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BIG APPLE ORCHARD.

One to Cover 5,000 Acres to Be Planted in Missouri.

Missouri is to have a 5,000-acre apple orchard, the largest in the world. The Prisco road will build a track through it from end to end, and depots and warehouses will be erected for the storage of the products. An evaporating plant, a vinegar and cider plant, and a canning establishment will be erected, and facilities provided for caring for every portion of the orchard's product on a business basis, the keynote to which is like that of the packing houses—not a thing shall be wasted.

The big orchard is to be located in Laclede County, about three miles from Lebanon, on a tract occupying a northern plateau, nearly the whole of the 5,000 acres sloping to the north, a condition much sought for by orchardists. It is owned by a company officered by Iowans and which expects to make an investment on the property of \$1,000,000.

It is proposed to set about 4,800 acres of the tract to apples, the remaining 200 acres being reserved for buildings and other necessary purposes. Two-year-old apple trees are to be planted on 1,000 acres next spring, and 25 acres of peach trees are to be planted these to afford quicker returns than can be expected from the apple trees. The peach trees will be supplanted by apple trees later, however. From the peach orchard returns are expected in three years, while for the apple trees six years are allowed. While the trees are growing the company will plant the land to corn, berries, and other crops, in order to get a return from year to year. Stump pullers and steam plows are already at work, and the contract has been let for clearing the entire tract.

The apples to be grown will be chiefly of the Ben Davis and Jonathan varieties, which have been shown to be adapted to that soil and which will keep well, remaining in cold storage for two or three years. It is intended that the orchard company shall market not only the fruit of its own farm, but shall buy and ship fruit from surrounding growers, thus keeping constantly in close touch with the markets and in position to take advantage of every favorable condition.

The Ozark country is yearly taking higher rank among the apple producing sections, and one of the promoters of the big orchard said he was advised the apple growers of New York and other of the older States were not replanting their trees owing to the high values of land in those sections. He says that with the cheap lands of Missouri so well adapted to apple growing and so centrally located as to the best apple markets, the Ozark region will soon become the apple producing center of the world.—Kansas City Star.

Pity the Tired.

A club veranda conversation in Newport, reported verbatim for Henry Waterson:

"Isn't it a beastly boah?"
"Ya-as, old chappie, it's demned beastly."
"Why, Chawles, you swoah!"
"So I did; learned to sweat lawst night at Mrs. Vanderdrexel's pwofanity party."
(Three minutes' lapse of consciousness.)
"May Gellatine sweahs fwightfully, they say."
"Ya-as, she's wemahkkably elevah. I expect to maywy her some day."
"I pity you, Chawles."
"So does her papa. Wonder if she'll sweat at me. Hee-hee!"
(Silence of ten minutes.)
"There goes Mrs. Shellmonte in her flying machine."
"Flying is such a beastly boah."
"Demned beastly."
(Another interval.)
"I had an idea yesterday."
"How beastly of you!"
"Don't be cruel or I shan't tell it to you."
(Five-minute hiatus.)
"What was that idea, Chawles?"
"I thought what a clevah thing it would be for somebody to bring congress here for a day; have a wegulah session on somebody's lawn; pay the beastly old gov'ment and all that, you know."
"How deneedly vulgah!"
"Ya-as, but think of this beastly joah!"
(Coma till dinner.)—Newark News.

Artificial Eyelids.

The latest surgical triumph is the grafting of a new set of upper and lower eyelids to the eyes of a man who lost his original set in a fire. The accident had left both eyeballs entirely unprotected, and there was danger of the victim losing his sight entirely. It was resolved to replace them by grafting four new eyelids if possible, by taking the skin from the hip of the patient. It was necessary to proceed slowly, but the experiment was successful from the start. The four new eyelids perform their normal functions naturally.

Denied a Day's Rest.

Jaspar—What are you looking so annoyed about?
Mrs. Jaspar—I expected a day's rest and didn't get it. This is the cook's day out, but she insisted on staying at home.—Judge.

She Struck Pay Dust.

"I see that a Chicago washerwoman has saved \$40,000 by taking in washing."
"Ain't that a good deal for one woman to clean up?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Suggestion of Riches.

"Did he look well off?"
"Yes, he did suggest riches; he was covered with coal dust."

CATARRH OF LUNGS.

A Prominent Chicago Lady Cured by Pe-ru-na.

Miss Maggie Welch, secretary of the Betsy Ross Educational and Benevolent Society, writes from 328 North State street, Chicago, Ill., the following glowing words concerning Peruna:



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Address the Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for free literature on catarrh.

Useless Presents.

An Ottawa small boy who had a birthday Wednesday had a big kick coming on the presents his aunt gave him. "They're two things I never uses," he said. "What do I want with a tooth brush and a handkerchief?"—Kansas City Star.

Wonderful Work.

Case No. 18,977.—David M. By, P. O. Address Box 297, Midland, Mich., says: "Three months I was almost incapacitated from labor; could not sleep at night; had to walk the floor, owing to terrible pain in the hips, in the small of the back, in my instep and ankle of the right leg."

"I was treated for sciatic rheumatism in the hospital, but received no benefit. One month ago I returned home, and was given a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. To-day residents of this city can bear witness to the fact that I am able to work, and can also walk to my work without the aid of a walking stick or crutch."

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"I was especially careful in my diet, in order to give the treatment fair play."

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A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. By will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

All Hours.

"My good man," said the prim individual, "why do you idle your time away? Today is ours, but remember tomorrow may be others."
"G'wan!" responded Plodding Pete derisively. "Ain't tomorrow hours, too?"—Philadelphia Record.

A Rudo Jolt

We are compelled to sit on the jury this week," wrote the editor of the Spiketown Blizzard, "and in our absence our wife will do the best she can to get out the paper. As this is her first attempt to hold down an editorial chair we trust our readers will be lenient and not expect too much."

And this is a sample of the letter she received from the seventy-one "Constant Readers," "Old Subscribers," and "Sincere Friends," including "Veritas," "Pro Bono Publico," "Justitia," "Fair Play," "Well Wisher," "Citizen" and "One of the Plain People," the following week:
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A Grammatical Courtship
Sibyl—How did you come to accept Jack? I thought you said "no" once.
Brey!—So I did; then he proposed again and I said "no" a second time. "Well?"
"He asked me to name the day, saying in school he had been taught that two negatives make an affirmative."—Baltimore Herald.

Negative Wisdom
"I don't quite understand that fellow Foodle" said Polson. "He seems to get along swimmingly in society but I'm sure he doesn't know much."
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"But one day I got six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and by the time I had taken five boxes my pains had left me and I was a free woman."

The more education some men acquire the less able they seem to make a living.

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake flour, won't you be good? Tell your friends how delicious it is.

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It is a custom in the Belgian Parliament, when a member is making a long speech, to be supplied with brandy as a beverage, at the expense of the government.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do—use JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR.

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Never Forget the Note of Thanks.
Be sure to send a note of thanks for a gift received at the earliest possible moment. Write it before your ardor cools. Make it hearty, spontaneous, enthusiastic. You need not be insincere. Even if you do not like the gift you must like the spirit that prompted it. Never defer writing with the idea that you will thank the giver in person. You may do that as well when opportunity offers, but do not risk delay. Nothing is more discourteous than belated thanks.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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