

SPARKLES OF WIT.

Randall-I just borrowed five dollars from a friend.

Rogers-Give me his address quick. Randall--Why?

Rogers-A man who would lend money to you would lend it to anyone.

Miss Flyete-When Jack proposed to me last night he acted like a regular fool.

Miss Blunt-Naturally! He was doing a very foolish thing.

Invalid-I'd like to see the proprietor of this sanitarium.

Clerk-He has gone away, sir, for his health!

Painted Over.

She-I hear that Jack has a new

He-No, that's just his old one painted over.

Enthusiastic Lady-Oh, sir, may we tarry here awhile and drink deep of these rural delights?

Practical Native-Can't drink nothin' deep here lady. This yere's a dry

"If a man has the price he can get anything he wants and the way he

"Don't know about that. There's the medium soft-boiled egg."

Where They Differed.

After suffering a long time with the toothache the young colored girl got dentist. The moment he touched the tooth she began to scream .

"Look here," he said, "you musn't yell like that. Do't you know I'm a painless dentist?"

"Well, mebbe yo' is painless sah," she said, "but Ah ain't."

Rather Rough.

"Here's hard luck."

"What's that?" "Flubdub's wife wants him to pay the income tax on the alimony he gives

Judge-Why did you commit a second theft after you had just been ac-

quitted of the first one? Prisoner-I had to pay my lawyer your honor.

The Woman Of It.

you grow up, Annitte? asked one little girl of another.

"Marry some silly man, I suppose,"

has passed the crisis?"

Doctor: "Talk baseball and see if he asks what the score is." Gladys: "He claims he is a decen-

dant from a great family."

Happy Eden.

Olden Eden's garden was a place .Where man could rest contented;

long-They hadn't been invented. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

Old Eden's garden was a place Where man could rest contented; No fivvers dashed round all day long-

They hadn't been invented. -Bettie H. McDonald.

Wuff.

A woman was kicked on the chin by \$1,000 for the mule.

It Sure Would.

to the horrors of war."

"You don't say so! What is it?" "A nonexplosive gunpowder."

Bookkeeper: "If I asked the boss to raise my salary, what do you think he would say?"

Stenographer: "Mr. Penner, I am a

Haul Manure When Fresh.

When possible, it is profitable for the farmer to dump his stable manure into a manure spreader and haul it directly to the field as often as it is full. The College of Agriculture says that a man who will haul to the field will average 29 minutes in handling up her courage enough to go to the each spreaderful. As ordinarily handled, a man can haul but 12 loads in nine hours at the rate of 50 minutes a load.

> In addition to the saving of time and labor, fresh manure brings to the soil

DOWNWARD COURSE.

Fast Being Realized by O'Neill People. A little backache at first. Daily increasing till the back is lame

and weak. Urinary disorders may quickly fol-

Dropsy and often Bright's disease. This frequently is the downward

ourse of kidney ills. dents should profit by the following

experience. Mrs. E. E. Dewey, Neligh, Neb., "What are you going to do when says: "My trouble was of a dropsi- normally who do not test their seed cal nature. I had a severe attack. My could hardly see. My limbs, feet and from other sources will be taking an

was the reply, "like most other wo- hands also swelled and I could not unnecessary risk. It is also especially Wife: "How shall I know when he been very effective, so I got some. the remainder of the winter to protect They soon made an improvement and it from freezing. before I had taken one box. the swelling had disappeared."

simply ask for a kidney remedy-get the United States agricultural de-Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that partment believes that it will be Tom: "Yes, and he is still descend- Mrs. Dewey had. Foster-Milburn Co., simply forehandedness for farmers Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

a large amount of plant food, since bleaching and losses by destructive fermentation are avoided. Besides, the No phonographs squealed all night farmstead is relieved of breeding from the butt are put in numbered places for flies and disease germs, as well as unpleasant odors.

State Money For Irrigation.

Some of the funds appropriated by the last state legislature for the encouragement of pumping irrigation. which was left to the disposal of the regents of the University of Nebraska. are still available. According to the provisions of the bill, the money may be received by any responsible india mule, causing her to bite off the end vidual or organization in the western of her tongue, and her husband sev- section of the state who will contribute eral times since refused an offer of a like amount of his or their own seed in general may be considered and the well has proven to be a suc-"I have here an invention which, if is to be returned. If the well is not a universally adopted, would put an end success, the machinery is to be sold a corn grower to test every ear that and residence sections of the town and the proceeds divided equally.

Winter Work Suggestions.

One of the farmers' most troublesome problems is the equalization of 'abor throughout the year. Among the suggestions given to the students at the College of Agriculture for winlady-I never even think such things.' ter work are the following: Repair tools and do other carpenter and recair work, oil and repair harness, haul manure, sharpen all tools, sharpen mower sickles, sharpen posts for ences, prune orchard and other trees. lean seed, repair buildings (particu-'arly inside work), and market grain and hav.

Where cows freshen in the fall, the arger care in milking them and carng for their calves comes during the vinter months.

TEST SEED CORN.

Especially Necessary This Year to Determine Vitality of Seed in Advance of Planting Season.

Testing seed corn for germinationalways a profitable farm practice—is an absolute necessity this year in many sections. In a number of districts the last corn crop from which seed for the Edited by the Ladies of the Local coming planting will be taken was late in maturing or so moist when harvested as to call for special attention. A Don't take this course. O'Neill resi- high moisture content makes seed corn particularly susceptible to damage On a bleak bold hill, with a bold world the administration. Wilson declared from freezing or heating. Farmers in the sections where corn failed to ripen early enough to be able to replace their I have stood when the whole world he not only has no thought of flinching face became so badly swollen that I own bad seed with good seed secured wear my shoes. One of the family had important for holders of seed in such used Doan's Kidney Pills and had districts to take unusual care during

While complete testing for germination should take place shortly before Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't the seed is planted, the specialists of who have any reason to be doubtful

difficulty. The purchase of seed should not be delayed till spring, especially Lies that deep rapture that comes when so much corn in various sections has been damaged. The farmer should secure his seed from wellknown sources, buy it upon a germinating guaranty basis, and get his seed or typical samples early enough to make his own germinating tests. It is probable this year that many farmers who have not Unless through trouble and want and followed the wise practice of selecting enough special seed from good crops to last them in an emergency for two or three years will have to buy seed. In buying seed, farmers should try to secure corn of varieties known to prosper in their section. The safest seed Is it, then, only a tricolored rag, would be that carefully selected from good corn grown in the immediate neighborhood, but at any rate effort Maybe it isn't worth loving-the flag, should be made to obtain seed grown in districts where climate, soil, and But though I grow cynical, callous, dent Wilson. farming conditions in general are

make a preliminary germanating test

with a few typical ears taken at ran-

dom from the rack. If these prelimi-

the owner then can continue his pre-

cautions to guard it from weather

damage. If, however, this test with a

low vitality, the farmer should at once

make further tests to satisfy himself

as to whether his seed corn generally

If a farmer finds his seed is bad he

should take steps at once to meet the

is good or bad.

If the farmer happens to have a stock of seed left over from the 1914 crop and doubts the seed saved from his 1915 crop, he would do well to test the old seed also and then use whichever shows the greater vitality. Seed The toil of the hand that have corn if properly cared for will retain its vitality for several years. Many The blood of the soldiers that fought farmers knowing this always select an extra amount of seed from an unusually good harvest.

similar to those at home.

The following method of testing seed corn is taken from Farmers' Bulletin 704. The corn is placed on drying racks made by driving wire finishing nails about 4 inches apart on four sides of a stick. A number is placed Maybe "Tradition" has got me in fifth bottle when he fell unconscious, over the nail and the butts of the ears are put on the nails. If wire fencing or other seed racks are used, the ears Still, when that banner is flung to the physician. can be numbered in other ways.

In single ear testing, two kernels from opposite sides of the ear on the squares or portions of germinating boxes or other testers. The kernels are kept moist at a room temperature degrees F. After six or seven days the seed should begin to sprout. Only those ears from which all the kernels rive strong sprouts should be reserved for planting.

Under ordinary circumstances, it may not be absolutely necessary to test every individual ear. If a large number of typical ears show germinating tests as high as 97 per cent, the funds. When the plant is complete good. Under the unusual conditions prevailing this year, especially in cess, the contribution from the state reighborhoods where the corn did not he intends to use for seed. If he has any reason to doubt the quality of his individual stock, the ear-by-ear testing is simply a form of labor and crop insurance.

Before testing germination, the farmer should examine each ear and throw out all the ears which do not look right or which have several each piece of farm machinery, make withered or damaged kernals. He should strive to make up his seed from ears which in size and appearance seem to be normal for his variety of corn Seed corn should be shelled if possible by hand to avoid the risk of damage by mechanical shelling. Before shelling the owner should pick out peculiar tions made by the Forty-eighth looking kernals and separate the seed General Assembly of Missouri at the into sizes so as to make certain that the corn drill will plant regularly.

Will Entertain Kensington.

The Misses Howe and Barnard will entertain the Kensington at the new Methodist church tomorrow evening, January 28. A ten cent lunch will be 973,275 in excess of the estimated reserved and a district school program ceipts into the revenue fund. rendered. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

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The Glory of Being Alive. under.

The dreary world of the common place. seemed a blunder

Of dotard time in an aimless race. With worry about me and want before criticism, but rather that he welcomes

spring. That made me cry to the gray sky o'er has his fighting blood up.

Yet deep in my soul was a rapture

Oh, I know this life is a goodly thing.

I have given sweet years to a thankand fed,

and beauty

bread.

season care thrive,

reason ing alive.

would

from being

all good borrow

That vast contentment from which we strive,

It has thrilled with the glory of being alive.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Flag .

As the street-corner orators say of it?

and wise, I cannot think lightly or ill of it;

of it. wrought for it,

for it. Are part of its wonderful story, This banner unfurled to the winds of

the world, Old Glory! Maybe it isn't worth loving at all,

of it;

thrall breeze,

How the heart warms to the gleam of it!

seas. of it!

How can you censure our pride for it? conflagration is said to have been the not above 90 degrees F nor below 50 Thousands have struggled and died for it,

Weaving its marvelous story, This banner unfurled to the winds of the world,

> Old Glory! -Berton Braley.

Brief News Notes.

ing, virtually destroyed the business leaving 1000 persons homeless.

employees declared that Villa issued half clad children. an order to his men at Rubio to kill all Americans, and in order to make sure of not missing any, to kill all foreigners.

It is now admitted in official circles in Jefferson City that there will be nearly \$2,500,000 in unpaid appropriaend of the biennial period of 1915 and 1916. The Legislature, which was given an estimate of \$11,500,000 by the state auditor as the total of expected revenues from all sources for the biennial period, appropriated a total of \$16,,478,275, or a sum \$4,-

President Wilson has declared his willingness to face the utmost of criticism that his political opponents may direct at him, and challenged the opposition to do their worst in attacking him, upon his Mexican policy, his foreign policy, or on personal grounds The president's utterance was made to a friend who had called his attention to a recent wide-spread criticism of that the republicans were welcome to produce every charge they intended to make against him. He indicated that from these attacks, nor of trying in any way to avoid this cumulative it. His remarks, while not reported in a fashion that permits their quotation, gave the impression that the president

An appeal to the people of the United States to organize in support of a systematic national defense was voiced by Lindley M. Garrison, secre-When cold and starving, the clothed tary of war, in an address Monday night at the annual banquet of the

about the viability of their seed to For a young heart's hunger for joy bankers of New York City. Secretary Garrison declared that the opposition Is harder to bear than the need of to national defense was well organized and that unless the people of the nary tests show that the seed is good, I have watched the wane of a sodden country urged upon Congress that they desired adequate national defense, Which let hope wither and made the present system, which the speaker said was "utterly inefficient," would be few ears indicate that the seed is of And through it all without earthly retained. National defense, the secretary said, must rest upon national I have thrilled with the glory of be. forces. Unity of responsibility, authority and control were the essential principles of all military afairs, he And I know, too, that not in the seeing said. A real millitary policy, Secre-Or having or doing the things we tory Garrison asserted, must be continential in scope and the Federal Government must be in authority. All proposals to build a military system At one with the purpose that makes for the United States upon the basis of state troops were proposals to con-And not from pleasure the harp may tinue a situation that is "illusory and not real, that is a sham and not substantial, that is a mockery and not nonest.'

> Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, has left London for the Continent, according to the

Frank Guinn and J. J. Beall, Oklahoma farmers, who, as election officials, were convicted in the federal courts of intimidating voters under the grandfather clause of the consti-For all of the pomp and display of it; tution, have been pardoned by Presi-

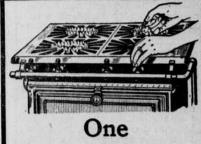
The German Reichstag has unani-Whenever, wherever, it comes to my mously passed a resolution favoring the reduction of the age limit in the I feel all the glamour and thrill case of cld age pensions from 70 to 65 years.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Joseph Onders is dead and John Kusius is in a serious condition following a wager between the two men in their boarding house in Primrose, a mining settlement near Pittsburg, as to which could drink the greatest amount of whiskey. The two, both Russians, are said to have agreed that the loser should enlist for service The red and the blue and the white in the European war. Onders drank four quarts and was about to open his dying in a few minutes. Kusius drain. When I grow proud at the sight of it; ed three quarts and is in the care of a

A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport, with a top, two from the middle, and two Still, when you're sailing on far-away population of 90,000 is in ruins as a result of a fire. Two thousand per-How you can long for and dream sons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000. The worst ever recorded in Norway. The business section, with its old wholesale houses, several of the larget of the hotels, a number of schools, the electric plant and banks and newspaper buildings were burned.

> Several thousand former Villa soldiers, with women and children, left Jaurez, Mexico, opposite El Paso, Tex,. Citizens of Wirt, Ok., in the Heldton Monday for the south. Under the oil field, Monday asked Gov. Williams terms of the amnesty granted by Carto send the state militia there to take ranza, they have been paid the equivcharge of the situation resulting from alent of \$10 gold each and provided a fire which, at 11:30 Monday morn- with transportation to their homes, with the understanding that they will return to peaceful life. The train consisted of more than sixty box cars. Some of the travelers who could not Francisco Villa, the Mexican chief, find room in or on top of the cars rode was at El Carmen, near Madera, a on the rods underneath. They stretch. week ago, according to Mexican em- ed hay-baling wire across the rods ployees of the Pearson ranch, who ar- to support blankets and bedding, on rived in El Paso, Tex., Monday. The which they reclined-men women and

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