

DEERING AT PARIS IN 1900.

The Famous Chicago Harvester Company Received More and Greater Honors than Were Ever Before Accorded an American Exhibitor in the History of Expositions.

America may well feel proud of the interest which her citizens took in the Paris Exposition and the elaborate exhibits which were prepared with consummate skill and displayed in a manner not excelled by any other country. Those of Harvesting Machinery in particular were most complete and interesting. The Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, America's foremost manufacturer of this line of goods, was accorded the position of honor, having contributed more to the advancement of the art of harvesting than any other manufacturer, living or dead, and with a greater array of important inventions to its credit than any other company in the world.

Visitors to the Exposition were prompt to accord the Deering exhibits supreme honors, and it only remained for official mandate to ratify the popular verdict, which was done in a manner as substantial as it was well-merited. Each one of the seven Deering exhibits secured the highest award in its class.

In addition to four high decorations, the Deering Harvester Company received twenty-five awards, or twenty-nine in all, as follows: Decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor, Decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Two Decorations of Officer of Merite Agricole, a Special Certificate of Honor, The Grand Prize, Six Gold Medals, Six Silver Medals and Eleven Bronze Medals, including Deering Collaborator Medals.

The Decoration of the Legion of Honor was instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte when First Consul in 1802, and is only conferred in recognition of distinguished military or civil achievements. It is the highest distinction in the gift of the French Republic.

The Decoration of the Merite Agricole is an honor of but slightly less importance, which is conferred upon those who have contributed greatly to the advancement of agriculture.

An Official Certificate of Honor was accorded the Deering Retrospective Exhibit, which showed the improvements in harvesting machinery during the past century, and excited the highest praise of the French Government Officials who had entrusted to the Deering Harvester Company the preparation of this most important exhibit. By special request this exhibit has been presented to the National Museum of Arts and Sciences at Paris, where it has become a permanent feature of that world-famed institution.

The Deering Twine Exhibit and Corn Harvester Exhibit, both of which received the highest awards, have by request of the French Government been presented to the National Agricultural College of France.

There was no field trial, either official or otherwise, in connection with the Paris Exposition, but the most important foreign contest the past season was held under the auspices of the Russian Expert Commission at the Governmental Farm of Tomsk, Siberia, August 14th to 18th. All the leading American and European machines participated and were subjected to the most difficult tests by the Government Agriculturist. The Expert Commission awarded the Deering Harvester Company the Grand Silver Medal of the Minister of Agriculture and Domain, which was the highest award.

The Deering Harvester Works are the largest of their kind in the world, covering eighty-five acres and employing 9,000 people. They are equipped with modern automatic machines, many of which perform the labor of from five to fifteen hands.

This Company is also the largest manufacturer of Binder Twine in the world, having been first to produce single-strand binder twine, such as is in general use today, making over a third of the product of the entire world. The output of its factory for a single day would tie a band around the earth at the equator, with several thousand miles to spare. The annual production would fill a freight train twenty miles long. Made into a mat two feet wide, it would reach across the American continent from ocean to ocean.

Deering machines are known as LIGHT DRAFT IDEALS, consisting of Binders, Mowers, Reapers, Corn Harvesters, Shredders and Rakes.

This company exhibited at the Paris Exposition an Automobile Mower, and exhibitions were given with one of these machines in the vicinity of Paris throughout the season.

A Fortune in Old Violins.

Special United States Treasury Agent Partello, who owns a violin collection valued at \$50,000, has purchased from the estate of the late duke of Edinburgh (duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha) his nine famous violins, among which are several of Stradivarius' make.

Garfield Tea purifies the blood, regulates the digestive organs and promotes good health. It is the herb medicine that has been used successfully for many years.

More than one woman keeps a "best dress" hanging on hooks until it is out of style.

An Artist in Courtesy.

The New York Times relates a dinner incident to illustrate the essence of courtesy and politeness on the part of a New Yorker who lately returned from a long sojourn abroad. He met an old friend at a dinner party the other night, who gave him a cordial handshake and asked him when he had arrived home. "The moment I saw you," was the quick answer.

An Eccentric Man

His Beliefs Uncanny, His Life Weird.

Columbus, Ind., claims to possess the most eccentric man in the world. This individual is John F. Zurseller, and his particular oddity is that he believes he exists in a world inhabited by spirits. With the more commonplace workaday world he has little to do, except to draw a pension of \$13 a month from the government, besides buying coffee and meat from the Columbus groceryman. Mr. Zurseller talks with spirits, writes the story of their lives, revises their accounts, debates grave questions of state with them, and entertains them at his home. He is now engaged in writing a spirit bible, the first authentic volume of the kind that the spirits have yet had. In Mr. Zurseller's spirit world there are many different nations and tribes of spirits. There are the Deutsche, Niggerheads, French Satans, Klippery Flips, Klippery Klips, Mars Spirits, Vigerloos, and many others. These different tribes are frequently at war with each other, and sometimes their battles are fought out in Mr. Zurseller's yard, and he is frequently called upon by the spirit generals for advice. Mr. Zurseller has to be careful about his well. Spirits delight to bury their dead in wells, and unless Mr. Zurseller was prudent he would have his well full in a short time of a lot of dead spooks. But he has his well covered with tin and sheet-iron, as spirits cannot get through these coverings. Mr. Zurseller dislikes bad spirits as much as anybody, and he kills a great many of them. All these bad spirits try to climb down in the well and die, but the tin and sheet-iron is too much for them, and they just pile on top of it until some of their friends come and take them away. Mr. Zurseller believes that in 1896 he was ordained to write a bible for the spirits, and it is this work that has been engaging his mind for the past few years. His writing table is covered with partially written pages of manuscript of the book, which is headed, "Greatest Event During the Last Few Years of the Nineteenth Century—New Discovery of Talking to the Spirits, Without Aid of Visions or Dreams, as it Used to Be in Ancient Times Among the Prophets and Seers of Israel. This Discovery Had Led to the Writing of a New Book Entitled the Bible of the Spirits, and Their History." The book explains all about spirits. It claims that there were 18 original nations of spirits, and it gives

their names and descriptions in alphabetical order. His descriptions of spirits are varying. He says that he has solved the problem as to the inhabitants of Mars, and often communicated with that planet, in which respect he is ahead of Tesla, who only talks of communicating with them. It is inhabited only by spirits, he says, and they are shaped like and about the same size as a buzzard. Although his house is only eight feet in width and twelve feet in length, its owner manages to store away a really fine library, three gasoline stoves, cooking utensils, clothing, and other paraphernalia. In its construction along the room is a curiosity. The entire wall is composed of two thicknesses of oak lumber, with corrugated iron between. On the side of the wall where he sleeps there are several metal tanks, three by four feet, filled with water. The roof has no tanks, but has several thicknesses of corrugated iron between the boards. His bed is perhaps the most novel piece of furniture in the house, and is simply a box two and one-half by eight feet, and is fastened to the wall about eighteen inches above the floor. It is also made of one-inch oak boards, with the corrugated iron between, and is entered through a sheet-iron door at the front end. There is a space open in the bottom to admit air. On the interior roof of the cage or cell there is a zinc tank extending the entire length filled with water. On the top of the cage there are a number of tanks of water of different sizes. When he retires he places his head in a semi-circular tank. The opening which admits his head is about nine by eleven inches. Before retiring he is careful to fill it with fresh water. During the hot summer months he takes this tank to his cellar, which is fitted in exactly the same manner as the room just described. Mr. Zurseller was born in Switzerland and was brought to this country by his father when he was 6 years old. He attended Notre Dame university for two years and was selected for his precocity as one of the candidates to go to Rome to be educated by the church for the priesthood. His father objected and he did not go. He served three years in the union army during the war and since then worked on newspapers in Chicago and elsewhere up to ten or fifteen years ago, when he settled down in his little hut in Columbus and began his career in the spirit world.—Chicago Journal.

Underground New York

In the Near Future One May Shop Entirely Below the Level of the Street.

Owing to the rapid transit tunnel in New York city, underground stores are apt to become a feature. The city has extended some distance toward the sky in many instances and now it appears to be bent on going in the opposite direction. Subterranean arcades are being planned by real estate speculators and they expect to make a big profit from the enterprise. In Longacre square, where the bulk of realty manipulation has taken place recently a combination of wealthy agents who were too late to secure surface space have contracted for the privilege of building structures underground, on a level with and adjoining the new rapid transit station. The

arcade idea has spread rapidly along the entire tunnel line. Down town it has taken the shape of plans to erect booths and stores underground, connecting with mercantile and office buildings. The advantage of underground construction has given an added value to property all along the route. According to one enthusiastic promoter, the arcades will be much more elaborate than anything ever attempted in London or Paris. Instead of mere kiosks, where books, papers and flowers can be bought, it is proposed to rent store space to merchants in all branches of trade, so that one so inclined can shop entirely below the level of the street.

The Trinity River.

In his thirteen hour talk against the river and harbor bill Senator Carter, of Montana, made famous the Trinity river. The senator had never seen that wonderful stream and many people never knew of it until they read of it in his speech. The Trinity heads in North Texas, miles to the northward of Fort Worth. It semi-circles that live city and railroad center. The lower suburbs of Fort Worth in the Trinity bottoms are sometimes partially submerged when the river booms. From Fort Worth the Trinity pursues a crooked course though the magnificent alluvial to Dallas. Thence it

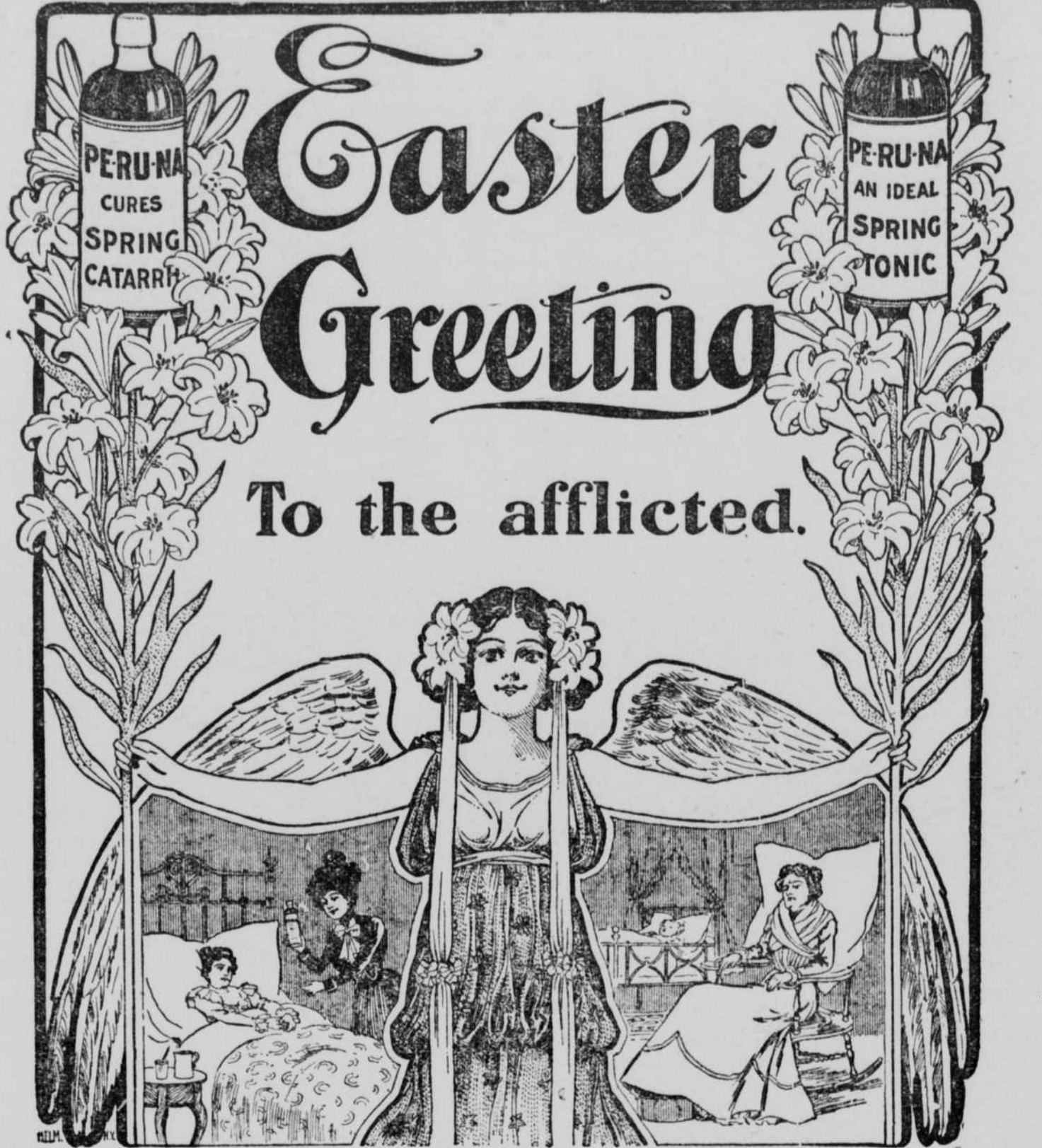
takes a general southwesterly course passing Houston and reaching Galveston bay. The greater part of the distance the river is narrow and flows in a channel cut deep. The current is not swift. Except in time of flood the water is clear, but dark-hued. In character the Trinity is entirely unlike most western rivers, which spread over wide channels and abound in sandbars. It is an ideal stream for canalizing. The principal drawback is the fringe of luxurious tree growth along the banks. The cottonwoods and other trees grow old and fall into the river.

MODERN ROBINSON CRUSOES.

Flung Upon Rocky Island, They Make Daring Escape.

Two days and nights cast away upon a little rock island jutting up through the turbulent waters of Deception pass, on the Pacific coast, was the unusual and unpleasant experience of John Lewis and C. F. Mitchell. Their rescue, half-famished and athirst, was scarcely less remarkable than the accident itself. Lewis and Mitchell, both experienced sailors, were cruising among the islands of the lower sound in an open center-board sloop, about 26 feet in length. From the waters lying between Whidby island and the mainland they attempted to pass to the open straits of Fuca through Deception pass, a most dangerous channel, even in summer weather, and at this season, in the full sweep of the winter tides, a regular maelstrom. About midway in the pass the boat was caught by a whirlpool and swept up against one of the many little rock islands. Lewis and Mitchell scrambled out on the rocks, and while looking for a place where the boat might be safely moored, a twist of water

swept the painter from their grasp and the boat went whirling down the pass toward the straits. The shores on both sides of the pass are precipitous. There are very few houses along them, and none within sight of the rock upon which the men were stranded. Steamers avoid the pass during the winter season. The situation seemed desperate. There was no fresh water on the rocks and scarcely a scrap of vegetation. After two days had passed without a sign of relief, they found a bit of driftwood on the rock, capable of supporting on the water the weight of one man. Lots were cast, and it fell to Lewis to make the desperate effort. Astride the timber, he entrusted himself to the waters, and, twisting and turning, was carried out to the straits. Outside the mouth of the pass, the man and his singular craft happen to attract the attention of the lightkeeper at Dewey. Lewis was picked up, and with the assistance of the lightkeeper and others went back and brought Mitchell from the rocks. If a lizard were a secret, by the time three women had passed it along it would be an alligator.



If every one in the world were healthy and happy what a glad day Easter would be. But the sun rises every Easter morning on a multitude of sick and afflicted. The Easter lilies gladden the hearts of the sick and well alike.

But to the sick something more than the Easter lily is necessary to bring that hope and cheer which every one expects on Easter day. The well need no physician, but the sick need a remedy.

Nearly one-half the people in the United States are suffering from some form or phase of catarrhal ailment. These ailments take different forms at different seasons of the year. In the springtime catarrh assumes a systemic form, producing nervousness, lassitude and general languor.

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- Makes Steady Nerves.**
D. L. Wallace, Charter Member International Barbers' Union, 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, writes: "I now feel splendid. My head is clear, my nerves are steady, I enjoy my food and rest well."
- The Best of Tonics.**
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- A Grand Tonic.**
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THE BEST HE EVER SAW.

A Missourian Pronounces on the Farming Possibilities of Western Canada.
Just at present considerable interest is being aroused in the fact that a few new districts (of limited acreage) are being opened up by the Canadian government in Saskatchewan and Assiniboia (western Canada), and any information concerning this country is eagerly sought. Mr. W. R. Corser, of Higginsville, Lafayette Co., Mo., was a delegate there during last summer, and writing of his impressions he says: "I found surprising yields of grain of all descriptions. One farmer I visited threshed of 175 acres: "600 bushels of wheat from fifteen acres, 40 bushels to acre. "600 bushels of barley from ten acres, 60 bushels to acre. "15,000 bushels of oats from 150 acres, 100 bushels to acre. "The samples were all No. 1. "I also saw a considerable number of stock. Swine do well and there is no disease amongst them. They are a good source of income to the farmer. The cattle on the range beat anything I ever saw. Fat and ready for beef, fully matured and ripened on the nutritious grasses of the prairie. I am firmly convinced that this country offers better facilities for a poor man than any I have ever seen." Information concerning these lands can be had from any agent of the government whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this paper.

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