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It is easier to commit suicide with a pen than with a pistol.

cornered grain.

When a man is 65 he begins to assure himself that gray hairs are not necessarily a sign of old age.

900 at the close of the fiscal year.

has been heard no one has found it meat.

It cost New York city \$83,576 to prove that William R. Hearst was not entitled to the office of mayor. But no one questions that the money was well spent.

An exchange insists that it is no disgrace to be poor. Perhaps not, but it grows more inconvenient with each succeeding year of our national devel-

Especially if you select a newspaper filled with hot air.

The largest United States flag in the world, so far as known, was made the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

The Rock Island road has had a twenty-five passenger motor car constructed to run on one of its small branches, similar to that tried out be- realize at last that of all the sad old

An architect makes the prophecy An architect makes the prophecy of America as that senseless one about ized by letting Mr. Carnegie help men's prize at a card party this hostwill be torn down in fifty years. This mother-in-law is them house their libraries properly? ess gave a golf-ball cake—a huge is a happy anticipation of plenty of business for his profession.

forts of the Rev. Edward Everett Hale shadow of wrath. to reform the hardened sinners of the upper house hastened the great philanthropist's end.

that he accepted \$4,000 as a gift, but the company in handing it over never mentioned such a thing as bribery.

ly have the desired effect.

There is a strange difference in the staying qualities of fortune and mis-

another race problem.

If the government will make the lavevery kind and purifies the air." ish appropriations that it does with a deficit in the national treasury, what extravagance might not be indulged in the air involving the expenditures become a law. It is doubtful if it of hundreds of millions. With a sur- ought to pass. plus a riot of extravagance would be The aim of the president in this The second is the demand from southinevitable, with its sure sequel of measure is to raise revenue, and thus ern constituencies that they be all Washington and Oregon. George you find one in every house. more taxes. A small deficit, after all, make it possible to reduce tariff is not such a bad thing. It induces schedules. But such extreme steps prudence in appropriation and econ- are not justified by the circumstances. there is not enough of solid south left omy in administration.

rail system, which is to be tried be revenues were in sight, as a result of done. The announcement that the By this system the wheels of the cars gin devising ways and means of spend- of southern democratic votes tells the glass of beer when they come to the run on a single rail spiked to concrete ing extravagantly that increased rev- story. ties. The car is balanced and guided enue, plus. It is well enough that the These developments open the way the new order of things, for when a by wheels operating on overhead rails government remain in debt, if even to interesting and natural changes. It bunch of "good fellows" meet the key derived from these overhead rails. travagant expenditures on the part of that the democratic party as such was The claim is made by the promoters of congress. this invention that thirty per cent can

cent in maintenance.

Mr. Nagle, secretary of commerce from. where it cannot move without pain, ibre. what must be the condition of the Secretary Wilson says that Joseph treasury, Interior, and other depart- larger corporations, which the presiis the only man who ever successfully ments that have been gathering moss and barnacles for a century?

J. T. Harms, a government meat inspector at St. Louis, recently tendered his resignation and wrote to Secretary jury and evasion and it lacks any ele-Wilson that the inspection system was ment of justice or fairness. The excesses that newspapers go to a farce, that hundreds of carcasses unover the heroes they know about, just fit for food were passed by the chief help to strike a fair average for the inspector after they had been conmany who never get into public print. demned by the deputies and that the government seal is placed on diseased ers, to commend them. The month of June is somewhat de- meat which is sold to the public. Seccreasing the treasury deficit. At the retary Wilson has ordered an investipresent rate it will not exceed \$95,000, gation. Later on some one will be appointed to investigate the investigation and the public will learn that The interstate commerce commis- that, too, was a farce. Meanwhile the sion announces that the railroads lost people who can possibly raise the out-\$164,000,000 last year, but so far as rageous price, will continue to eat the

planned for "old Ireland" in 1910. For and 311 branch library buildings. The generations Ireland has been a land of distribution of the library gifts within emigration. Now they hope to create the United States is summarized by a reflow. It is expected that at least states, with the names of the benefi-50,000 Irish-Americans will go back to ciary cities and towns within each the "ould sod" to take part in the ex- state. The Nebraska list is as folercises to be held in various parts of lows: the island. The object of this move- Twenty-one libraries......\$318,000 ment is to interest Irishmen who have Alma, prospered in promoting the industries Albion, \* of their native land. Whether the ef-A medical authority says a newspa. fort will result in much direct benefit De Witt. per folded across your chest will pro- to the industries of the emerald isle Fairbury, tect your lungs from spring winds, or not, indirectly the return of 50,000 well-to-do men to their native land for a visit will be quite a substantial up- Havelock,

It has remained for a theatrical man by Mrs. Harry E. Mitchell of Pullman, in Boston who controls a number of Wash., and unfurled at the opening of companies to bar mother-in-law jokes on his circuits. He holds that the stage is an educational institution and should do what it can to protect the dignity of the family. It is indeed cause for rejoicing to have some one tween Norfolk and Bonesteel some jokes which are worked overtime in spite of extreme old age, none so offends the good sense and good taste usually a blessing to the home that she favors with her presence. In the day of sickness and sorrow the moth-An exchange expresses the belief er-in-law is generally in evidence and that the laborious and fruitless ef- as a ministering angel rather than a

Just where this complicated modern civilization will land the people of this earth occasionally causes the San Francisco has one honest alder- creeps with the thoughtful man who man, but his density more than countakes a world peep at affairs. The terbalances his honesty. He admits luxuries of even our grandfathers' day have become the necessities of life, denies that it was a bribe. Probably while a crowded population with the problems of sanitation and municipal government bring public burdens that A prominent judge has given a work are wholly of the last half century. house sentence for fast automobile But with it all, the supply of optimism driving. Merely exacting fines does grows in proportion, and after all posnot reduce the speed of reckless driv. sibly the most fruitless occupation in ers, but persistent sentences to con which mankind can indulge is thinkfinement and hard work will eventual. ing, that way always lies worry, while happiness comes through constant do-

Coal smoke has long been confortune. Fickle Fortune thinks she demned as a public nuisance and even has done her duty if she knocks once those responsible for its fumes have at a man's door, but persistent misfor. never attempted any defense for it tune can usually be found loitering except that they could not help it. At around in the shadows most of the a recent banquet of coal men in Chicago, W. P. Rand of that city boldly advanced the theory that smoke is It is not the fear of cheap labor that not a curse but a blessing, not a menis the real issue between Americans ace to public health but a health proand Japanese on the Pacific coast. It ducer. He said: "Those pseudo-philis the fear of another race problem, anthropists who go about condemning the fear that the west may be called smoke as a curse don't know what days. Everything indicates that the living north of Pilger, died from blood kind? upon to go down into the valley of they are talking about, and are really death and humiliation as was the hostile to the public at large. The cresouth, that arouses the people of the ator, who made coal, knew that there coast states. They see the spectre of would be coal smoke and that it would be a good thing for the world. The carbon in smoke kills germs of

## THE EARNINGS TAX.

The earnings tax will result, in the dent apparently aims at, in merely a new system of bookkeeping which will protect those corporations from this unjust tax.

Such a law would result only in per-

And the same may be said of the Nebraska state law, now in effect.

There is not much in the proposed substitutes for tariff, as revenue rais-

#### CARNEGIE LIBRARIES IN NE-BRASKA.

A recent issue of Collier's contains an article by Andrew Carnegie on "The Library Gift Business," together with a statement purporting to be the first accurate list of Mr. Carnegie's gifts. The tabular exhibit shows aggregate donations of \$51,596,903 for A great home coming is being the erecting of 1,547 library buildings

Holdrege, Kearney, Lincoln (2), McCook. Neligh. Norfolk. Pawnee City. Fremont. Grand Island. South Omaha, Tecumseh.

Making the division, this gives an average of a little more than \$15,000 contributed by Mr. Carnegie to each of the cities enumerated. It is well known that the amounts given to balance by being below the average. Concerning these gifts the Omaha who said eights."

Bee says: "Do the people of any of these cities feel that they have been humiliated We doubt it. Yet whether or not the wealth, one feature which Mr. Carnegie emphasizes must strike straight home. He insists that what he is doing is to help the individual and the town right now? community to help themselves-that the library gives nothing for nothing. OVER NORTHWESTERN PRAIRIES. The condition of the gift is that the library be supported by taxation. 'It is owned by the community. It is no chemical fire engines at \$800. gift to the poorer classes. They help contribute their mite. It is the library

"This principle of Mr. Carnegie's lialways be remembered that the erection of a building is only providing the ual obligation. The foolishness of editor states that his paper was startby the foolishness of accepting gifts moving over "to come into its own." whose burdens outweigh the benefits.

NEW PARTY ALIGNMENTS. party, of the tariff issue and of the up and take notice. solid south, seem to be in process of expecting for many years past.

the south is broken. This has been the cumulative work of many years. The weakening of the sectional feeling Randall arrived home from Texas appointing reputable democrats to public office in the southern states. lowed to share in the financial advant- Randall arrived home Friday evenages of protection. Between the two, ing. It is true the nation is in debt. The to bank on. It has probably figured in government always has been and allour elections as a sectional body for A new departure in the railroad ways will be in debt. But it is a well the last time. So much service, at world is the invention of the mono- known fact that the moment greater least, the existing tariff debate has

> dead. This was not because it was But there is nothing just about the beaten, but because it had ceased to

The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal ent system and a saving of 25 per merely because it happens to be incorporated, to pay a heavy tax which because it is hard for a great party to will be taken up by the board of unincorporated firms are exempted die. Now it can no longer persevere, county commissioners next week. My If the old democracy had one article Hunter's resignation was filed last and labor, is making a hard struggle | For example, why should the busi- of faith that could not be changed or week and since there has been conto prevent himself from being so ness firms of Norfolk which are incor- weakened, it was "tariff for revenue board will appoint. The more likely bound and hampered with red tape porated for the sake of perpetuity, be only." Today there are not a score candidates are James Britton and J. that he will follow along the line of forced to pay a tax which individual of democrats in both houses of con- H. Massie, Postmaster Baker and Edileast resistance in the ruts of his business men are not required to pay? gress who could be depended upon to tor Closson of Carroll, and Attorney predecessors and amount to nothing. And there are a large number of support that principle as against some h. E. Siman of Winside, being men-The department of labor and com- business firms in Norfolk which are manufacturing interests in their own tioned, although the Democrat has merce is less than eight years old. If incorporated and yet owe the public districts. There will be a party stand, been told that Mr. Siman was not it has already settled into the hopeless or the government no greater tax than ing really for lower tariff; perhaps wishing the honor. The commissionhabit of procrastination to the point unincorporated firms of the same cal- horizontal reduction, perhaps some ers meet for regular business next other form; but the rearrangement of Monday. parties is now bound to come.

### AROUND TOWN.

Can you beat this weather?

Summer is about to officially begin. The longest day of the year is at

A week from next Saturday we celebrate.

A mother-in-law that you can borrow money from, is the kind to have.

How would you like to sit in the hot sun five days straight, watching a fishpole, and then catch only one bass?

The man who wipes his forehead at a scorcher," has arrived on schedule alike.

sory going-to-bed at 9 o'clock every sick at their stomachs.

Charles R. Hays, Denver, says that he and that one has a right. viewed the new boy from an entirely unprejudiced viewpoint and that absosay that the boy is the finest yet.

Two women in Norfolk, invited to a people often. six-hand euchre party, spent two days practicing up on the fine points of the ty, the game was switched to five hundred and the two practiced players came in behind the flag.

A young woman from Chicago, visitin Norfolk, went into a shoe store. A large woman had been buying shoes say size 8?" asked the salesman of the Beatrice, Lincoln and South Omaha Chicago miss. "No, I said threes," reconsiderably exceed the average, so plied the prospective purchaser, with that most of the others must counter- just enough hauteur. "Oh," said the salesman, "that was the other woman

One Norfolk woman has a bit the edge over all others for general popularity. She is the originator of a new by accepting tainted money or pauper- idea-about the best idea yet. As a white cake ornamented on top with a donation of a library is regarded as half dozen brand new, pure white, the most effective way of distributing eager looking rough-rubber spheres suitable for setting upon a tee and driving 200 yards off into the thin air. Is it any wonder that that hostess has made the "hit" of a lifetime in this

Newport has accepted two new

Brunswick has cast forty-four votes of the people and within its walls the proposition, so that a new school buildpoorest citizen has all the rights of ing will be erected in the near future.

Wisner Chronicle: Bids for the brary gifts ought to be kept in view erection of the new St. Paul's Luthin all similar undertakings designed to eran church building were opened last provide charitable or educational in- Saturday. W. H. Whitcomb's bid was stitutions for a community. It must the lowest, it being \$2,433.50, and the contract will be given to him.

The Tripp County News, C. F. Weav- at the last request of the deceased. plant and that the cost of maintenance er, editor, is the second paper to start and operation is a steady and perpet- at Witten, in Tripp county. The News

Several interesting questions, re- crop, over 1,500 acres, with 200 bushlating to the future of the democratic els to the acre. Old Ireland will sit one of the bereaved family, "and do

answer by the course of events these ter of Mr. and Mrs. Diedrick Ramm. next few years will witness new party poisoning, caused by running a nail alignments and perhaps new party cre- into her foot about two weeks before. in the cemetery north of Pilger.

Newman Grove Reporter: C. A.

Wayne Democrat: Wayne can tell aloud," is the sign put up at a Norfolk the rest of the saloon towns of the outing resort. They must use the state who have not yet tried it that "noiseless bait" in that locality. the early closing law is an unqualified success as a means to sobriety. Local booze fighters are up against a sober tween two small towns in Connecticut. this earnings tax, congress would be senate bill will be passed by the aid day, and country visitors who like a Wm. R. Hearst. Why not let him rest city are especially well pleased with Tekamah Journal: Up at Norfolk and the electric motive power is also that situation will tend to curtail ex- has been evident for ten years past that turns them out at 8 p. m. is a police court and fined \$8 and costs for desired from the curtail ex- has been evident for ten years past the circle of the court and fined \$10 and costs for desired from the court and fined \$10 and costs for desired from the curtail ex- has been evident for ten years past the circle of gentle reminder that it is time to go swearing. Why arrest the girl for do- feet on either side, while in clay soil

siderable discussion as to whom the

### NEBRASKA POLITICS.

Atkinson Graphic: A petition is being circulated asking that the name of Miss Minnie Miller be placed on the non-partisan ticket for superintendent of schools. Miss Miller is one of Atkinson's popular home teachers in our public schools and is well qualified for the position.

### ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

Nothing tastes as good as it looks n a cook book.

After we ask three or four men 'How is business?" and they reply, "Rotten," we quit asking the question.

poor met on an equal footing: at a 7 a. m. and says "This is going to be gambling house. They are all robbed

Men who cannot resist the tobacco-One of the hardships which Harry chewing habit should go off by them-Kendall Thaw undergoes is compul- selves, like men do when they become

The great difference between a wid-John R. Hays, who has just visited ower and a married man is that the his new grandson in the home of married man is watched by only one,

How the people enjoy seeing a noted

lutely impartially, he is prepared to tight wad taken in by an agent or a confidence man! But pleasure of this kind, by the way, does not come to the

A fire-fighting apparatus and a town game. When they arrived at the par- park don't count for as much in a town's growth as the fact that the widow of John Brown is no longer referred to as the "Widow Brown.

she appeared when young, are shown the children, they begin to regard her of the salesman just before. "Did you Father's mean treatment, instead of the work of Time. A man came home lately, and said

to this wife: "Mary, are you losing your hair?" She replied that she was not. "All the women down town," continued the husband, "have such big bunches on their heads that you are beginning to look funny."

On the street today we noticed a little girl whose legs were particularly of wind came around the corner, threw the little girl's skirts against her legs. and broke both of them off between the ankle and the knee.

A woman never forgets. An Atchison woman was dying, and her relatives were standing by her bedside. The woman tried to speak, and the relatives gathered closer, to hear her last message. "I see." she said. "that Joe Merritt has quit at Thompson's store. Do you suppose there is any for school bonds and one against the chance to get Rob in there?" (Chart -Rob was her nephew, always looking for a job.)

> An Atchison man died lately, and, when his remains were viewed at the funeral, a placard was lying on his breast, which read: "Now, will you let me alone?" There is a good deal of talk about the affair. The undertaker says he placed the placard there

There lives in Atchison a very goodhearted woman, who always gets out giving useless gifts is exceeded only ed at Dallas two years ago and is just her largest handkerchief, and takes it with her when she hears of a death. Sometimes she takes two, in order to Long Pine Journal: The Northwest- keep up her end of the weeping. Reern will need a few extra cars this year cently she made such a call, and didn't to haul away the Brown county potato get a chance to shed a tear. "We can not change anything by weeping," said not intend to bring grief to our friends by causing them sorrow." And, while Martha Ramm, the 8-year-old daugh- such conduct was a shock to the professional weeper, wasn't it the right

Why do people keep their own pic ations also, such as men have been The funeral services were conducted tures about? If they want to look at at the home on Sunday by Rev. Ollen- themselves, there are always mirrors It is apparent that the solidity of dorf, after which interment was made to give a better likeness. The family can always gaze on the living person when they are there, so why do they want a likeness? Pictures are all very well to give to your friends or relahas been going on through a genera- Monday night. He was accompanied tions that do not live in the same It is doubtful if the president's 2 tion. It has broken down under two by his daughter, Margaret, who has house with you, but you keep them in with a surplus? There are even per cent tax on the net incomes of direct assaults. The first is the open- been attending the university at Lin- around for the family to see when you now with a deficit on hand, schemes corporations will pass congress and ly announced policy of President Taft, coln. Although Mr. Randall found are constantly there. A picture, taken the country to be good, we understand a long time ago may be interesting, he is not considering an immediate but, otherwise, we cannot understand removal. He expects to leave shortly why people have their own pictures for a trip which will take in Idaho, framed and hung on the wall. But

Wayne Democrat: "No fishing

Stanton Picket: The Norfolk News wishes to know what has become of

a young lady was hauled before the be saved in operating over the pres- proposition to compel a business firm, represent any fixed principles what appointing a new county judge to fill double standard of wrong isn't right. over a drain is a good indication of the work. Now run along and play.

# **Making Money** On the Farm

I.—Drainage

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N order to make money on the farm it is first necessary to get the land in shape to respond liberally to the work put upon it. One of the first and most important steps in getting it in such condition is to drain it thoroughly. There are two general types of drains-tile drains and open ditches.

About the only place where an open ditch can be used to advantage is in draining large sections of the country where natural drainage is insufficient to carry off the surface water or to provide an outlet for tile. Such a ditch is really an artificial river. Its large size prevents it from becoming easily clogged. It should be made deep enough to provide a good outlet silt some of it will be deposited in the for tile systems from the farms tributary to it. The sides should have a slope of at least one to one-run back one foot for every foot of rise.

The Use of Tile. The major portion of the drainage, however, must be done with tile. In starting out to tile a farm it pays to go at it systematically. Few farmers are able to tile their whole farms at once, but by planning the whole system before any work is done and then putting in as many rods as possible each year the farm will in the end be thoroughly drained at much less expense

than if the work was gone at in a hit

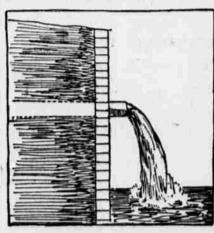
or miss fashion. The proposed lines of tile should be laid off by a good engineer. He has the tools and ability to do it properly, and a little money spent in this way will be made up many times over in the added efficiency of the system.

When photographs of Mother, as The first money that is spent for tile should be out where it will yield the quickest returns. On almost every farm there are sloughs and draws that are too wet to work long after the rest of the field is dry. The loss is not so much from the land that is taken up by these sloughs, though that often amounts to considerable, as to the trouble and loss of time in working around them. A line of tile can be run up to such a place to take out the water and laterals put in later to drain the surrounding ground more thoroughly.

Often after the slough is drained there will be a strip of corn over the thin; they looked like knitting needles. | tile that will be the best in the field, while out a little farther the corn will be small and yellow. The width of this strip of corn is a very good indication of the distance apart that the drains should be placed. The ground over the tile is warmer and drier in the spring than the other, and consequently the corn gets a better start. Through the summer, when there is no water in the tile, air is flowing down through them. This pulls air down through the soil, making root growth more rapid and the plants more vigorous. A deep root system means a large feeding ground and consequently a larger yield. For these reasons all low, flat lands should be thoroughly underlaid with rows of tile, even though the surface water never stands on them. A map showing the exact location of the drains should be kept so that they can be readily

found when it is desired to add later-Planning the Drainage System.

In planning a drainage system there are three especially important considerations-the depth and size of the tile and the distance apart of the drains. More tile drains are put in too shallow than too deep. In most soils four feet is about the right depth. In



hardpan the tile may have to be laid shallower or the water will never get to them. Deep tile mean a deep layer of mellow soil, which acts as a sponge to hold capillary water for the crops. The deeper the tile the farther their effect will be felt on either side.

The size of the tile depends upon the fall and the amount of land to be drained. The engineer who lays out the drain will usually be able to compute the size required. In estimating the number of acres to

be drained by a given line of tile all the land from which surface water flows toward it should be included, as well as all land drained by laterals which empty into it.

The depth of the drains and the char-

acter of the soil are the chief factors that determine the distance apart to place the drains. Tile four feet deep on a sandy soil will draw seventy-five ing that which a man does with im- their effect will not be felt a third as punity? Is it any worse for a girl to far. As already stated, the width of Wayne Democrat: The matter of do such a thing than a man? This the strip of good corn or other grain



C. V. GREGORY, Author of "Home Course In Modern Agriculture"

"pulling power" of the drain. Where a drainage system is being put in a little at a time the laterals can be put in from 75 to 200 feet apart at first, depending on the soil, and others put in between later if experience shows them to be necessary.

The Outlet.

One of the most important parts of the drainage system is the outlet. If the drain empties into a ditch or stream a stone bulwark should be built up to keep the end tile from being washed away. The drain should enter the stream above the level of the water if possible. When it enters below the force of the current is checked, and if the water is carrying much



FIG. II-POOR WAT TO LAY TILE.

tile. It is a good plan to use sewer pipe for a few feet back from the outlet, as it is not so easily displaced by

freezing. Many drains are built with an outlet in a box at the side of the road or next to a neighbor's fence. Such an outlet is not very satisfactory, but sometimes it is the best that can be provided. The box should be well built to keep out rubbish. The mouth of the tile in this as well as in other forms of outlets should be covered to keep out small animals during dry be at least a foot below the tile. The silt that settles here should be clean ed out occasionally A much better plan than the use of a tile box is to cooperate with the road authorities or with the neighbors and extend the line of tile to some permanent outlet.

### Laving the Tile.

It rarely pays a farmer to lay his own tile, but he should keep close watch of the men whom he hires to do the work. A little carelessness in laying the tile may make the drainage system practically worthless. If at any place the tile dips an inch below the grade line, that inch will fill up with silt, and the capacity of the whole system will be reduced that much. The old saying that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link applies with especial force to a tile drain. No man can lay tile to grade accurately by eye, even if there is water running in the ditch at the time. Remember that it is your money that is paying for the drain and that it is your privflege to have it put in as you want it.

The only way to get the tile laid exactly to grade is to use targets. When an engineer lays out a line of the tile he sets a row of grade stakes, each one marked with the depth the ditch is to be at that point. When the ditch is down nearly to the required point targets are set up at these grade stakes. A target consists of an upright stick on each side of the ditch with a crossbar clamped to it. These crossbars should be adjusted so that they are level and just seven feet above the grade line. For instance, if the cut marked on the grade stake is four feet the crossbar should be three feet above the stake. After a number of these targets have been set a string is stretched across the tops of them. Then a measuring stick seven feet long will just reach from the string to the correct grade line. With one man to hold the measuring stick and another to scrape out the bottom of the ditch. it can be dug to grade very accurately. Of course both digging the ditch and laying the tile should begin at the outlet. Don't let the men stand on the bank and lay the tile with a hook Make them get down into the ditch and put them in by hand, standing on those already laid to hold them in place. By handling each tile any cracked or imperfect ones can be dis-

in covering the ditch. Reminders

covered and thrown out. After the

tile are laid a little dirt should be

scraped from the side of the ditch to

hold them in place. As soon as the

whole line is in no time should be lost

Mrs.-He said I reminded him of a Greek goddess, Mr.-Huh! Mrs.-What do I remind you of? Mr.-Of every darned thing I overlook that you ask me to do.-Cleveland Leader.

Answered. Bobby-What's the simple life, pa? Father-Doing your own work, my son. Bobby-And what's the strenuous life? Father-Doing some other fellow's