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COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

Air Rights.

The extension in the use of the military balloon has led German legal and military writers into some interesting discussions regarding the sovereignty rights in the air.

He certainly must have been a man of method who won the lady fair after proposing just 24 times in four years.

The action taken by the Boston educational authorities indicates the growing attention paid to protecting the health of pupils.

Beginning Sept. 20 New York will have a taximeter automobile cab service starting with 30 cabs.

Newark, N. J., is so sorry that Diogenes never lived to see it. There lives a man in that town who found a package containing cash and jewelry to the value of \$1,000.

Philadelphia is getting in a hurry. Telephone subscribers in that city have been requested to quit saying "please" when they ask for a number.

There is this to be said about Wellman's failure to make a determined dash for the pole—he has a chance to try again.

It is said that the hand-made famine will this year turn its attention to coal. And yet there ought to be enough automatic law in the land to catch up with its workings.

A Chicago policeman has made an arrest by prayer. The arrested man will doubtless be willing to take his punishment the same way.

By saying and doing good to others we lay the foundation of our own prosperity.

THE CANADIAN CROPS

THREE-QUARTERS OF THE AVERAGE YIELD IS REPORTED.

THE FARMERS DO NOT LOSE

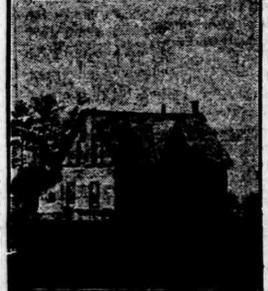
Increased Prices for Grain—More Than Compensate Them for the Decrease in Quantity—Reports from Crop Experts.

Most of the states of the union felt the unusually severe winter of 1906-7, and the effects of the succeeding late spring were everywhere apparent.

The proceeds of this field of wheat, grown in western Canada, were sufficient to pay out of the one crop the price of every acre of land upon which it was grown.

of an admittedly unfavorable season should not be allowed to sink out of sight at a time when returns from agricultural activity in the west are anxiously awaited.

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Sublimity of Forgiveness. George Sand: To forgive a fault in another is more sublime than to be faultless one's self.

THE CROPS IN ALBERTA.

On the Canadian Northern, from a point 40 miles east of Edmonton to Lloydminster, oats and barley are generally excellent; wheat is somewhat damaged and there is some loss of late-sown oats and barley.

AMERICAN LOVEMAKING HAS STIRRED UP THINGS IN CUBA

Old Folks Are Firmly of Opinion That the Methods Are Shocking, But the Younger People Seem to Think They Are an Improvement Over the Customs of the Past.

Havana, Cuba.—Think of taking your fiancée to the opera without a chaperon! Can you imagine anything more?

Can you conceive of any self-respecting man inviting the girl who has promised to be his wife to go for a car ride with him without asking her mother to go, too?

Can the human imagination comprehend anything so daring as an automobile ride without a chaperon?

Doesn't it make your blood run cold when you picture your daughter sitting on a bench in the park with her hand resting in the hand of the man she has promised to marry?

Wouldn't you kill your future son-in-law if you caught him kissing your daughter before the church had made her his wife?

And what would you do if he had the audacity to smile at her as he passed her on the street, if good manners were so totally lacking in his makeup that he stopped to chat with her on the public corner, if he were so badly bred that he knew no better than to meet her anywhere without telegraphing for the chaperon to make a double-quick march to her rescue?

Ancient Spanish Etiquette. You will laugh at the thought of ideas so absurd and prudish, but down in Cuba the thought of a mother's daughter going to the opera unchaperoned, sitting over a glass of ice cream soda with her lover, going for a car ride with her affianced husband, automobiling with him, boating with him in the moonlight, daring to let him hold her hand, bold enough to permit him to steal a kiss, and so destitute of good manners as to tip his hat to her on a public plaza, is

enough to make a Cuban father's hair turn white.

All these questions of propriety have been settled in America, and the chaperon has lost her job.

Say Americanization Goes Too Far. It has become a national problem in Cuba and it soon may become a national issue, to be inscribed in the platforms of the two leading political parties.

Where it will end—the triangular struggle between the parents, the senoritas, and the American way—no one is ready to predict, but it is a safe bet that the struggle has only just begun.

It will take an election to settle the question, say the wisest of the Cubans. Imagine an election, a national election, to decide how girls shall make love!

Kind to His Horses. A certain American boys' institution boasts a brass band made up of the boys of the school.

On the way the young leader of the band suggested that they should "have a tune," but the driver of the wagonette at once objected.

"No toons while I drive," he declared.

"But why?" persisted the musician. "Surely the horses wouldn't run away?"

"No," said the driver. "They wouldn't!"

"Then why object?"

"Simply because the poor beggars couldn't run away if they tried," was the grim retort.

"Their runnin' away days is over, an' as long as I drives you ain't a-goin' to take no mean advantage of 'em! That's why I see no toons!"

"The boys subsided, and there were 'no toons' on that journey.

MAGIC OF THE MAORIS.

Remarkable feat that seemed to defy explanation.

Tohoto was the last of the old "tohungas," or native magicians of New Zealand.

"His withered body was naked to the hips; the sun was high in the heavens; no deception was possible.

After repeating an incantation he invited his visitor to look. Lo, the leaf had become green! The strong-minded, highly educated Englishman had no belief in either Tohoto or his powers, yet by some mental influence the decrepit Polynesian was able to make the virile white man believe that what he saw was a fresh, green leaf; yet it was in reality still a dry, brown one."

Quite a number of women in Germany are devoting themselves to the art of conducting bands and orchestras.

They are the girls that are being raised by the mothers and fathers of Cuba, and the pretty senoritas are uttering complacently, for already they have grown to like the American way.

"Bella." There are not the long, agonizing hours behind the barred windows with the face of the watchful, critical duenna there, too. There is real romance in the American way, the girlish hearts cry out, romance such as the warm hearts of the senoritas never knew before.

Pupils in Girls' School Rebel. In the girls' schools in Cuba glee clubs have been organized and banjo and mandolin and guitar clubs, and the parents are up in arms.

"We've been behind the times," they protest to their indignant mothers and irate fathers.

The rebellion of the girls against their parents began when the Yankee forbidden to woo them in the Yankee way; it grew into a revolution when the good mothers and fathers of Cuba attempted to put an end to the girls' glee clubs.

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THEY WON'T SHUT DOORS.

And They Will Ride Backward, Reports a Traveller of Englishmen.

Travellers returning from England tell of two habits of the people of that country which impressed them.

"I don't know how it is in the English homes," remarked one who returned recently from abroad.

"It didn't make any difference whether it was a servant or a guest who went through the door was left open. This was in the spring of the year, too, when the weather was rainy, I noticed the same thing in railway coaches and hotels of smaller towns."

The other English peculiarity is a preference for riding backward on trains. The Englishman will make for the seat with its back to the engine every time, plant himself down in it with every evidence of comfort and look wonderingly at anybody who picks out a seat facing the direction the train is going.

With a smooth iron, a Dufflane starch you can launder your shirt-waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can.

Every father thinks he has the finest baby in the world.

"Yes," answered the cynic, "and once in awhile, but not nearly so often a baby grows up to think it has one of the finest fathers in the world."

Their Natural Place. "Don't you believe balloon inventors are visionary people?"

"Well, I must say, that as a rule, they are usually up in the air."

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