

THE BAROMETER OF THE POST OFFICE, THE READING OF WHICH SHOWS WESTERN CANADA'S GROWTH.

Several of Western Canada newspapers coming to hand during the last part of the year 1912 contained items of news such as the following, speaking of the Christmas work in the postoffice:

"Other years have been heavy and the employees have had plenty of opportunity of learning what it was to work overtime, but the past has had nothing equal to the present. Forty extra men have been employed (in Winnipeg), and mail trains have been run special. The increase in the mail this year has been due to the enormous influx of people into Western Canada during the season, and also the general prosperity which the prairie provinces have enjoyed. To the latter cause has been due the heavy increase in the number of parcels which have been shipped to the old country and Eastern Canada."

The above extract taken from a Winnipeg paper gives a fair idea of the great work that the Canadian postoffice has had all through the western prairies. During the past year hundreds of new postoffices were established, many of them at remote points from the railway, but all forced upon the country on account of the new settlements that have taken place during the year. It is said of the Canadian government that in its immigration and settlement policy there is nothing left undone to take care of the people and their welfare, whether it be in the new town along a new line of railway or in the remotest hamlet. This solicitude and care are not confined to the postoffice, but with every branch that has to do with organizing new districts. Bridges have been built, roads constructed, the district policed, and a dozen other things to be done and are done. Is it any wonder that with the splendid land, the rich yielding land, the land that is free to the homesteader or open to purchase at reasonable prices from the railway and land companies, that the Canadian immigration records for 1912 will show arrivals of upwards of 400,000, one-half of this being from the United States. The new literature being sent out by the immigration branch at Ottawa, and its agencies throughout the United States deals with many of the new and interesting features that will mark the work of that branch for the year 1913.—Advertisement.

Something to Be Thankful For. Michael Meehan was the proud possessor of a brand new silk high hat. At the wake of his dearest enemy he had guarded it carefully, and as a consequence was strolling home with the tile unscathed. As he passed the site of a building operation, a lady acquaintance nodded pleasantly.

With an ostentatious wave of the hat, which exhibited it to excellent advantage, Michael bowed. At the same moment a brick sailed down from an upper floor and bounced from his bare skull. Upon coming to he was injured anxiously for the hat. A bystander restored it unharmed, Mike felt the egg-sized lump on his head occasioned by the impact of the brick, and then regarded his undamaged tile. "Begorry," he sighed in satisfaction, "it's lucky it is I saw the loidy in toime!"

For a Rubber Plant. When the leaves turn yellow and fall off the plant is dying. Feed it a tablespoonful of olive oil every two weeks. Also wash the plant once a week with warm soapsuds, letting the warm suds moisten the earth thoroughly. Sprinkle every other day. This same treatment should be used on ferns.

About the only time the average married man has any peace in his home is when his wife has her mouth full of hairpins.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take. Do not gripe. Adv.

The man who stands at the bottom of the ladder and steadies it is often of more benefit to the country than the one who climbs to the top.

Red Cross Ball Blue, all blue, best bluing value in the whole world, makes the laundry smile. Adv.

It is easier to write history than it is to manufacture it.

"Up Against It"

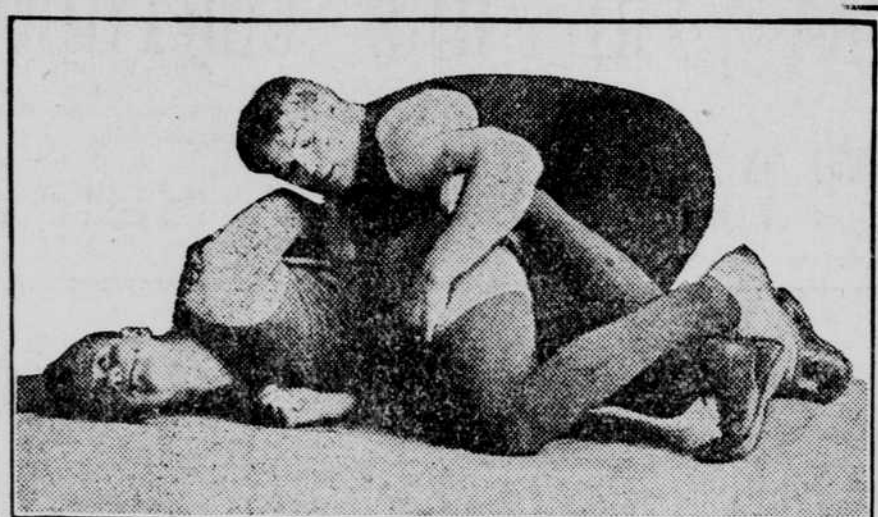
You are certainly "up against it" when your meals cause you distress, such as Bloating, Heartburn, Sourness, Headache, Nausea—but

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS will soon improve your condition. It strengthens the entire digestive system and safeguards you against attack of Colds, Grippe or Malaria. Try a bottle and be convinced.

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HOW CHAMPION GOTCH WAS DISCOVERED



Gotch Gets Bar Arm Hold and Toe Lock.

No foreign wrestler can boast the honor of giving Frank Gotch his hardest battle. According to the champion's own words the most difficult match of his career was with Dan McLeod, a wrestler little heavier than a middle-weight, yet in his day one of the greatest grapplers in the world. It was the second professional battle of Gotch's career and took place at a Woodmen's picnic, on a cinder path, with rival crowds for referees and an empty honor for a purse.

"Three matches stand out as the hardest of my life," said Gotch. "One of these was with Tom Jenkins. Another was with a Turk up in Canada when the toe lock and several other holds were barred. The toughest match of my career, however, was with Dan McLeod at a picnic. Imagine two fellows tumbling around on the ground for nearly an hour and a half. Why, I was picking cinders out of my anatomy for a month after that battle."

In June, 1899, Dan McLeod, then a wrestler of wide renown, was en route to Belmont, Iowa, to appear in a wrestling match. He was compelled to wait several hours at Livermore to change cars. McLeod saw some athletes practicing for a meet near the station. He finally joined them and tried to get a bet on some athletic performance. The result was that the Livermore Woodmen "drafted" McLeod and took him with them to Livermore, where they were to oppose a team from Humboldt. Foremost among the Humboldt athletes stood the strapping farmer lad and rising wrestler, Frank Gotch. McLeod was the star of the meet for Livermore and Gotch easily led his team-mates in every event. The competition was close, Livermore winning by two points.

It was whispered about that McLeod was not a Woodman and the Humboldt athletes protested the meet, all the cash prizes for individual work finally going to Gotch.

One of the Livermore Woodmen warned McLeod against Gotch. "Look out for that big fellow over there—he's a wrestler," whispered the Livermore athlete to the mysterious stranger.

"I don't care if he's the greatest wrestler in the world," said McLeod; and then addressed Gotch:

"So you think you are a wrestler, do you? I'll take you on for money, marbles or chalk."

That was the spark that ignited the fuse. Gotch and his outraged comrades were not in a bantering mood—they were ready to fight. The challenge was accepted on the spot. McLeod wanted to wrestle on the grass, but Gotch chose to battle it out with the stranger on the cinder path, where there was less danger of slipping.

In the terrific struggle that followed Gotch found that he was pitted against a wrestler of wonderful skill, while McLeod was handed the surprise of his career. It was a surprise party all around. The rival Woodmen looked on with breathless interest and amazement.

McLeod showed facility in blocking Gotch away. He tripped the farmer lad, but the future champion was up in a flash. Around and around the pair struggled. The Humboldt Woodmen sent up a cheer when Gotch rushed his opponent and went back of him for the first time.

Gotch, bewildered at the stranger's unexpected skill, decided to play it safe and "hold him under" until he could tire him out. For nearly fifty minutes he held to McLeod like a bulldog to the trousers of a tramp. McLeod trying in vain to arise. Over the cinder path, on the grass and then back to the rough mat the pair fought and struggled. Gotch, angered at McLeod's impertinence and stung to the quick by his trickery, threw cinders and dirt in the intruder's face. The Livermore athletes hooted, while the Humboldt contingent yelled its approval.

When Gotch was in the act of getting a fresh supply of dirt, McLeod darted out and the wrestlers tumbled and rolled around the ground, grinding cinders and pebbles into their bodies until they were bleeding and puffing, baptized in a flood of perspiration.

McLeod executed a shift and darted behind Gotch. He finally plunged Gotch's head foremost over his own knee and locked one of his hands behind his body, holding him securely for a fall after one hour and twenty minutes of desperate battling. This was Gotch's first defeat as a professional.

"Go over to Humboldt and hunt up a young farmer by the name of Frank Gotch. He is certainly a comer and you can make a champion out of him," said McLeod to Farmer Burns. That is how Gotch was discovered.

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WHITNEY LOVES BALL GAME

New Yorker Stands Ready to Aid Christy Mathewson in Buying Club, It Is Hinted.

Harry Payne Whitney spends a large sum each year to maintain his racing stables in England and his breeding farm in this country, but it is believed that he loves baseball more than the turf. Mr. Whitney is said to be one of Christopher Mathewson's warmest admirers and the gossips hint that if Matty some day decides to become a club owner Mr. Whitney will lend a hand. Mr. Whitney not only is one of America's best polo players,



Harry Payne Whitney.

but also is a boxing enthusiast. Whenever there's a big bout here he generally can be found with a party of friends in a ringside box.

Neglect Javelin Throwing. That javelin throwing should be developed to a point of efficiency by American athletes to make a creditable showing against the men of northern Europe in the Olympic games is the sentiment expressed in New York sporting circles. It was argued that the reason why America don't get her share of the javelin prizes in the Olympic games was because this sport was neglected in this country. It was pointed out that there was yet time to include javelin throwing in the outdoor program of 1913 of the interscholastic and intercollegiate meets.

New Stadium for Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt university is to have a big new stadium to replace Dudley Field. A number of years ago a friend of the university bought a tract of about twelve acres of land, to hold until the old field had become inadequate. They now will turn it over to the athletic association and also will assist in getting funds to pay for the erection of grandstands.

BASEBALL GAME IN CHINA

Introduction of American Pastime of Much Benefit, Says Dr. Charles Eliot of Harvard.

Baseball, the great American pastime, is of far more benefit to the Chinese than anything which has been introduced by social workers in that country, according to a statement made by Dr. Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university. Doctor Eliot spoke to 100 Harvard students on his recent trip to China and Japan, it being the first time he has talked to Harvard men since his return. He said that heretofore the Chinese have been entering into games of chance with much enthusiasm, but that they are now taking much interest in baseball, which Doctor Eliot believes will gradually win them away from gambling and make better men of them. Doctor Eliot spoke hopefully of China's future, explaining that the extraordinary patience and endurance of the race will enable the Chinese to surmount all the difficulties which now beset them and finally win for them the place they deserve among the nations of the world. He said in part: "I believe that the greatest good that is being done in China by the social workers in that country is the introduction of baseball. These people are taking a great interest in our national game, and it will be of great benefit to them when indulgence in the sport becomes widespread. Heretofore they have been entering with enthusiasm into the games of chance, but baseball will gradually win them away from that sort of thing and make better men of them. The one depressing circumstance which has an evil effect on their tendency to progress is the lax relationship between the men and women of that country. This I think will improve as the years go by. The greatest scourge of China is tuberculosis. The disease is far more prevalent



Dr. Charles W. Eliot of Harvard.

here than in this country, and the Chinese are ignorant of the means by which it can be fought. They have a peculiar belief that little demons invade their homes at night and work hard to them, and to prevent these imps from gaining access to their homes they close at night every door and window, sleeping thus shut off from the air. Disease, and particularly tuberculosis, breeds rapidly under such conditions."

Champions of the Year.

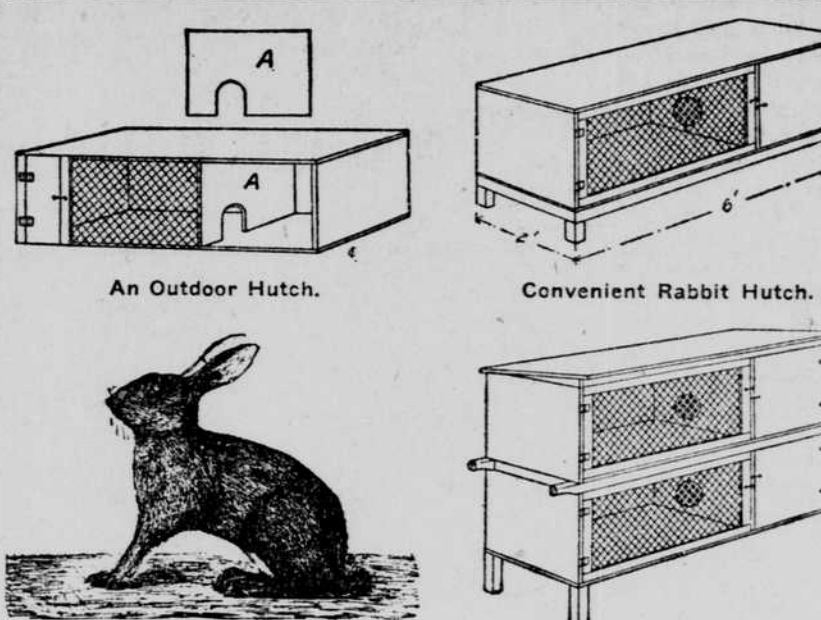
- Aeroplane..... Jules Vedrines
- Amateur athletics James Thorpe
- Archery (men).... G. P. Bryant
- Archery (women) Mrs. Witmer Taylor
- Automobile (speed) Bob Burman
- Automobile (track) Louis Disbrow
- Automobile (road) Ralph De Palma
- Baseball..... Boston Red Sox
- Billiards (amateur) Ferd. Poggenburg
- Billiards (prof.)... Willie Hoppe
- Billiards (3 cushion) John Horgan
- Billiards (pocket) Alfredo De Oro
- Bicycling..... Frank Kramer
- Bicycling (team) Fogler and Ruth
- Bowling..... Larry Sutton
- Boxing (heavyweight) Luther McCarty
- Boxing (lightweight) Willie Ritchie
- Boxing (feather) Johnny Kilbane
- Boxing (bantam) Johnny Coulton
- Chess..... Dr. Emanuel Lasker
- Football (west).... Wisconsin
- Football (east).... Harvard
- Golf (amateur).... Jerome Travers
- Golf (open)..... J. J. McDermott
- Golf (women).... Margaret Curtis
- Motorcycle..... Ray Seymour
- Polo..... Meadowbrook Club
- Racquets..... Reginald Fincke
- Rocque..... Edward Clark
- Rowing (amateur) E. B. Butler
- Rowing (prof.).... Ernest Barry
- Shooting (amateur) William Wrigley
- Shooting (prof.)... W. R. Crosby
- Shooting (trap).... W. A. Phillips
- Skating (prof.).... Norval Bapte
- Skating (amateur) Robert McLean
- Ski jumping (amt.) Carl Solberg
- Ski jumping (prof.) Lars Haugen
- Squash..... M. E. McLoughlin
- Tennis (men)..... McLoughlin-Bundy
- Tennis (doubles).... Miss Mary Browne
- Tennis (women).... Miss Mary Browne
- Wrestling..... Frank Gotch

Team Without Captain. A football team without a captain is an experiment that will be attempted at the New York Military academy next season. The athletic association of that institution has just taken action to that effect. The arguments advanced were that it usually hurt the playing ability of a man to be worried with the cares of captaincy, and that it was harder for the quarterback to select plays that would suit both the captain and the coach.

Maher Gets His Old Job Back. Jockey Danny Maher will ride for Lord Rosebery again next season.

One Handy Expression. "Let him get a reputation" is a handy sentence used by fighters and wrestlers when some new fellow with a wallop or the mat goods peeks from the cellar strata of obscurity in a menacing fashion. It was used against many fellows who became champions. It was hurled at Bat Nelson with effect for many years. It was what Haekenschmidt told Gotch. It is what the light weights have been telling Jack Britton. Mahmoud heard the same song from Zbyszko. It's a use as old as the human race. It's a mighty handy sentence for scared persons to have around for ready reference.

CHEAP SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINARY MEAT

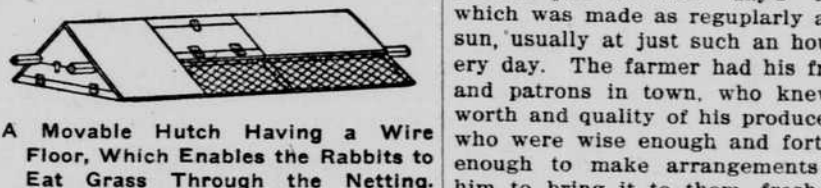


Belgian Hare.

(By DAVID E. LANTZ.) The fact that rabbits are easily grown and are a cheap and excellent substitute for the ordinary meats is likely to turn the attention of many persons to rearing the animals. That they can be propagated without costly investment in land and buildings is a peculiar advantage. Further, the presence on the farm of another animal which, like poultry, may be killed and prepared for the table entire and at short notice, is exceedingly desirable. All these circumstances make it extremely probable that the business of rearing rabbits will grow in importance.

The Belgian hare is one of the best rabbits for table use. It weighs more than most breeds, develops very rapidly, and the quality of the meat is superior to all the others. The Flemish giant is a Belgian hare bred exclusively for large size, but with the result that the meat is coarser and less delicate in flavor. These characteristics are regarded by some persons as desirable, but this is largely a matter of individual taste. Most people would prefer the white, fine-grained flesh of the original Belgian hare. It should be remarked, however, that much of the excellence of the rabbit as food depends upon its cooking. As often prepared, it is dry and insipid; while in the hands of an experienced cook it becomes all that the most fastidious taste can wish. An especial requirement in cooking the Belgian hare is that none of the natural juices of the meat be lost in the process.

The Belgian hare does not do well when kept wild in open warrens. The common English rabbit is better for this purpose. A good many Belgians have been turned out in various parts of the United States, and in the vicinity of the city of New York and on the



A Movable Hutch Having a Wire Floor, Which Enables the Rabbits to Eat Grass Through the Netting.

western coast there have been some complaints of damage to crops by wild Belgian hares. As a rule, however, and fortunately for the farmer, these animals, when obliged to shift for themselves, fall an easy prey to their enemies and disappear within a few months.

Belgian hares may be successfully managed in two ways: (1) Entirely in hutches, or (2) in outdoor fenced runs, or courts, with hutches for does when having young, and sleeping hutches for other stock. The hutch system with various modifications is the more common, and is the only method adopted by rabbit fanciers who raise for show. The use of small runs or rabbit courts to give the animals healthful exercise in fine weather is of advantage.

The rabbitry may occupy part or all of a barn or shed, or be built in a sheltered space in the angle between buildings or walls. The indoor rabbitry has decided advantages. The place should be well ventilated, but not subject to draughts of cold or damp air. These may be prevented by ventilators in the roof, or by a system of elbowed pipes passing through the sides of the building and reaching a height of 2 or 3 feet above the openings.

Hutches for the Belgian hare should be somewhat larger than those intended for smaller breeds. They should be built of good lumber, should have tight floors, and should have at least 12 square feet of floor space and a height of 2 feet. If there is plenty of room in the rabbitry it is best to have the hutches separate; but they are usually set in tiers or stacks, two or three in height. Each hutch in the rank is complete in itself, so that its position may be shifted at any time.

A rabbit court may be paved or floored, or it may be a grass court surrounded by a rabbit-proof fence. Sleeping hutches inside the court may be small boxes of any sort if they are stout and waterproof. They should have sliding doors to confine the rabbits if desired, and should also have small holes near the top for ventilation. If a court is used, hutches will still be needed for breeding does.

A rabbit-proof fence to inclose a grass court should be made of heavy poultry netting 5 or 6 feet wide and of 1 1/2-inch mesh. The posts, projecting 3 or 4 feet above the ground, should be well set outside the edge of the court. The netting is stapled to the posts, leaving a projection of 6 inches or more at the top and about 18

American Farms. Here are a few figures to show the advances made by American farmers in the production of crops since 1860. In each instance the first figures given are of 1860 and the second figures are of 1910. Value of farms and farm property. \$7,980,493,063—\$4,991,449,096; value of farm animals, \$1,089,329,915—\$4,925,173,610; production of wool (pounds), 60,264,913—321,361,750; production of wheat (bushels), 173,104,924—635,121,000; production of corn (bushels), 838,792,740—2,886,260,

Dr. Hartman Says:

Write to Peruna Testimonials If You Want to Know the Truth.

The following letter was received by Dr. Hartman through his regular correspondence: "I notice the testimonial of Mrs. Alice Bogle, which you give in your last article. If I should write her for you suppose she would give me further particulars? I have heard it said many times that such testimonials are fakes; that they are either absolutely fictitious or else the people have been hired to write them. I have been inclined to write you a great many times but these stories about patent medicine advertisements have discouraged me from doing so. I am afflicted with catarrh and should like very much to find a remedy such as your article describes."

To the above letter Dr. Hartman made the following reply: "My dear Madam:—I do not wonder that you are confused and have lost all faith in advertised remedies. There has been so much said against them, so much controversy concerning them, I am not surprised that some people have lost confidence in them."

I wish you would write Mrs. Bogle, as one woman to another. I wish you would ask her whether she has been hired to write such a testimonial, whether her testimonial represents the truth.

I hope you will remember that she is a housewife, like yourself, that she has something to do besides write letters, that she is a woman of moderate means and cannot afford to write these letters and pay her own postage. I hope you will enclose stamp so she can answer you without loss to herself. Mrs. Bogle is a very estimable lady and no doubt you will both profit by being acquainted with each other.

Should you conclude to try Peruna for your catarrh I would be very glad to hear of the result. I can assure you that no use will be made of your letter, except by your written consent. Mrs. Bogle very kindly consented to have me use her letter, which is my reason for giving so, and you will be treated exactly as she has been.

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Mark Twain and T. R. Augustus Thomas, the playwright, kept the mirth alive with story after story. One had reference to a game in which the players, so Mr. Thomas said, were Colonel Roosevelt, the late Mark Twain and himself.

"In the course of the game Colonel Roosevelt talked much of war," said Mr. Thomas. "And I remember him turning to Mark Twain and asking him if it were true that the bravest men were nervous when they faced the enemy, and Mark Twain, being an old confederate soldier, replied: 'Yes, that is quite true, for I remember vividly to this day that I had the quality of maintaining it all through the engagement.'—New York Sun.

Taste. "Which has the best taste, you or your wife?" "I am sure my wife has." "That is very generous of you." "I could not well deny it, in view of the person each of us married."

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