

WEALTH IN WESTERN LANDS.

The great crops of 1909 are making themselves felt in freight congestion at some points, in upward revision of estimates of the money value of the year's farm products and in a quickening of the pulse of industry and trade. That they will bring the country a year of unusual prosperity is doubted by nobody. Next year or the year after the crops may not be so abundant, but there is never a total crop failure. Even in the drought of 1901, the short corn crop had its compensation in an immense yield of wheat. Diversified farming and improved cultivation lessen the probabilities of failure in any considerable percentage of the crops. The increasing yields and the growing average of prices are making affluent the landowners and the thrifty farmers who a few years ago had cause to complain of poverty. The improving comforts of rural life and the great financial independence are broadening the intelligence of the farmers and the growing value of the lands is building up a land-owning aristocracy in the west that is gaining in political, social and economic influence. There is an influence of conservatism.

It may be impossible for the department of agriculture at Washington or any other human power to succeed in every attempt to cause two blades of grass to grow where one grew before. But there is no doubt of the efficient work done by the department in stimulating crop growing wherever possible. Now the experts of that branch of the government are turning attention to opportunities in the Panama canal zone, which is under American jurisdiction. It is believed enough fruit and vegetables, including those of both the temperate and tropical climates, can be produced to meet the requirements in this direction of the 65,000 persons now residing on the zone. If this can be done a fresh triumph will be scored for the department and important economic results will follow. And all that will be in line with the practical ideas which govern the department of agriculture.

Manila has been celebrating the eleventh anniversary of the capture of the city by American troops. What has become of that Philippine disaffection and insurrection which the "anti-imperialists" were wont to predict so gloomily? asks the Evening Wisconsin. Really the admirers of Aguinaldo have had little to talk about for some time. Perhaps they will set the incident of the invasion of New England by the regular army as an opportunity first to protest loudly and then to take to the tall timber.

The little shah of Persia is between 11 and 12 years old, about the age when the average American boy is having the care-free time of his life. Yet they propose that the young shah shall marry and assume the responsibility of a domestic establishment. And apparently they have the establishment picked out. No wonder the little fellow tried to run away. Also no wonder that even the sluggish east is awakening to the farcical character of some kinds of monarchy.

There are international exchanges of various kinds—commercial, educational and aesthetic. Years ago Great Britain inaugurated an international exchange in birds by giving this country the English sparrow. Lately England has received from this country the American robin—a generous repayment. The new arrival is much appreciated in the "tight little island." Whether the birds will stay in England through the autumn and winter is now a matter of debate.

To deprive his adopted nationality a Chinaman who served in the navy during the civil war, was wounded five times in the service of the country, and has held citizenship papers for 35 years, must be in accord with the law, since the courts say so. But it leaves a liberty of opinion as to what sort of law it is that inflicts such results.

A Montreal paper has figured that in dancing at a ball beginning at ten o'clock at night and ending at five o'clock the next morning the distance covered is more than 11 miles. Yet the average girl prefers it to a day at the wash tub, where there is very little walking.

The head of the chemical bureau says that modern housewives are Lucretia Borgias, who devote themselves to bridge while potmines revel unchecked in the icebox. This indictment is enough to freeze the marrow of their bones even to the extent of boycotting the ice men.

Georgia has a new law prohibiting false gossip about women. It is still lawful there, however, to tell a woman to her face that her new hat is too sweet for anything.

Blame Divided

Logical Solution of Divorce Problem

By FREDERIC G. PRESTON

HERE ARE various common causes of marital infelicity that lead ultimately to divorce, yet which are not always the immediate cause. Perhaps the most frequent cause is infatuation for some new object of affection, caused too often by the primary fault of the party who ultimately feels justified in asking for severance of the holy bonds. Taking too much for granted; neglect by one partner of the other; poverty; intemperance; too much fondness by the husband for the club or gaming resorts, or too much attention by the wife to social functions, whether in the higher or the lower spheres of life; parsimony on the part of the husband, or wastefulness and extravagance, or deficiency of tact on the part of the wife; selfishness, all breed indifference, if not repugnance, and the natural consequence is the injured or neglected wife seeks outside the family circle for comfort, affection or means to provide for her fancies; or the injured husband seeks a congenial mate in pastures new.

It would be difficult to measure numerically, without a most elaborate statistical analysis; but experience of 25 years as a specialist in divorce practice leads me to the conclusion that the offender against the marriage vows and obligations, taking into account the remote as well as the proximate cause of divorce, is about as often the woman as the man.

There are many cases arising from marriages contracted too early in life, and even between parties of more maturity, with too short previous acquaintance; without due consideration of temperamental conditions, and neglect of proper investigation of antecedents, habits or financial conditions; but the almost universal rule is that marriages are contracted in sincerity and with an intention of fidelity to the sacred vows, and the aggravating cause of divorce is a matter of later development. It rarely happens that the marriage that follows divorce results unhappily, which is an indication that what in youth is mistaken for undying love is but a burning, blinding passion, which maturity and a practical experience in the prosaic realities of life learns to analyze in selecting a life partner.

Marriages, like funerals, need most of all the elimination of mawkish sentiment and the application of common-sense rules and herein is the logical solution of the divorce problem.

Frederic G. Preston

Harm in Knowing Things Too Well

By P. EVAN JONES

Very often folks get to know a thing so well that they don't have to think to remember it. Take, for instance, your home address. If you have been living in the same house in the same street for years your address gets easier and easier to recall. Except sometimes. It doesn't take the influence of liquor to make you forget, either. It merely is that you know it too well.

There was a man who was in the habit of writing letters to a girl and after a year or so he got to know her address by heart. One day, long after he started writing to her, he was addressing an envelope to the young woman, when suddenly he became suspicious of the number he had written. He read it aloud and tried other schemes of convincing himself. He wrote the same numbers on other sheets of paper, but they did not seem entirely right.

Eventually he had to go over to call on the girl, instead of writing, in order to satisfy himself that he still knew the address. His figures had been perfectly right, but the trouble was that he knew them too well. That sometimes occurs to a person giving an address in a store. It slips out so naturally that when by chance the shopman repeats "blank blankety-blank street?" you begin to wonder if you have it right after all. And the first breath of suspicion kills your chances of remembering correctly. You simply have to go to the directory to verify the place you live in and naturally that leads to suspicions on the part of the shopkeeper.

Subsist on Natural Foods for Health

By EUGENE CHRISTIAN

I subsist entirely upon uncooked foods—that is to say, upon natural foods as nearly in their natural state as possible.

I was led to adopt this diet because after many years' suffering and experimenting I found in order to make a science out of eating or establish a science of human nutrition, that it was necessary to partake of food, chemically speaking, in its natural or unchanged state. The results have been a condition of perfect health gained from a condition of chronic invalidism.

I did not adopt uncooked foods because I had studiously thought out a great principle in nutrition, but because I was compelled to in order to put dietetics upon a scientific basis.

I believe that building up the human body and keeping it in perfect repair is the most important study among civilized people, and I believe this can be made a science. In order to make it a science we must have some starting place, some certainty which is the basis of all the sciences to begin with.

The reason no progress has been made in scientific dietetics during the last thousand years is because we have been led by appetite instead of hunger and have permitted the most uneducated, unlearned and unscientific classes to select and prepare our food.

Clergy Blamed for Neglect of Church

By HANNAH MORE KOHAUS

The churches would be full to overflowing if preachers would follow the injunctions of the Bible.

The Bible says: "Heal the sick and comfort the sorrowing," but the ministers of to-day do not do it.

If the members of congregations felt free to call on the preachers when they become ill or go to them in distress and sorrow, the church would mean much more to them than it does now.

The trouble with most of us is that we are not broad enough.

We should study not one thing but all things if we would be healthful, contented and happy.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT

TWO-LEGGED DOG ON WHEELS

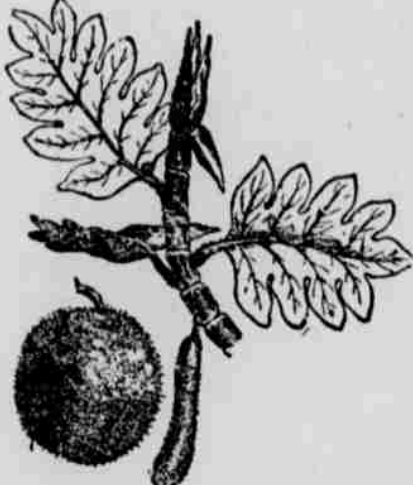
Body Behind Fore Legs Rests on a Little Gig and Animal Scampers About Apparently Contented.

A curious sight in the streets of one of the residence districts of Vienna is a two-legged black water spaniel. His owner, Frau Berta Hoffinger, thinks he is more wonderful than the two-legged dogs on exhibition because they were born so, while her pet had his hind legs amputated after he had been "ruthlessly wounded by inhuman huntsmen." After the wounds had healed the woman consulted many people as how to provide artificial legs for the pet, and finally adopted the idea of a saddler, who constructed a little two-wheeler, by means of which the dog now moves about. The body behind the fore legs rests on the little gig, and the dog scampers about, apparently perfectly happy, contented with the wheels as substitutes for the lost legs.

BREAD THAT GROWS ON TREES

Common Enough in Oceania and is Cultivated in South America—is Big Ball.

Raconteurs of strange adventures have made the bread fruit famous. Their heroes always find it at the moment when they are about to die of hunger. As a result, it is thought generally to be an extraordinary



A Bread Tree.

vegetable. Really it is a common enough tree. It is cultivated in Oceania and the Antilles and in South America. Its fruit is a big greenish ball, which grows about as large as the human head.

TREE FULL OF BIBLE LORE

Ingenious Student of Holy Scriptures Composes Biblical Statistics in Novel Form.

A student of holy writ has composed biblical statistics in this novel form:

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters; 810,987 words; 21,175 verses; 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm; the shortest and middle chapter the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times; the word Lord 1,855 times. The 31st chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of the 2d Book of Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 18th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 31st of the 11th chapter of John. In the 2d verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the alphabet. The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts. The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther. It contains knowledge, wisdom, holiness and love.

The composition is called by its author "The Tree of Knowledge."

LABOR ON POSTAGE STAMPS

Amount of Work Necessary to Prepare Them in Proper Manner is Simply Amazing.

We take so many things for granted that at times, when we learn of the amount of trouble a simple-appearing thing has cost, we are amazed. For instance, how many, when they glibly stick a postage stamp on a letter, think of the trouble that has been taken to put just the right amount of mullage on the stamp? And yet the labor and care expended on the backs of stamps is considerable. It is a most delicate operation.

After the printing great sheets of stamps are passed under a roller from which they receive a thin coating of gum; then they are gradually dried over steam pipes. Of course care is taken to make the coating even. Tests are hourly made to see that the heat and humidity are exactly right. Then for each season of the year allowance must be made. A harder one for summer, a thinner one for winter. In winter the gum is apt to crack and care must be taken to prevent that. A third grade for spring and fall gum is known as "intermediate." So you see even so small a thing as a postage stamp is an item of interest in the country's workshop.

BUSY BEE'S REPLY.



Oh, busy bee, oh, busy bee! You are working all the day. Do you never stop to take a rest. Nor to have a bit of play?

"I'm laying up my store of food For the cold long winter's day; And honey I must make for you While you romp about and play."

"And when in winter you will have The honey, pure and sweet, That I have worked all summer long To make, that you may eat."

"You'll understand, my little child Why I must work all day, For I must feed myself—and you While you run out and play."

ORANGE AND LEMON GAME

Amusing Pastime for the Children That Finally Develops Into a Tug of War.

Two of the players join hands, facing each other, having agreed privately which is to be "Oranges" and which "Lemons." The rest of the party form a long line, standing one behind the other, and holding each other's dresses or coats. The first two raise their hands so as to form an arch, and the rest run through it, singing as they run:

"Oranges and Lemons, Say the Bells of St. Clement; You owe me five farthings, Say the bells of St. Martin; When will you pay me? Say the bells of Old Bailey. I do not know, Say the bells of Bow. Here comes a candle to light you to bed. Here comes a chopper to chop off your head!"

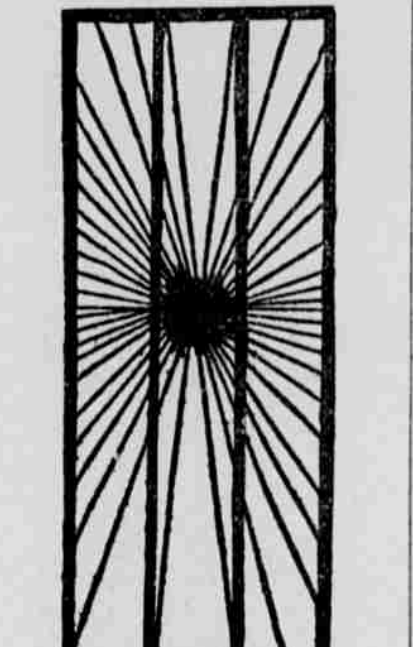
At the word "head" the hand archway descends, and clasps the player passing through at that moment. He is then asked in a whisper: "Oranges or Lemons?" And if he chooses "Oranges" he is told to go behind the player who has agreed to be "Oranges" and clasp him around the waist. The players must be careful to speak in a whisper, so that the others must not know what has been said.

The game then goes on again in the same way until all the children have been caught and have chosen which they will be, "Oranges" or "Lemons." When this happens the two sides prepare for a tug of war. Each child clasps the one in front of him tightly, and the two leaders pull with all their might until one side has drawn the other across a line which has been drawn between them.

UNIQUE OPTICAL ILLUSION

No One Would at First Suppose That the Four Lines are Perfectly Straight.

Are these four lines perfectly straight? No one would suppose at first sight that they are perfectly straight and



Optical Illusion.

parallel, but they will stand the test of a straight edge. The divergent rays distract the vision.

A New Paris Game.

Juvenile Parisians have a new game to take the place of the diabolo craze. It is called the "looping bird," and is a little aeroplane shot up by aid of a hook and a pair of diabolo sticks. The Tuileries gardens are much frequented by players of the looping bird. But more ambitious models of aeroplanes than the bird are now sold from \$1.50 to \$10. One of the latter is a very good imitation of the Farman machine, and is propelled by twisted India rubber strings. On being wound up the little aeroplane, which is provided with wheels, runs along the ground for 20 feet and then rises to from five to six feet and flies through the air for some 20 yards or so. A cute little toy for good children though no doubt some bad ones are not deprived of it by their French parents.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

acts gently yet promptly on the bowels; cleanses the system effectually; assists one in overcoming habitual constipation permanently.

To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine.

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POOR BOY.



"Dear me! Why do you cry so bitterly?" "I'm cryin' 'cause I'm so wicked that I'm goin' ter play hookey, instead of goin' ter school, boo hoo!"

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedial. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

The Soft Answer.

At a dinner in Bar Harbor a Boston woman praised the wit of the late Edward Everett Hale.

"Walking on the outskirts of Boston one day," she said, "he and I inadvertently entered a field that had a 'No Trespassing' sign nailed to a tree.

"Soon a farmer appeared. "Trespassers in this field are prosecuted," he said in a grim tone.

"Dr. Hale smiled blandly. "But we are not trespassers, my good man," he said.

"What are you then?" asked the amazed farmer. "We're Unitarians," said Dr. Hale. —Washington Star.

Expensive Silence.

Little four-year-old Alice was lying on the floor whining and crying steadily one afternoon, until, her father's patience exhausted, he called out to her: "Oh, stop, Alice, and I'll give you a penny."

Alice stopped only long enough to answer: "I can't stop for less than a nickel! Boohoo! Boohoo!"

Tuberculosis Among Soldiers

For 1,000 active troops in the armies of the great world powers, the following figures show the percentage of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis: United States, 4.7; Great Britain and colonies, 2.4; France, 5.3; Germany, 1.5; Austria, 1.0; and Russia, 2.7.

A French Scholar.

As William bent over her fair face he whispered: "Darling if I should ask you in French if I might kiss you, what would you answer?"

She, calling up her scanty knowledge of the French language, exclaimed, "Billet doux." —Tit-Bits.

A Ready Explanation.

"What is the reason, you were so late in discovering the worth pole?" "Well," answered the explorer, "you see they have such long nights in the arctic regions that I overslept."

A BANKER'S NERVE

Broken by Coffee and Restored by Postum.

A banker needs perfect control of the nerves, and a clear, quick, accurate brain. A prominent banker of Chattanooga tells how he keeps himself in condition:

"Up to 17 years of age I was not allowed to drink coffee, but as soon as I got out in the world I began to use it and grew very fond of it. For some years I noticed no bad effects from its use, but in time it began to affect me unfavorably. My hands trembled, the muscles of my face twitched, my mental processes seemed slow and in other ways my system got out of order. These conditions grew so bad at last that I had to give up coffee altogether.

"My attention having been drawn to Postum, I began its use on leaving off the coffee, and it gives me pleasure to testify to its value. I find it a delicious beverage; like it just as well as I did coffee, and during the years that I have used Postum I have been free from the distressing symptoms that accompanied the use of coffee. The nervousness has entirely disappeared, and I am as steady of hand as a boy of 25, though I am more than 92 years old. I owe all this to Postum."

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