal proceedings against Shepherd. It enables him to go with clean hands into a contest which has been started on the McClintock will by nine cousins of the dead youth. It gives Shepherd the presumptive ownership of the McClintock estate subject only to a possible breaking of the will.

Shepherd, of course, won his immediate release from the county jail, where he had been confined since March 18.

The verdict was the end of a six months' period of being under a cloud for Shepherd. McClintock died December 4 after a ten-day illness of typhoid fever. From then on there were developments unfavorable to Shepherd.

Chief Justice Harry Olson of the Municipal court undertook to make an investigation. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd had departed for New Mexico after the funeral and after the will had been filed for probate, Judge Crowe asked and obtained an order to exhumate the body of McClintock.

The coroner's physicians found Billy had undoubtedly died of typhoid fever. Judge Olson said there were reasons to believe Shepherd had administered typhoid germs to the youth.

During the investigation that followed the bodies of Dr. Oscar Olson, brother of Judge Olson, and Mrs. McClintock were dug up and examined by the coroner's pathologists. It was found Mrs. McClintock's death was due to mercury.

Nothing significant was found in the remains of Doctor Olson and the coroner's jury returned an open verdict as to his death. There had been suspicion only because Shepherd visited Doctor Olson during his illness.

The coroner's jury blamed the other two deaths on Shepherd and included Mrs. Shepherd in their charge, too. State's Attorney Crowe enabled her to be speedily vindicated, for the grand jury voted "no bills" within two days.

The principal basis of the murder charge against Shepherd was in the confession of Charles C. Faiman, president of the National University of Sciences, a school of shady reputation. Faiman said Shepherd applied to him for typhoid germs and that he gave him three tubes of them.

Later, Faiman said, he learned Shepherd was planning McClintock's death because the boy was about to marry Miss Isabelle Pope and if he did so Shepherd's hopes of getting the McClintock money would go glimmering. He had induced the boy to name him as sole legatee. Faiman said Shepherd finally admitted to him. It was decided to kill him before he could marry. Faiman stated, and then he said it was done.

## Several Europeans Killed by Chinese at Shameen

Canton.—Several Europeans were killed and many others wounded when fighting broke out between Chinese agitators and residents of Shameen, the foreign concession here. Women and children are fleeing on the U. S. S. Asheville. The situation is extremely serious.

It is authoritatively said that the casualties among Chinese at Canton, when British and French marines returned the fire of demonstrators who had killed a Frenchman and wounded two British subjects, total 30 killed and 70 wounded.

## Canadian Liner Rams Tug; Crew of Twelve Drowned

Quebec.—While maneuvering for position to take a tow line from the Canadian Pacific steamer Marloch as the big boat was nearing its pier here, the tug Ocean King was sent to the bottom with 12 of its crew. The Ocean King was caught amidships and almost cut in two, although the big boat was just keeping enough way on to combat the tide.

## Countess D'Cransac Is Dead

Washington.—Countess Marguerite D'Adhemar D'Cransac, for many years well known in Washington and Virginia society, died in her seventy-seventh year. Before her marriage she was Miss Marguerite Labrot of Cincinnati.

## Quebec's Oldest Paper Quits

Quebec.—The Daily Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, the oldest newspaper in Canada, established in 1764, will quit publishing June 30.

## MRS. FRANK G. LAW



Mrs. Frank G. Law, president of the California League of Women Voters, is being backed by her many friends for the governorship. She is one of the most brilliant clubwomen of the west coast. She resides in Oakland.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT MARKET QUOTATIONS

Washington.—For the week ending June 25.—DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter: Closing prices, 92 score; New York, 42c; Chicago, 42c. Wholesale prices on Wisconsin primary cheese markets, June 24: Single daisies, 22c; double daisies, 21c; young Americas, 21c; longhorns, 22c; square prints, 23c. HAY.—Quoted June 25—No. 1 timothy, Chicago, \$25.00; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City, \$17.50; No. 1 prairie, Chicago, \$18.00. LIVE STOCK.—Chicago hog prices closed at \$13.65 for top, \$12.85 to \$13.55 for bulk. Medium and good beef steers, \$8.75 to \$12.00; butcher cows and heifers, \$4.35 to \$12.00; feeder steers, \$5.40 to \$8.25; light and medium weight veal calves, \$9.25 to \$11.25. Fat lambs, \$14.75 to \$17.00; yearlings, \$10.25 to \$14.75; fat ewes, \$4.25 to \$8.00.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.—Virginia Irish cobbles, \$4.25 to \$5.50 per barrel in leading markets; Arkansas and Oklahoma Triumphs on the Chicago carlot market, \$2.50 to \$2.75 sacked per 100 lbs. Florida and Georgia Tom Watson watermelons, averaging 22-30 lbs., \$30.00 to \$40.00, bulk, per car in terminal markets; \$160.00 to \$375.00 f. o. b. Valdosta, Ga. Cantaloupes: Imperial valley salmon tints, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per standard 45. Georgia Hiley peaches, f. o. b. at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per six-basket carriers and bushel basket at Macon; in city markets, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

GRAIN.—Quoted June 25: No. 1 dark northern wheat, \$1.56 to \$1.74 Minneapolis; No. 2 red winter wheat, \$1.94 St. Louis, \$1.60 to \$1.66 Kansas City; No. 2 hard winter wheat, \$1.58 Chicago, \$1.51 to \$1.60 Kansas City; No. 1 hard winter wheat, \$1.58 St. Louis. No. 2 mixed corn, 97 to 97 1/2c Kansas City; No. 3 mixed corn, \$1.02 to \$1.03 Chicago, 96 to 97c Minneapolis; No. 2 yellow corn, \$1.06 to \$1.07 1/2 St. Louis, \$1.01 Kansas City; No. 3 yellow corn, \$1.03 to \$1.04 Chicago, \$1.00 to \$1.01 Minneapolis; No. 2 white corn, \$1.04 to \$1.04 1/2 St. Louis, 97 1/2 to 98 1/2c Kansas City. No. 3 white oats, 45 1/2 to 47 1/2c Chicago; 42 1/2 to 42 1/2c Minneapolis, 45c St. Louis; No. 2 white oats, 48 1/2c Kansas City.

## France in Riff War to Finish; Deputies in Riot

Paris.—Morocco will be pacified, if it requires the entire resources of France. This was the gist of the government's declarations in the chamber of deputies when, in riotous debate, the Moroccan war was discussed.

The outstanding points made by the government were:

1. France is willing to discuss only the surrender of Abd-el-Krim, leader of the Rifis;
2. France will deal only with Abd-el-Krim, and not with any "meddling intermediaries";
3. France is determined to carry on the war in conjunction with Spain until the Rif leader is definitely driven from the countries he has invaded.

Premier Painleve received a vote of confidence, 510 to 30.

## President Plans to Spend July 4 at Plymouth, Vt.

Swampscott, Mass.—President Coolidge's first formal visitor since his arrival at the summer White House here was Mayor Quinn of Cambridge, who called to arrange details of the reception to Mr. Coolidge when he goes to Cambridge July 3 to make an address.

From Cambridge the President will proceed to Plymouth, Vt., to pass July 4 with his father, Col. John Coolidge, and to be at the grave of his son, Calvin Coolidge, Jr., July 7, the first anniversary of the boy's death.

Mr. Coolidge appointed Harry Bassett, a Democrat of Indiana as a member of the United States employees' compensation commission.

## Dutch Plane Crashes; Pilot, 3 Passengers Dead

Paris.—The pilot of a Dutch airplane, Klunder, and three passengers were killed when the plane fell near the Franco-Belgian border. The passengers were one Dutchman, one German and one Swede. The airplane was flying from Rotterdam to Paris.

## Fishers Fail to Ask Writ

Washington.—Injunction proceedings brought by Dan A. Sutherland, delegate to congress from Alaska, against Secretary Hoover to prevent interference with Alaskan salmon fishermen were dismissed for want of prosecution.

## Canadians Tighten Dry Law

Ottawa, Ont.—The house passed the bill authorizing British Columbia to prohibit private importation of liquor except for specific legal purposes.

# COL. COOLIDGE UNDER KNIFE

## President Reaches Father's Side Soon After Operation.

Plymouth, Vt.—After a spectacular race by train and automobile across the New England hills and over the swollen mountain streams of Vermont, President Coolidge arrived at the bedside of his father, Col. John Coolidge.

Immediately on his arrival at Ludlow he was met by his son, John, with the information that Colonel Coolidge, who had been seriously ill that his life was despaired of during the last few days, had been operated on to remove an abscess on the prostate gland.

Hurrying to an automobile, the President was then driven as fast as the roads and the hastily repaired bridges would permit, to the old homestead at Plymouth. There he met the physicians and was told that his father's condition was satisfactory.

The bulletin issued by the physicians immediately after the President's arrival read:

"An operation has been performed on the President's father, and his condition is satisfactory."

The statement was signed by Drs. A. L. Chute, J. F. Coupal, C. F. Ball, C. H. Swift and A. M. Cram.

His ultimate recovery depends on his stamina and the amount of vitality left in the eighty-year-old man who for the last two years has preferred the old, weather-beaten homestead in the shadow of Mount Salt Ash to the grandeur of the White House.

The physicians, after issuing the statement, said the operation was called a cystostomy operation, which is common for men over sixty, consisting of cutting into the bladder and leaving it open to be drained.

It is possible that as soon as the President's father gains strength he will be taken to the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for a second operation.

A few minutes after the President had greeted his father and had listened to the reassuring words of the physicians, he and Mrs. Coolidge walked slowly to the nearby cemetery where just a year ago they buried their boy, Calvin, Jr. John, their other son, went with them. After a brief, silent pause at the lad's grave, the three returned to the old farmhouse.

## Quake Shakes Four States in Rocky Mountain Region

Bozeman, Mont.—The recurrence of earth tremors at Manhattan, Mont., toppled over the wall of one of the schoolhouses there that had been damaged in an earthquake.

New tremors struck trepidation in the hearts of the population of this city and Gallatin county.

The center of the earthquake appears to have been from Manhattan, 20 miles west of Bozeman, on the Yellowstone trail, to Three Forks, 15 miles west of Manhattan.

Nearly every dwelling in Manhattan, Logan and Three Forks suffered some loss.

Helena, Mont.—A recurrence of the earth tremors that shook four states in the Rocky mountain region was felt in five towns in central Montana.

Check indicated that no fatality resulted and that but three persons were injured, but \$500,000 in property was damaged.

Passengers on trains, blocked by shifting earth on the tracks of the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads were transferred to emergency trains or their own cars rerouted.

One fact of interest to thousands whose relatives are on vacation in the Yellowstone park is that this great playground was not damaged by the quake. Park officials announced no one in the park was injured and none of the natural beauties of the park damaged.

## Son Born to Mrs. Charlie Chaplin at Beverly Hills

Los Angeles, Cal.—A six and three-quarter-pound son was born to Mrs. Charlie Chaplin at the comedian's Beverly Hills mansion, according to announcement. Edward Manson, who acts as publicity man for Chaplin, made the announcement.

Dr. James F. Holleran, who brought Lita Grey Chaplin herself into the world seventeen years ago, was the attending physician. He announced the baby is a fine physical specimen. Mrs. Chaplin is in the best of shape, according to the doctor.

A request for an interview brought out that "Mr. Chaplin is too excited to see anybody or say anything."

The birth announcement by Manson added:

"Charlie and Lita are much in love. I suppose they will call the baby Charles Spencer Chaplin, Jr."

## Liner Rams Boat; 15 Die

Gloucester, Mass.—Fifteen men of the fishing schooner Rex of this port were lost when the British steamer Tuscania of the Anchor line ran down and sank the boat off Quero bank, it is announced here.

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New Orleans.—After their plane became unmanageable, Lee J. Mason, pilot, and Louis Faust, a passenger, escaped with their lives after a 200-foot fall.

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# The Vanishing Men



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**SYNOPSIS**

Out of uniform, at the end of the World war, with the rank of major, Peter DeWolfe, young American of wealth and family, is urged by an English comrade in arms, Eversby Benham, to visit the Benham home and meet the Englishman's mother and sister, and, incidentally, Brena Selcoss, young woman about whom there is an air of mystery. Muriel Benham, Eversby's sister, becomes infatuated with Peter, but he is interested only in the mysterious Brena Selcoss. The feeling between Peter and Brena ripens into love. Brena confesses that she is married and that her husband has "vanished." Brena's life story is out of the ordinary. Her father had been forced to leave Greece because of revolutionary activities, and his death, following quickly upon that of his wife, leaves Brena penniless, at Dallas, Texas. She secures work, and meets Jim Hennepin. He falls in love with her. He urges her to meet him in St. Louis. Brena returns to Dallas alone. Compton Parmalee, Hennepin's employer, tells Brena Hennepin's intentions toward her were dishonorable. Parmalee makes Brena an offer of marriage. After reflection, she accepts the offer. They are married. At the railroad station, immediately following the ceremony, Parmalee is seized with apparently uncontrollable fear.

**CHAPTER IX—Continued**

He said, "You forget!" He was in a towering anger.

"No, I don't," Brena replied quietly. "You bought me."

She picked up a novel, read its title and dropped it suddenly, as she said, "Yes, you bought me—the bargain of giving me a life for growth and in return I was to be your companion. You asked for no more than that and to have me help you come back to some sweetness of spirit for which you longed. Well, I've given you nothing more than you bought. And nothing less. For I've tried."

He looked up quickly, turned his ear toward her and then, having listened, stared at the ceiling.

"I was wrong," he said. "A brutish moment. I only meant that there is something, of course—my nerves, no doubt—a decay."

"It would be unfair for me not to say more," said Brena.

He foid his small, cold hands upon the open book in his lap and stared.

"You do not mean that some man—"

"No."

"I couldn't tell, of course. A bargain is a bargain. The truth is that I would be joyful if you were made happy. I expect that. But I couldn't know its approach. Your circles and mine are no longer the same. You are ripening still—a wonderful miracle!"

"You have no circle," said Brena.

"No," said he, "I have no circle."

"There are times when I wonder whether this new turn in our lives is not connected in some way with me."

"New turn?"

"Yes!" She was vehement. "This thing which hangs over us like a guillotine blade. This thing which makes you go about wrapped in your chills of fear. This thing which makes your eyes flicker from side to side as if every street corner were an ambush. The thing which makes you afraid to be alone."

He sprang up.

"What if it were?" he said. "It is possible, isn't it? It is possible that a person might carry around in their trail some strange destiny. There might be some extraordinary forces behind you, mightn't there? It is possible that some tragic end awaits all men who bind their lives with yours."

Brena opened wide her dark eyes.

"That is enough," she said.

"What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to leave you, Compton," she said.

If she had spoken these lines in the theatrical emphasis with which they are spoken by several hundred women in each thousand sooner or later, as wise a man as Compton Parmalee would have laughed in her face. It was only necessary to know Brena to know that if she said these words it would be with a calm, a sureness, a regretful sorrow all combined in the tone of her voice and the expression in her eyes that would carry conviction. Compton was convinced.

The idea knocked him onto his knees. He came half crawling, stumbling, struggling up toward her.

"No, no! No, no, Brena—for God's sake!" he whimpered. "For the love of Christ don't leave me!"

At her feet he shampooed his hair as in an imaginary basin until its sparse growth had been rumbled under the palms of his clutching, twitching hands.

that, for the moment, she at least believed, and even in her startled breathing she formed the words, "It is some fault of mine."

The turning out of her own lights disclosed the fact that the corridor beyond the crack under her own door was dark also. From it came no sound, except for the distant purr of the elevator taking up some yawning after-theater homecomers. Brena could only hear her own heart.

Without the dangerous background of light behind her, she opened the door cautiously and the moon's rays on the carpet beneath her feet went forward across the carpet in the corridor like sliding fingers.

"Stand back, Brena. Don't get between me and him. He's at the end of the hall." It was the voice of her husband. "Look out. I'm going to turn on the lights!"

A sudden rush of illumination filled the corridor.

"You are a fool!" said Brena.

"I?"

"You have shot the glass out of this picture." She pointed to the large photographic print of "The Man With the Glove" that had been the one wedding present sent after them from Dallas by a Jewish cotton broker, once one of Parmalee's bitter rivals. It had been the subject of Brena's comment that the donor gave it in celebration of Parmalee's retirement from business rather than of his marriage, and she, disliking pictures on general principles, had hung it where it would be seen the least.

"I thought it was him," said Parmalee, coming forward with the revolver still in his hand.

"Him?" asked Brena. "Who, then?"

"Why, a burglar," he said, still quivering with excitement.

"You saw only your own moving reflection on the glass mixed into this figure which you've decorated with three bullet holes," she said.

A knocking and ringing had begun at the elevator door of the apartment.

"Anything wrong, sir?" asked a voice outside.

"No, no," Parmalee answered, feeling his way back till he could lean against the wall.

"Very good, sir."

Brena, who probably appeared more like a Grecian goddess than ever in the white drapery of her night attire, walked to Parmalee with deliberation and took the revolver from his hand.

"Where did this come from?" she asked.

"I bought it."

"When?"

"A month ago."

"A month ago? Why?"

"I don't know. There are always intruders."

"Compton, you are a sick man," she said. "You are a sick and unnerved man. You are living a miserable life. You are making me live one. There is nothing worse than fear. It is more horrible than the thing it dreads."

"I've often thought that—yes, I have!" he said. "I've often thought I'd be driven to find out."

"Tell me," she commanded.

He shut tight his thin lips.

She came closer and put her hands upon his shoulders as if she were a mother about to give a child a good shaking.

"The city is bad for you, Compton," she said. "You are quivering yourself

to pieces over some absurd apprehension. We must go outside somewhere—a house, a garden—quiet."

He appeared as if he were about to fall apart. He almost blubbered. He said, "Thank God you've said that, Brena. We must go where I can escape, if there is a chance to escape. You're right. It's got my nerve."

"What?"

"Yes, what?" he whimpered. "That's it. But we must go—where you said. I'll pull myself together. And Brena—"

"Yes."

"If anything does happen to me—"

"Yes."

"You're not to blame—not in the sense that it's your own will. Do you understand? I'm trying to be a man. Can't you see. In the morning—"

She looked at him in disgust; for the first time she felt a pang of hate.

Within thirty days he had purchased a great gloomy house up the Hudson. It had been built in the seventies by some affluent banker with a taste for squares. The house was square, the rooms in it were spacious, lofty, hollow-sounding cubes, and the garden

was square in a square area which contained itself and the house within a high brick wall painted a slate gray to match the house and with a great decorated iron gate which could be closed at night. The upper windows looked out in summer upon the tossing branches of old trees growing out of vast, damp bald spots on the lawn and in winter upon the stark boughs and the silver of the Hudson river. The place was in a slight hollow in a hill top, isolated, glowering, without the flavor of old places lived in richly and warmly, but suggesting questionings as to which room the family had used to die in, and forecasting nights when the wind would howl around the corners of the French roof.

Parmalee had a coping of concrete, filled with broken glass, built all around the top of the wall. He had ordered iron bars for the lower windows, and a bill for an elaborate electric burglar-alarm system was on his desk the morning that he disclosed to Brena that he had bought her a house. "At last you have a home," said he.

**CHAPTER X**

The retreat into the walled estate which perched like a great cube of gray gloom among the twisted old trees overlooking the Hudson river gave little relief to the secret fears of Compton Parmalee.

For a few months, to be sure, he showed lively interest in the rehabilitation of the place. Brena, who after a long struggle with her conscience had made up her mind to stand by her extraordinary husband, found herself wondering often enough whether his interest was not like her own, a sham erected out of a sense of duty by one to deceive the other. During this first period of their terrible existence there, she built up a slender tottering hope that she might, as she had agreed, reclaim him. She had formulated a policy and to this policy she would cling with all the tenacity of which she was capable.

Her policy had been formed with full knowledge of the fact that it would be hard to follow. Her own nature revolted against mysteries and superstitions and fears of unrealities. Her husband had not ever given her grounds to assert that these were the basis for his morbid panics, but he had, by malice or inadvertence, created a dim picture of some menace, some secret human conspiracy, some strange force, which pursued to the death any man unlucky enough to have meddled with her destiny. At times it was difficult for her to escape, by the exercise of common sense, a haunting idea that there was some foundation for this apparent absurdity. As she said: "It is just so with all things. The confidence of knowledge isn't half as much because a person has possession of the facts as because one has freedom at last from the fear that there is so much that one doesn't know." But she disliked herself for her own uncertainties.

A choice was open to her between turning her back upon Parmalee's fears and setting out by systematic and persistent observation and cross questioning to uncover them. It was not because the latter course was difficult that she rejected it; it was not because, little by little, he had built a wall around his own thoughts which not only unfitted him for social contact but excluded her from his inner life; it was not because of his increasing irritability when questioned, nor finally was it because he always, in the end, made her feel that he was trying to spare her from some dreadful knowledge, and some overhanging curse that was upon her. She chose to neglect the terror that had seized him because she felt that if sufficient neglect were heaped upon it, it would gradually die. Often enough in years that were to follow she wished with all her being that she had not allowed herself to remain in the dark.

She wished often enough after the end came that she had at least kept her eyes open, but there were incidents which drew her attention by the very force of their being extraordinary or bizarre.

Evenings spent in the high studded chambers of this austere abode that none of her decorative skill, given free play by Parmalee's money, could rescue from their brooding gloom were far from cheerful. The temper of her husband forbade entertainment and, try as he did, there was no comfort for him in his efforts to converse with Brena—efforts which like the squeezing of the juice from a sour fruit produced less the more the pressure had been applied. Within a year he had developed an insatiable appetite for his studies of the history of the Southwest, his collecting of books and manuscripts bearing upon the ancient civilization and tribes of Central America, Mexico and the tangent region of the United States where the painted deserts are, and his compilation of data that bore in any way upon the comparison of the Inca, the Aztec and the Yucatan civilizations with those of Egypt, Greece and Persia. There is still in existence, covered with dust, a pile of manuscript in his own handwriting which, it appears, was the beginning of a work upon a subject that only his interest qualified him to attempt. A speculator, gambler, cotton broker and commission agent, as Brena has said, does not bring to a pretentious scientific work the orderly mind, the ease of expression nor the realization of its magnitude that one might expect in a professor, for instance. He might better have spent his time in furnishing to his beautiful young wife a companionship of some kind, no matter how inadequate, but he had closed himself in a ghastly shell of his own. Sometimes for days she did not see him at all and only knew of

his presence in his library by his fits of coughing.

Brena, committed to waiting for the conclusive end to this distorted existence, which something within told her destiny would bring, found refreshment only in her days. When morning came there was an escape; she could go by train or motor to the city. Though she found among the persons she met and those who worked with her in the Forest pottery, founded with her own money, that she (a grim joke) was looked upon distantly as a young, rich, contented wife, she drank down long drafts of the pleasures of creative labor and of the patronage she was able to give to young women whose talents deserved development. Her activity would have been sufficient, however, if it had served only to submerge the memories of nights alone in her two great rooms when the wind played mournful melodies as if on the bars of moonlight that fell through the gates of Parmalee's estate and across the damp lawn from which, winter and summer, there arose the odors of decay and death.

If the idea that she was wasting her rare youth, her marked beauty and the full capacities of her womanhood sometimes oppressed her, she at least kept her peace. Something of firmness, not there before, began to ap-



"At Present There is No Price, Mr. Parmalee," He Said.

pear upon her face. Probably no mirror could have shown her as clearly the woman she was throwing away as the portrait of her painted during this period by young Sydenham, who had just come over from England.

He succeeded, it was said, in expressing in his colors and bold method that extraordinary combination in Brena which gave her the atmosphere of the permanence of a temple and yet the shimmer of a golden moment, come and gone in a warm transitory glow beneath her cream-colored skin, a glimmer of light from her golden-red hair, or some almost imperceptible flexure of her sensitive lips.

Parmalee, urged by his wife, saw this portrait when young Sydenham had finished it. He thrust his glances at it in his usual way and several times turned one ear toward the picture as if by inviting words from it.

"A person!" he said. "And most of her is there—a good deal of her soul. A glorious piece of color—a massive glow, and yet her eyes—they are the masters of the canvas. That is astonishing—"

Of course Sydenham beamed. He fed upon admiration—as much, perhaps, upon that which came to him because he was one of those men who may be called a beautiful youth and had been petted by the idle rich and their daughters, as upon the praises for his extraordinary art.

"Well, I shall buy it," Parmalee had said with a sudden unannounced determination for which Brena was unprepared. She showed it by the astonishment in her eyes.

Sydenham smiled. He said: "But, Mr. Parmalee, it was the understanding with Mrs. Parmalee that I was to exhibit the picture. All things considered, it is the best thing I have ever done. I have planned to exhibit my things rather widely in America. Shall I say that I am going on tour across the country? After exhibiting—why then—of course—"

Parmalee's face contorted. He wet his lips.

"You have a price," he snapped out. Sydenham, the self-confident, the whimsical, the theatrical youth, waved his pale hand.

"At present there is no price, Mr. Parmalee," he said.

The cotton broker pulled at his collar rim as if he had need of air.

"What have you proposed as the title of this picture?"

"Why—the name—Mrs. Parmalee—"

"That's foolish, Sydenham," Compton said. "I'm prejudiced in favor of the name Parmalee, but even I know better than to exhibit a picture under the title Mrs. Smith Jones or even Mrs. Parmalee."

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**His Occupation**

A feller from down about Slippery Slap, while passing along the big road in the Rumpus Ridge neighborhood, encountered beside the road a resident of the region sitting on a stump and gazing at the ground. "Howdy!" he saluted. "What are you doing there?" "Ponderin'," was the reply. "Doing—p'tu!—which?" "Ponderin'." "What's that?" "Durned if I know."—Kansas City Star.

**Royal Farmer**

Eitel Friedrich, second son of ex-Emperor William II, calls himself farmer in the new city directory of Potsdam. He omits the long list of military and hereditary titles which the Hohenzollerns have thus far added to their names in the city and telephone directories. The designation of prince is part of his name under post-revolutionary German law, and not a title.

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## Waukesha Ginger Ale

None Better. We Sell It.

For benefit of our patrons we will be open all day, July 4, with plenty of FAVORITE ICE CREAM. Closed Sunday all day.

## White Lunch

## Binder Twine Special

\$7.25 per Bale

We are selling the best Binder Twine on the market a \$7.25 per bale.

Remember this is NOT a cheap twine that will break and snarl when you want to hurry.

It is the best twine we know of and a fortunate cash purchase has enabled us to make you this price.

Do not confuse this with some cheap "COMPETITION" twine that unscrupulous dealers may offer you. Remember that we, too, are farmers and use only the BEST.

A. M. Todd Co.

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## Barn Siding and Shingles

Have just received some Spruce, good for barn or garage siding and have some lower priced Red Cedar Shingle.

## Also New Supply of Hemlock Dimension Stuff

Let us order your windows and doors

Different sizes in Fence Posts always on hand

LET US FIGURE YOUR BUILDING ESTIMATES

J. L. Clement & Sons

## More Vacation Sunshine

We mean the kind of sunshine you can make yourself—by getting rid of worries.

Put your valuable papers and other articles where they will be safe. Put them in a Safe Deposit Box here. We'll take care of bulky articles, too, like silverware, for the Summer.

No fear of robbery then. Your valuables will also be safe from loss by fire.

Costs only a few cents a day—a wise investment that means a care free vacation.

## THE FIRST STATE BANK

GOBLES, MICHIGAN

"BANKING FRIENDSHIPS THAT ENIRCLE THE COMMUNITY"

"The Bank That Backs the Farmer"

## Look What We Have For You

Seed buckwheat  
Plenty of Berry Crates  
Extra fillers for same

Your cows don't like flies so get some Cowease and the best little sprayer in the world to put it on with.

Don't forget we are headquarters for: Nicotine Sulphate Solution, Corrosive Sublimate, Arsenate of Lead.

Early Potatoes look pretty good, so use plenty of Hydrated Lime mixed with Arsenate of Lead to kill the bugs.

Hay and grain are poor and you will need to take excellent care of your potatoes this year. Be sure to treat them with Corrosive Sublimate before planting. It will probably increase your yield 25 bushels per acre.

Cadillac has passed the 30,000 acre goal in the Potato Pool and the pool is in full effect all over the State for 5 years. They are still at it to make it 40,000 instead of 30,000.

## Gobles Co-operative Assn.

John Leeder, Mgr., at Gobles W.J. Richards, Asst. Mgr., at Kendall  
One Hundred Per Cent Farmer Owned The Watch Dog of Prices and Quality

## Harvest Queen Bread

We do not claim to make the best bread in the world but we are constantly striving to make our bread as good as any. We use only the best of materials, every loaf is baked in the proper degree of heat, our equipment is modern and everything must be clean and sanitary at all times

We are proud of Harvest Queen Bread. If you are not eating it you don't know what you're missing

## Quality Bakery

Herman R. Schowe

## ELECTRIC RANGES

Advancement toward perfection in Electric Ranges has made rapid strides the past year and we are prepared to give you a Serviceable Range that can be used at a low cost for electricity. See us for particulars and demonstration.

## Michigan Gas & Electric Co.

Chas. S. Howard, Local Manager

Arsenate of Lead 25c lb., 3 for 65c

## Friday and Monday

TWO DAYS ONLY

Don't ask us to charge special priced ware

25 gallons Red Barn Paint

Last chance to buy at

## \$1.15

After Monday this paint goes to 1.40

## BURLAP BACK LINOLEUM

In pretty patterns. Twodays only

## 85c

Square Yard

New Fresh Stock Just Arrived

30x3 1/2 regular Cord Tires \$9.75

Oversize Tires \$10.75

30x3 1/2 Tubes \$1.50

31x4 Tubes \$2.15

Ankerhollth Separator Oil in bulk 55c gallon Bring your can

## E. J. MERRIFIELD

GOBLES, MICHIGAN

Pyrox in lb. jars 40c Regular price 50c. Keeps bugs off cucumbers, melons and potatoes.