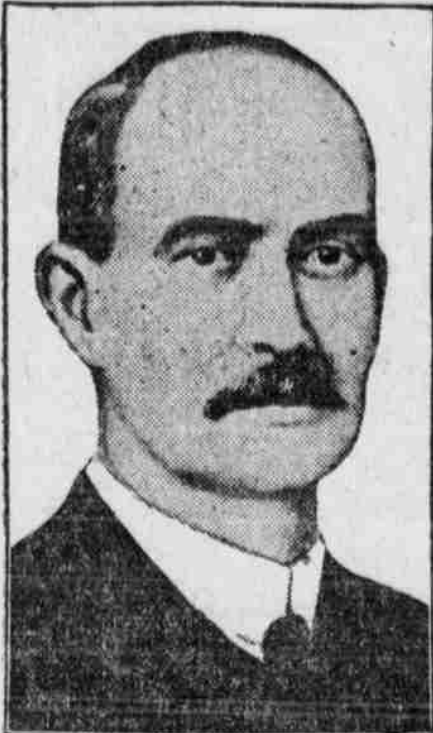


YOUNG FARMERS FROM NORTH AND WEST MAKE VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Champion Potato, Corn and Tomato Growers Are Handsomely Entertained at the National Capital Along With Prize Winners From Southern States—Work Encouraged by Agricultural Department in Various States of the Union.

Washington.—When the Canning club girls and the Corn club boys from the southern states arrived in Washington recently there were boy and girl representatives of the potato, corn



Secretary of Agriculture Houston.

and canning clubs of the northern and western states to join them in receiving diplomas from the secretary of agriculture. They also were shown the sights of the capital; their expenses being paid by individuals and local or state organizations interested and not by the department.

There were 12 Canning club girls from as many of the northern and western states and 15 or 20 boys, champion winners of the potato and corn clubs. Five states sending "potato boys" are Massachusetts, Ohio, Utah, Iowa and Michigan. Colorado sent a "Sugar Beet club" boy, who was the champion sugar beet grower of the state and was the sole representative of the club work which has recently been started in this line by the department of agriculture.

The work of the clubs which the department has encouraged in the various states to interest the younger generation in agriculture has been going on in the northern and western states for only about a year and a half. The work was started sooner in

As an example of the interest taken by individuals, the work of a well-known society leader of Cleveland, O., may be cited. She has devoted from three to four months of her time during the past year to organizing and promoting girls' canning clubs. She has paid visits to the 126 girls in her county who have taken up the work, and among the girls who will shortly visit Washington are two champions of that district who come at her expense. Her two daughters, aged fourteen and sixteen years, are among the club members, and, although not competing for a prize, they have done the work of raising tomatoes on a one-tenth acre plot and canning the products.

In districts where corn does not grow readily, but where there are plenty of young people eager to grow something, it has been found that potato clubs are more satisfactory than corn clubs. An organization of boys and girls was started last year in Massachusetts to grow potatoes, and there are now 18,000 young people enrolled in potato work, most of them being boys, as the girls are encouraged rather to take up tomato raising and canning. Some girls, however, have shown interest in potato growing and have done particularly well in manufacturing home-made potato



Agricultural Students at Work.

enjoyment and interest on the farm. A girl in northern Ohio tells in her account how she made a net profit of \$10.41 on her tomato work during the past season. A note at the bottom of her story says she "had 80 bushels of green tomatoes left."

POSTCARD SENT NEWLY WEDS

Highly Decorated Remembrance is Inscribed With Advice From Sender.

Denver.—A wooden postcard nearly two feet long and more than half a foot wide and highly decorated with instructions to newly married couples was handed to E. C. Bennett, clerk at the Kaiserhoff hotel, by the letter carrier when making his usual mail delivery.

It was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Lee of Pueblo, who were here on their honeymoon. The couple had departed, however, before the card arrived. Clerk Bennett tried to put it in the mail box and it wouldn't go. Then he hung it up over his desk. That caused so many people to make useless remarks that he shoved it under the counter.

Then some one told him he was interfering with the United States mails, so he took it out again and handed it to the telephone operator, who wrote another address on it and forwarded it after the happy couple.

One motto said: "May all the troubles be little ones." Another said: "Be good to one another." Another card asked the clerk, in the event he could not deliver the postcard, to return to the couple addressed at Rose-lawn cemetery, Pueblo, Colo., as that would undoubtedly be their stopping place in the end. The card had thirty-four stamps on it and numerous pictures of hearts, cupids and other designs which conveyed the impression that the parties addressed were in a blissful state of mind.

Remedy for High Cost of Living.
New York.—"Fuel for the body should not cost more than twenty cents a day for an adult," said Doctor D. G. Lusk, speaking on "The Fundamental Basis of Nutrition." He recommended as a remedy for the high cost of living a thorough knowledge of what food really is.

Woman's Ashes by Parcel Post.
Paterson, N. J.—Under the registrar's permit, the ashes of Miss Henrietta Branning, a school teacher, will go to Germany by parcels post.

Boys' Judging Contest.

starch out of the unmarketable culls of the vegetable. Potato club work is going on in Idaho, Iowa, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Upper Michigan, in parts of the Dakotas, in Minnesota and in Ohio. The young people engaged in potato growing range in age from ten to eighteen years. The basis on which the awards are made for the potato champions who will go to Washington is as follows:

- (1) Greatest yield of potatoes per one-eighth acre 40
- (2) Best showing of profit on investment 30
- (3) Best exhibit of one peck of seed potatoes 15
- (4) Best history on "How I Made My Crop of Potatoes" 15

Total score 100
Besides showing good potatoes, well developed ears of corn and rows of attractive jars of well canned tomatoes, these young people have shown a surprising amount of pluck and per-



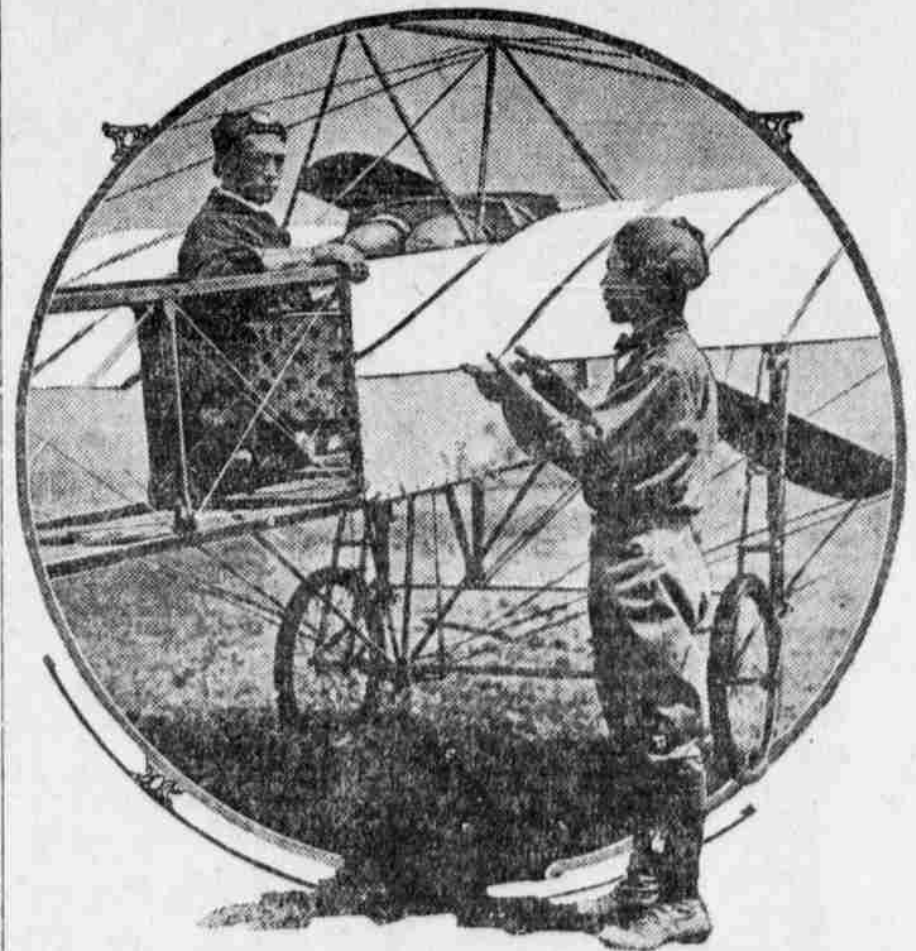
Young Farmers in Outfield.

the southern states, as these were considered to have a greater economical need for it. Also the general education board of New York city offered to help out the work in the south in order to remedy bad agricultural conditions, and this board has materially aided in inaugurating clubs to interest boys and girls in growing corn, tomatoes and cotton.

In the mean time an urgent demand arose in the northern and western states for similar co-operative work for young people. The successful club work in the south furnished an impetus for a nation-wide work and the youth of the north and west have taken up the national club work with much enthusiasm. In the co-operative arrangement with the southern states, each state had a leader in charge of the club work whose expenses were paid, half by the department and half by the local organizations interested. The demands of the north and west have been so urgent that eight states are now waiting to pay half the expenses of this club work, but the department of agriculture has not at present the funds to furnish the other half. However, the work is continually being pushed into new territory as the funds become available.

The individuals and local organizations throughout the north and west have been most enthusiastic regarding the work of the boys and girls. Senators and representatives sometimes aid the work by generous contributions. Last year five congressmen from Illinois alone each furnished successful boy growers of corn with a trip to the capital. Other congressmen from the New England states, New York and West Virginia, brought club champions to the capital.

CARRANZA'S NEPHEWS TRAINED AVIATORS



The two young nephews of General Carranza, commander-in-chief of the rebel forces of Mexico, who were sent to the United States by President Madero to learn to fly. Lieut. Gustavo Salinas (in machine) was educated at Syracuse university, and his brother, Lieut. Alberto Salinas (standing), received his education at Troy Polytechnic. The brothers were given their pilot licenses last year, and are well known in the aviation world. Recently they succeeded in smuggling an aeroplane across the Mexican border.

Milady in Gold Attire



JUST as gorgeous and just as beautiful as it can be, this gown in one of the many wonderful gold shades shows the cleverest handling of the most extreme ideas in this winter's modes.

The skirt of panne velvet of the softest and most supple variety is made on the "Turkish trouser" model. About all its fullness is arranged at the front. There is no mistaking the appearance it makes on the wearer. It looks actually more like a pair of voluminous trousers than like our ordinary skirts.

The pannier and bodice in one, with soft crushed girdle of velvet, is a wonderful garment. The drapery is arranged in two over-hanging panniers, broadening the hips and hanging into the figure at the bottom. The bodice is cut with a kimono sleeve, apparently, although it is hard to be sure of this. At all events, the arm's-eye is not discernible in it. The sleeve is lengthened until it covers the wrist and extends in a point over the back of the hand. Such sleeves are the height of styles.

This costume is an achievement of which the designer has a right to be proud. It manages difficult problems

of draping in the best way. There is a pretty fichu of net worn under the bodice, and a standing ruff about the neck. A finish of long loops of black velvet ribbon in a narrow width is placed at the termination of the neck ruff at each side.

One cannot help wondering at and admiring the lovely turban which finishes this toilette. A length of soft fur, or plush, appears to be wrapped about the head and provided with the narrowest of supporting brims at one side. Poised at the center is the body and head of a wingless butterfly made of velvet. The audacity of a wingless butterfly used as an ornament would be unforgivable except that the gorgeous creature in gold is the real butterfly, which fact his velvet fly ship is proclaiming at the top of his—turban.

The pretty clothing of the feet is to be noted. Silk stockings in black, and pointed slippers of black satin, laced across the instep with narrow black ribbon.

Not a jewel is worn here. The toilette is in fact a wonderful conception and the smallest detail has not been neglected.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

CREPE AND CHIFFON FOR ACCESSORIES THAT MATCH HAT

IN keeping with the ideas of the season, which show a preference for muffs and neck pieces to match the hat, crepe has been utilized to make very chic accessories to be worn with mourning millinery. The most popular fashions in hats, as to shape and deco-

The small round hat with slightly rolling brim is covered with the material put on smoothly. The crown is small and puffed, and the odd standing ornament is made of a hemmed strip of crepe wrapped about a supporting wire and ruffled about it at the top.

The scarf is only a plain length of chiffon with its edges finished with a wide border of crepe. The ends are gathered and finished with an ornament made of folds of crepe and finished with a bound scarf end of the fabric. This is a strip of the material bound with a narrow bias fold of crepe like that which trims the muff.

A ready made muff bed lined with black silk and covered with it as an interlining makes the construction of the muff a simple matter. Five deep folds of crepe are placed over each side and sewed down at the ends. A strip bound of the material is brought across the top, tacked down one side, covering the ends of the plaits and tied in a knot with hanging end as a finish. The set is as handsome as anyone could wish and only ordinary skill in sewing is required to make it.

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Freshening Furs.
Any fur coat, muff or neck piece that needs freshening up may be greatly improved in appearance simply by brushing with a soft brush and water, to which one tablespoonful of pure alcohol has been added for every quart. Always brush with the nap of the fur. When white or light-gray furs have become soiled they may be cleaned easily in gasoline.

Ribbon Sets.
Detachable sleeve trimmings to match the waist garniture are easily made, and afford a desirable way of rejuvenating a last season's blouse. These ribbon sets are delightful bits of work for leisure moments and quite transform an otherwise plain waist.

New Stockings.
Stockings are made with anklets of embroidery or beads or rhinestones. They seem fanciful, but are really no more so than the now accepted rhinestone studded heels which were laughed at when they made their first appearance here last winter.



LEFT THE COLONEL THINKING

Probably After This He Made Some Inquiries Before He Gave Up His Money.

A certain old colonel was noted for his great generosity. He had lost an arm during one of the engagements in which he had seen service, and this made him very sympathetic toward all who had experienced similar losses.

While walking on his estate one day he met an old one-legged man, evidently in abject poverty.

"Ah, you have met with a great misfortune, like myself, I see," remarked the colonel.

"Ah," replied the old man, "and, like yourself, colonel, I have spent a great part of my life in government's service, and seen a lot of hard work."

"My poor man!" exclaimed the kind-hearted colonel, as he pushed a half dollar into the old man's hand. "I fear you have received but a poor reward for your services."

"Ye may well say that, colonel," replied the veteran as he hobbled away.

"But," added the colonel, "you didn't tell me where you served."

"Well, if it comes to that," the old reprobate answered, with a sly chuckle, "I served my time in jail, where they g'ed be 15 years for stealing jewelry!"

SCALY PSORIASIS ON LIMBS

Troop H, 6th U. S. Cavalry, Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.—"I was troubled with psoriasis for nearly two years. Portions of my arms and limbs were affected mostly with it. It appeared in scaly form, breaking out in very small dots and gradually grew larger and white scales formed when about the size of an ordinary match-head. The looks of it was horrible, which made it very unpleasant for me. It itched a little at times.

"I tried several treatments which cured me for a month, but it always broke out again. One day a friend saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and I sent for a sample. They helped me, so I purchased two more boxes of Cuticura Soap and Ointment to complete my cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct. 22, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."—Adv.

He Was Real Nasty.

A dorky employed as an office-boy came to work one morning with a face that looked as though it had been run through a meat-grinder.

"Henry," demanded his surprised employer, "what in the world happened to you?"

"Well, suh, boss," explained Henry, "I got into a little argument las' night with another nigger, and one thing led to another till I up and had it him. Well, suh, it seemed lak dat irritated both him. He took and backed both of mah eyes and bit both of mah years mighty high off, and split mah lip and knocked two of mah teeth loose; and den he th'owed me down and stamped me in de stomach. Honest, boss, I never did get so sick of a nigger in mah life!"

What Could He Do.

"I hate to be contradicted," she said.

"Then I won't contradict you," he returned.

"You don't love me," she asserted.

"I don't," he admitted.

"You are a hateful thing!" she cried.

"I am," he replied.

"I believe you are trying to tease me," she said.

"I am," he conceded.

"And you do not love me!"

"I don't."

For a moment she was silent.

"Well," she said at last, "I do hate a man who's weak enough to be led by a woman. He ought to have a mind of his own—and strength."

He sighed. What else could he do?

Autointoxication.

New Manager (to the quick-lunch owner)—Your checks can only be punched to 50 cents. What if a customer eats more?

Owner (fumbling over sandwiches and bargain-counter meats)—In such cases we always call up 6598 Even-ingside. It's the nearest hospital.

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

Handsome is as Handsome Does. Sanford—So you don't believe in judging a man by his clothes? Crabshaw—No, indeed! That's the way we judge a woman, and look how we get fooled!—Judge.

Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops effectively drive out colds and stop all throat irritations—5c at Drug Stores.

Propose to a girl in a canoe and you'll have two chances of being thrown over.

No thoughtful person uses liquid blue. It's a pinch of blue in a large bottle of water. Ask for Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Adv.

Many a man pats himself on the back who isn't a contortionist.