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GROWTH OF COMMERCE.

The great manufacturing nations, the great producing nations, such as Great Britain, Germany, France and the United States combined, have not more than one-sixth the population of the globe, and it can be said with approximate accuracy that the other fivesixths are to a very great degree their customers, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Fully one-half of the world's population are as yet only fractionally. supplied with articles necessary for civilized existence. The 70,000,000 of people to the south of us on the Amerlean continent when fully employed. as some day they will be, in producing from their lands, their forests and their mines, will make our manufacturers wealthy through their demands for what our own industrial districts can output. Commerce is pushing its way up every great and small river of South America, it is crossing the Andes over a thousand trails, and where but one railway across South America from ocean to ocean now runs, within a score of years there will be several other lines from the Pacific to the navigable waters of the great rivers of the north and the center. The world's commerce of today, huge as it seems, is small compared with that of the future either in tonnage or in value.

Discussion of women's manners in public will not down. Sometimes it is women who complain of being jolt ed in crowds or of being compelled to stand in street cars while men occupy the seats, says the Boston Globe Sometimes it is men who murmur be cause some women in public often seen to ignore the fundamental rules of good breeding. It is noticeable that most of the criticisms of women's pub-Ilc manners are evoked by the con duct a well-dressed or stylish and ap parently well-to-do woman, seldom by the bearing of working women or girls. The woman who puts down s \$20 or a \$10 bill at the ticket office window, holds up a lengthening line while she counts her change and glares furiously if a man puts down his nickel before she has picked up the last bit of change; the woman who never moves along in a car to make room for another woman; the woman who deliberately takes up as much time as possible at the store counter while other customers are waiting-these women commonly look like persons of refinement. No doubt they are kind-hearted and gentle-mannered in their own homes and in their own circles.

A New York woman who has had five divorces still favors matrimony She probably finds that if one does not take it too seriously there is a lot of fun and excitement to be had from it

A Baltimore preacher claims that Atlas, who held up the world, was s woman. If he succeeds in proving it we shall have to change the name to Atlasetta or Atlasine.

A Chicagoan eighty-three years of age has taken out a license to marry a lady seventy years old from whom he was divorced 35 years ago. They repented at leisure.

A school of music has been in operation for some time in Bangkok Slam. Now we know where some of the vaudeville songs come from.

One of our clergymen proposes to sbolish the old method of dancing He wants girls to dance with girls and boys to dance with boys. Piffle. as Aristotle once said.

A Philadelphia woman wants a divorce because her husband threw a clock at her. Gallant men everywhere will agree that that is no way to bring a lady to time.

A New York mother failed to rec ognize her boy with a clean face. With all due allowance for the water fam ine in the metropolis we had hardly thought it was as scarce as that.

Treasure seekers have found \$15, 000,000 in Honduras, according to report. If this treasure is no impostor it is made up of Spanish doubloons and pieces of eight.

A German doctor reports his discovery of a hay fever serum. He should hurry and get it on the market for the coming season.

Gunners are facing a possible closed season of two years all over the country. This ought to help materially in lowering mortality statistics.

A Connecticut schoolma'am is in trouble with her constituency because she "wears too smart clothes." Hobble or harem?

A good many men are strong enough to resist the temptation to steal an umbrella-that is, on a sunny day.

## THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE POINTS ON ALFALFA

Presence of Moisture Is Key to Success in Securing Stand.

Water Often and Do Not Fall to Irrigate in Late Summer and Fall if Best Results Are Wanted-Preparation of Soil Needed.

(By PHILO K. BLINN, Alfalfa Special 1st. Colorado Agricultural College.) Moisture in the subsoil is as

essential as the moisture for germination, to insure a stand of alfalfa. If the subsoil is dry, there must be irrigation soon after seeding. 2. Sow only on a well prepared, settled seed bed; loose, newly plowed

soil is immediately settled by heavy rains or irrigation. 3. Sow alfalfa seed early if moisture is available; if not, sow at the season when there is the greatest

prospect for moisture from rains or

soil is a bazardous risk, unless the

irrigation. 4. Sow alfalfa seed shallow, not more than one inch deep. Broadcast and then harrowing is usually a successul method, if moisture is present; but a press-shoe-drill seeding. about an inch in depth, would be an ideal method of seeding broadcast fields for hay production.

Sow northern, acclimated strains of alfalfa. The Arabian and any of the tropical strains of alfalfa are not hardy in southern Colorado.

6. Ten to twelve pounds of firstgrade seed is plenty to sow per acre: that will be at least fifty seeds per square foot, which will be ample if conditions are right. Thorough preparation is cheaper than 20 to 30 pounds sown where the conditions are uncertain

Sow with a nurse crop only when there is plenty of water for irrigation. Oats, barley, and wheat are good nurse crops, but should be sown at least two-thirds of a usual seeding for grain.

Spring seeded nurse crops should be cut for hay, rather than left to ripen for grain, as the young alfalfa will usually suffer for water before the grain is ripe and the field cleared and frrigated.

9. On land inclined to blow, sow alfalfa in grain or cane stubble without plowing. The atubble checks the wind and does not rob the plant for

10. Irrigate often, and no not fall to irrigate in late summer and fall, if you want the best results from your stand of young alfalfa.

11. Keep down the weeds. Better seed alfalfa on clean land, but cut off with a mower if the weeds get started. Do not clip alfalfa until the crown buds have developed. Grasshoppers often injure a stand of alfalfa by eating off the leaves and top before the buds have started at the surface of the ground. Early seeding is preferred on this account.

## GROUND FEED IS GREAT AID

Part of Work of Digestion Has Been Accomplished by Artificial Grinding and Energy Saved.

(By A. G. PHILLIPS.) Many poultrymen now grind part of their chicken feed into a meal so that it can be fed either wet or dry in the form of mush. It has been found that in forcing chickens for quick growth or egg-producing, fading a portion of

ground feed is a great help. Part of the work of digestion has been accomplished by the artificial grinding and the hen so fed can use the energy thus saved for something size. That is the real advantage of feeding ground grain.

The general concensus of opinion at the present time, is that the dry mash is more desirable than wet. Many practical poultrymen, however, still prefer the wet mash. Labor is one of the greatest problems that the poultryman has to consider, consequently if he can find a method which will be labor-saving and yet give results, it is worth consideration.

Dry mash fed in hoppers is easier to handle than any kind of wet mash. Hoppers are now made which are rat-proof, sanitary and convenient. These can be filled once a week and are found to be satisfactory.

Experiments have proved that eggs produced by hens fed a dry mash were more fertile than those laid by hens fed a wet mash. Wet mash is slightly nore forcing, is inconvenient to feed and requires care in keeping the feeding vessel clean.

## Asparagus Culture.

Asparagus is not all difficult to start when proper conditions are provided. It is surprising how fast the young plants grow when strong roots are planted in moist soil and covered with not more than two inches of soil. The furrows are filled in gradually until the crowns are six inches or more below the surface.

at Concord, Mass., has developed a rust-resistant variety. This will probably be worth millions of dollars to a flue. As soon as the fire is started growers in the United States. It will a draft is created through the augur also render unnecessary the moving and burning of the tops in the fall of the year, but the tops may be left in the fields, thus adding to the supply found effective, though it takes time. of the soil humus.

## Care for Brood Sow.

It is not only necessary to properly Britain with its 88,000 square miles. feed and care for the brood sow bofore and after breeding, but it is equally necessary to feed her judiciously throughout the entire time she te carrying her litter.

### SECURE APPLES OF QUALITY

Best Growers Keep Water Away From Thirty to Fifty Days Before Ripening.

The smaller varieties of apples need the most thinning of course Such things as Genetons, Missouri Pippins, Winter Pearmains need the most; then come the Winesap, Jonathan, Gano, Ben Davis and the larger varieties. The Arkansas Black needs every little thinning if properly proped and the frost did all the necessary thinning this year as it did also with the Winesap. It is of course absurd to thin a ten-box tree down to one box expecting thereby to get an enormous size of apples for that one box, although this might be done for show purposes if one has plenty of fruit. A good normal growth and yield of fruit is better than a finsh crop-better for the tree and fruit, A grower may cultivate and water and keep the pests off the trees, force the growth and ye, not get good colored fruits nor have them matured right, no matter how much or how little ne thins. Unless good attention is given to maturing the fruit and the lids, if watering is kept up late the result will be very few apples but a big leafgrowth, a superabundance of tender, green wood and some big. green apples. The best growers have learned to ripen and color these api by keeping the water off from thirty to fifty days before picking. Different soils however need different treatment. It is at this period the apples get their flavor and keeping qual-

### POTATO SHOULD BE DITCHED

When Practiced Roots and Food Soil Will Be Dampened-Flat Land Must Be Well Graded.

Potatoes should be ditched for irrigation so that the roots and their food soil will be dampened, but so the water will not puddle nor pack the surface or body of the soil above or around the tubers. This means that on flat land the ditches must be large and deep to allow the water to run along the row and nowhere to go too high. Flat lands must be well graded, moreover, so there will be no hummocks to back up the water nor hollows to cause flooding. On flat lands the two way plow should be used so that there may be neither back furrows, nor dead furrows, and it is 4 ways very essential to have a good open tail race to leave no chuck-up in the backwater but this water can be used over again further down.

#### POULTRY NOTES.

Coarse sand makes an excellent grit for very young chickens. Exposure to cold rains is injurious to the health of the fowls.

Select chicks as soon as hatched; cut off heads of weaklings. It is important that the birds be

kept in dry, sanitary houses. Granulated rolled oats make an excellent food for young chickens.

In most breeds cockerels will crow at or before five months of age. Half-inch mesh wire netting tacked on floor joists will keep out rats. Geese are grazers and need a pas-

ture. They do not thrive confined. In feeding poultry average a handful to each fowl, and scatter well. An ounce of common sense care is worth pounds of curative medicines. Look out for the small unsuspected drafts-they cause colds and roup.

Turkey hens are profitable until the fifth year. Change males annually. Poultry houses should have double west and north walls, if practicable. A liberal supply of whitewash is the

best disinfectant for poultry houses. Chicks should have free access to some kind of grit after the first day. The hen that molts early is the one that will make the best winter layer. Water is not imperative in duck raising, but alds breeders in keeping down

fat. Build droppings boards 18 inches above ground and ten inches beneath

If well fattened, Toulouse geese at three years of age will weigh 50 pounds per pair.

Keep the dust box supplied with nice clean dust, and see that the grit, box is never empty.

Keeping many breeds is a poor way to succeed. Get down to one or two varieties and give them the best of

If the hens were compelled to work a little harder these days for what grain they get it would be a good thing for them.

A Stump Remover. An easy way to remove stumps. where time is not an object, is to dig a trench beside the stump and then to bore a diagonal hole through the stump so that the lower end of the hole will be near the top of the trench and the uper end some distance above the ground. Build a fire The asparagus experiment station in the trench and partially cover it so that the flame will draw through the augur hole like it would through hole and this helps to fire the stump much more rapidly. This method requires no great equipment and will be

> True Value of Sheep. There are 27,119,000 sheep in Great New York state has 1,131,000 sheep with its 49,000 square miles. These figures show how tremendously short American farmers are in their understanding of the true value of sheep.



## Washington Has a Plague of Cranks



ASHINGTON .- Every crank = in the country that doesn't know what fool thing to do with himself gets on the train and tells the conductor to put him off at Washington -thinks he must see the president. If the wheels in the head of some lunatic in Bangor, Me., or Tombstone, Ariz, get to working overtime he heads for Washington to show the president the mechanism. If some long-haired lunatic in Oshkosh builds a wheelbarrow out of a soap box and a sifter rim he won't be happy till he's trundled it 'cross country to Washington and has the president come out on the front porch and look

dent leaves, there's a perfect deluge can't get out of seeing the crank. of cranks that have ridden horseback in one day-three, to be exact. One about his eccentricities,

was a man riding a burro from San Diego to Boston on a bet, and the other two were a man and his wife from some insane place out west. They had sworn on the bones of the saints or something that they would walk into every state in the Union within a twelvemonth; they had already been in seventeen, and, having thus acquired fame, came to Washington to show themselves to the president.

Then there's the lunatic who tramps across country on a wager that he can go from ocean to ocean on a dollar and thirty-seven cents. There must be a hundred of him every year, and he generally brings a letter to the president from the mayor of the little town be comes from . And these are just a few of them; if I'd put down the names of all this breed of cranks that turn up here to see the president in six months it would be longer than the list of applicants for a vacant consulship. The trouble is, Every summer, before the presi. the president, in many instances,

With the cunning of one of his kind, from Dawson City or driven an ox he generally goes straight to one of team from some town out beyond the the local papers. The paper takes Rockies, says a White house attache. him up, prints his photograph and Recently we had two of these idiots publishes his vain-glorious interview

## Inspectors Are Busy Watching Frauds

THE efforts of the government and the various states to provide pure food for the people of the country has brought, about a higher quality of foodstuffs, but it has not deterred the inventive genius of the country from trying to work out schemes for substitutes and adulterations

State food and drug inspectors receive scores of letters and circulars from alleged chemists and get-richquick men who would make grocers and butchers their tools.

Probably the worst adulteration department is a butter emulsion which will cause the butter to absorb its exact weight in water and still prevent the butter eaters knowing it. Take a pound of butter and a pound of water and a spoonful of this emulsion, work the three together for about ten minutes, and there is two pounds of butter and no water. The difference between this watered butter and the real article.

also has a scheme for making apple and a pledge to secrecy.



butter with one apple to the gallon of butter and at a cost of one-fourth the real article.

A man in Rochester, N. Y., devel oped a plan of treating sawdust with molasses to use in adulterating spices. that has come to the attention of the One part of the real spice and three parts of sawdust made the product, which could not be detected by the eye or tongue.

Frauds in flavoring extracts and maple syrup have been common. A Vermont man has offered a recipe to grocers so that they can make the maple syrup they purchase into an adulterated product, three gallons of average housewife could not tell the fraudulent syrup to one-half gallon of the real syrup.

A man in Tennessee has developed for increasing the weight of parched a scheme by which he can make a coffee, preserving eggs, useless bak pure apple cider vinegar at an actual ing powders, making mincemeat and cost of four cents a gallon, and using tomato catsup at reduced cost by hire the woman. actual chemical test. The same chap for them. The price is usually \$10

### one apple for each gallon. The fraud using little meat or tomatoes. The could not be detected except by an grocer, to get the recipes, must pay

# Scurrying Little Senate Messengers



VISITORS in the galleries of the senate chamber are always interested in the bright little messengers who scurry about bent on errands for the senators. These pages live officially in an age limit. They must be no less than twelve nor more than sixteen years old. His seventeenth birthday is usually a sorry day for the page boy for it may be long before he can mental effort

going on whether the senate is in its students.

session or not. The pages are never removed on account of politics. The boys of the senate wear knee breeches, neat little round-abouts, silk stockings and well-polished shoes Their faces and hands are clean, their hair carefully brushed and each one of them looks as if he had just come out of a bandbox. The duties of a page today are substantially the same as were required at the beginning of the government.

Sometimes the boys are not dismissed when they reach the age limit. Exceptionally bright pages have been retained as riding pages, whose duty it is to carry messages for senators to executive departments have so good an income; certainly and to all points in the national capimany years before he can earn so tal. Others have been promoted to much with so little physical and the position of deputy sergeant-atarms of the senate, or as superin-The boys are employed during the tendent of pages on the Democratic sessions of the senate a \$2.50 a day; or Republican side of the senate. The and that means 30 or 31 days a boys attend night school and by month, whether the senate is in ses- listening to debates and by reading sion every day or not. There are now the congressional record are receiving fourteen pages on the floor of the educations on national affairs and on senate, and four riding pages. The economics such an no university in latter receive \$950 a year, their pay the world could afford to provide for

## New Senators Laugh at Silence Rule practically abolish pastry and ples

LL the new members of the senate ! A seem to have "lit a talkin'," as the southern mountaineers say of a garrulous stranger with a ready flow of conversation. In other days it was considered the proper thing for a new senator to sit in silence through his first term of six years.

It is only a few years since a lot of precedent-bound senatorial digni- years old, and the youngest man ever in the senate when most of them had through six years.

been retired. Luke Lea of Tennessee, thirty-two are all talkative new members.



taries expressed their indignation at seated in the senate, began talking the intrusion of new members by very soon after taking the oath of walking out of the senate chamber office and has on several occasions when Beveridge began to talk a few notified his colleagues that when tradays after taking his seat. The same ditions of the senate and business treatment was given La Follette, who methods conflict the traditions will remarked as the coat tails of his be ignored. Senator Kenyon of Iowa colleagues vanished through the door is not much older and is a ready and that they would come back and lis aggressive talker, with no disposition ten, and that he probably would be whatever to play a thinking part

Senator Pomerene of Ohio relieved Of the recently elected members himself of a speech within a few of the senate, many are young men, weeks after taking his seat, and Senacaring little for antiquated traditions. tors Williams, Works and Hitchcock

## NOTHING BUT AN AMATEUR

Fair Damsel's Questions That Revealed Callow Lover in His True Light.

"Do you really and truly think I am beautiful?" she asked.

"You are simply divine," he "But there are other girls whom

you think more beautiful than L" "No, I don't think there is a more beautiful girl in the world than you. "There are other girls you think are just as beautiful, though, "You are more beautiful than any

other girl I ever saw." "I suppose there are plenty of girls whom you consider almost as beautiful as I am." "I think you are far more beauti-

ful than any other girl that ever breathed." "Well, why didn't you say that in the first place?"

"That was what I meant, if I didn't exactly say so."

"O, well, go on. My goodness! Must I suggest everything nice that you say to me?"

"What more can I say?" "Heavens! I'm not going to sit here giving you lessons. I thought the way you started out that you bad made love before."

HOW IT HAPPENED.



"Poor man! tramp?"

"I wuz a war correspondent in Manthuris, mum. I got so used ter doing nuthin' dat I hain't been no good since."

## Sufficient Evidence.

Having vouched for the honesty of the woman who wished a situation as scrub-woman the good-natured man was subjected to a severe examination by the superintendent of the building.

"There are degrees of honesty," said the superintendent. "How honest is she?"

The good-natured man reflected. "Well," said he, "I'll tell you. She is so honest that if you throw anything that looks to be worth a copper into the waste basket you have to tag it 'Destroy this,' or she will fish it out and put it back on your desk night after night, no matter how badly you want to get rid of it. I

more." "No more is necessary," said the superintendent, and he proceeded to

don't know that I can say anything

An Intangible Legacy. "I dun heah, Liza, dat yo' Aunt Jerusha dun meck yo' her heir by de law. What yo' dun get?" "Des 'zactly what I dun et up an' wore out."-Success Magazine.

Consolation.

Knicker-My wife is always praising the men she rejected for me. Bocker-Never mind; she will praise you to her second husband

Immortality. "Speaking of Immortality, what's the matter with the hen?" "Go on."

"Her son never sets."

Happiness, at least, is not solitary; it joys to communicate; it love others, for it depends on them for its existence.-Sfevenson.

#### STRONGER THAN MEAT A Judge's Opinion of Grape-Nuts.

A gentleman who has acquired a judicial turn of mind from experience on the bench out in the Sunflower State writes a carefully considered opinion as to the value of Grape-Nuts as food. He savs:

"For the past 5 years Grape-Nuts has been a prominent feature in our bill of fare. "The crisp food with the delicious,

nutty flavor has become an indispensable necessity in my family's everyday life. "It has proved to be most healthful and beneficial, and has enabled us to

from our table, for the children prefer Grape-Nuts, and do not crave rich and unwholesome food. "Grape-Nuts keeps us all in perfect physical condition-as a preventive of disease it is beyond value. I have been particularly impressed by the beneficial effects of Grape-Nuts when used by ladies who are troubled with face

blemishes, skin eruptions, etc. It clears up the complexion wonderfully. "As to its nutritive qualities, my experience is that one small dish of Grape-Nuts is superior to a pound of meat for breakfast, which is an important consideration for anyone. It satisfies the appetite and strengthens the power of resisting fatigue, while its use involves none of the disagreeable consequences that sometimes follow a meat breakfast." Name given by

Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.