

Odd News From Big Cities

Stories of Strange Happenings in the Metropolitan Towns

Many Baltimore Women Start Smoking



BALTIMORE, Md.—That there is a large and ever-increasing number of women smokers in Baltimore was the opinion expressed by several prominent physicians and women themselves.

Most of the physicians were unhesitating in their disapproval of the habit. Dr. William H. Pearce said:

"I consider it bad for anyone to smoke, but it is worse for women than for men. It lowers the moral tone eventually and has absolutely nothing to recommend it in any way."

When asked if many of his women patients were smokers he declared that he did not know.

"It's not the kind of habit to demand treatment," he said, "and as a matter of fact I know positively of only two of my women patients who make a practise of smoking."

The greater number of women smokers in Baltimore are to be found among the "fashionables"—the society set, and with them the cigarette habit is said to be general. At some entertainments given only for women the entire party will take cigarettes as naturally as their husbands and brothers would do. They have their own cigarette cases and match boxes, and their own favorite brands, and, while not flaunting the habit in the faces of a conservative public, "make no

bones" of the matter and readily admit that they smoke.

Another set about town among whom smoking is indulged in freely includes the artistic and musical coteries. Among them there is always a more or less foreign element and Continental ideas generally find favor.

Several well-known women physicians were asked about their observations on the subject and, with one accord, they replied that the habit was general among society women only.

"It is a conspicuous fact," said one, "that few women students of colleges or universities smoke. I have never known of a woman teacher who did."

Another woman physician said she did not consider it had ever been conclusively proved that smoking in moderation was harmful, but that she thought both men and women were none the better for it.

A well-known suffragist was asked whether a desire to vote on a woman's part went with the habit of cigarette smoking. She was indignant and declared "very few Baltimore suffragists smoke, and, anyhow, those who do did it before they became suffragists."

Among clubwomen it is almost unknown, and in explanation of this they say they have too much to do and think about, and it is only idle women who learn to smoke.

A well-known physician living on Charles street said that while smoking might not hurt the woman, he considered it a horrid habit and no woman was "kissable" who smoked. He was certain that he would not permit any of his family to indulge in it for a minute.

'Tis the Kellys Who Are Proud Now



CHICAGO.—Several hundred Chicago Kellys have received letters recently informing them that they are descendants of ancient Irish kings, and for the modest sum of one dollar they will be sent the famous Kelly coat of arms.

The letters are sent out by a Philadelphia concern that makes a business of looking up "family trees," and the Kellys all over the United States are receiving the glad news.

The "discovery" that Kelly was once a king of Ireland was made by a representative of the Philadelphia concern "after years of research in the libraries of Dublin, Cork and Belfast." The ancestral coat of arms is something that every Kelly should have—according to the letter—and as there are only a few thousand left, it behooves Kelly to remit his one dollar without delay.

The letter in part is as follows: Mr. Kelly—Dear Sir: We have just received from our agent in Dublin a rare old engraving of the coat of arms

of the Kelly family. We are now producing this for framing and printing a pamphlet, describing it and giving the lineal descent of the first Kelly from Heremon, first king of Ireland, and through a long line of Irish monarchs. Only enough will be printed to fill advance orders. The price is only one dollar. Send cash with order.

Have you noticed Kelly since he got the word from Philadelphia? He holds his head higher than usual and he will hardly bow to the Grady and the Reillys.

"What's come over Kelly?" is the question his neighbors are asking. When a Kelly meets a Kelly they shake hands cordially and the conversation is about their ancestral coat of arms.

"I always knew that Kelly was one of the best names in Ireland," said Edward T. Kelly, president of the E. T. Kelly company, publishers, "but I didn't know we were descendants of kings until I got the letter from a 'family tree' concern the other day. More than fifty men of my name have spoken to me about it, as they also received letters on the subject.

"There is only one way to spell the name, and that is K-double Y. Those who slip in the extra E between L and Y are not the real Kellys, the descendants of Irish royalty."

Chicagoan to Start an Electric Farm



CHICAGO.—The shades of Ben Franklin and the near shades of Thomas Edison are about to fall upon the fertile fields of Lake county. Thanks to the enterprise of Samuel Insull, who has several considerable vegetable patches in the county adjoining Cook, the garden fields are to have an electric treatment.

When not working on his turnip patch, Mr. Insull is president of the Commonwealth Edison company. He has also much to do with Lake county electrical enterprises. They have electricity to burn. This may have something to do with the experiment in gardening which the Insull friends, and they are legion, declare he is about to perpetrate on a county whose

farmers have always been respectably conservative. You see, to the president of an electric company the lighting juice is cheaper than fertilizer.

Think what it means to Chicago diners if the Insull plan bears fruit. Bill of fares will feature electric radishes, incandescent onions, which may be odorless; pies from 10,000 candle power pumpkins; kilo-watt potatoes and alternating current cabbages.

In the wake of this eating may come electrical sprees. The somber citizen after dining on an electrified potato salad may glow like a lightning bug and warble a few bars of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." Each green pea may contain an electric shock and the result of eating a single portion may be shocking. If this comes to pass just blame Mr. Insull.

There are three kinds of farming, as you probably don't know, unless you have had a fling at it. The first grade is the common or garden variety as practised by our forebears. Then there is the up-to-date, rotation-in-crops, applied-chemistry brand.

Throws Vinegar in a Burglar's Eyes



NEW YORK.—Mrs. Nathan Jasper, wife of a contractor, saved her husband from possible death at the hands of a burglar recently by throwing a cup of vinegar into the burglar's eyes and blinding him.

The man went to Jasper and told him he was starving. His appearance bore out his story. Jasper gave him money for food, and told him he would put him to work. When the Jaspers were getting ready for bed they found the man in a closet of their apart-

ment, unconscious. The closet had a spring lock on the outside and the man had been shut in. He was almost suffocated. Mrs. Jasper got some vinegar, which her husband used as a restorative, and succeeded in bringing the man to his senses.

As soon as the man became conscious he attacked Jasper. The contractor was no match for him, and was being choked into unconsciousness when Mrs. Jasper hurled the vinegar into the man's face. Howling with pain, he freed Jasper. Mrs. Jasper sprang at him, and she and her husband managed to hold him until a policeman came and took him to jail.

Jasper says the man he had befriended was a former employe whom he had discharged on account of his habits. He says the man stole his jewelry before hiding in the closet.

FARM AND BEE

NEED OF GOOD FERTILIZERS

Application of Commercial Product Enhances Wheat Grower's Chances for Big Yields.

With the majority of farmers the use of commercial fertilizers in wheat seeding has become quite the rule. While they do not use particularly large quantities per acre, they have found from experience that 200 to 400 lbs. per acre annually is a good investment.

In many sections wheat has become rather an uncertain crop, and those who raise it year after year, appreciate the necessity of furnishing complete cultural conditions and seeing to it that the soil contains sufficient plant food to feed the crop through to maturity. In other words, taking every precaution that will reasonably assure fairly good yields and profits.

The season just past has demonstrated that even in good wheat years when fields without special treatment proved profitable, the application of commercial fertilizers pays, the advantage of applying fertilizers is readily apparent. When fertilizers pay in good years, the results from its use is all the more striking in off years when the general crop proves a failure.

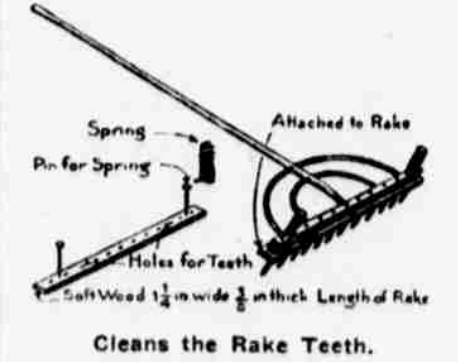
The growing of wheat, in fact any crop, is surrounded with enough uncertainties without trying to make good yields on poor soils which have shown their gradual impoverishment by the decreasing yield each succeeding season.

By applying commercial fertilizers the wheat grower's chances for good yields are materially enhanced, and as no one can foretell whether the season will prove unfavorable, it is economy to use fertilizers on every seeding. One of the chief functions of commercial fertilizers with wheat, is to furnish the young plant with plenty of available plant food right from the start, enabling them to make rapid and vigorous growth at a time when it will mean most to the later development of the plant. With such a start the roots soon reach down into the soil where they gather food from the less available sources. This keeps the plant growing steadily all through the season. With the use of fertilizers there is no standing still, which is often the case where no fertilizer is used. The most perfectly prepared seed bed will not present a condition suitable for rapid growth unless there is plenty of available plant food near the surface where the first formed rootlets can readily find it.

SELF-CLEANING LAWN RAKE

Simple Wooden Attachment so Arranged That Accumulations Throw Off.

When cleaning a lawn of dead grass, leaves, etc., with a garden rake much time is lost in removing the trash clogged between the teeth. I was using a wood back rake for this purpose and decided to make an attachment for self-cleaning, writes John Blake of Franklin, Mass., in Popular Mechanics. I procured a soft and light piece of wood, 3/4 in. thick, 1 1/2 in. wide, and as long as the rake bar, and bored holes in it to match the teeth of the



rake. Attached to this piece of wood were two pins which passed through the back of the rake. Two compression springs placed on these pins between their heads and the rake bar kept the strip of wood at the base of the rake teeth. If the grass or leaves would stick to the rake teeth after drawing of the rake, all that was necessary to do to clean them was to turn the rake over and strike the heads of the pins on the ground. The teeth would be cleaned instantly.

Plow Lands Well.

I want soil plowed fairly deep, and insist on having every inch turned over, realizing the truth of the old adage: "Land well plowed is half hoed." I use the disk harrow, going over the piece about once in two weeks until the ground freezes, thus securing a sod bed that is in the best possible condition for the following crop, says a writer in Baltimore American. I have taken a field that was badly infested with witch grass and by following this method have entirely eradicated it, and I believe that I have increased the crop fully 25 per cent. by so doing.

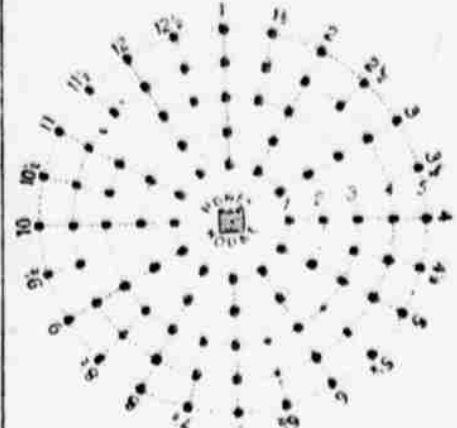
Cultivate the Tomatoes.

While tomato plants will stand considerable neglect they respond to generous cultivation more than any other crop. If the ground is dry and inclined to bake keep it stirred up. Of course, this is true of any cultivated crop, but it seems especially applicable in the case of tomatoes.

ARRANGEMENT OF AN APIARY

System of Locating Whereby There is Straight Line to Honey House From Each Hive.

My plan of locating hives is such that a hand-cart may be wheeled straight from any hive to the honey-house. The rows of hives extend in every direction from the honey-house, the plan being like a huge wheel with the rows of hives for the spokes and the honey-house for the hub. The diagram shows the system that I follow for numbering the stands, writes Carey W. Rees, in Gleanings in Bee Culture. Some object to the hives



Arrangement of Apiary.

being so far apart, for the reason that it takes too much time to go from one to another; but for convenience I like plenty of room. Of all unpleasant places to work it is an apiary where the hives are crowded together, or where they are under trees. If hives must be set under trees, the limbs should be trimmed high, so as to avoid catching the veil. Since I have no trees or bushes in my yard I use the ventilated covers and shade-boards over them. During the hottest weather I draw the hives back beyond the end of the bottom-board so as to give more air.

SPRAY FOR POTATO BEETLE

Most Growers Neglect Applying Poison Until Insects Have Obtained Start on Vines.

The chief difficulty in spraying for the potato beetle seems to be that most growers postpone applying the poison until the beetles have obtained a good start upon the vines. The best time to kill them is immediately, or soon after they hatch.

The destructive season of the beetles upon late potatoes lies between July 1 and August 10. The season of greatest destruction from blight upon late potatoes usually comes between August 15 and September 1.



Potato Spraying Machine.

Some farmers are deceived in thinking that they have the beetles under control when the large insects suddenly disappear. The fact is these beetles go into the ground to get their wings, and when the mature insect comes out they cause serious loss to the crop by chewing off the leaves and leaving the stems nearly stripped of foliage. They cannot be controlled at this stage.

FARM NOTES

It is almost impossible to prevent swarming when producing comb honey.

The honey extractor saves the bees much time in comb building, and thus the beekeeper can secure more honey.

Improve your bees by always rearing queens and increasing from colonies that have gathered the most honey.

Never mix sun-dried lime with manure, as it will cause the escape of the ammonia, one of its most valuable elements.

Salsify is a common vegetable oyster and, properly prepared, it is one of the most delicious vegetables the garden produces.

Never extract honey before at least two-thirds of the comb is sealed or capped over. Otherwise the honey is not ripe enough and will ferment.

There is no month in the year when manure cannot be hauled and scattered on the fields to advantage. It is better on the land than in the stables and lots.

Plan to plant all the land to some crop. Green crops prevent the ground from burning out from the hot sun, and the roots of the plants help to loosen up the soil.

If a half barrel is sunk at one corner of the box and connected by a spout the liquid from the manure will in this manner all be saved and can be applied to the plants as needed.

The disk harrow is a good tool for loosening up packed plowed ground. Disking both ways will put the ground in fine shape for seeding, the disk to be followed by a smoothing harrow.

Let the grass grow along fence rows. You do not need to make it grow, for it will come of itself and make a good sod if the other growth is cut off two or three times during the summer. Grass will not grow under dense shade or brush and weeds.

LIVES SAVED AT SMALL COST

Figures Showing Expenditures For the Maintenance of Tuberculosis Sanatoriums.

In a comparative study of the cost of maintenance in thirty tuberculosis sanatoriums the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis found that the food cost in most of the institutions represented one-third of the annual expenditures. The average daily food cost per patient was \$0.544. The expenditures for salaries and wages represented nearly another third, being \$0.481 per day per patient out of a total of \$1.669. The fuel, oil and light cost was \$0.296 per capita per diem, or about one-eighth of the total cost. The daily cost in the several institutions ranged all the way from \$0.946 per patient to \$2.555. In the far west and southwest, as in Colorado and New Mexico and California, the cost was higher than in the east, in New York and New England, being \$2.025 per patient as against \$1.748. The total expenditures of the thirty institutions were \$1,363,953.28, while the total receipts from all sources were \$1,548,525.74. More than 70 per cent. of the receipts were received from public funds and private benefactions, only 28.8 per cent. being from patients. Stated in another way only 35 per cent. of the total expenditures were received from patients, the remainder being made up from other sources.

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The Deacon's Parable.

A self-conscious and egotistical young clergyman was supplying the pulpit of a country church. After the service he asked one of the deacons, a grizzled, plain-spoken man, what he thought of his morning effort.

"Waal," answered the old man, slowly, "I'll tell ye in a kind of parable. I remember Tunk Weatherbee's first deer hunt, when he was green. He followed the deer's tracks all right, but he followed 'em all day in the wrong direction."—Housekeeper.

How He Kept the Law.

"I noticed," said the friend who could be trusted, after a trip through the factory where preserves are made, "that a white powder is first put in the cans, and that the preserves are then put in the white powder."

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Caught in the Rush.

"My poor man," said the sympathetic woman, "and how came you to be crippled for life?"

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"No."

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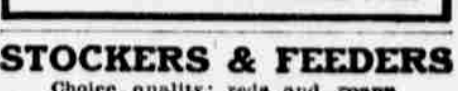
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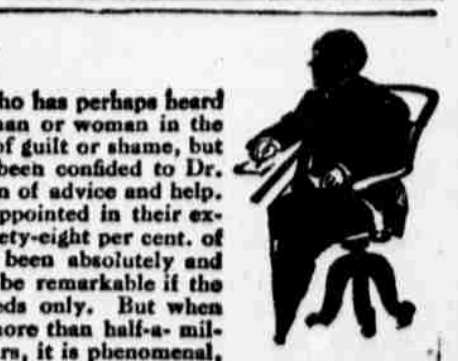
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