

# The Chief

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One way to avoid cholera seems to be to avoid war.

The baseball fan b'iles and the farmer smiles—when it rains.

It is all right for charity to begin at home, but it should not end there.

Motto for the office boys—"If business interferes with baseball, quit the business."

An eastern scientist has discovered a substitute for tobacco. Possibly it's a five cent cigar.

London doctor says, "Lacking love, you ought to be drowned." In the sea of matrimony?

We feel safe in making the positive announcement that the frost is all out of the ground.

Any woman will tell you that it is an awful strain to have a husband who thinks he can cook.

The fury that appraised the value of a wife's love at 15 cents had in mind one particular wife.

An eastern artist describes a man's neck as a "thing of beauty." What about the "roughnecks"?

We should not overlook the fact that our dear friend, the leeman, should be included among the eubists.

We seem to notice that the girls with the prettiest faces wear their dresses cut highest in the neck.

Some men say they have a hobby for attending ball games. That's no hobby, for everybody's doing it.

There are 1,000 males to 900 females in the world. And still there are those who would tax the bachelors.

Government experts have ruled that shellac is food, but it will take a cultivated taste for nick-nacks to relish it.

With a new alphabet and a new constitution China exhibits a decided purpose to catch up with the rest of the world.

Pennsylvania professor in complimenting the poets, says they are not crazy. The proofs, professor, the proofs.

A legless porch climber has been arrested in New York. Now will some kind officer arrest an armless pick pocket?

Nothing will awaken a man quicker than to hear the baby's cry at night which accounts for his rapidity in waking wife.

The report that extravagance in woman's dress has ceased to be fashionable does not seem to be borne out by the facts.

The person who pays as he goes, perhaps does not get as far as some others, but it probably is the best thing for him.

A Nebraska man goes to the hospital for his sixteenth surgical operation. Here's hoping he beats the best the doctors can do.

Speaking of figures, 1,000 men sat down to a banquet on the twenty-seventh floor of the fifty-seven-story Woolworth building.

Now it has been discovered that laughing gas may be self-administered. There are lots of grouches who may profit by the discovery.

With tuberculosis serum, cancer serum and others being developed these days, why not produce a serum for the cure of joyriding?

It is not strange that the street railway owner who was hit by a street car fender, should say that he was very much taken up with it.

Our daily pleasure—sitting in a moving picture show and hearing some enlightened person near us telling what the next scene will bring forth.

"Hay-foot, straw-foot" heard in the army will have to go by the board now that "starboard" and "port" have been given the kibosh in the navy.

A Columbia professor proposes that the school teachers of the country organize in an immense union. When they do, Young America will spend his evenings praying for a strike.

New York has been shaving off the fronts of costly buildings that projected too far into the street. The precedent is enough to spread alarm among careless property owners everywhere.

While adopting those dinky little hats the dear women cling obstinately to the old long range hatpins.

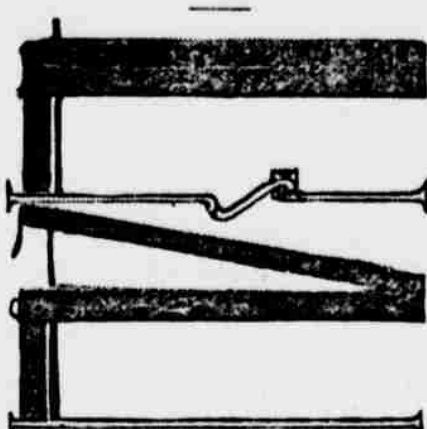
The reported discovery of an egg containing a half-karat ruby smacks very strongly of an artful attempt to boom the languid summer market for eggs.

Two admirals met in the streets of Rome and engaged in a lively scrimmage until separated. Their conduct was most unprofessional in starting a land fight.

## ERECTS OWN MONUMENT

A monument to himself is being erected by Richard Kestle, an aged resident of a Cornish parish. Because his poetry is perishable, Kestle, eighty-one years old, has just built a wonderful monument to perpetuate his local fame as a poet. Kestle has never written a word of poetry in his life. He recites it just as the words come to him, rhymes on almost any topic simply bubbling out of his mouth. "But all my thoughts are nearly gone," said the old man sadly. "Can I show the world that I really have been a poet?" Thus it was that Kestle early last year decided to erect a monument to himself at the end of his garden, and at once he set to work selecting beautiful white Cornish spar, pieces of stone found on his grounds. Today the monument to Richard Kestle is nearly completed. It stands with its three conical towers each 20 feet in height, facing the lane, for every one to see, a wonderful record of an old man's inspiration and purpose. This is the inscription it bears: "1912—Erected by Richard T. Kestle, the Cornish poet, when in his eighty-first year." Many tons of white spar have been used in building this memorial. Between the towers spaces have been left for stone figures. How he managed at his great age to erect such a monument was told by Kestle, who said: "I got all the stones myself. Then I laid the foundation for the building, and working very slowly built up the walls, keeping the white spar together with cement and sand. Putting up the towers was rather hard. Some architects told me I could not do it, but I went on in my own way, and now I have finished, look how strong the walls are. I want them to last forever. In this space here," he said, pointing between two of the towers, "I am going to put a figure of David the Psalm singer. I expect I shall finish the monument about May."

## ANCIENT FINGER STOCK



This finger-stock is situated in the west end of St. Helen's parish church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and is some hundred years old. It is made of oak. When members of the congregation did not behave they were taken to this stock and a finger placed in the allotted places. The lid is raised, and then the two first joints of the finger fit down a hole, and a third joint fits in the holes shown in the picture; the lid is then lowered, and it is then impossible to withdraw the fingers. The spaces for adults' fingers are at the ends opposite to the lock. When the church was restored some years ago, the old-fashioned padlock was either lost or stolen. This is so securely fastened to the wall that if all the stocks are filled it cannot be pulled out of place. The late Canon Denton made inquiries and found this was the only finger-stock left in a church.

## THREE HOURS' SLEEP ENOUGH

A sleep of three hours a night comprises all the rest that John Jerndahl, a patternmaker of Cambridge, Mass., enjoys. He has kept this up for four years. The other twenty-one hours he works, and he is perfectly healthy. Instead of using an alarm clock, Jerndahl has taught the family cat to wake him every morning at three o'clock, and then, after a meal of bread, butter and coffee, Jerndahl makes art objects from twigs and branches until it is time for him to go to work in an East Goshen foundry. There he labors from 7 a. m. till 6 p. m. and nightly after supper he manufactures his rustic art objects until midnight. "I have never been ill a day since I went on the three-hour sleep schedule," said Jerndahl. "I never dream and I am always happy."

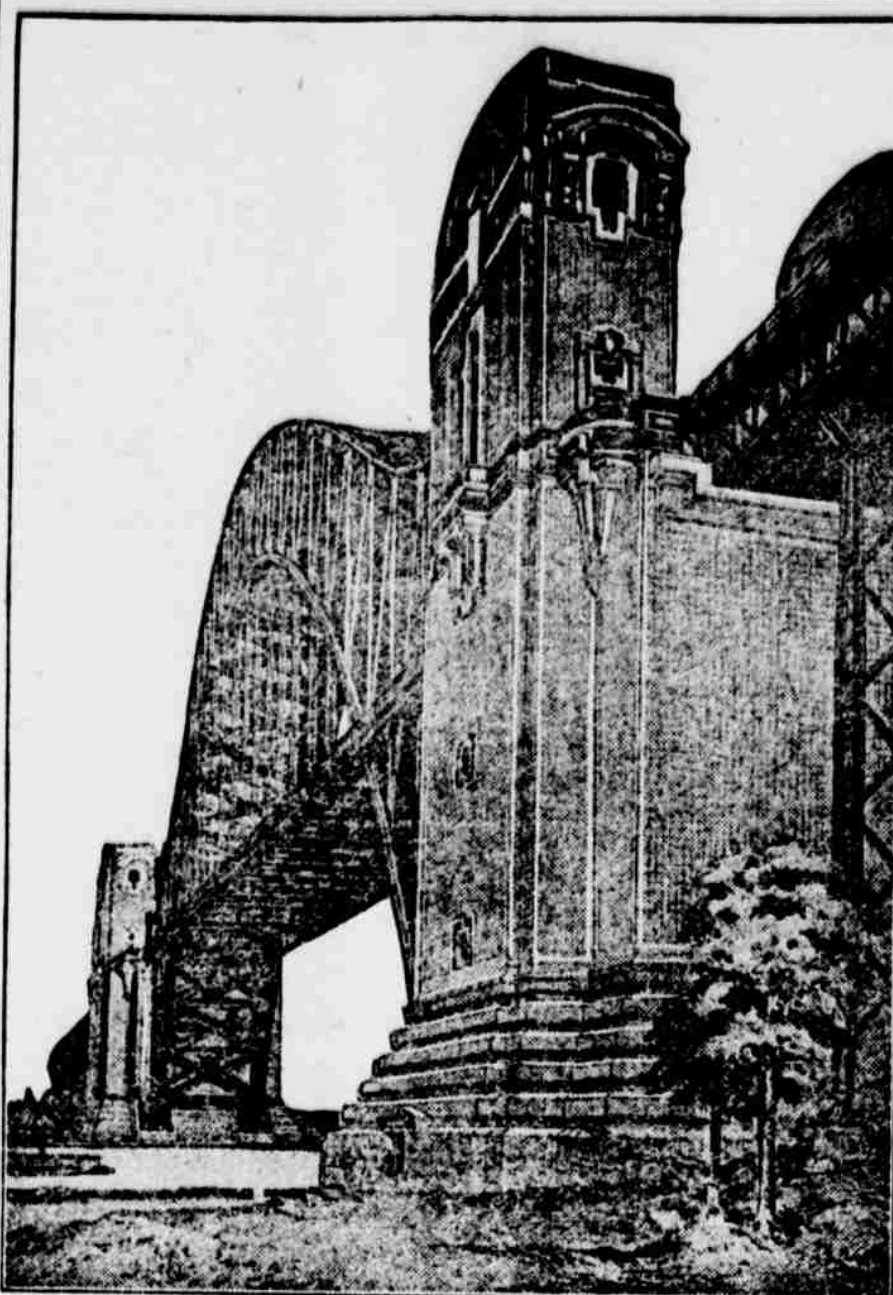
## CHINESE HEADACHE CURE

Some of the ailments that beset ordinary Chinese laundrymen were revealed before Judge Foster in general sessions at the trial of Gee Dee Yung for the murder of Wong Fong in Chinatown, New York, last October. Ham Bing, a Jersey City flatiron athlete testified that he had arrived at the scene of the shooting just in time to creep under a doormat and play dead. He had gone to Chinatown for the purpose of buying medicine, he said, to boil with pork to soothe his spine to stop his headache. It's hard to say just what he says, but that's something like it, said the interpreter.

## SMOTHERED BY PAPER

Smothered by paper, John Loriani, employed in a paper company's plant at Bogota, near Hackensack, N. J., met an unusual death the other afternoon. He was caught between two rolls of paper and suffocated. It was his work to remain under the rolls of new-made paper and pick up the broken ends. A seeming slack in the paper rolls caused one of the men to investigate, and Loriani's legs were found hanging from between the rolls. He had been dead fully ten minutes.

## Largest Bridge in World



The steel arch bridge over Hell Gate in the northern part of New York city will be, with its viaducts, the largest bridge in the world. Its construction has only recently begun, but preparations for it have been in progress for seven years. It is expected that trains will run over it in less than four years. The bridge and viaducts will measure 15,840 feet in length. The Hell Gate bridge will form a part of the so-called connecting railroad which, though only ten miles in length, will cost about \$30,000,000, out of which the cost of the Hell Gate bridge will be about \$6,000,000. The connecting railroad, which joins the New Haven system with the Pennsylvania, begins at the New Haven yards in the Bronx. It is carried on a viaduct to the Bronx Kill, which it will cross by a lift bridge 300 feet long. A viaduct 2,600 feet long will bring the line to Little Hell Gate, which will be crossed by a bridge, and a third viaduct which crosses Ward's Island will continue to the edge of Hell Gate, which will be spanned by a third bridge.

## RABBITS HALT A TRAIN

During a rabbit drive near Moses Lake, Wash., the animals collected on the tracks of the Great Northern in such numbers that a freight train had to be brought to a standstill until the hunters drove the game away. The big run was participated in by 300 men and boys, who surrounded a monster dried up slough. The hunters formed lines to force the rabbits into a wire-enclosed place across the railroad tracks, and while the animals were crossing the tracks the freight came up. Engineer Hornor was afraid to run down the rabbits because of the possibility of clogging the machinery of the locomotive, so he waited twenty minutes until the drove passed. More than 2,000 rabbits were slain. The carcasses were frozen and shipped to the east.

## JUST FOR AN HOUR'S CHAT

Lawyer J. D. Hedie of New York, who was among the crowd of Americans arriving in London by the Kronprinzessin Cecilie boat train, is on a flying trip. He sailed for America for Southampton by Wednesday's boat. He says he prefers crossing the Atlantic for an hour's talk with correspondents to waiting for belated mails.

## VORACIOUS FINNY GORMAND



A specimen of the chiasmus niger that has swallowed a fish much larger than itself, and most strangely, one of the same species. The picture shows the greatly extended abdomen. The chiasmus niger is said to hold the record for voracity among pelagic fishes.

## DUCKS BY PARCEL POST

Miss Anna Nixon, in charge of the parcel post department of the post-office at Woodland, Cal., sent out in one day three ducks, a ham, a side of bacon, crutches, a carpet sweeper, coffee, a cane, a violin and some barber shop fixtures.

An express company had previously offered to send the violin to Oakland for \$1.20 without insurance, while the instrument went through the parcel post for 32 cents with insurance of \$50.

## Where Hippos Still Thrive



This picture shows an extraordinary scene on the Ruaha river in German East Africa. There is evidently no fear of this ancient river horse immediately becoming extinct in Eastern Africa. Some thirty relatives are depicting themselves in the river behind the huge fellow resting on the bank in the foreground. The picture shows with exceptional clearness the folds of the hide, the bristles on the upper and lower jaw and the huge peg-like teeth.

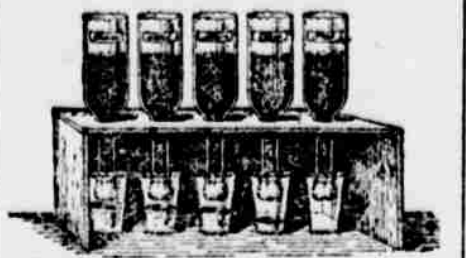
## KEEP WATER IN SOIL

Excellent Method Given to Ascertain Capacity.

Long-Necked Bottles Arranged With Bottoms Off and Cheese Cloth Over Mouth Will Tell How Much Moisture is Retained.

(By R. J. CROSBY.) To ascertain the capacity of soils to take in rainfall, break the bottoms off five long-necked bottles, tie a piece of cheesecloth or thin muslin over the mouth of each and arrange them in a rack with a glass tumbler under each one. Fill the bottles to about the same height with different kinds of soil and firm the soils by lifting the rack and jarring it down moderately three or four times. To break the bottom off of a bottle file a groove in the bottle parallel with the bottom. Heat a poker red-hot and lay it in the groove. As soon as a small crack starts from the groove draw the poker around the bottle and the crack will follow.

When all is in readiness, take watch or clock in hand, and with a



Apparatus to Test Capacity of Soils to Take in Rainfall.

glass of water held as near as possible to the soil pour water into one of the bottles just rapidly enough to keep the surface of the soil covered and note how long before it begins dripping into the tumbler below. Make a record of the time. Do likewise with each of the other bottles and compare results. Note which soil takes in water most rapidly. We all know what happens to nonporous soils when a heavy shower of rain comes.

To ascertain which soil would store up the greatest amount of moisture, weigh each bottle before and after filling it with dry soil, and again after the water has entirely ceased dripping from it. The difference between the weight of the dry soil and that of the wet soil is the weight of water stored. During the time that the bottles are dripping, they should be covered to prevent evaporation of water from the surface of the soils.

## BONEMEAL GOOD FOR SWINE

Very Good Results Secured at Missouri Station—Result of Test at Nebraska Station.

All kinds of bonemeal are used in the manufacture of fertilizers, but not all kinds are suitable for feed for swine. Bonemeal from a glue factory which has gone through the process in which acid was used is not suitable feed. But any bonemeal, especially green bone, that is ground finely enough, may be fed. Steamed bonemeal is good.

At the Missouri station bonemeal was fed with very good results. About an ounce of meal was fed to each hog per day.

At the Nebraska station four lots of pigs were fed to determine the value of wheat short, tankage and steamed ground bone as supplemental to cornmeal. The hogs were pastured on alfalfa, and for this reason the lot fed on corn alone made about as satisfactory gain as any, although the lot which was fed bonemeal in addition to the corn had the strongest bone.

Shorts strengthen the bone some, and tankage with corn produced much stronger bone than corn alone. Where mixed rations were given, or skim milk or good pasture, all of which supply ash material, it is doubtful that bonemeal is of much value other than for the purpose of strengthening the bones.

## Silage for Cattle.

Nebraska farmers living in a region where the land sells for \$120 and upward an acre are finding greatly increased profits from the use of silage in fattening their cattle, one successful farmer having been engaged in feeding 150 tons of silage from 24 acres of land, putting all his stock in prime condition. Cattle fed this way are marketed in fine shape, and feed bills are greatly lessened. The reports of increased profits are inspiring other neighboring stockmen to do the same thing, and many farmers are now raising their own feeders in this way. It is probable that in the end the increase in silos will do more than anything else to bring the beef crop up to the normal standard.

## Effect of Salting Curd.

Salt is added to curd mainly to flavor the cheese. In addition, however, it aids in removing the whey, hardens and contracts the curd, checks the formation of lactic acid, and also checks undesirable forms of ferment. Unsalted cheese cures more rapidly, but is apt to develop a bitter flavor.

## Bowel Trouble Preventive.

A teaspoonful of Venetian red in a gallon of drinking water is a good bowel trouble preventive.

## Bowel Trouble in Chicks.

Chills, wet food and lack of sunshine are the main causes of bowel trouble in chicks.

## BRAHMAS AS EGG PRODUCERS

Veteran Poultry Judge and Breeder Claims That Hen Will Lay 150 During Course of Year.

Speaking of the Brahma type of fowls, that veteran poultry judge and widely known breeder, Mr. I. K. Felch says: "It has been my claim, and it can be substantiated, that the Brahma will lay 150 eggs in a year, and hatch and rear a brood of chickens.

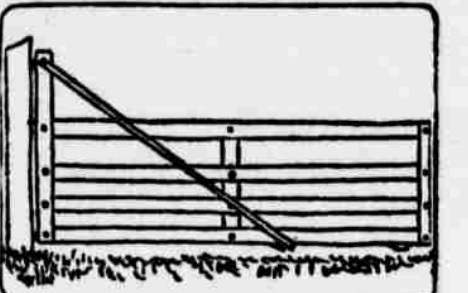
What one hen may have done is no criterion of a flock's proficiency, notwithstanding one Brahma did lay 313 eggs in 333 days, but laid no more that year, yet repeatedly have flocks of eight fowls laid between February 1 and June 1, four months, an average of 88, 88½, 88, and during May laid a total of 200 eggs, and average of 25 each for that month. I think there are many Brahmas that have reached 200 eggs in a year as any other breed. Put 150 eggs and rear a brood of chickens places them among the best and most profitable of all breeds. At this writing I have a hen that averaged 88 eggs between February 1 and June 1, that I set May 28. She has hatched and reared a brood of chickens and has laid 75 eggs in nine months, leaving her three months for the chance of becoming a 200-egg hen, like one of her ancestors. Queen Quality. But breeders prize any hen that hatches and rears a brood of chicks and gives you 150 eggs as a year's work. Such are capable of earning you \$10 profit per annum if they are thoroughbreds, and nearly that as utility workers in Natick.

Keep strict account of the expense of feeding if you want to know how much profit they bring you. The average price for kitchen eggs, fresh, in Natick for 1910 was 37½ cents. Every 150-egg hen at these prices earned, as you see, \$4.69 cash, less \$1.25 for keep, leaving \$3.44 net profits per hen. With the pure stock in Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks and Orpingtons or Wyandottes this is obtainable with intelligent care. Thus are we justified in saying that poultry upon the farm is the best earning power in agriculture.

## PANELS ARE BOLTED ON GATE

Excellent Method is Described and Illustrated by Nebraska Farmer—Solid Post Needed.

I want to add a feature to the Elmquist gate. Instead of nailing the panels I bolt them through the frame with one bolt at each place as shown. The brace is an old wagon tire bent in the form of a hook at the bottom end and bolted at the top. Blocks are nailed to the bottom board and



Gate With Bolted Panels.

the hook placed in front of the one that will make the gate hang level, write G. F. Sandritter in the Farmer's Mail and Breeze. The gate may be raised or lowered at will to let out pigs or to swing it over snow. In raising or lowering the gate the uprights remain perpendicular, the panels turning between them. In this as in other gates the main thing is to get a good, solid gate post in the ground from which the gate is to swing.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES

Regularity in feeding brings uniformity in results.

The growing pigs require protein and not much corn.

Be sure there are no narrow doors for the ewes to crowd through.

It is well to change the sheep occasionally into the different pastures.

Do not expect too much from your young sows, especially if they are bred too young.

It is poor economy to sell poor cattle when they can be made fat before marketing.

Under all conditions young animals make the largest gains in proportion to food consumed.

Check the growth and you increase the amount of food needed to produce a given result.

To make the largest and best horses out of your colts keep them growing from first to last.

The man who dubbed the hog as a "mortgage lifter" was posted; he knew something of the possibilities of the animal.

All training of animals must be done in youth when habits and instinctive proclivities have not become permanently fixed.

Do not think because a sheep has a heavy coat of wool he will be able to endure cold rains and sleep without a warm shelter.

The amount of food consumed and the time it has taken to consume it, must be taken into consideration in calculating the profit.

The truth is the farmers of the middle west are raising better mutton than ever before and people are learning that it is about the best and cheapest meat they can buy.

In counting the profits from your flock, do not fail to count the value of the fat lambs killed during the twelve months for the family use and the high value of all the manure.