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LITERARY, EDITED BY FRANCES G. MOSER. What Each Day Will.

It has often been said—and it is none the less true for it—that genius is simply another term for hard work.

Mark Twain's next book is entitled "Following the Equator," instead of "The Surviving Innocent."

Several advance chapters from "Mark Twain's Diary" of his recent trip around the world are to see the light first in McClure's Magazine.

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Catharine, who had married first, harassed her husband until he had purchased a large and expensive house in a fashionable locality. It had taken all the money John Sydney had previously saved to purchase this house; then it had to be furnished, and only the most expensive furniture would suit Mistress Catharine. And while his wife dressed, made calls, gave whist parties and "tea," poor John Sydney worked hard at his place of business, doing his utmost to procure the money to pay his bills, or rather his wife's bills, and support his extensive establishment.

Eliza, the second sister, determined not to be outdone by Catharine, induced her husband to do precisely as Sydney had done. Of course, while Catharine and Eliza lived in such grand style, Sarah could not be content to live in a cottage. It mattered not to her that the roof over her head was mortgaged, so long as she could appear well and move in good society. Each of these ladies expected a share of Miss Becky's prospective wealth; and it was this hope that sustained their husbands.

It was quite dark when Miss Becky left her friend, and, with a promise to come again soon, hurried home to receive a mild scolding from Catharine, who declared she was on the point of sending some one in search of her.

"Would you care very much if I never came back?" asked Miss Becky, whose faith in her nieces had been slightly shaken by Miss Rachel's words.

A serial poem by James Whitcomb Riley, which he calls "The Rubaiyat of Doc Sifers," will be printed in the November and December number of the Century.

Mr. Riley has in his characteristic vein described a quaint and lovable Hoosier village doctor, giving anecdotes and descriptions of the doctors ways and doings from the point of view of an old fellow-townsmen.

The current Cosmopolitan contains an illustrated article on "The Battlefield of Gettysburg," written by John B. McPherson.

In connection with the erection and unveiling of the statue of Stephen Girard on the plaza of the City Hall the committee having in charge the arrangements gathered in compact form all the literature relating to the ceremonies of the unveiling and the celebration. The various reports, orations and papers that were delivered and read at that event have been collected under the title, "Statue of Stephen Girard."

As a piece of book-making it is in itself an example of the highest form of the publishers' art, being tastefully and appropriately bound, daintily and clearly printed, while the paper and the illustrations are all that any one could ask.

The book is edited by George P. Rupp and not the least interesting thing in the volume is a sketch of the life and times of the "merchant-mariner" by him.

MISS BECKY'S EXPECTATIONS, BY MARY L. CLIFFORD.

"For the land's sake, Becky Marlow, is this you?" exclaimed Rachel Kingman, as in answer to a sharp peep of her door-bell she hurriedly opened the door to find her most intimate friend waiting for admittance.

"This is what is left of me, Rachel," answered Miss Becky, as she slipped into the hall and grasped the extended hand of her friend. "I do declare, if I ain't nigh about blown to pieces by them March breezes!"

"You oughtn't to have come out such a blustering day at your age; Becky; but I'm glad you did, for I've been powerful lonesome. I'm always so when the wind whistles down the chimney."

"That's exactly what brought me over this afternoon," answered Miss Becky, as she followed her friend into her cosy, old-fashioned sitting room. "I knew you'd want company."

"Sit down and make yourself at home," said Miss Rachel, drawing a huge arm-chair before the open grate. "There—sit here and toast your feet. You must be almost frozen. I'll set the teapot on the stove as we'll have a cup together."

Miss Rachel whisked into the kitchen, and very soon had a lunch prepared for her guest. The old-fashioned china cups were as thin as wafers, the tea was hot and strong. A plate of molasses gingerbread and a dish of baked apples covered with cream completed the modest repast. The old ladies had lunched together a great many times since their girlhood, and never failed to enjoy these familiar dishes.

"Well, Rachel, this does seem good!" said Miss Becky, in tones of the greatest satisfaction. "I don't have anything like this except when I come here. The girls have their afternoon tea, of course, but it ain't like your tea."

"Of course it ain't! Them girls don't know how to make it; just put a spec of tea in one of them fancy-teapots and pour a little hot water over it. Such a mess! I've visited my niece in Boston a good many times, and I've had some of her afternoon tea, too, and I'd as leave drink dish water. I hate all these fashionable notions. By the way, Becky, how is Richard and Mary? Have you seen them lately?"

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"Any time it is convenient for you. I will pay you a higher rate of interest than the bank pays, and the larger my stock is the better I shall prosper."

"Then you shall have the entire sum to-morrow," answered Miss Becky, and Sydney, amazed and delighted at his good fortune, thanked her again and again.

The following day Miss Becky went to the bank and drew out five thousand dollars. Placing the money in her satchel she bent her steps homeward.

"I will just drop in and tell Rachel about my new investment," she said, as she turned down the familiar and unfashionable street in which her friend lived; and soon the two were chatting together in the sitting-room where they had spent many a pleasant hour.

Presently Miss Becky said: "I have been to the bank this afternoon to draw out my money for John to use in his business. He needs it, and I'd rather he would have the use of it, so long as he pays the interest, than to leave it in the bank."

"Becky Marlow, be you crazy?" said Rachel, staring at her friend in astonishment. "Do you suppose you will ever see that money again if you allow John Sydney to have it? Why, he's liable to fail any day! I believe you have taken leave of your senses!"

"Oh, no, Rachel, not quite as bad as that! I shall have more money, and I intend to give a good part of all I own to Catharine and John, for I really do believe they are fond of me."

"Why don't you wait until you get your brother's legacy before you throw away what you have?" asked Miss Rachel.

"Well, John needs the money, Rachel, and I don't like to disappoint him. He works awful hard to give Catharine everything she wants. At any rate I have promised he shall have it, and you know I never break my word."

"Very well, Becky; if you are determined to have your own way, it's no use to try to persuade you to the contrary. You allus was as set as an old hen," said Miss Rachel, crossly.

Miss Becky laughed. "No, Rachel, it's no use to try to make me change my mind when it's made up."

"Where is your money? I should not think it would all go into your pocket."

"I've got it in my bag. Land's sake, where is my bag? Didn't I bring it in with me?"

"You hadn't anything in your hand when you entered the room."

"Then I've lost it! I've lost it!" cried Miss Becky, wildly. "No, I ain't—I remember now—I put it down when I rang your bell, and it must be on the porch. Go and look, won't you Rachel? I'm as weak as a rag."

She sank back in her chair, and Miss Rachel left the room, returning in a few moments with the satchel.

"Here it is, Becky, safe and sound. How you could be so careless passes me!"

"I guess I'm getting old," said poor Miss Becky, with shaking lips. "I'll go now, Rachel. John will be waiting."

"Not till you have had a cup of tea. You look as if you couldn't stand, let alone walking. I'll have it ready in a jiffy."

Miss Becky could not resist the temptation, and once more the maidens of seventy sat down together and indulged in a mild form of gossip over their steaming cups. And when Miss Becky rose at last, and declared she really must go, she felt as if she could walk twice the distance to her niece's house without feeling in the least fatigued.

She found John awaiting her in the library.

"I have it, John. I drew out every cent. You may as well use it as the bank folks," she said, as Catharine entered the room and proceeded to untie her aunt's bonnet strings. "Here it is in my bag. There's five thousand dollars in it, and I hope it will help you."

John grasped the satchel eagerly and opened it.

"Why, aunt, there is nothing in here but a scrap of paper!" he exclaimed.

"What! Nothing there?" exclaimed Miss Becky, coming forward to look into the empty bag. "What on earth does it mean? I put the money in before I left the bank. I am sure of it! And I haven't lost sight of that—oh, I wonder if any one took it while it was on the porch?"

She was so overcome by the

thought that it was some little time before she could tell her story. When she did, John groaned in despair.

"How long was the satchel there?" he asked.

"Not more than fifteen minutes, John."

"Fifteen minutes! Then the money is gone forever. It was probably taken by thieves who followed you from the bank. They are far enough away by this time. We can advertise, but it will do no good whatever."

"No, I suppose not. Oh, how could I be so forgetful!" wailed Aunt Becky.

"Trouble never comes singly. Catharine and her husband were destined to meet with another disappointment. The following morning Miss Becky received a call from her late brother's lawyer, who informed her that a later will had been discovered, in which his client had given all his property to an adopted son.

If Miss Becky had not been greatly disappointed she must have been more than human; but she gave no outward sign of her shattered hopes except that her kindly old face grew white and from the depths of his heart the lawyer pitied her as she said:

"Tis the Lord's will, so I must bear it; but I did hope to have something to leave to the children."

The day of Miss Becky's awakening had come. The fact that she had intended to give the greater part of her money to Catharine made no impression on that selfish woman. She was not willing to accept the will for the deed, and Miss Becky soon learned that her presence was no longer desired in the house where, a short time ago, she had been made so welcome.

"Perhaps Eliza will take me," said Miss Becky, as she prepared to make the younger niece a visit. But Eliza told her aunt that she was going to Boston for an indefinite time, and couldn't possibly receive her.

"Very well; I will go to Sarah's," said the old lady.

Sarah had been informed of the state of affairs, however, and told her aunt that she would be glad to give her a home, but James' mother was coming to live with them, and he could not afford to support three beside himself.

Poor Miss Becky was obliged to acknowledge that her friend was right; her nieces cared nothing for her and she could expect no favors from them.

"I will go to Richard's," she said at last. "He was always a generous boy, and perhaps he will make room for his old aunt. Rachel said he would—and Mary, too. Ah, me! What a selfish world this is! I never would have believed them girls was so deceitful."

The family were at supper when Miss Becky arrived at Richard's. Without ceremony she entered the house, and going straight to the dining room, asked if she might come in.

"Why, Aunt Becky, what a stranger you are!" exclaimed Mary, as she went forward to greet her. "You are just in time for supper. We did not hear of your loss until this afternoon, and Richard was going to see you this evening."

"You blessed boy," ejaculated Miss Becky, "were you really coming after me?"

"Yes, aunty. I had an idea that the girls might not want you, and you are welcome to stay as long as you live," answered Richard.

Miss Becky could not speak; her heart was to full; in silence she allowed Mary to lead her to the table, where five little Marlows beamed upon her, and seated there she bowed her head and gave sincere thanks, for she felt that she had found her real friends at last.

"So you have discovered how much those girls cared for you, have you?" said Miss Rachel, who went to see her friend, a few days after she was established in her new home.

"Yes, Rachel, I have, and you don't know how happy I be. Richard is worth his weight in gold, and Mary is an angel, and them blessed children does cheer me up powerfully."

"Didn't I tell you so?" said Miss Rachel, thumping the floor with a number five boot.

"Yes, you did, and I'm most glad that I lost that five thousand dollars, because I'd rather let the pick-pockets have it than to give it to John Sydney."

A comical look came into Miss Rachel's eyes, and the corners of her mouth twitched as if she wanted to laugh; but instead she said:

"Becky Marlow, if you were to find that money again what would you do with it?"

"I'd buy the house on the hill and give it to Richard and Mary. I don't care for style myself, but I know Mary would like a few modern improvements."

"Well, I am the pickpocket, and here is your money," said Miss Rachel, as she produced a small satchel from beneath her cloak.

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"He did," said the editor; "here it is. Mr. Samson Peters to Mrs. Huldah Hoskins. Is that right?"

"The names is all right. It says Mr. Peters led Mrs. Hoskins to the hymeneal altar, don't it?"

"It does."

"I thought so. I'm Mrs. Hoskins. That is, I was last night. I s'pose I'll have to be Mrs. Peters now. I want the style of that marriage notice changed."

"In what way?" asked the editor.

"I'll give you my reason first. You see I've got some money and own a farm and two cotton gins. Anybody can see I don't need no husband. That Samson Peters is triflin', lazy, and no account generally. He ain't got no family, nor friends and ain't wuth shucks. He ain't no more fit to take care of himself than a babe. He'll be a dead expense on my hands, fur he'll never pay for his salt, and he owes more than eighty dollars that I'll have to pay. But I don't keer how no 'count a man gets, some woman or other's bound to try and git him. That sassy widow Al-bright's been on his trail for four months, and one of the Simpson gals has been making eyes at him every Wednesday night at prayer meetin'. He's a mighty pore, humble kind of a creeter to take in, but I know my duty when it comes up before me. The widow and the Simpson gal 'can't never git to crowd over me. You jest scratch out where it says Mr. Peters led Mrs. Hoskins to the hymeneal altar and say that Mrs. Huldah Hoskins annexed Samson Peters last night at 9 o'clock p. m."

COURTESY IN THE FAMILY.

There is nothing so necessary to gain perfect order as kindness. It must predominate. The home which is governed by harshness could never become an ideal home. It is not difficult for an ordinary observant person to see at once what kind of spirit prevails in a family. A person must be dull who partakes of a meal without forming some opinion of the prevailing spirit. In homes where true courtesy prevails it seems to meet one on the threshold. The kindly welcome is felt on entering. It is beautifully expressed, "kind words are the music of the world." Hard words, on the other hand, "are like hailstones in summer, beating down and destroying what they would nourish were they melted into drops of rain." Life without love would be a world without sun, without one blossom of delight, of feeling, or of taste.

There are still on the pension rolls the names of seven widows and nine daughters of soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary war. The widows receive \$12 a month each, under a general act; the daughters a sum stipulated by an individual act passed by Congress for each one.

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We do hope Brother Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, will soon try real hard to be happy.

It is claimed that the patchwork added to the ballot law of Pennsylvania by the last Legislature so seriously restricts the freedom of suffrage that there is reasonable warrant for the belief that the courts may set it aside.

The total amount expended for pensions during the year ended July 30 last was \$141,200,551, which is an increase of \$1,747,761 over the previous year. Since 1865 the payments for pensions have aggregated \$2,148,156,095. Notwithstanding these figures some people will contend that Republicans are ungrateful!

DEMOCRATIC discord seems to permeate Ohio as well as Pennsylvania. Many of the Democratic farmers of Ohio are now at best lukewarm silver advocates and would rather abandon the free coinage issue and make their political contest upon personal and local issues. And what is true of many of the Ohio farmers is likewise true of numerous Democratic farmers in Pennsylvania. But the Democratic politicians, or at least a majority of them, stick to free coinage as their chief stock in trade.

GEORGE M. ROBESON, ex-Secretary of the Navy during Grant's administration, died suddenly Monday evening at his home in Trenton, N. Jersey. President Grant, in June, 1869, appointed Mr. Robeson Secretary of the Navy, in which capacity he retained office until the end of President Grant's second term, March, 1877. The following year Mr. Robeson was elected to Congress from the first New Jersey district, and was re-elected in 1880. He was defeated for a third term by Thomas M. Ferrel. Shortly afterwards he moved to Trenton and gave his attention to law practice.

THERE are those that advocate the manufacture of armor plate on the part of the United States Government. These individuals should know that it is not one of the functions of a Government to engage in such business enterprises as are or can be successfully conducted by individuals singly, or collectively as firms. What the Government should do, is to show no favoritism in awarding contracts for armor plate or for any other commodity required. Then ordinary competition in the world of business will furnish the government what it needs at about the right prices.

THE Pittsburg Times estimates that the strike in that district has involved a loss to the miners during the eight weeks of its continuance of \$2,500,000, and that altogether it has cost the people of the Pittsburg district—coal miners, operators and the whole commercial world interested—not less than \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. It is too soon to fully measure the cost of the strike in the middle coal field, though its terrible cost in human life has been very nearly summed up; but if to the loss of wages be added the trade losses, the destruction of property and the pay of the deputies and militia, it will be seen that the total cost of mining strikes in this State since midsummer will foot up to amazing proportions. Looking at the question purely in the light of economics, cannot the State do something along the line of enforcing peaceable arbitration to prevent further loss of life and tests of physical endurance, even though the expenditure of considerable sums of money be required to uphold a humane method of determining the contentions of labor and capital.

From the Philadelphia Times: In accordance with the program of the Hawaiian plotters, the announcement is now sent forth that the Hawaiian Legislature has voted unanimously to ratify the treaty of annexation to the United States. Why should it not? That is the soul purpose for which the Hawaiian Legislature exists. The burlesque republican government representing some three thousand persons in a population of about a hundred and ten thousand, has set itself up for the avowed purpose, and no other, of transferring the sovereignty of the islands to this country. The people of Hawaii have no desire for annexation, and most of them are distinctly opposed to it; but they were not allowed any voice in the election of this Legislature and they are held in awe by the belief that behind it is the power of the United States, and that if they raise their hands the United States will take possession. So they remain quiet, while Mr. Dole and his associated filibusters carry on their plot to unload their responsibilities and debt upon this country.

At the recent Republican convention in Northampton county, resolutions were unanimously passed amidst the wildest enthusiasm denouncing the criminal arrest of General Keeder, and declaring his removal from the Governor's cabinet an affront to the people of the county. General Keeder's response to the convention when invited to appear before it, was impressive. He said that he had inherited a stainless name and pledged his people to transmission to his children. On Monday he will summon his accusers in the court of his county to justify his arrest, or to have his innocence confessed in open court and his discharge directed by the Judge.

LOCAL.

FROM OAKS.

Irvin C. William, Esq., of Port Providence, has taken up his residence in Philadelphia. Mr. Williams was an active member of the Upper Providence Republican Club, and also Judge in our election Board. An effort will be made to have Jacob Gregor, of Oaks, appointed Judge of Elections. Mr. Gregor would be the right man for the place, as he would give dignity and fairness to the position and is well qualified. A petition will be made to the court to appoint Mr. Gregor to the position so ably filled by Mr. Williams.

The young bloods of our town are about organizing a club, and have secured the office building of the Perkiomen Land Agent and Directors' building, corner of Central avenue and Mont Clare street (new style) where the club will meet. This is a commendable movement on the part of the young men, and if carried on, on a proper alignment, will be a good thing in many respects. As it is in its infancy it has no name so far, that we have heard, but we will, if the membership is not limited, volunteer information later on.

Willie Higginbotham is tending store for John Francis, Jr., vice Ed. Latsch.

Do you know why Station Agent McCurdy wears such a smiling countenance? It is because his wife presented him with a nice new girl baby. That is sufficient to make any one smile.

Indications are we will have a dry spell. New moon on Sunday, and the change gave us high winds, and decidedly cooler weather. If the moon is new, it's the same old circus, the same old phiz.

Wm. Phillips has secured a position on the Perkiomen railroad as brakeman.

Charles Taylor has been sick for quite a time with malaria. Dr. Rambo is attending him.

George Kaley, employed at the Pennsylvania Brick Works, has erected at the office entrance to said works a neat wall, built out of granite building blocks manufactured by the above named works. The wall presents a pretty appearance and the coping of artistic designs adds to its beauty. These blocks are manufactured here by the Pennsylvania Brick Co., and the designs were made by Mr. Charles Barnes. The wall can be seen from the Pennsylvania and Perkiomen Railroads, and must be seen to be appreciated. The Company have laid in ten car loads of granite spalls, and will add this industry to that of enameled brick making. Now, as prosperity is about to dawn, we hope they will do a good business and they will have ready sale for all the building material they can make.

It may be funny, but it is right down bad news, in that fellow when out walking with a fond maid near the railroad station, to excuse himself for just one moment, when the train came in, got aboard the train and left the young lady waiting on the corner for his return, while he was paying his addresses to another girl in a neighboring borough. Sometimes it is not healthy to trifle with a young lady's affections.

The arrest, the fines and costs of prosecution of the Skippack fishermen furnishes food for comment and is the all absorbing topic of the fishermen down here, but the Fish Commissioners must do something to inflate the treasury, as the war-rigor Governor vetoed the appropriation given the commission in days of yore. It has been suggested by one, who is well posted, that if the party who lodged information wants to make a pudding out of informing on infractors of the fish laws, would come down to the mouth of the Perkiomen or Pawling dam, he could make it pay big, better than a grab stake in the Klondike. If the laws are badly bent, it is well to lodge information before they are broken short off, and some one must do it, no matter if he does catch it right and left by those not in accord with his style of doing business. The fish laws are for the benefit of the many even if they can only catch a "niny." They are made to guard against illegal fishing and exposing for sale of those who make a business of it and also a living by fishing.

A husband and wife whose hearts could not beat as one, but palped as two, separated. The wife claimed the children. One boy nine years old clung to his father, the other to the mother. Wherever the father went he took his boy with him. When he delivered the milk at the station, he would take the boy to the school at Shannonsville, and left him there, under the protection of the teacher of the school as he thought. He had occasion to visit Philadelphia, and the wife and mother hearing of his absence visited the school and proposed to take the boy by force, if necessary. The boy was rather too much to handle; he in his distress appealed for help, declaring he would not go with his mother. The teacher of the school ordered two other boys to assist the mother. After being handled roughly the boy was forced into the wagon and was hustled off to the mother's home. The father returning, rescued his boy, and will

prosecute the teachers of the school for permitting the boy to be molested and also assisting in his return. Now comes the question of what to send. The man was forced to send his child to school under a compulsory law. Under whose protection is the child during school hours, at least. Laws are laws in our country, and the most mysterious mysteries are hidden in many of the laws made, not one, but a breach can be made on it, wide enough to allow the national guard to pass through safely.

LATEST REPORTS:

Emperor William has a black eye; but the report does not say what is the color of his other eye.

Ice cream and water iced every Saturday night in the Klondike country.

Owing to no moonshine, the match game of base ball between the Midnighters and the low white trash was postponed until next spring.

Frank Bechtel is again thrown out on the cold charities of the world. Is it cheaper to move than pay rent?

Corn cutting is the fashion now. At a cent and a quarter a shock a man who can cut a few hundred shocks a day can make good wages.

The Republican Club of Upper Providence will hold a meeting this Saturday evening in their hall at Port Providence.

Owing to an iron wedge striking us on the ankle of our military legacy, we are not so lively as we were prior to the accident. Accidents often happen, and it is unexpected that always turns up.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 24, 1897.—"There will be no trouble with Spain unless it be deliberately and without real cause brought on by the Spanish government," said a prominent member of the administration while discussing the cock and bull story about an ultimatum having been sent to Spain by this government, which came via Paris. Continuing this gentleman said: "As a matter of fact the instructions given to Minister Woodford, a copy of which he doubtless left with the Duke of Tetuan when he was reported to have delivered an ultimatum to him, were entirely mild and conciliatory in character and there could be no real reason for Spain to take offense at them." The trouble about that "ultimatum" story is that it was altogether premature. The McKinley Cuban policy is to first try persuasive and peaceable methods of bringing about peace in Cuba with the consent and assistance of Spain, but if those methods do not accomplish that purpose, there isn't the slightest doubt of his intention to use stronger methods, even to the extent of force, if necessary. The war in Cuba is depriving the United States of a trade of more than \$50,000,000 a year, and it has got to be stopped, either with or without the consent of Spain. This isn't jingoism; it is merely meeting demands of business men who wish to trade, not to fight. Secretary Sherman says there was not a word of truth in the "ultimatum" story.

It has been very persistently stated in Washington for some time that neither Senator Hanna nor Secretary Sherman has until this week said that he intended to go to Ohio and take part in the campaign not much attention has been paid to the statements alleging that Senator Hanna and President McKinley did not wish him to do so. But those statements have been recalled by an intimation from Secretary Sherman that he will probably not go to Ohio during the campaign. The reason he gives is that his services are not needed there by his party, and that it would inconvenience him to go, because his house at Mansfield is rented out.

The committee authorized by the Indianapolis Monetary convention of January to give Congress pointers in financial legislation met in Washington this week and organized itself into a monetary commission, established headquarters, and will probably continue in session until Congress meets. The only two members of this commission who are widely known in the political world are ex-Senator Edmunds, who is chairman, and ex-Secretary Fairchild. Inasmuch as Congress failed to authorize a monetary commission, although it was recommended by President McKinley, some people regard it a presumption on the part of these gentlemen to establish one on their own responsibility, and the prediction is very freely made that Congress will ignore any recommendations it may make. While it is not possible to say in advance what recommendations this commission will make to Congress, it is generally believed that one of its recommendations will be legislation to provide for the retirement of the greenbacks. The silver men say, and it is doubtless true, that this commission was formed to fight silver in any and every form.

According to Senator Elkins, who claims to have been a joint author of the section in question, the construction placed upon section 22 of the tariff law, imposing discriminating duties, by the opinion of Attorney General McKenna, which unquestionably represents also the opinion of President McKinley, is directly opposed to what those who amended the wording of

that section of the bill while it was in conference intended. The Attorney General says the discriminating duty is not imposed upon importations from other countries which come through Canadian ports. That is exactly the class of importations that Mr. Elkins says the discriminating duty was intended for. The Attorney General also holds that foreign goods shipped from countries other than British possessions in British vessels are not subject to the discriminating duty. Senator Elkins, who was in Washington when the Attorney General's opinion was made public, said: "I shall introduce as soon as Congress meets a joint resolution to abolish the bonding privilege and I believe that it will pass. This would divert a large amount of traffic from the Canadian Pacific railroad to our own railroads. I thought that we had aided our railroads by section 22, and an unwilling to bear the odium that be attached to the framing of that section. I do not care how heavily it is loaded upon my shoulders." The opinion virtually makes section 22 a dead letter, and no discriminating duties will be imposed, without further action on the part of Senator Elkins.

WAGES INCREASED.

HARRISBURG, Pa., September 25.—The American Tube and Iron Company, which has works in Middletown, employing about 1,500 men and boys, publicly announces its purpose to begin paying its hands ten per cent. increase on their present wages on the 1st of November. The establishment is running day and night under the inspiration of a rush of orders. The proposed increase will place the rate of wages in this town at a level where it was when the company made a reduction last winter because of the general dullness of trade.

Twenty-seven Cars Wrecked.

HUNTINGTON, September 27.—A broken axle on an eastbound freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, five miles west of here, this evening resulted in the destruction of twenty-seven loaded cars and their contents. All of the four through tracks were torn up for a distance of 200 yards. Many of the cars were telescoped, while others were thrown down a high bank into the Juniata river. The cars were loaded with general merchandise, manufactured iron and coal, the greater portion of which was destroyed. The fast westbound express and passenger trains were stalled here.

Cat's Death Cost \$1,650,000.

NEW YORK, September 23.—A vagrant white cat fell eighteen stories from the roof of the Commercial Cable building, near the Exchange, to-day and was killed. In Wall street a white cat is considered unlucky. Several of the Stock Exchange men who saw the cat's death went home and wouldn't trade any more. Started other sold the market. That started a general selling movement. In a few minutes stocks went down several points. Sugar dropped 5 points, from 15 1/2 to 14 1/2, and there serious men in Wall street who believe that the death of the white cat cost the stockholders of the Sugar Refining Company one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

New Use for Skimmed Milk.

Skimmed milk is being used for making buttons, combs, hair brushes, pool balls and similar articles. The process was invented by an Englishman. The milk is mixed with a substance the ingredients of which are, of course, the secret of the inventor. It is compressed, and at the end of three days is as hard as celluloid, and is ready to be cut and shaped in any way the manufacturer wishes. At present a factory in Holland is engaged in fashioning the hardened milk into various articles, buttons being the chief. They differ very little in appearance from ordinary buttons. They can be colored any color by simply mixing the coloring matter with the milk before the hardening process begins, but are naturally a creamy white. They are said to be less brittle than bone or celluloid and less liable to break. This substance has been found to be especially adapted to the making of combs, as it is smooth and delicate to the touch, and derives from its creamy origin a glossy surface.

EDITORIAL SCINTILLATIONS.

There will be plenty of money when we have a fair opportunity to get what there is.—New Mail and Express.

It will cost the natives of the Indian frontier \$15,000,000 this year to be suppressed by the British.—San Francisco Call.

There is many a candidate now running for office who will be still running after the votes are all counted next November.—Baltimore American.

The President has long been known as a courageous man, but in appointing a postmaster in his own town he has increased his reputation for courage.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

—First it was lynching for aggravated cases of criminal assault upon women. Then the same penalty was meted out on more than suspicion of attempt at such a crime. Now it is applied to burglary and suspicion thereof. Truly the old days of hanging for sheep-stealing are returning.—New York Tribune.

The seal question is looming up again on the horizon, but indications are that no international fur will be permitted to fly on account of it.—Boston Herald.

The six great powers of Europe are still engaged in pacifying the Turk, who will submit to it so long as it continues profitable to be pacified.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

The physician who killed himself because he could not cure a patient was never intended by nature for the profession he adopted. A philosophical calm under such circumstances is imperatively necessary.—New York Sun.

October Ladies' Home Journal. "Inside of a Hundred Homes," the first of a succession of articles picturing interiors of the most artistically-furnished homes in America, is one of the most notable features of the October Ladies' Home Journal. Another of special interest introduces "The New Tenants of the White House," through photographs of the McKinley household. The pictures were made expressly for the magazine, and have never before been published. Edward W. Bok points out to young men where the chances of success await them, and counsels young women who object to the word "obey" in the marriage ceremony. William George Jordan tells of the "Wonders of the World's Waste"—the astonishing and profitable uses to which refuse of manufacture, etc., is put. There is a timely article on Halloween games and pastimes, and others touching every phase of woman's work and home life. By the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

Great Music Offer. Send us the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ together with ten cents in silver or postage and we will mail you ten pieces full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ. Address: Popular Music Pub. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

ONE OF TWO WAYS. The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE. Unusually urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, see your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention this PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

ESTATE NOTICE. Estate of Barbara Gotshalk, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted to the undersigned, it is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present the same, duly authenticated for settlement, to MAGDALENE GOTSHALK, Executrix. 2640. Trappe P. O., Pa.

BOROUGH TAX. The undersigned hereby gives notice that he will receive Borough Tax for 1897 at his office, Collegeville. An abatement of one per cent. per month will be allowed on all taxes paid previous to December 31, 1897, and a penalty of five per cent. added to all taxes remaining unpaid after that date. Will be at office specially to receive taxes until 9 a. m. and 1 p. m., daily.

GREAT Soap Offering. Latour's Green Castile, 4 pounds for 35 cents. Latour's White Castile, Per pound, 16 cents. American Castile, 5 cents per pound.

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 The value of a ration, or system of feeding, depends not on its cost but upon the profit derived from its use. It is cheaper to feed a ration costing ten cents, which enables cows to give two gallons of milk per day, than to allow food costing five cents, but which enables the animals to produce only one gallon of milk during the same period. If milk sells at 12 cents per gallon the profit from the food costing ten cents per ration is twice as much as from the apparently cheaper food, but there is a gain in the value of the manure and also in the fact of only one cow instead of two, as it would require two cows to give the same results as one if they produced only the quantity derived from the less valuable ration. At the Hatch Experiment Station two lots of cows were fed on foods differing in kind, one lot receiving a "narrow" ration and the other a "wide" ration. By narrow ration is meant one containing four or five times as much carbohydrates (starchy matter) as protein (nitrogenous matter), the wide ration containing eight or ten times as much carbohydrates as protein. The wide ration consisted of a pound more of hay daily than in the narrow, and in that experiment all the cows were given hay and sugar beets. Cornmeal and wheat bran were given in the wide ration and gluten meal and wheat bran in the narrow ration. In the second experiment hay, millet and soy bean ensilage were given all the cows, the concentrated foods of the narrow ration being gluten meal, bran and old-process linseed meal, the concentrated foods of the wide ration consisting of wheat bran and cornmeal.

RESULTS OF THE FEEDING.
 With the narrow rations from 11.8 to 12.9 per cent. more milk was obtained than from the wide ration (considering the proportions digested), and the narrow rations also reduced the cost of production from 5 to 12 per cent. The average daily cost of a quart of milk by the use of the narrow ration was 1.81 cents, and with the wide ration 1.97 cents, while the same ratio of increase in the amount of butter and decrease in cost was obtained from the narrow ration, the cost of butter being 15.57 cents per pound for the narrow ration and 16.52 cents for the wide ration. With the narrow rations the best cow, in one experiment, produced 12.2 pounds of butter in a week, at a cost of 14 cents per pound, while in the same experiment the best cow on the wide ration produced 9.52 pounds of butter per week, at a cost of 16.67 cents per pound. In the second experiment the best cow, on the narrow ration, produced 12.81 pounds of butter per week, at a cost of 11.66 cents per pound, the best cow on the wide ration producing at the same time 10.72 pounds, at a cost of 12.71 cents per pounds. The same comparative results were received from other cows in the lots, though the quantities were less. The daily amount of food consumed by six cows was, in the first experiment, as the narrow ration, was 3 pounds wheat bran, 5.83 pounds gluten meal, 15.17 pounds hay, and 12 pounds sugar beets; the wide ration was 3 pounds wheat bran, 5.83 pounds cornmeal, 16.17 pounds hay and 10 lbs. sugar beets. The narrow ration, in the second experiment, was 2.83 pounds bran, 3 pounds gluten meal, 1.92 pounds linseed meal, 10.33 pounds hay, and 28.33 pounds millet and bean ensilage, the wide ration being 1.92 pounds bran, 5.83 pounds cornmeal, and the same amount of hay and ensilage as in the narrow ration. Observe that the gluten meal and linseed meal provided the larger proportion of protein.

INCREASED VALUE OF MANURE.
 In the above the best results were obtained from the foods containing the gluten meal and linseed meal, the ration being thus "narrowed" by containing less starch and more protein, demonstrating that more milk and butter can be obtained from the starchy foods are five to one for the protein than when ten to one, and the cost is also reduced. It therefore pays to use the nitrogenous foods more liberally. But there is a profit which is also worthy of consideration, and that is the increase in the value of the manure. In these experiments the narrow ration produced manure having 20 per cent. more fertilizing value than that from the wide ration, and the land is therefore improved, the manure increasing more largely in nitrogenous than in the cheaper mineral substances. If the milk is fed on the farm as skim milk or buttermilk, the butter only being sold, the gain to the manure will be further increased, as butter removes almost nothing from the farm. It has been also demonstrated that the farmer can purchase by-products, such as gluten meal and linseed meal, to his advantage thus permitting him to add more stock in order to consume other foods and buy the better kinds.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.
 Experiments in breeding for sex have been made for a century, and, while many theories have been advanced, none of them have been accepted as strictly practical as far

as obtaining the desired results are concerned. With the object of securing a majority of ewe lambs a breeder tried the use of rams from 15 months to 5 years old. The rams not over 2 years old sired more females than males from dams between the ages of 2 and 5 years, but the dams over 5 years of age produced more males. The ewes from 2 to 5 years old and over, mated with rams over 4 years old, produced more males than females. According to the results of the experiment the use of young rams is favorable to a preponderance of female lambs. As it will soon be time to make the matings of sheep it would perhaps be an advantage for farmers to test for themselves by experimenting with two or three lots of ewes.
 Straw may be added to the barnyard manure because it is plentiful, but it is better to utilize the straw in some manner before it reaches the heap. It should be cut with a feed cutter and used for bedding before throwing it away, in which condition it is an excellent absorbent and more quickly decomposes in the heap.
 Do not feed corn to pigs, colts or calves, but use ground oats, bran and middings, as those foods contain more mineral matter than corn and better promote the formation of bone and tissue. It is time to put the fat on the animal after the framework is completed.
 The farmer who buys his seed wheat and is not careful to have it clean will stock his farm with weeds. The labor of picking over the seed is tedious, but it is a small matter compared with the damage that may result from weeds. It is also an advantage to pick out the inferior grains. Use only the perfect and plump seeds, and they will not only surely germinate, but will produce better grain at harvesting time.
 There is no particular time to plow or harrow. Something depends on the kind of crop grown on the land this year and the crop to be grown next season. If there is a heavy growth of weeds turn them under. If sod land is to be used for a crop in the spring plow the land in the fall and thus permit the sod to decompose. It is beneficial to use lime on sod land.
 The frequent rains during the summer have caused crab grass to grow rapidly, and on some farms the young strawberry beds are being overrun with it. If the bed is thickly matted, and the crab grass has grown in the beds, the best remedy for the difficulty is to burn the bed over after the leaves and grass are dry late in the fall, mulch with the straw with salt hay. The fire will not injure the strawberry plants, but will destroy the seeds of the crab grass and clean the surface of the ground. Crab grass will not start next year until after the berries are picked, as it is a grass that thrives best during the warm days of summer.
 A flock of turkeys will clean out the large green tomato or tobacco worms in short order. In the large tobacco fields of the South the turkeys are given full liberty and perform valuable service.
 Corn will fatten a hog quickly, but if weight is desired, and a carcass containing both lean and fat is preferred, the use of foods containing more protein than corn will enable the farmer to produce a certain weight of pork on a variety as cheaply as on corn, though less fat will be the result. Bran, linseed meal, steamed clover, whey and cooked roots, fed with corn, will make more and better pork during the time of fattening than can be obtained by the exclusive use of corn.
 The composition of full-cream cheese is given in a bulletin of information by Dr. William Frear, of the Pennsylvania Experiment Station, which is sent free to all, in which it is stated that experiments on a large scale, in five States and provinces, show that average factory milk very rarely produces green cheese containing less fat than Pennsylvania legal standard for full cream cheese—32 per cent. Green cheese loses about five per cent. in weight during one month's curing, and this loss is chiefly water. A green cheese containing only 30 1/2 per cent. of fat will probably be of standard "full-cream" quality after one month's curing. Neither minor variations in manufacture—providing gross carelessness be avoided—nor variations in factory milk supply, unless it include much partly skimmed milk, are to be feared as a cause of deficiency in fat.
 Red raspberries differ very much from the black varieties. To propagate black raspberries the tips of the canes must be bent over and buried in the ground, to be left until spring, when each tip will be a new plant and may be detached from the parent cane with a knife. Red raspberries send up shoots between the plants, from the roots, and may be dug up and set out. The blackberry plants are propagated in the same way. The roots may be cut up and planted, if preferred, as good plants can also be obtained in that manner.
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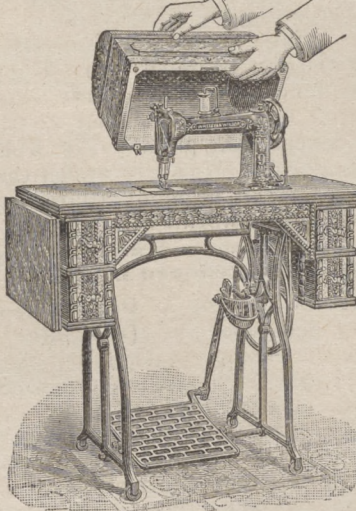
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