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FOOD CONSUMPTION GROWING

American People Are Not Eating More, but the Number to Be Fed Increases Rapidly.

In 1899 the American hen laid eggs in sufficient numbers during the calendar year to amount to seventeen dozen for each inhabitant of the United States.

The per capita product of milk in the year 1899 was 95.6 gallons per annum. To maintain this per capita for the benefit of our increment of population, says the Atlantic, the milk supply in the year 1910 must exceed that of 1899 by 1,242,800,000 gallons.

To maintain butter, of which the per capita amount produced in 1899 was fourteen pounds, at the same per capita in 1910 the aggregate production must exceed the former figure by 182,000,000 pounds.

Of potatoes, the other staple of human consumption, the per capita product at the last census was about four bushels; hence in 1910 to maintain the potato supply for our newcomers but not to increase it for the rest of the community to the extent of even one potato each (one potato apiece means approximately 180,000 bushels), there must be raised 52,000,000 bushels more of this homely but useful vegetable than were reported in 1899.

What this product means is best noted by observing that to supply it would consume the entire potato crop as reported at the last census of the state of California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland and North Carolina.

Penny Post Increased Mails.

The mails from England to the United States are heavier by 32 per cent, since the postage was reduced to 3 cents, says the British postmaster general's annual report, which has just appeared. Among the mass of facts and figures given by the report another notable feature is that Londoners are now writing fewer letters and are using the telephone more.

Absent But Not Forgotten.

"One morning when we were in some continental city," says Carl Harris, just back from a trip to Europe with former Mayor George W. Gardner, D. C. McIntyre and A. A. Schantz, "Commodore Gardner and I sat down for breakfast at a hotel where American newspapers were sold. We went out to the newsstand and bought two copies of the Leader and started to enjoy them while our mutton chops were on the fire.

Receipts for the Baby.

It is a remarkable fact that no other race has shown more skill, ingenuity and careful thought in the preparation of receptacles for the baby than have the American Indians. Of course, there are hamper, baby baskets and gilded baby carriages in the department stores and in the homes of the wealthy that in costliness and elaboration surpasses the wildest dreams of the red mother of the western plains; but these are exceptional, and at best are mere articles of commerce, to be bought like a pair of shoes or any other commodity, and discarded with out a thought when no longer needed.

Where Peter Learned Shipbuilding.

Emperor Nicholas will present to Zaandam, in Holland, a statue of Peter the Great. It was in this village, it will be remembered, that Peter learned shipbuilding for the benefit of his country. The house in which he lived has long been a place of pilgrimage for foreign visitors visiting Holland. It was restored and included for its preservation by Emperor Nicholas' grandfather.

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HOPE OF ARID WEST

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The mountains are awe inspiring. We will never forget the evening we first got a glimpse of this picturesque pile. We were on the sweeping Platte river valley, journeying westward toward Montana, the land of gold. The mountain lay like a bank of clouds against the western sky, writes R. N. Sutherland of Great Falls in the Dakota Farmer.

The teamster who drove the wagon was kind enough to turn the wagon so we could see the dark, irregular ridge against the blue sky and we watched with boyish eagerness from our sick bed the sun go down, but we little dreamed that that grand mountain range was or could be made the source of life almost beyond computation.

It is something of an art to irrigate cantaloupes properly. In the early stages of growth water should be given quite sparingly so that the roots will seek the moisture deep in the ground. This will give a good hold and provide larger vines.

Forage Lands in Montana. Much of the irrigated lands of Montana are being devoted to growing alfalfa and other forage for sheep and cattle, and as the many mountain valleys are brought under water this, we believe, will prove one of the most remunerative uses to which they can be put, says an exchange.

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BEETS ARE UNCERTAIN CROP

However, One Farmer Cleared \$47.60 Per Acre—Raisers Use Too Much Water.

One of the beet growers of the western slope has kept tab on the acre cost of growing such a crop and gives the following: For plowing, harrowing, planting, cultivating, irrigating, topping and hauling to railroad, the cost was this year \$43 the acre, which is a pretty stiff tax for such an uncertain crop.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Interview Causes Stir in Washington



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Washington is dull and stupid. Society there is provincial. To get to New York is heaven to me, for there is so much to do besides paying and receiving calls and callers and drinking tea and going through the drier round of formal and uninteresting social events.

to shop. Then, your theaters, opera and concerts are so wonderful. In fact, New York is one of the most fascinating cities in the world. It is all life and color and impulse.

Logically, of course, Washington should be the social center of the country. It never will be, however, for no city can take the honors away from New York.

She came back home in a state of nervous collapse, declared she never said a word of it and that Washington is perfectly lovely.

The baroness was a widow when she married Mr. Ladislaus Hengelmuller von Hengervar, and it never pleased her at all that he was a plain "Mr." She was never quite happy until she secured her husband the ambassadorship from Austro-Hungary, and then a few years ago she got him created a baron.

Violate Law Covering Abuse of Coins



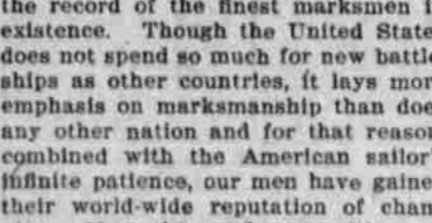
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID BUT I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN

THE carelessness or ignorance of big firms in observing the federal laws governing abuse of coins costs them thousands of dollars yearly. Just recently a Chicago company came to grief which would have saved itself and the government much trouble and expense if it had read the following law:

"Whoever fraudulently, by any act, way or means shall deface, mutilate, impair, diminish, falsify or lighten . . . the gold or silver coins which have been or which may hereafter be coined in the mint of the United States . . . shall be fined not more than \$2,000 and imprisonment of not more than five years."

Some clever advertiser conceived the idea of an "ad." of metal just the size of a dime, with the wording and printing placed in such a way that at first glance it would appear as a dime.

Uncle Sam's Gunners Are Unequaled



AMONG the navies of the world the American sailors have long held the record of the finest marksmen in existence.

The average age for pulllets of the medium sized breeds to begin laying is between six and seven months. Infertile eggs taken from the incubator need not be an entire loss. They may be boiled and used as chick food.

Plenty of bone all the time. If you haven't a cutter use an old six of a hatchet, but break the bone in small pieces.

During the winter months, when green food is scarce, turnips, swedes, mangels or potatoes form an excellent substitute.

Pigeon-grass is becoming widely distributed in the east. The seed has much nutritive value and is fine for turkeys and chickens.

Sell off all the scrub stock and keep nothing but fowls of good quality. This is the rule of every thoroughly successful poultry farmer.

get shooting held off Cape Henry. During the practice in which she won her championship the sailors of the Idaho shattered targets at 10,000 yards distance. Had the little vessel been in battle she would have shattered in five minutes a battleship at a distance of five miles, had she shot with the same accuracy.

The gunner begins in the ordnance shops at Washington, where he is instructed in the rudiments of the art. He is kept at his studies six days a week from eight o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon.

Then he is turned over to a battleship, where he is given the position of gun pointer in charge of an instructor who knows the business from top to bottom, and at this gun he sticks until his superiors think him eminently trustworthy, when he is allowed to participate in maneuvers.

Christmas Among Capital's Asiatics



YOU WILL COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR WON'T YOU SANTA?

THE tiny representatives of all the nations represented at the national capital celebrated Christmas, each with some peculiar custom brought from his own far-off land.

Although the Christian significance of the Saviour's birth is absent from the Oriental celebration of Christmas, yet the festive spirit of the season appeals no less to the boys and girls from far-off China and Japan than to their little American playmates.

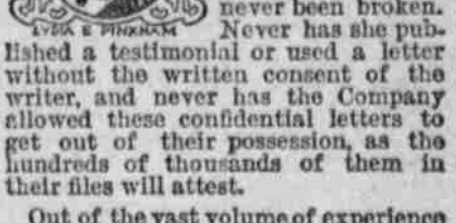
much gaiety during the holiday weeks. For the eldest of the ambassador's daughters, Miss Alice Chang, is only twelve years old and still retains many childish tastes.

Santa Claus did not neglect Arkira and Sada Matsui, the tiny son and daughter of the counselor of the Japanese embassy, Keishiro Matsui.

Among the legation youngsters who this year spent their first Christmas in Washington are the children of the newly arrived Norwegian minister, H. H. Bryn. There were "high doings" at the legation, too, for the Christmas tree is a native of Norway and old Santa Claus thrives best of all in the climate of ice and snow, to which the Bryn children were born.

FREE ADVICE TO WOMEN

Women suffering from any form of illness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women.



Every woman ought to have Lydia E. Pinkham's 80-page Text Book. It is not a book for general distribution, as it is too expensive. It is free and only obtainable by mail.

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And it sometimes happens that a man likes to have his wife get so mad she won't speak to him—then she will not ask him for money.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets first put up 40 years ago. They regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

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Companions in Misery. Ella—For all sad words of tongue or pen— Stella—Forget it; I'm an old maid myself.

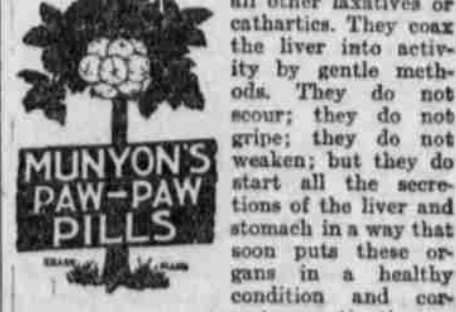
Not Serious. "I hear there are grave charges against Senator Jinks." "What are they?" "The sexton's bills."—Baltimore American.

In Different Parts of the House. Caller (to little daughter of the house)—Hullo, dear? Where are you off to? Daughter of the House—I'm just going up to watch Marie do mother's hair.

Caller—Oh, dear! Then I'm afraid we shan't be able to see your mother. Daughter of the House—Oh, yes; you'll find her down there in the drawing room.

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Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills are a tonic to the stomach, liver and nerves. They invigorate instead of weaken; they enrich the blood instead of impoverish it; they enable the stomach to get all the nourishment from food that is put into it.

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