

If it warn't fur Bill. my oldest son, I dunno what I'd have ever done. Savin' up cash was easy 'nuff. What puzzled me was to spend the stuff. When you've lived in a plain, old-fash-ioned way You can't be a sport in jes' one day. The coin would have laid there in the till Like lead, if it hadn't have been for Bill.

Of course, it wouldn't have done for me Of course, it wouldn't have done for me To bet on hosses where folks could see. Nor talk in slang, nor stay out at night; An' I never could tie my necktle right; But Bill, he was quick to understand. An' he took the enterprise right in hand. We was jes' plain folks. We'd have been so still. No doubt, if it hadn't have been for Bill.

It's a comfort to sit on the new back An' the painted barn with the weather

-Washington Star

And the other tokens of worldly gain. I've labored faithful to let folks see That money's no object at all to me. But envious people would doubt it still. I'm sure, if it hadn't have been for Bill. Washington Star



"To Wedded Life"

Laughter and the music of guitars | of hands rewarded her efforts. Thomp sounded through the half-open door- son's eyes and those of the tailorway of a restaurant in the Italian made woman met. They smiled. quarter. It was an air from "Carmen" the musicians played. Into the gressing." He turned again to look middle of it broke a woman's voice, at the dancer, just in time to see vibrant, dramatic. Only a few bars he fling herself into her chair, it sang, then stopped as suddenly as her cheeks flushed and her eyes it had begun. The players continued sparkling from the exertion and as if no voice had been heard. The her black picture hat tilted far forlaughter, which had subsided quickly, ward. But it was only an instant she was renewed. With it broke out a was permitted to remain quiet. Ansalvo of applause.

the door. He was strange to San Francisco, and he hesitated about entering. Then he saw the name "Sanguinetti" above the entrance. The name seemed familiar. Had he heard it in the Palace Hotel? Yes, that was it. Some one had said:

"If you want a 'Dago' dinner, go to Sanguinetti's."

His stomach told him it was dinner time; his watch said it was long past it. Before the applause had ceased, he was inside.

Along the right side of the room was a long bar. Behind it were glasses and bottles. On the other side were tables, most of them occupied and laden with dishes. It was a plain place, almost shabby. White sand covered the floor lightly, plowed into little furrows by trailing skirts. Odors of Italian cooking and cigarette smoke filled the air.

The handclapping ended and one after another, almost simultaneously, the diners lifted their glasses toward one woman, held them in the air until they caught her glance, then drank to her. It was readily done, gracefully, easily, spontaneously. She smiled and turned to her escort. table near the singer. Before he gave it in their honor. Thompson tco, and his order to the waiter he asked who she was. She was the prima donna Then the tailor-made woman and her of the Italian opera company playing | escort clinked glasses, and Thompson in the Tivoli opera house, the waiter heard him say: told him, a woman who sung Carmen with a force and abandon suggestive of Calve. Then Thompson understood the applause and the mute smiled and raised hers in return, and feeling they had toward them in not toasts. Sitting at a table nearby, between the singer's and his, Thompson noticed a woman and a man. Naturally | nifies. he saw the woman first. Her appearance pleased his critical faculty. She was well formed, well groomed, well gowned, tailor-made. She and her escort were lingering over their des- laughed and replied in kind, and sert. As he ate he watched them. Occasionally their glasses met. Hor hand once closed on that of her too, renewed the unspoken pledge escort above the table in a mement- taken times innumerable. ary, covert clasp. Her smiles for

"Good!" He thought. "I'm proother girl from the same party seized



"To wedded life," she repeated, and they drained their glasses.

As she passed out through the doorway a little later, her hand on her husband's arm, the tailor-made woman turned and smiled at Thompson. Standing, he raised his glass once more, and she knew his toast was: "To wedded life."-George H. Squire, in New York Press.

THE DISLIKE OF FRESH AIR.

Prejudice Not Because of Malaria, But to Save Fuel.

The theory that the necessity of excluding from houses the injurious night air is the cause the world over of the practice of poor ventilation will not hold. It is at least not the sole nor the chief reason of the gentina. prejudice against fresh air.

Manifestly it does not obtain for countries in which there is no mosquito. In cold climates, and especially in the winter season, the theory has no applicability, and another explanation must be found.

This is, we believe, the necessity that exists, especially among the vast majority of the poor, to economize warmth. A large portion of the peasants of France to-day secure this economy by keeping their domestic animals at night in the combined house and stable.

In Arctic climates and in winter even in temperate zones, and especially in previous centuries, the securing of sufficient clothing and saving the loss of warmth has doubtless been a chief cause of the universal fear of ventilation.

In this way to-day in some countries medical college lecture rooms get on without the expense of fuel by utilizing the foul but warm exhalations of the bodies of hundreds of students, who in anger cry out against a door ajar or a crack in a window.

The greatest and best remedial agent in tuberculosis and many other devitalizing diseases is fresh air, by night or by day, ever fresh air.-American Medicine.

LAST OF HAMILTON TREES.

Schuyler Thompson halted before her by the hands and pulled her to All That is Left of Them in Upper Manhattan.

It is safe to say that there isn't a city in all the world where sentiment counts for so little as it does in New York, when it comes to the preservation of historical objects. This is no better illustrated than Convent ave nue, between 142d and 143d streets. At one time a fence surrounded the little group of trees to protect them from vandalism, and an inscription told the stranger that they were planted by Alexander Hamilton in commemoration of the thirteen original states. But eight of the trees are now standing, only three of which show any sign of life by putting forth their scant foliage of fresh green. This spring's foliage will probably

be the last spring garb the historical old gums will ever don, as building has crept up close, only a few vacant lots remain in which they are the center. The building stones of the Lady of Lourdes Church are scatter-

UNITED STATES RAISES THREE-FOURTHS OF WORLD'S CORN CROP

The percentages produced in the sev- area and raised 67.4 per cent of the tainment. ral countries are as follows: United total bushels. Their per capita proide of the Danubian districts. The

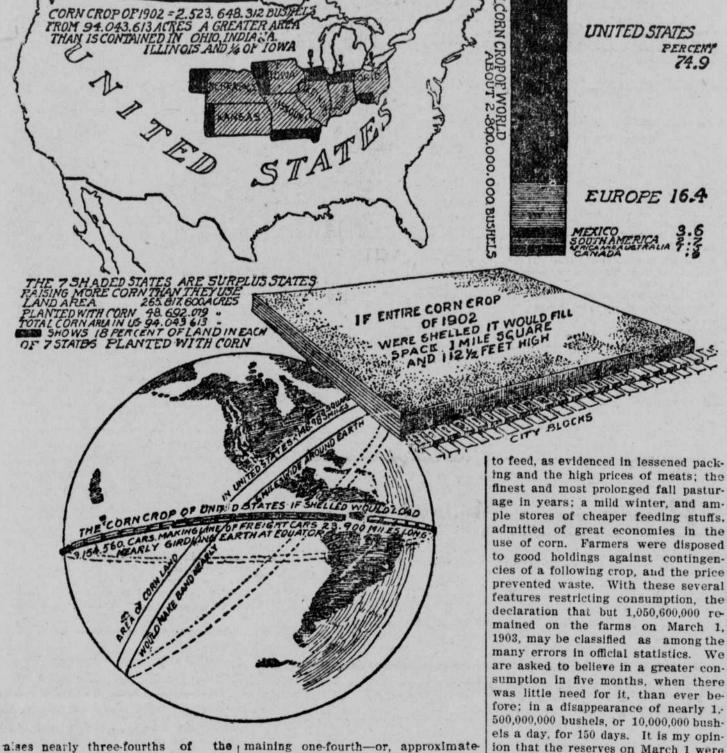
As will be seen, the United States of it had seeding by June 1. The re- with October. A scarcity of animals

The corn crops of the world, in each | In relation to the total crop, these | large, so much in excess of any pessiyear, are roundly 2,800,000,000 bushels. states had 51.7 per cent of the entire mistic view, that it calls for no enter-

The crop of 1902 was not the largest States, 74.9; Canada, .9; Mexico, 3.6; duction, with a population estimated ever produced. There was every in-Europe, 16.4; South America, 2.7, and to be about 20,340,000 and about one- centive that it should be. The coun-Africa and Australia, 1.5. The prin- fourth of the present population of try was bare. Farms were in sore ipal producing country in Europe is the United States, was 83.7 bushels; need of their great essential. The Jungary, and not much is raised out- in all other states but 13.7 bushels. price was high and stimulating, the The area planted for the crop of season generally favorable. The crop, South American crop is mainly in Ar- 1903 is an unknown quantity. It is however, was late in maturing and a general estimate that three-fourths late in availability. Its use began

PERCENT

74.9



whole. In wheat the United States | ly, 18,500,000 acres-is to be treated near 1,200,000,000. as most affected to mar the general Deliveries by farmers were reraises but 22½ per cent. This is one exhibit of the impor- prospect. And right here we enter strained by late maturity and the soft

ing and the high prices of meats; the finest and most prolonged fall pasturage in years; a mild winter, and ample stores of cheaper feeding stuffs. admitted of great economies in the use of corn. Farmers were disposed to good holdings against contingencies of a following crop, and the price prevented waste. With these several features restricting consumption, the declaration that but 1,050,600,000 remained on the farms on March 1, 1903, may be classified as among the many errors in official statistics. We are asked to believe in a greater consumption in five months, when there was little need for it, than ever before; in a disappearance of nearly 1,-500,000,000 bushels, or 10,000,000 bushels a day, for 150 days. It is my opinion that the reserves on March 1 were

A Missouri Judge.

too independent, especially in a court

story on a former Missourian, who is

ly and convicted of playing poker. He

pockets, apparently unconcerned a.

"Jim, stand up." The gambles

"Jim, have you anything to say be

"Jim. I'm a-goin' to fine you \$50--"

"All right, judge," interrupted the

It does not always pay to appear



Thompson seated himself at a table near the singer.

him were coquettish, or so they seemed to Thompson, for he had seen the linking of the fingers and the smiles.

"Ah, a little love affair," he said to himself, and he became interested mean in a place like this?" and slightly envious.

The guitars struck up a rag-time air and in a minute the sound of dancing, the grinding of sand between ed: wood and leather, and the rustle of silk and lace flung hither and thither and unbounded confidence that there with energy, came to Thompson over is real freedom." his shoulder. A girl, young, pretty and well dressed, was in the midst of Then he lifted his glass. a shuffle Laughter and the clapping

The tailor-made woman.

her feet and together they went the length of the room and back, with the postures and flourishes of cake walkers. The applause was redoubled. and springing to her feet, the singer Thompson seated himself at a waved her glass to them and quaffed the tailor-made woman drank to them.

"To you, sweetheart."

The woman looked toward Thompson and he lifted his glass to her. She together they drank to health and happiness, or good fellowship or all them do as they liked in their old age. together or whatever the action sig-

"Splendid," he said mentally. "Splendid."

The woman's escort turned to the singer and said something. She soon they were in conversation. He filled her glass and his own, and they,

"This seems to be my opportunity," thought Thompson, and he leaned toward the tailor-made woman.

"How pleasant it is here," he said. "It is pleasant," she replied. "It's the first time I have been

here." "Is it? We come here every week

or two. It's a change."

"Isn't it very free and easy?" "In some ways," she said. So they chatted on.

"Your escort seems quite enamored of the actress," he ventured after a

time. "Does he?" she asked in a non-

committal way.

"Aren't you jealous?"

"Oh, no. His talking to another woman doesn't make me jealous." "Well, if he was in my place and I

was in his and I saw you talking to him, I'd be jealous."

"Oh, no you wouldn't," she said, pleasantly. "My husband and I know each other too well to be jealous of each other." She looked across the table at the man and her face lighted up with pride and love.

"Your husband?" Thompson said with a start.

"Yes." And she laughed merrily. "Does he permit you to talk to strangers?" he asked in wonder. "I

"Why, certainly," she replied. "And

it's because it is Sanguinnetti's that we can be informal." Then she add

"It's only where there is true love

Thompson pondered a moment. "Here's to wedded life," he said.

ed all around, and even the trees themselves which Hamilton set out with such beautiful, patriotic sentiment, are covered, high as the sign hanger could reach, with real estate advertisements of "For Sale." An ignoble death for these relics of the colonial days of the new republic! -New York correspondent Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Only One Story Told.

Two well known horsemen of Philadelphia were telling about some of their old favorites and the kindly working them too hard, but letting The older of the horsemen said:

"One of my best horses was sent out to Kansas to pass the rest of his days quietly on a farm; the farmer had a barn stored with corn, which took fire one cold afternoon ,and as the heat was so intense it managed to pop the corn very quickly, which, with the strong wind blowing at the time, caused the corn to fly about in all directions. The old mare stood watching this for a few minutes, thought it was snow, and then lay down and froze to death."

The Sunshiny Woman.

She always seems so pleasant that I often wonder what good fai often wonder what good fairy, magic of some wand's flat, ecreed her moods and manners airy; d smiles—I marvel much thereat

And smiles—I marvel much thereat When care's great cross is hers te carry. Yet, be dull grief or gladness present. She hath the art of seeming pleasant.

To beauty slight would be her claim. Likewise to grace and lofty station. And, though she bears an honored name. Her heart's ne'er felt that quick pulsa-

That comes with picking fruits of fame And earning critics' sweet oblation. Her plasid life hath known no wimple. That Yet smiles keep e'er her cheeks a-dimple.

I think the fates or fairles must Have, when with graces they endowed her,

her. Bethought how beauty flies as dust And fame doth crumble into powder, While smiles live on, and, being just. This greater boon than all allowed her-A grace most sweet in queen or peasant The one of always being pleasant! —The Housekeeper.

Unusual Provocation.

"You ought to know better," said the oculist, "than to rub your eyes after handling paper money. Unless it's perfectly new, it's full of germs." "But this was a thousand-dollar bill a fellow handed me to look at. I rubbed my eyes to see if I was awake," responded the patient.

His Experience.

Patient (who has just had his eye operated upon)-"Doctor, it seen to me that \$50 is a high price for that job. It didn't take ten seconds."

Eminent Oculist-"My friend, in learning to perform that operation in ten seconds, I have spoiled more than two bushels of eyes."

tance of the American corn crop. Corn the threshold of the crop indication. condition of the grain, a scarcity of crop we can least afford to lose.

The crop in 1902 was not the largest the United States has produced. area larger than is contained in the in the states of Indiana and Illinois states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and in 1902, or as many as were in corn one-fourth of Iowa, and all in corn. If in Missouri and Kansas in that year. in a single bulk of shelled corn, the Except in 1901, a calamitous year, production in 1902 would make a mass when the yield of corn per acre was room. They are telling the following 11242 feet high, with perpendicular as low as 16.7, an average yield has sides, on a base of a square mile. If been 24.52 bushels for ten years. In now a judge in Oklahoma: A gam in car loads of 800 bushels, it means but one year of the ten forming this bler was tried before the judge recent 3,154,560 cars, making a line of freight | average was it under 20 bushels. It cars 23,900 miles long, that would was 19.38 in the calamitous year of appeared in court dressed in flashy nearly girdle the earth at the equator. 1894, when the official crop was de- style and with plenty of money in hi: The land area of the seven surplus clared 1,212,770,052 bushels. Assumstates, the states producing more corn ing 80,000,000 acres only for this year, to the outcome of his trial. Looking than they use, is 265,817,600 acres. In this average production of 24.52 over his spectacles, the judge in a 1902 these states had 18.3 per cent stands for 1.961,000,000 bushels. of this area in corn, or 48,692,079 There are good reasons why we will the entire country. In detail, the sev- 000 acres. The damage districts are eral surplus states had the following not general. As already intimated, percentage of their land surface in the area outside of the surplus states corn: Ohio, 12.3; Indiana, 19.7; Illi- last year was 45,413,065 acres. This nois, 26.9; Iowa, 26.1; Missouri, 15.5; is probably not lessened in this year. les, railways, etc.-are excluded, place so large a loss as roundly 14,crop's importance.

is the most valuable of our produc- Probably 70,000,000 acres at least had cars during the winter, bad roads in tions. Our cotton crop is largely de- timely planting, for only in parts of the spring and later by a tendency rendent upon it. It is the keystone of the surplus states does there appear to hold on an impaired crop promise. our agricultural prosperity; the one to have been highly unfavorable and High prices are a great check on conpreventing conditions.

sumption. At this time, with cror Should the acreage for this year's advices before me from representacrop be reduced to \$0,000,000, which | tive districts, I believe a crop not un-In its measurement it was a large I do not believe will be the case, it der two billion is a conservative esticrop. Officially, it was 2,523,648,312 | would be a reduction of 15 per cent mate. There can be conditions to bushels from 94,043,613 acres. To from the figures of last year. It would change this either way. The situa grasp what these figures mean, the mean the loss of an area equivalent tion is probably more hopeful thar acreage, in square miles, is 146,983, to 21,943 square miles, an area con- promising. A few bright days and a and an area sufficiently large to make stituting one-half of the land surface seasonal warming up will dispel much a band nearly six miles wide around of the state of Missouri. It would of the present anxiety .-- Oscar K the earth's largest circumference; an mean as many acres as were in corn Lyle in New York Herald.

squeaky voice said: acres out of a total of 94,043,613 for have no such reduction as to 80,000. cheyed. fors I pass sentence on you?" Kansas, 14.2; Nebraska, 15.9. If lands Under the incentive of a high price it gambler, "here it is in my high not in cultivation-lands in forest, cit- may show some increase. If, then, we pocket." these percentages are possibly dou- 000.000 acres from last year in the continued the judge. "Now, look and

"And give you sixty days in jail,"

"No. sir."

bled. This is another evidence of the surplus states, it means nearly 30 per see if you've got that in your hig cent of their corn area. This is so pocket, too."-Kansas City Star.

WHAT THE CORN CROP OF 1902 AMOUNTED TO.

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Map Showing the Combined Acreage and Yield of Winter and Spring Wheat in Kansas in 1901, by Counties.

Upper figures show acreage and lower figures the yield in bushels. The thirty leading counties comprising the "Kansas at belt." as outlined below, produced 71,405,076 bushels, or 79 per cent, of the crop of 1901, and the yields of each are shown in bold-faced type.