Detroiter Devises Economic Diet for His Horse

DETROIT.-With the thermometer registering near zero mark and nothing but a coal pile in the open as a sheltering and hiding place, Albert Lee Scott, special officer for the Highland Park Humane society, waited for five hours in the dark to trap a man who

wanted to make his horse a "vegetarian."



aged to say.

"I had been watching the man and his starved-looking 'critter' for several weeks," said Officer Scott, but I could not understand why the animal was in such poor shape. At last one of the man's neighbors told me that he did not believe the horse was being fed, as never had he seen hay or oats enter the barn door. "I investigated and, sure enough,

not a sign of hay or oats could be found inside the barn. In the manger a hole had been gnawed by the horse-it looked as if the animal was eating wood as a substitute for food. I crept to the barn window and, imagine my surprise, amusement, and indignation when I saw Mr. Man open a sack and draw forth a doughnut, which he fed to the half-starved horse. Then came a few cookles, raw potatoes, carrots, and sliced turnips. And as the bag dropped to the floor empty an apple came into sight and served as the

"'What do you mean by feeding a working horse on such grub as that?" I blurted out to the scared and amazed owner, who, from the look on his face, must have imagined that I had come up from the ground. 'Why-why, I'm making a vegetarian out of Ned, like myself,' he man-

"'You see, I've found out that old Ned can work a lot harder and longer on this diet than any other.' "I warned him to cut the diet short, no matter what the results, and he

Little Chicago Boy Wins a Pet Dog by Petition

CHICAGO.—Francis Stifler has a dog, a little fox terrier. But it took a long, persistent campaign of advertising and "follow-up" letter writing to break down the prejudice and opposition of two persons-his father and mother.

THERE'S HOTHING!

LIKE A DOCTO

MAKE A BOY

HAPPY

Rev. James Madison Stifler, pastor of the First Baptist church of Evanston, a suburb, had put his foot down and uttered an emphatic "no," which he believed ended the argument; Mrs. Stifler explained that her house would never be tidy and neat with a "pup" running loose in it, pulling the cloth off the table and sliding the rugs into a corner. But Francis, a precoclous youth of eleven years, wanted a dog and went after it in true American boy style. Letters be-

gan to appear in all parts of the house and many unexpected places. The first letter, placed in the family Bible, read: "Which would you rather have

-a sad boy and a clean floor or a happy boy and a floor with a few specks Mrs. Stifler smiled and showed the communication to her husband, but he said nothing. Still the letters came until one day the minister had a birth-

"What do you want for your birthday?" Francis asked his father.

"One day of rest," was the reply. No letters came that day, but instead a bar of music without notes, but

one long "rest." The letters began again the next day,

Then one day Francis bounded into the house bearing a petition signed by many neighbors and several members of Dr. Stifler's congregation, asking that the lad be permitted to have a dog. The obdurate father capitulated and the dog arrived very soon.

Piggy Visited a Basket Ball Game and a Church

ANSAS CITY .- The pig, with its tail curled up tight and scared to death In its own piggish way, cropped out first in the midst of basket ball game on the court of the Linwood school at Woodland avenue on a recent



afternoon. It got in the way of the ball, and after tumbling around a bit it picked itself up and dashed away. Away after it went the basket ball game, everything except the ball and the baskets. Following after went the spectators.

Two patrolmen not in uniform, E. Bricker and C. B. Chiles, saw the crowd from a distance and scented a riot. Away they went after the riot. Reaching it, they took the lead after the squealing, terrified pig.

Bricker got up close to his quarry, thought he had him, and dove. Piggy, greased with his own perspiration, slid out of Bricker's hands, leaving the patrolman in the dust.

Three blocks east on Linwood, in and out of yards, dodging behind apartments, through alleys went Piggy. After him went the crowd. Finally he doubled back and landed squarely in front of the Linwood Presbyterian church, almost where he had started. The church door seemed open, and in went the collection of ham, bacon, lard and feet. It was a treacherous refuge. The vestibule proved a blind alley. The patrolmen closed in and captured their prey after a good tussle, with Piggy's squeals raising the echoes.

Then a patrol wagon came and took Piggy and patrolmen to the Woodland avenue station, where he was placed in a cell. He weighs fifty pounds and has a white right leg. It is believed he escaped from some passing wagon carrying him and his relatives to slaughter.

Many Germs Ride in the New York Subway Trains

NEW YORK.—The health department has issued a warning to the public that a series of tests by four inspectors shows that subway air is heavily

IT'S AN IDEAL

PLACE FOR US

USN'T IT?

injury through short circuits, fires or explosives. Dr. William H. Park, director of the research laboratories, slides submitted by the inspectors:

found the following germs on the Haemolyzin streptococcus, which poisons the blood; staphlococcus pyogenes aureus, which causes boils and skin eruptions; streptococcus pyogenes, a similar micrococcus; pneumococcus lanceolatus, the pneumonia germ; micrococcus catarrhalis, which inflames the eyes, and bacillus

subtilis, which seems to have no particular mission. The method followed by the inspectors would not have shown tubercle bacilli if they existed, but these fine mounts so that he will have the footballers' battallon, now being the department is satisfied that since other organisms, several of which are spread by coughing, were present "it was clearly indicated that tubercle bacilli would be transmitted in crowded trains."

The investigation began at the Atlantic avenue station in Brooklyn, where the inspectors exposed to the air in an express train glass dishes containing a jellylike substance which attracts germs. After a sufficient interval the dishes were covered and the germs allowed to reproduce and multiply,

forming cultures or colonies These colonies number millions after the dishes are kept at body heat for a day, and can be seen easily with the miscroscope. On one plate exposed in a crowded downtown express train in Manhattan at 8:40 a. m., 68 colonies were counted, including pneumonia germs. There were 113

and highest sense, is sure to follow .- | he's cured, and I've got it. I'm h's

butcher."

colonies on a plate uncovered at 5 p. m. Popularity. Popularity, in the lowest and most common sense, is not worth having | pepsia, same as Brown had. His was Do your duty to the best of your power, win the approbation of your own er's bill. I directed him to stop conscience, and popularity, in its best

Sir John Parkington.

All the Doctor's Fault. Doctor-You have nervous dyscaused by worrying over his butchworrying." Stranger-"Yes, and now

YOU BET

GEORGE STALLINGS FEARFUL OF NUMBER 13 RIGLER'S PRIDE HURT



Manager George Stallings of Boston Braves.

In the general opinion the acquisition | tory. of Sherwood Magee by the world's "My chances, of course, at present share the popular belief were it not for | into a competent fighting unit. his ingrown superstition.

big three-Rudolph, James and Tyler. sition."

George T. Stallings, Boston's mira- | But, do you know, I have won just an cle man and leader of the Braves, is even dozen pennants, and I naturally one of the few major league man- regard with some apprehension the apagers who take nothing for granted. proaching obstacle to a thirteenth vic-

champions spells repeated success in appear more glowing than a year ago, 1915. The big chief might reasonably for the aggregation has been molded

"I do not believe such a heart-break-"I think," says Stallings, "that I ing finish will be necessary this year. have the best club in the league and Yet McGraw, a real wizard, cannot that it should win again with an even be counted out until the flag falls. break of luck. Magee is bound to Hans Lobert will help his club greatbolster the outfield, which showed the | ly, and if his pitching is as good as it only weakness last year, and I have should be the Giants will be mighty a number of very promising young hard to stop. I expect New York, as pitchers to share the honors with my usual, to furnish the liveliest oppo-

WHITNEY RETURNS TO POLO

Former Captain of "Big Four" Decides to Again Take Up Game-Has Many Fine Ponies.

Admirers of polo will be glad learn that Harry Payne Whitney, probably the greatest polo captain that ever guided a team to victory on the field, will take more personal interest in polo this year than he did last. In 1913 he was unable to play because he had injured a shoulder while hunting. He is now recovered and will take part in several games this season.

Mr. Whitney's return to the saddle does not necessarily mean that he will again be a member of the American team which will go to England after the cup. Even though he had not met with the accident early last year, he would not have played on the Big Four



Harry Payne Whitney.

team. Previous to the mishap he had declared that he would not be one of the members of the team that would defend the cup.

The reason he advanced was that the team. training necessary to perfect his physgerm laden, and travelers are in greater danger of infection than of death or | ical condition for the international polo series was too severe, and he did not care to undergo the ordeal. But will either finish first or last, accordwith Mr. Whitney in the saddle again this year, he may round into form looked for. gradually and thus lead up to the possibility of his being one of the American four who may challenge for the cup in 1916. The date of the challenge of the White Sox team, to which will depend on the continuation of the | Clarence Rowland replies that no one

Mr. Whitney now has 26 polo ponies in his training quarters. This is the biggest individually owned string in the country. Mr. Whitney is keeping England, has taken a commission in for sprains in dancing are many, and plenty of material to call upon when recruited for Kitchener's army. he starts to play next summer.

Fed Salaries Total \$600,000. with them since last season will re- the best chance in years of winning. ceive big increases in salary. Dalton, Fischer and Allen of the Brooklyn team have taken the leap; also Magee and Perritt of the Cardinals, Ed Konetchy of the Pirates, Charley Deal and Leslie Mann of the Braves, Berghammer of the Reds, Marshall of the Phillies, Bender and Plank of the Athletics, Hagerman of the In-Red Sox. The total salaries in the vision, is now a blossoming light-Federal league this year will exceed weight. Fair, fat and out of condi-rowing contests this year, and it is \$600,000, it is said. This means 2,400, tion, Herman weighs 145 pounds now, not at all certain that tennis enthus-60 25-cent admissions-an average of but intends to train and challenge all lasts will see competition for the three sides about six to eight inches \$00,000 for each club at home.

SPORTS

It is said golf adds 50 per cent to a ball player's efficiency.

Mike Gonzales, the Reds' Cuban catcher, won the pennant this winter in the Cuban league,

busy getting the Cardinals in line, hasn't signed a contract himself.

President Gilmore of the Feds has kept one promise-that the outlaw champions will remain in Indianapolis this year.

The bill to repeal the Frawley law and abolish the New York state boxing commission has been introduced at Albany.

Iowa is the latest state to boom boxing, and it is expected the lawmakers will dope out a scheme for a commission.

A Chattanooga man wants to pray the St. Louis Browns into the pennant. If he can do that, converting the world will be easy. Pitcher Bill Malarkey balked on the

salary offered him by Salt Lake City

and was given his outright release. Then Oakland signed him. Capablanca played 64 games of chess at once; When he gets so he

can play 170 at once the game may get exciting enough to get applause. . . .

Third baseman Eddie Justice, with Peoria last year, but made a free agent, has signed with Dubuque, where he will be field captain of the

Joe Birmingham announces that his Naps are an exclusive ball team. They ing to Joe, and no happy mediums are

would not trade Bert Shotton for half invited him to. . . .

Branch Rickey declares that he

Vivian I. Woodward, perhaps the most noted amateur soccer player in

For the first time in a score of years no one has had the nerve to It is freely admitted by the Feder- pick the Pirates as pennant winners. als that players who have signed Which indicates that the Pirates have

> John G. Anderson is out with a boost for the organization of a golf professionals' association. The main grab the national open golf championobject seems to be to eliminate the unskilled pro who works for a small

> Kid Herman, who used to make England a batting average of 1.000 in the lightweights.

TOWHEE KILLS BEETLES IN EARLY SPRING



"Towhee"-The Upper Part of Body Is Black; the Under White and the Sides Chestnut.

ment of Agriculture.) After snow has disappeared in the ment, and a few minutes before game time I walked out of the dressing room to the home plate. I had to walk the the leaves near a fence or in a thicket swelled to twice its normal size until of beetles and larvae of insects harm these fenders when the sow lies down. found Teddy Roosevelt had entered ful to crops, which have been spend-

pire a game between the Army and

Navy teams. The two major leagues

alternated each year in supplying an

"I was quite proud of my assign-

Umpire Rigler.

and Ages of Men for Its Follow-

ers-John McGraw Is Latest.

and types of men for its followers.

other great ballplayers had turned to

chasing the little white ball across the

green brought many followers to the

game. They even report that John

J. McGraw of the Giants is about to

take up the pastime of John D. Rocke-

The report, however, seems to be

based on nothing more tangible than

the fact that "Jawn" was presented

The army of fanatics who play the

game in this country was increased

last year by more than 50,000, accord-

ing to representatives of golf supply

Harvard Bars the Tango.

There will be no modern dancing for

Harvard's track athletes if Coaches

Donovan and Powers know of it. The

are all right in their place. Athletes,

in training. They hold the chances

bring on a breakdown, the coaches

Will Bid for Golf Title.

to best word relayed here from Lon-

England will bid actively for just

with a fine assortment of golf sticks.

feller and other notables.

houses.

g.ver.

Davis cup.

could hardly see the chart.

the field just as I had emerged from Ing the winter under old leaves.

umpire for this game.

cheering was for him.

of a test it would be.

or forward.

the dressing-room, and that all the The good which the towhee does in this way can hardly be overestimated, "About five years ago the National since the death of a single insect at Essential Requirements Are Normal league decreed that all its umpires this time, before it has had an oppormust have their eyes tested. Like tunity to deposit its eggs, is equivamost of the umps, I worried a bit about | lent to the destruction of a host later this because I didn't know what kind in the year. The towhee has also "I borrowed one of the charts used fields and feeding upon the potato is bound up in the one word "comby opticians, and learned every line beetle. Its vegetable food consists of fort." The normal amount of heat, of letters on it so that I could recite seeds and small wild fruits, but no clean quarters, good, fresh air with each, letter for letter, either backward | complaint on this score is known to | plenty of room and exercise-these "One day I was passing through the tion goes, the bird never touches either they must be supplied. Good breeding Colonial arcade in Cleveland with Um | cultivated fruit or grain; in fact, it has more to do with healthy chicks

> southern half of the country. Naturalthrasher, it lives in much the same places, though it is more given to by the careful selection of breeders. haunting hedgerows along roads and

fences. "Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmer" is the title of Farmers' Bulletin No. 630 of the United States de age and condition of the breeding partment of agriculture, which describes other useful birds. The pamph- sure to follow where immature pullet may be had by applying to the department.

nancy.

The breeding season for spring litat hand.

is she keeping up her own bodily func- after being laid the better. tions, but the development of the litter is an increasing drain on her system. CLOVER UPON WINTER WHEAT Feeding at this time should be liberal, although it need not be so heavy as Practice Found to Have Number of after the pigs are farrowed. The dow as we passed. When we had sow's condition should be "good" neiwalked on about ninety feet, I asked ther too fat nor too lean. A very fat Bill if he could read the letters on the sow is apt to be clumsy with her pigs, chart. Bill said he couldn't-that he and some times her pigs are lacking in vitality. The very thin sow will "When I told him I could, he offered either not do justice to her pigs, or to buy the dinner that evening if I will become a mere wreck herself dur-Manager Huggins, who has been so made good. I recited my little piece ing the time she is nursing her litter perfectly, and when Bill examined the and the chances are that both these chart and found I was correct, he felt things will happen. The necessity of pretty shaky about his eyesight. But exercise must not under any circumhis spirits rose again when I took him stances be overlooked. This may be to the optician's place, turned my back provided by a large lot or even driving to the chart and spoke my little piece the hogs slowly for a short distance

each day. In the second place, the main demands upon the sow are those for the GOLF IS GAINING CONVERTS building of new tissue. Therefore, the kind of feed is important. The nitro-Sport Now Reaches Into All Types genous or protein bearing feeds are needed at this time. These are bran, oil meal, peas, beans, oats and barley. The clovers, alfalfa, peas, beans, Without a doubt the game of golf vetches etc., are also of much value is gaining converts, perhaps more rapto the brood sow. Special emphysis idly than any other sport. Once should be laid on the condition of the looked upon as distinctly the sport bowels during pregnancy and particuof the men of some age and avoirlarly at farrowing, the special danger dupois, it reaches now into all ages to be avoided being constipation. The grain ration should be given as slop Wide press agenting, one golf expert and toward the close of the period of declares, is responsible for the adgestation, oil meal, or a small amount vance in golfing. Word that sturdy of flax meal should be introduced into athletes like Christy Mathewson and

the ration. Corn should not be fed in large amounts to breeding stock, because it does not furnish enough bone-andmuscle-forming constituents to properly develop the unborn pigs. If possible, corn should not be fed at all to any but fattening animals.

Hog Craves Green Feed.

needed to keep the sow in good condition on account of the absence of pasture. Not only does the hog's system erave green feed, but more or less bulk is demanded. To offset the lack of green feed, nothing surpasses roots These may be sliced or pulped and mixed with the grain or may be given whole as a noon feed. Care must be used in feeding roots, as they are laxative in effect, and if fed in excessive amounts, may bring about profuse ac-Crimson coaches have no place on tion of the bowels. Some eastern their teams for tango dancers, alfarmers recommend the use of silage. though both admit that the dances clover, alfalfa, hay, sheaf oats or corn fodder to supply the bulky requirement of the ration. Charcoal, ashes, however, get enough exercise as it is lime, and salt should be accessible at Article of Highest Quality Means Sevall times. These act as a vermifuge overindulgence in exercise might and preventive of disease and meet

one athletic title this year, according should look upon her attendant as a friend. don. Participation in practically all The brood sows may run together sport branches is knocked out by the up to within two weeks of farrowing periment station with some ten or time; then it is well to separate them, war, but Harry Vardon will try to placing each sow by herself in a yard with a small house, which should be ship, and only Francis Ouimet and Chick Evans are conceded chances of dry, airy, and clean. A great deal of beating the Englishman. If Vardon exercise will not now be necessary. carries off the honors, he will give The feed should be reduced somewhat and if there is any tendency to constidians, and Bedient and Yerkes of the things hum in the bantamweight di- the international contest series. There pation, a slight change of feed may be

the hog's craving for mineral matter

in the feed. During the entire period

care should be taken to keep the sys-

tem well toned. The sow should be-

come accustomed to being handled and

will be no international polo and no necessary. The farrowing pen should be provided with fenders around at least from the floor and six to eight inches to warm up ice-cold feed.

(Prepared by the United States Depart- | from the wall, These should be strong enough to support the weight of the sow should she lie on them. They are early spring an investigation among constructed to protect the pigs from being lain upon during the first few full length of the field and, to my will often disclose the little bird days of their lives. This will go far great surprise and pleasure, every step known as the towhee, chewink, or to prevent a very fruitful cause of I took was marked by the loudest ground robin, scratching for his dinner loss among young pigs for the little cheering I ever heard. My chest like a hen. This dinner will consist fellows will soon learn to creep under

COMFORT FOR YOUNG CHICKS

Heat, Clean Quarters, Fresh Air and Proper Exercise.

The care of the young chick, from been credited with visiting potato the time it is hatched until it is sold, have been made. So far as observa- are the essential requirements, and pire Pilly Evans. I called his attent is too shy and retiring even to stay and normal growth than good incubation to a chart in an optician's win about gardens for any length of time. tion. Many persons can hatch large The towhee breeds from the middle numbers of chicks, but comparatively states northward and winters in the few can raise them successfully. The experienced breeder begins long before ly associated with cathird and brown the hatching season to prepare for the management of his growing stock,

Labor and feed will avail little or nothing if the chicks do not inherit a strong, vigorous constitution. This quality is entirely dependent upon the stock. Discouragement and failure are lets, diseased hens, or hens of low vitality are used as breeders. Only Management of the Sow During Preg- strong, vigorous hens which have passed their first year as layers should go into the breeding pens. The eggs ters has just passed and the time for from such hens which have been the sow to give birth to her young is mated to large, healthy cockerels, should be gathered carefully and kept During pregnancy two facts must be in a temperature of not more than 60 borne in mind. The first is that the degrees, and 50 will not do any harm. sow is doing double duty. Not only The sooner the eggs are incubated

Advantages-Firm, Compact Seed Bed Is Required.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.) Many farmers make a practice of sowing their clover seed upon the winter wheat early in the spring, depending upon the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground to work the seed down into the crevices.

I have made it a practice to sow my clover seed on winter wheat in the spring for a number of years and find that it has a number of advantages. Grass and clover seed require a firm, compact seed bed.

In my own practice I prefer to delay the sowing of the clover seed until the ground is dry enough to harrow and apply the seed with a wheelbarrow seeder and give the wheat a harrowing with a light smoothing harrow with the teeth set well aslant. This covers the clover seeds and proves very beneficial to the wheat crop, especially during the dry seasons. Either method is preferable to sowing seed with spring grain crops.

SUPERIOR RATIONS FOR COW

Combinations Worked Out by Nebraska Agricultural College-Alfalfa Forms Big Part.

The best rations for the dairy cow, according to the most recent investigations of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, are as follows for a 1,200pound dairy cow of the proper sort and producing 30 pounds of milk daily:

During the winter more care will be Ration No. 1-Twelve pounds of alfalfa, 36 pounds of corn silage, 4 pounds of ground corn and 3 pounds of bran.

Ration No. 2-Where silage is not available. Fifteen pounds of alfalfa, 6 pounds of ground corn, 8 pounds of corn stover and 2 pounds of gluten

Ration No. 3-Where neither silage nor alfalfa are available. Twelve pounds of millet, 12 pounds of sorghum hay, 2 pounds of ground corn and 3 pounds of oil meal.

SEED AN IMPORTANT MATTER

eral Dollars More to the Acre in Net Returns.

(By LE ROY CADY, Associate Horticulturist, Minnesota Experiment Station.) Good seed is an important matter with the gardener as well as the farmer. It never pays to buy cheap seed. Experiments were carried on a year or two ago by the Pennsylvania exmore strains of cabbage seed of the same varieties from different firms.

to 10 or 15 tons an acre, according to the strain of seed. The seed of the highest quality meant several dollars more to the acre in net returns, even if it did cost

They found variations of yield from

a few cents more a pound. Wasted Energy. It takes a lot of the hen's energy