

Among old superstitions none was more prevalent than that relating to the hare's foot, which was carried for luck

Pepys notes in his diary that his bare's foot lacked a joint, and that he would obtain a proper one. It was

son in his arms and smilingly said : "Willie, this is Mr. Blank, Mr. Blank, isn't Willie a fine boy?" Mr. Blank smiled, but his goatee shook forbiddingly in the boy's face,

which was clouded with suspicion, in spite of his father's reassuring words, Willie only stared for a moment and



agriculture of the University of Minnesota say that Minnesota's financial loss from the depredations of rats is from \$10,000.000 to \$12,000,000 annually. State directors of agricultural extension work have estimated the losses in Montana at from \$15,000,000 to \$20.-000,000; in North Dakota at \$6,000,000

usual for fishwives on the east coast of England to carry a hare's foot in their creei, but they were very angry when the children shouted: "Ye've a hare's fit in yer creel."

"To kiss the hare's foot" means to go without dinner. If a hare ran along a village street, the people said there would be a fire. If a hare crossed a tisherman's path when going to sen, he turned back. Seeing a hare was said to be the cause of that unhappy deformity, harelip. It was thought that a witch could turn herself into a hare, and that a hare could only be shot with a silver bullet.

The upper dog is willing to take the bone and let the under dog have the sympathy.

Some people prune their genealogtives;

then exclaimed, thinking hard of the wisp of hair on the caller's chin: "Don't you bite my fader !"-Columbus Dispatch.

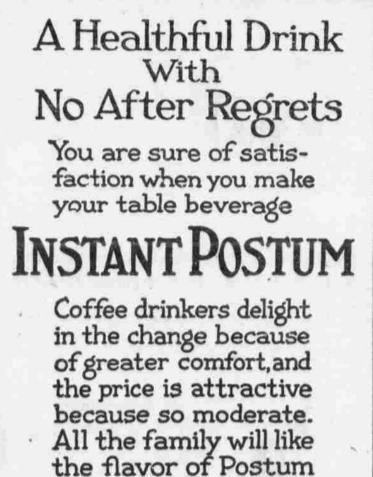
#### Well\_ Remembered.

Hawkins was a greedy, self-seeking fellow, who expected to benefit by his rich uncle's death. The latter had not falled to observe the nephew's character, however, and when on his deathhed he sent for Hawkins.

"I haven't forgotten you, George," he said; "got you down in my will." At the funeral Hawkins invested in an expensive wreath and attended to hear the will read.

"To my dear nephew George," ran the document, "I leave an illustrated edition of Dickens' 'Great Expectations." "-Houston Post.

You can judge a woman pretty well ical trees by cutting their poor rela- by the pictures she hungs on her parlor wall.



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ed. In order to save the young growth they agreed to sacrifice 30 cents per thousand on the stumpage price,

#### Co-operation Is Favored.

Farmers in general who own small bodies of timber will find it profitable to co-operate with their neighbors in marketing their grown timber. In many cases the individual amounts are too small, as in the above instance, to make it profitable for their owners to advertise for bids or for sawmills to come in. When care is taken in selecting and cutting timber a woodlot may he made a source of income to its owner for an indefinite period of years.

## PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE Of Greatest Importance That Car casses of Dead Animals Be

Buried or Burned.

When It is considered that the spores of anthrax may be distributed to live stock through the feces of cats, dogs, hogs, chickens and flies it is more readily apparent that carcasses of animals dead of disease should be burned as speedily as possible. Most of these disease carriers come in close contact with the larger domestic aninuls and thus the direct transmission of germs from their body surfaces is possible and also it is known that they are more than likely to contaminate water courses. It is possible that many cases of anthrax may be attributed to the common house fly.

#### ...... QUITE EXPENSIVE OATS

The actual cost of producing a bushel of oats in Missouri this year was 75 cents, width does not include 7 cents a bushel for hauling to the elevator. The rent was figured at \$6.83, cost of planting at \$6.08 and the cost of harvesting at \$7.71 per acre, or a total cost of \$20.68, which yields 27½ bushels.

or more; in Kansas \$12,000,000; in California \$20,000,000 and in Wyoming and Nevada at from 10 to 15 per cent of the value of all crops. "In addition to this monumental loss of food products," says F. L.

Washburn of the division of economic zoology, University Farm, "rats spread disease, and efforts are being made by our state and city boards of health to reduce the number of these dan gerous and destructive animals.

"Every citizen of Minnesota should feel the responsibility of doing his or her part by making new buildings ratproof and by eliminating rubbish which harbors rats, as well as by an active campaign leading to their destruction both by trapping and polsoning."

# SUPERIOR GRIT FOR POULTRY

Where Hard Material is Supplied the Gizzard Is Made to Function More Accurately.

When grit for the poultry is purchased only grit of known hardness. should be employed; always the greater the quantity of grit found in the droppings the greater the evidence of its softness. Hard grit is slowly voided, therefore the gizzard is made to function more accurately, and every organ of the hen, in consequence functions more thoroughly. Less unassimilated feed is thrown off and more eggs result from perfectly ground and therefore assimilated feed. Naturally there is less feed required where all the feed is digested-nearly all farm fowls, except where hard grit is provided, are wasteful in this respect.

### WEED SEEDS HARM WOODLOTS

Just as Important to Eradicate Noxious Plants There as It is in Any Family Garden.

It is just as profitable to remove weed seeds from the woodlot, as it is to weed the garden; besides you can burn the wood from the crooked, defective trees, and from those that are not good timber species.

## FARMER NEEDS LETTER-HEAD

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