

farmers so disorganized in the marketing of their beef, that the beef-producing industry of this country has been on the wane. There is no business more hazardous than beef production to the farmer who buys his feeders, due to the beef packers' monopoly. The Chicago beef packers now control five of the nine packing houses in Argentina, and it must be apparent to anyone that they are not going to buy beef in Argentina to ship into this country to compete with the beef they buy here. It is to be hoped that the Clayton anti-trust bill, now pending in congress, will cure this evil when it becomes law.

BUTTER

These high-tariff exponents thought they saw an opportunity to enlist the sympathy of the farmers' wives of this country to their program by trying to frighten them with the bugaboo of foreign importations of butter under the new tariff, but their efforts have signally failed, for the reason that the price of butter is now very satisfactory to the farmers, and at no time has it been affected by the importations of butter from foreign countries. Under the old tariff butter bore a tax of 6 cents a pound. Under the new tariff it bears a tax of 2 1/2 cents a pound. This price absolutely prevents the importation of first-class butter into this country, for the simple reason that when you add 1 cent a pound for transportation charges to the tariff of 2 1/2 cents a pound you have a total tax of 3 1/2 cents a pound, that must be added to the foreigner's price before it can come into competition with American butter. There is only one country in the world that can compete with us in the production of first-class butter, and that is Denmark. Denmark has always had a splendid market in England for all the butter it could produce. The English are great butter eaters, and they demand the very best that can be bought in the markets of the world.

The price of Danish butter in England for the last four years has never been as low as 3 1/2 cents under the New York price of Beatrice or Elgin butter, thus precluding the possibility of the profitable importation of Danish butter. Some cheap butters were imported into this country last spring, but in practically every instance the importer lost money in the transaction. Last March the butter price broke, which gave the calamity howlers an opportunity to criticize the tariff law; but when it was shown that the four big butter markets of the country had in cold storage on the 1st day of March 18,000,000 pounds of butter as against 9,000,000 pounds for the year before, the argument failed, because the reduced price of 3 or 4 cents a pound was due wholly to the excessive quantity in storage, and was justified.

Searching for Himself

A convict who escaped from jail at Lydenburg, South Africa, was captured on a farm where he was masquerading as a policeman in search of himself.—Kansas City Star.

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Whether Common or Not

Like Smith

Representative Carter Glass, apropos of the new currency bill, said the other day:

"The banks now find that the currency bill is for their own good as well as for the people's. The banks at first were wrongfully enraged. They were like Smith.

"As Smith's train started for the west he stuck his head far out of the window in his excitement, whereupon a brakeman called:

"Put your head in there, or it'll be knocked off."

"Knocked off, hey?" roared Smith, shaking his fist at the brakeman. "Well it won't be knocked off by any body the size of you, you sawed off, hammered down pigmy." — Washington Star.

Pointed Paragraphs

With some people there's no such word as enough.

A woman's mirror casts and causes a variety of reflections.

Some people talk so much that they have no time to think.

Fortunate is the man who can see the finish of his enemies.

Don't blame your wife's relations. You selected them yourself.

If a bachelor has an opinion of his own he should annex a wife.

Even a poor barber is seldom as unsatisfactory as a bad razor.

The first time a girl goes to Europe she expects a proposal from a prince.

The worst ordeal a small boy has to face is plenty of pie and a limited capacity.

A woman seldom makes a fool of a man. She merely points the way and he does the rest himself.

Many a man is under the impression that he is wise merely because he has no children to ask him questions.

Everything has a bright side — even the dark lantern.

It's too bad that we can't live long without getting old.

Some men were born asleep and forgot to wake up.

Women as a rule are more generous than wise in financial matters.

Laughing draws the corners of the mouth up; crying pulls them down. — Chicago News.

Quaker Quips

It is sometimes almost as hard to meet a bill as it is to keep out of its way.

A pessimist is a fellow who expects to be turned down every time he turns up.

It isn't every fellow who can paint the town red without getting some of it on his nose.

Possibly any girl could learn to love a fellow if he gave her the right kind of instruction.

A woman naturally expects her husband to pay for her hats. In fact a woman seldom even sets her cap for a man without expecting him to pay for it.—Philadelphia Record.

What Everybody Knows

The Sunday school teacher was talking to her pupils on patience. She explained her topic carefully, and, as an aid to understanding, she gave each pupil a card bearing the picture of a boy fishing.

"Even pleasure," she said, "requires the exercise of patience. See the boy fishing; he must sit and wait and wait. He must be patient."

Having treated the subject very

fully she began with the simplest, most practical question:

"And now can any little boy tell me what we need most when we go fishing?"

The answer was quickly shouted with one voice:

"Bait." — Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Not Worth It

Once an old darkey visited a doctor and was given definite instructions as to what he should do. Shaking his head he started to leave the office, when the doctor said:

"Here, Rastus, you forgot to pay me."

"Pay you for what, boss?"

"For my advice," replied the doctor.

"Naw, suh; naw, suh; I ain't gwine take it," and Rastus shuffled out.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.

The Excuse

In an argument against vivisection, Euston Rogers, a Denver scientist, said:

"The champions of vivisection have about as much logic as the youngster in the garden.

"Oh, you cruel child!" a lady said to a youngster in a garden. "How could you have the heart to cut that worm in two?"

"Well, it—it looked so lonesome," the youngster answered."

He Got Them All

The constable in a small town received by post six "Rogues' Gallery" photographs, taken in different positions, of an old offender wanted for burglary in a neighboring city. A fortnight later the constable sent this message to the city chief of police:

"I have arrested five of the men, and am going after the sixth tonight."—Everybody's.

Couldn't Blame Him

"Why did you beat this man so terribly?" said the judge, indicating the bandaged figure of the plaintiff.

"I ask him why a horse had run away, your honor," explained the prisoner, "and he told me that it was because the animal had lost his equinefimity."

"H'm," said the judge. "Discharged."—Lippincott's.

Patriotic Answer

Miss Wheat, the new teacher, was hearing the history lesson. Turning to one of the scholars, she asked:

"James, what was Washington's farewell address?"

The new boy arose with a promptitude that promised well for his answer.

"Heaven, ma'am," he said.—Tit-Bits.

The Modern Woman

"She is an extraordinary woman, you know. She paints, plays, rides horseback, boxes, plays football, golf and is an aviator. It is too bad. If I knew how to darn my own socks I should marry her."—From Le Pele Mele.

But Not Alone

There is in Brooklyn a young, recently married couple who have been having the usual half pathetic and wholly amusing experiences incident to somewhat limited means and total inexperience. Last Saturday, there was a hitch in the delivery of the marketing, and Sunday found them

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with a practically empty larder. When dinner time came the young wife burst into tears. "Not a thing in this house for a dog to eat! I am going home to mamma!" "Oh, this is horrible!" she wept. "If you don't mind dear," exclaimed the husband, as he visibly brightened and reached for his hat, "I'll go with you!"—Chicago News.

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