

HAILSTORM HAVOC

GREAT DAMAGE DONE TO WHEAT CROPS OF KANSAS.

Insurance Against Loss from Storms of This Kind Is Now Taken Out by Many of the Farmers.

Hailstorms have destroyed more wheat in Kansas in the last ten years than all the grasshoppers and chinchbugs since the state was organized...

Last year one hailstorm in the northern part of Sumner county and the southern part of Sedgewick swept an area of 28,000 acres...

Farmers have a belief that hail will follow the same path for three consecutive years...

ENGLISH WOMAN'S JOKE

Package She Called Valuable Surprised Lawyers and Bankers When Opened.

There is such a thing as carrying a joke too far. Six years ago an English woman who was travelling in Canada deposited in the vaults of a Toronto trust company a parcel carefully bound and secured with a number of imposing seals...

A few weeks ago the English woman died, and a clause in her will made mention of the deposit in trust in Toronto. After due process of law it was ordered that the seals be broken in the Canadian city...

Red seals on the outside of the bundle were first broken, then an array of green colored seals were encountered. After this wrapping came held after fold of paper...

Nothing is known of the motive for leaving the faded pair of corsets in a trust deposit vault. We may assume that the English woman was eccentric and wished to play a prank on her relatives...

In Wrong Profession.

The proprietor of a theatrical company which played at Kingsfisher lately was arrested for assaulting one of the members of his company and stated on the witness stand that he was a horse doctor...

PICTURE OF CONEY ISLAND.

Penning by a Southall "Geezer" Who Collided with an "Argosy" of Hen Fruit.

There is a solemn hush, and all hearts await the setting off of the next piece of fireworks, relates a New York Herald writer. I am filled with a vague unrest as the first ball—one of a velvet texture—pops into the air from a Roman candle...

MIGRATION OF WILD GESE

How the Old Leader of a Flock Gathers It and Starts on Its Journey.

At the end of March or during the first week in April all the gray geese in the Outer Hebrides collect in one place before taking their departure for their nesting haunts within the Arctic circle...

To estimate their numbers is impossible, and to behold this vast concourse of geese as one of the sights of a lifetime. The vast host of birds stands packed together in a huge phalanx till the king of the graylegs starts the flight...

Some fifty birds rise in the air and follow him, and as they go gradually assume the wedge-like formation, with three single birds in a string at the apex of the triangle...

Again and again he returns until all are gone but 300 old veterans, which rise to meet him in the air as he flies back to them...

MEASURING DEPTH OF AIR

Atmospheric Envelope of Earth Determined by Interesting Scientific Observation.

One hundred and 31 miles is the height of the atmosphere as measured by Prof. T. J. J. See, who determines the thickness of the air envelope by noting the difference between the time of sunset and the complete disappearance of blue from the sky...

Health as a Business Asset.

The average man is not accustomed to regard his health as his very best asset, yet that is precisely what it is. The man who will accord due regard to his health from a strictly business standpoint, will go farther, last longer and accomplish more in the end than one who makes health an after-consideration...

Might Come Handy.

"I love thee!" vowed the sentimentalist. "I swear it by yon blue sky—by the purple seas—by the green forest—by the yellow moon—by..."

ETHERIAL BODY VISIBLE.

Semi-Transparent Mass Surrounding the Bones. Penetrable by Rontgen Rays.

They say they have seen the ethereal body, one of man's subtler bodies impregnating the dense physical body. The orientals have long claimed to have seen it with a higher vision and the occidentals are now seeing it by the aid of instruments...

RAPID FLIGHT OF TIME.

Mule That Aged Five Years Between the Months of February and June.

Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, in lecturing to his law class at the George Washington university, says the American Senator, told the following story:

I knew of a case once where two darkies swapped mules. One of them was an old hand at the business, and in making the trade he represented his mule to be seven years old, and told of the many good traits the animal had not...

"You say," said the other fellow "dat when you got de mule in February he was seven years old, and now it's June and he's 12 years old?"

"Yes, I do!" was the angry response.

JAMAICANS LACK GINGER.

Seek Employment at Panama, But Are Said to Be Wasteful and Stupid.

Jamaicans are apparently jacks of all trades. Hungry for the big wages of Panama, school teachers, barbers, shoemakers, store clerks have flocked to the isthmus to find employment as masons, carpenters, blacksmiths and painters indifferently, says Everybody's Magazine...

Swiftest of Torpedoes.

The new torpedo of the United States navy is one of the most powerful sea weapons in existence. It will travel more than two and a quarter miles, or twice the range of the White-head torpedo, which is superseded by the new missile in turbine driven...

Strong Hint in the Figures.

"Gladys," called her pa, "what time is it?" "It's eleven, father."

"It's 12 up here. Eleven and 12 are 23."

And then the young man departed. —Houston Chronicle.

May Know More of Future. Popley (boastfully)—I tell you what that boy of mine knows quite a lot for his size. —Philadelphia Press.

Good Fellows to Be Found. The girl who marries a fellow to reform him seems to lose sight of the fact that there are lots who don't need reforming. —Philadelphia Record.

TOLD BY BAKERY WINDOWS

When They Contain But Little Show It Is an Indication of Good Business.

"He runs a bakery, I know that," said the broker's clerk, "but I don't know what kind of a trade he has."

"How do his bakelook windows look?" asked the broker.

"Here as a picked bone," said the clerk, "there isn't a thing in them except filled paper, a couple of rolls tied up with red ribbon and a plate of cakes no thicker than a dime."

"Then the fellow is glit-ol-ded," said the broker. "He has first-class customers. Just show me a baker's windows and I can tell you nine times out of ten the quality of his trade. If they present the appearance of having been struck by famine, he caters to rich folks—supplies them with lady fingers and dainty wafers thin enough to see through...

PRECOCIOUS SENILITY.

Valuable Lives Snuffed Out in Youth and Middle Age by Disease of Age.

Precocious senility, when marked as rapid, is so rare as to be mere academic interest, a pathetic curiosity such as the recorded instance of children of six years dying with arteriosclerosis and other signs of extreme age, says American Medicine. Even the very uncommon, but a much larger number of milder cases have so long been noted as to have given rise to the axiom that a man is as old as his arteries...

COLD IS A MINOR FACTOR

In Pneumonia the Huddling Together of People Is More Important.

Augustus Wadsworth declares that experience has shown cold to be a minor predisposing factor in the development of pneumonia. The huddling together of people in close quarters is of far more importance, says Medical Record.

The treatment of pneumonia in its present stage may be said to be either very easy or impossible. A careful prophylaxis against disturbances of the digestive tract is of the greatest importance. Many ways of attaining the same results present themselves and the choice in great measure rests with personal experience...

Submerged Roman Cities.

Late explorations of the Italian coast near Pompeii have changed the opinion of antiquarians, says the New York Tribune. The submerged Roman ruins along the coast used to be regarded as foundation walls thrown out for sea baths, but it was made clear that they are the remains of noble mansions, and that they point to the time when the land on which they stood was far above the level of the sea...

Blacksnake Tackles Engine.

The big blacksnake that has been terrorizing the vicinity of Zionsville, Pa., a few miles north of here, is no more. His snakeship met his fate when he tackled a train on the Perkiemen railroad. As an extra freight was manuevering peacefully along the road below Zionsville the engineer was startled to see a large snake poised in an attitude of defiance in the middle of the track. His head was elevated and it was swaying, ready to strike and the locomotive at a lively rate. A moment later the wheels of the train had crushed out the life of the reptile...

New French Industry.

An industry has been recently created in the west of France, at Surzeles, the seat of several cooperative lairies, and in the space of a few months it has grown so rapidly in importance that it deserves notice. This industry is the extraction of cascia from skimmed milk.

STRAWBERRIES AND INSANE

Eastern Expert Makes Some Interesting Observations on the Subject.

Denver.—Do more persons go insane during the strawberry season than at any other period of the year? If so, why?

According to Dr. E. P. Blomer, a Buffalo physician and alienist of reputation in the east, the statistics regarding the insane of the country in general show that each year there is a marked increase in the number of persons who become insane by the time the strawberry season is well under way. When the fruit disappears from the daily table, he asserts, records of different asylums show the number of cases decreases.

Dr. Blomer advanced his views on the subject to C. E. Hagar, secretary of the state board of charities and corrections, during a visit to the state house. He is on his way to the Pacific coast to get definite statistics from insane hospitals in California and other western states, and will visit the Colorado asylum on his return journey.

Dr. Blomer said he was unable to explain why insanity cases should be more numerous during the time when shortcake and berries and cream are in general use, but added that he was firmly convinced there was some peculiar influence exerted on persons of a certain nervous temperament by strawberries. Their effect on some persons physically, he said, was shown to all physicians. Many are unable to eat one dish of strawberries without suffering from a rash which covers the entire body. Dr. Blomer believes that in the case of some persons the mind is affected instead of the body.

Secretary Hagar had never heard the theory before, but declared that the next time he visited the state hospital he would go over the records carefully in search of corroboration of the views of Dr. Blomer.

NOVEL TEMPERANCE WORK

English Preacher Drags Drunkards from Saloons to Save Them.

London.—Of all the numerous methods used to rescue drunkards in England none is more unique than that used by Rev. Dr. Stanley Parker, and certainly none is more feared or hated by the owners of cheap saloons.

Dr. Parker, who is a Wesleyan minister, every third Sunday calls a "drunkards' convention" at Plumstead, where he is the beloved pastor of an adjoining congregation.

"I always begin my convention by arguing a street paralytic," said the other day. "It is headed by a brass band, and as soon as we have gathered a crowd we begin a round-up of all the saloons in the town, starting about an hour before they close. I march them in somewhat disorderly array to Plumstead Central hall, and no matter how unruly they are, no one is ever put out. I then tell them that they are the choir and that they may sing whatever they like. The result is invariably the most ear-splitting dissonance, but it gives them the vent they want for their turbulent spirits."

"Now, Parker's new choir has become quite an institution at Plumstead, and I am proud to say that it has worked wonders among the drunkards."

"I show them appropriate cinematograph pictures, which teach a moral story and crack jokes obvious enough for their blunted perception to grasp. They enjoy themselves and come again and again, and I have reformed some of the worst drunkards and most notorious criminals in Woolwich by touching the humanizing chords in their nature."

Pure Food in France.

The French are setting us a good example in their legislation concerning "alimentary products." The French law is not only a "pure food" law in the sense that it attempts to prevent adulteration of food products with deleterious admixtures. It is also a law to prevent the imitation of food products which have attained a reputation. Our legislation has never, we believe, gone to this extent. An aggrieved individual, indeed, has his protection under the law of trademarks against the imitation of his product. But in France it is even attempted to protect localities against the imitation elsewhere of food and drinks for which towns or districts have attained celebrity. You must not in France undertake to sell a cheese or a wine as of a certain place or district unless in fact it was made there.

How Insects Use Flowers.

It is astounding to think of the result of this mutual, and yet independent working. Every shade of color, from pale yellow to the richest blue; every peculiarity of form, from the flat shape of the buttercup to the intricate windings of the columbine; every degree of sweetness, from the insipidity of many flowers to the rich sugariness of the honeysuckle, and every kind of scent, from the foul odor which attracts vulgar flies to the most delicate perfumes that delight the bees, all have proceeded from this connection of insects with flowers.—Outing Magazine.

His Defense.

"You are charged with beating your wife while drunk. What have you to say?" "Your honor, had I been sober my wife would have beaten me."—N. Y. Press.

DISEASE DEFINED BY ODOR

Sense of Smell Ruled Upon by Experts to Determine Nature of Ailments.

The acuteness of the sense of smell is far greater in many of the lower animals, dogs, for example, than in man, and they employ it in guiding them to their food, in warning them of approaching danger and for other purposes, says the Spatula. The sphere of the susceptibility to various odors is more uniform and extended in man, and the sense of smell is capable of great cultivation. Like the other special senses, it may be cultivated by attention and practice. Experts can discriminate qualities of wines, liquors, drugs, etc. Diseases have their characteristic odors.

Persons who have visited many different asylums for the insane recognize the same familiar odor of the insane. It is not insane asylums alone, but prisons, jails, workhouses, armies in camp, churches, schools and nearly every household, that have characteristic odors. It is when the insane, the prisoners and the soldier are aggregated in large groups or battalions that their characteristic odor is recognized. Most diseases have their characteristic odors and by the exercise of the sense of smell they could be utilized in different diagnoses.

For example, fever has a mousey odor, rheumatism has a ropious sour-smelling acid sweat. A person afflicted with pyæmia has a sweet nauseating breath. The rank, unbearable odor of pus from the middle ear tells the tale of the decay of osseous tissue. In scurvy the odor is putrid, in chronic peritonitis musky, in scrofula like stale beer, in intermittent fever like fresh baked brown bread, in fever amoniacal, in hysteria like violets or pineapple, Measles, diphtheria, typhoid fever, epilepsy, phthisis, etc., have characteristic odors.

ABLE TO FOOL THE SENSES

Psychological Investigators Get Some Curious Results in Yale Experiments.

Curiously interesting results have been obtained by experiments on hallucinations of the senses at the Yale psychological laboratory. A person placed in a quiet room was asked to note the intensity of a tone which would be sounded every time a telegraph receiver clicked. At first the tone was actually produced, but afterward, unknown to the person experimented on, the tone was omitted, while the clicking was regularly continued. Still the subject of the experiment believed that he heard the tone as before with every click of the instrument.

Another experiment consisted in dropping a light pit ball on the hand of a person so placed that he could not see what was done. Each fall of the ball was timed to correspond with the sound regularly emitted by a microphone. After a while the ball was no longer dropped, but the subject of the experiment continued to feel or imagine that he felt the touch of the ball at every sound from the microphone.

In a third experiment a blue lead was placed in the center of a white ring and a person was requested to approach the ring and note, by means of a tape measure at his side, the distance at which the head first became visible to him. Later the head was secretly removed, but still on arriving at the previously determined distance the person believed that he saw the head.

HER PRAYER FOR MAMMA.

Special Clause in Tot's Supplication Prompted by Fear of Deprivation.

A Watbrook mother a few days ago before starting on a trip to Atlantic City told her two little daughters, whom circumstances forced her to leave at home, of the speed with which the great engines would hurry her train to the resort by the ocean and of miles and miles of glistening rails over which she would travel before reaching her destination, relates the Baltimore Herald.

That afternoon, after kissing the children good-by she asked them to remember her in their evening devotion, to which request the youngsters tearfully acquiesced. When the usual bedtime came around, the servant, told them to kneel down and say their prayers. The younger of the tots was much longer in her devotions than her elder sister, and insisted on making a separate appeal for each member of the household. Toward the end of her prayer her nurse was much surprised to hear the child say: "And, Dear Lord, above all else, don't let mother run off the track."