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ABOUT TOWN NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristock visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Light at Boston the past week.

Mr. William Earnshaw, of Bridgeport, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimley.

Master Harry Umstead spent several days with his grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Umstead, of Schwenksville.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish and children spent Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia with Dr. Alexander Cornish and family.

Mr. Joseph Kratz and son of Norwood, and Mary Kratz, of Lower Providence, visited Miss Kratz on Saturday.

Dr. George L. Onwacke and family spent Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Godshall entertained over the week end. Mr. Frank Godshall, of Camden, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Umstead, Mrs. Godshall and daughter Verna and Carrie Godshall, all of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Essig spent the week end in Norristown.

Miss Loretta Schreuren, of Netcong, N. J., and Miss Florence Schreuren, of Trenton, spent their Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schreuren.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller and children, visited friends in Tioga on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Essig spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Carrie Mack, of Norristown.

The Woman's Auxiliary No. 3, of River Crest, will give the play called "Daddy Long Legs." The date will be announced later.

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THE DEATH ROLL.

Louisa, wife of George Berron, died on Tuesday, November 16, at her home 3111 Locust, Philadelphia.

Death came after a lingering illness covering a period of about two years. She is survived by her husband and two children by a former marriage—Mrs. John Barrett, of Philadelphia, and Mr. G. F. Clamer, of Collegeville.

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SEALS USHERED IN HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Tuberculosis Christmas seals and Health Bonds were formally placed on sale Monday in every town in Montgomery county and throughout the state and nation.

The sale in this district is under the direction of Professor Mertz of Ursinus College who is also president of the county Tuberculosis Society.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMER RESIDENT OF COLLEGEVILLE.

Miriam, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Walters, of Hackensack, N. J., was fatally injured while attempting to board a moving car on Tuesday, November 23.

The death occurred on her way to High school, some distance from her home, when the fatal accident occurred. Her mother, formerly known as Florence Beard, was a daughter of the late Abraham Beard, of Collegeville.

The funeral was held on Friday, interment in Trinity church cemetery, Collegeville, Rev. Wm. S. Clapp, Dr. S. L. Messinger, of Collegeville and Trappe, and Rev. Mr. Fry, of Roxboro, officiating.

The Commonweath of Pennsylvania has just the same obligation to keep down destruction by fire in the woods of the State as any municipal fire department has to keep down the destruction of buildings and other property by fire.

This bureau is just the same as the fire department in a city. But it cannot do its work without the necessary equipment and fire-fighting forces.

The fire department of a borough or city has its steamers, its hook and ladder trucks, its chemical engines and so on, and what is most important, it has its firemen.

The fact is that the State has just 53 fire towers, 18 steel, and 35 wood, and four of these steel towers and six of the wooden towers, while they are used by State foresters for observation, are on private lands and were built by private associations.

So the record stands: The State foresters have forty-three fire towers which they should have a hundred and seventy-five.

In other words, we are a hundred and thirty-two fire towers short because the legislature has failed to see that the saving of our forests from fire is one of the biggest things that can be done for the Commonwealth.

Fortunately for Pennsylvania our present Governor sees the needs of greatly increased appropriations for the department of forestry. He has said that the department should have for fire control alone more money than it now has for all purposes.

I hope that every member of the next legislature will see the wisdom of the Governor's statement, and I hope that every citizen will ask his member of the legislature and his State senator to support the Governor in his plan to restore forest production in Pennsylvania.

Fire towers, which I have dwelt upon in this article, are only a part of the equipment for fire fighting which we need in the forests. We need men, too, and we must have money to pay them.

And as we acquire additional forests, we must have more fire fighting equipment. We cannot base our plans merely upon the present needs of the State forests.

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NARROW ESCAPE OF FORTY MEN.

The lives of forty men were endangered at 6:45 o'clock Tuesday morning when a truck of the Humane Fire Engine Company of Norristown went over the embankment along the Trenton Cut-off railroad bridge.

There were no fatalities is due to the fact that the truck, half way down the forty-foot bank came to a halt when it had landed on its top with its wheels in the air.

The truck had just ascended the grade from the Black Horse hotel, crossed the Trenton Cut-off bridge and started on the straight-away course, when something went wrong and the swerving to the right and the consequent crash thru the fence and over the bank occurred.

The men were being taken to the Plymouth magnesia works. Several truck loads are taken daily. Following trucks stopped and their occupants aided in rescuing the injured men.

The seventh annual Corn and Fruit Show, which opened in City Hall, Norristown, at noon, Tuesday, November 30, is considered to be the largest and best ever held. This show, consisting of displays of the farm and home, is attracting attendance from every section of the county.

In addition to the regular list of premiums that has been offered in previous shows there will be six additional prizes that will create considerable rivalry. These are offered by the Montgomery Trust Company of Norristown.

The prizes are \$20 in gold for the best 1/2 peck exhibit of potatoes; \$20 in gold for the best one dozen exhibit of eggs, either white or brown; \$20 in gold for the best plate of apples of any four varieties, one apple to a variety; \$10 in gold for best 10-lb jar collection of canned vegetables; \$10 in gold for the best 10-lb jar collection of canned or preserved fruits.

The show will be open to the public at noon until 10 p. m. Friday, December 3. Don't miss it.

TROLLEY CAR RAN WILD—TWO PERSONS KILLED. Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 28.—A toll of two dead and many injured was exacted early this morning when a Lehigh Valley Transit limited car, bound from Nazareth to this city, having about 30 passengers, all of whom were bruised and shocked, ran down a steep hill near the Nazareth Park Grounds, jumped the tracks, ripped across a concrete highway and dashed over a four-foot embankment. The car turned completely over when it struck the soft soil of a corn field, made so by a drizzling rain that was falling. The dead and most of the injured were from this city. The officials of the company claim the accident was caused by the locking of airbrakes and slippery rails. Those instantly killed were: Elmer Eckhardt, aged 20, No. 1410 New street, Bethlehem; Owen Hugh Jones, aged 31, No. 36 East Ettehn street, Bethlehem.

YEGGS SELECT THEIR LOOT. Bloomsburg, Pa., Nov. 30.—Yeggmen who blew open a safe of the White Milling Company early in the morning, made the biggest haul in this section in years, taking \$1150 in cash and negotiable papers and \$1000 in unindorsed checks, but overlooking more than 24,000 in bonds and other securities. The safe has been robbed twice before and was the custom, the outside door stood open. The inside door was blown with nitro-glycerine, the safe being covered with four sacks to deaden the sound of the explosion.

Entrance to the mill was gained thru a window, and a tool box just inside furnished the burglars with all the tools necessary for the job. They even saw the tools after being the safe. The contents of the safe and the securities were kept, was dumped on the floor, and all papers which bore the name of H. V. White, the proprietor, were left.

TRUMPET FOR LIBERTY MOTOR. Ford-built Liberty Motors carried the four Army airplanes which on October 20 completed the 9,000 mile journey from Mitchell Field, Long Island, to Nome, Alaska, and return. The fleet was greeted over New York City by a flotilla of forty army planes which escorted it to Mineola. The returning planes touched their wheels to earth at 3:15 in the afternoon.

The Alaskan Flying Expedition, commanded by Captain St. Clair Street, undertook the journey to demonstrate the durability of modern airplanes and motors, and to effect the establishment of an aerial route to the Northwestern corner of the American Continent and Asia. Such a route would bring mail from Alaska to the States in two or three days, whereas the present method of transmission requires thirty days.

"Talk about service," said Captain Street. "Those planes and motors sure stood up. Why, the only trouble we had on the entire trip was caused by the worst of weather I've ever flown thru or want to fly thru. We had everything—rain, snow, hail and sleet, clouds, fog and mist. But we kept right on flying."

NEWS FROM TRAPPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Kohl of Norristown, Miss Lida Hallman of Philadelphia, Mrs. Josephine Moyer, of Conroy, of Royersford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rambo.

Misses Ruth and Martha Miller were among the guests at the home of Mr. F. C. Coley and family at Limerick on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Alma M. Pegely, of Tuckahoe, N. J., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Pegely.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Moyer visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moyer at Graterford on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Florence Detwiler, of East Orange, N. J., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Detwiler.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pennacker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Buckwalter and Miss Viola Buckwalter were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Price.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Munck motored to Philadelphia.

Mr. Horace Saylor, of Conshohocken, visited Mr. and Mrs. Christ Keller on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Getty and sons Rahn and Philip, of Chicago, Ill., spent Saturday with Mrs. Susan Wanner.

Mr. Willard Poley, of Norristown, visited his mother Mrs. Sallie Poley on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rommel, of Harrisburg, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rommel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kutzschbach entertained the following guests on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Meischl, Mr. and Mrs. Marquet, Mr. and Mrs. Rhode and Mr. and Mrs. Breininger, of Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Longacre, of Roxboro, was the week end guest of Miss Clara Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Walt, of Royersford, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walt.

COUNTY AND STATE ITEMS.

An automobile was stolen from in front of Claude Hanley's garage, Pottstown.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hornberger, of Parkersford, celebrated their golden wedding.

Oliver Good, 40, and Irwin Beadenpuck, 54, were arrested by County Detective Krick, charged with robbing the corner of the Berks almshouse.

The Nagle Steel Company, of Pottsville, will be incorporated and will give some of its officials and employees an opportunity to become stockholders.

Mrs. P. J. McCormick, of West Chester, broke an arm by falling on a sidewalk while crossing from her home to a store.

Thomas Hartzell, aged 42, committed suicide by shooting at his home in Tylersport.

Four children of Tabor Home, Doylestown, were run down by an automobile, but only sustained slight injuries.

Superintendent Davis, of a plant at New Hope, suffered two broken ribs when a crane broke and struck him, while unloading cement.

Thirty dollars a cord, a record price, was paid for cordwood at a public sale near Quakertown.

Allentown bakers announced that beginning December 1 pound loaves of bread will be sold for 10 cents instead of 12.

A block of earth six feet deep and two feet in thickness fell on Manassees Greenawald, of Kutztown, severely injuring his right side.

North Wales women have organized a branch of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters.

Despondent because of ill health, Isaac Krick, 56 years old, a Berks county farmer, hanged himself in the attic of his home.

Sixty fat chickens were stolen in one night from Robert Wamshers premises, near Geigertown.

Ron down on the Conshohocken road by a motorist who flared without offering assistance, Charles Albert of Spring Hill, was severely hurt.

More than 200 bushels of potatoes and 430 pounds of sugar were among the Thanksgiving food donations to Pottstown Hospital.

A literature conference of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society of Norristown Conference will be held at Sellersville, December 4.

Falling as he jumped off a motor truck going slowly up a hill on Spring Hill road, near Conshohocken, 12-year-old William Foley, was run over and killed.

Altho 77 years old, Mrs. Cyrus Lapp, of Bethlehem, is a victim of an attack of mumps.

At a mass-meeting in Bethlehem, \$1145.71 was raised for war sufferers in European countries.

Keystone Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Collegeville, celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary yesterday.

NINE MILLION MOTOR CARS. It is estimated that there are in this country about 9,000,000 motor cars, since a year ago there were more than 1,500,000, over 1918, and the present year has been notable for activity in construction, altho in the last few weeks there has been some decline. Since automobiles of all kinds are more or less essential to maintain, it can be seen that there is an enormous business in "accessories."

Just now the point of interest is the effect of all these vehicles on public road building. During the current year construction has abated somewhat because of the extraordinary high price for labor and materials, but the total cost has been heavy. In this State the best roads have cost as high as \$100,000 per mile, but it is believed that construction will be cheaper during the coming season. During a considerable portion of the last twelve months railway traffic was so congested for one reason or another that much freight movement was by trucks, which was expensive in money but saving in time. Unfortunately some of the main highways which had suffered much during the war were still further injured by this traffic, so that a vast amount of repair work must be done.

It appears that in the aggregate about \$250,000,000 a year for some time to come will be expended in improving highways in the United States, although not all will be of the modern standard of concrete. The Federal government is committed to an expenditure of \$100,000,000 a year, and this ought to produce good results. In this State an elaborate programme has been out'lined and will be carried thru, but the amount of mileage depends upon coming costs.—Philadelphia "Inquirer."

TWO-CENT MILK CUT. The retail price of "B" grade milk fell two cents a quart in Philadelphia on December 1. A decision to that effect was reached last week at a six-hour conference of milk producers, dealers and manufacturers of dairy products in Philadelphia. The new price of the "B" grade is thirteen cents a quart and eight cents a pint. Cream and other grades of milk will be reduced proportionately. The drop represents the exact difference in price which the dealers will pay to the farmers. The dealers agreed to let the public benefit by the full amount. Other areas affected by the reduction in price embrace virtually all of Delaware and New Jersey, and in Pennsylvania the change will extend to Easton, Reading, York, Harrisburg and Altoona.

COLLEGEVILLE RADIO CLUB.

The Radio amateurs of Collegeville and vicinity held a meeting Friday evening at the station of Messrs. Guililand and Frank Clamer and formed the Collegeville Radio Club, a new organization in this vicinity. The club is composed of the following members: Messrs. Guililand and Frank Clamer, Siegfried Baden, Fred Mergenthaler and Isaac Hatfield. Guililand Clamer was elected president and Fred Mergenthaler secretary.

The meetings are held at the homes of the members. Beginning December 15, messages will be transmitted between Collegeville and Evansburg and delivered within one-half mile of receiving station free of charge. Messages should be left at the homes of the members. It is the purpose of the members of the Club to become affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and it will then be possible to send messages to any part of the United States. More will be told about the A. R. R. L. in a later article. Any person interested in the radio art or wishing to erect a station is invited to communicate with the secretary.

Attention! Members of Byron S. Fegely Post.

The Collegeville American Legion Post will hold its regular monthly business meeting in Collegeville Fire Hall Tuesday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock. A part of the doings of the meeting will be the nomination and election of officers.

Crescent Literary Society. The regular meeting of Crescent Literary Society will be held Wednesday evening, December 8, 1920 at 8 p. m. in Mennonite schoolhouse, near Yerkess. The program: Recitations—Mary Bechtel, Orpha Bechtel, Laura Crist, Earl Miller; readings—Gatherine Gennaria, Eva Litka, Robert Hess, Curtis Wanner; vocal solo—Ruth Favinger; instrumental solo—Fenton Plush; violin solo—Benjamin Wynn; Gazette editor, Jeanne Stevens; assistant editor, Elsie Litka. All welcome.

Evansburg M. E. Church. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Services at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Ursinus College students with special musical numbers. C. E. Society at 6:45, leader, Elmer Shelly; subject, "Progressive Knowledge and Spiritual Strength." Christmas entertainment on the evening of December 23; with cantata, "Aid to Santa Claus." Official Board meeting, Saturday at 8 p. m.

Great Semi-Annual Sale of Clothing. A. Weitzenkorn's Sons, of Pottsville, are now conducting one of their semi-annual sales of clothing and are offering worth while reductions in every department. For full particulars and this special reduction sale, see adver., page 4.

Meeting of Good Roads Association. A meeting of the Good Roads Association of Upper Providence will be held in the Mennonite schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 3, at 8 p. m., at which time the committee, in communication with the State Highway Department, will present a report. Full attendance desired.

Basketball. The Collegeville All Stars added another victory to their credit by downing a strong team from Jeffersonville. The score was 29-17. Stern was the big star for Collegeville. On Thursday night the Collegeville All Stars will play a strong team from Norristown Y. M. I. A. at the Ursinus cage. Admission, 15 cents.

PASCAL, THE KIDNAPPER, IN EASTERN PENITENTIARY.

August Pascal, "The Crank," was taken from the Norristown jail Sunday morning by Sheriff Hamilton and deputy sheriffs to take the penitentiary to serve the life sentence imposed by Judge Swartz. The trip was made in the sheriff's automobile. Pascal was securely handcuffed. He made no attempt to get away.

The sheriff says he received so many requests from persons to act as deputy sheriff to take the kidnapper and murderer of Blakely Coughlin to prison that it would have required a half-dozen automobiles to transport them all. It was to avoid a crowd that the removal of the criminal was made on Sunday. The sheriff, under Judge Swartz's sentence, had to go to the penitentiary for the sentence provided Pascal's removal within ten days. That he was not taken away earlier was because it was desired by Mr. Coughlin that Pascal sign over to him property in New Gretna, N. J., New York, and other places which he had obtained with the \$12,000 ransom that he got from Mr. Coughlin. The transfers will amount to about \$10,000.

54 HORSES BURN TO DEATH IN STABLE FIRE. Fifty-four horses perished late Tuesday afternoon and five firemen were hurt in a fire that burned out the four-story brick stable of P. Kontrinski, at Nos. 506-516 New Market street, Philadelphia, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The firemen were caught when the north wall collapsed and were buried under the debris, but were quickly rescued by their companions, none being severely injured. They were Captain William Fraley, George Churchill, H. H. Shirley, Joseph Black and Harry McShane. Fraley and Churchill were taken to Hahnemann Hospital. The others were treated by Police Surgeon Egan.

The flames started on the first floor and spread rapidly. There were 10 wagons on the first floor and 60 horses on the second.

Four men were at work in the stable when the fire started. When the horses were started down the runway to the first floor all but six were driven back by the flames.

Fuel was added to the flames by about 150 tons of hay. Two carloads had been brought in only on Monday. There was danger of the flames spreading to the Wunderle Candy Company's stable in the rear and the adjoining house of John Rumminger. Six horses in the Wunderle stable were taken to a place of safety. The Rumminger house was considerably damaged by water.

Kontrinski said that shortly before the fire a strange negro had gone to a saloon across the street and asked some one to get him a stable and asked for some person whom no one there knew.

STATUTE'S CASH RECORD. Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 29.—Pennsylvania's fiscal year will close tomorrow night and it is expected the revenue from all sources will exceed any figure ever before known. The last few days the Auditor General's department has been turning many thousands of dollars into the State treasury from corporation taxes and including the revenue from automobile licenses, which has exceeded all expectations as to number, the income for the year will run between \$65,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

In addition to the State Highway Department, the Department of the Commonwealth has a big contributor to the State revenues thru fees for charters and debt increases. Hunters' licenses also have run higher than ever. The motor vehicle and hunters' licenses are specifically appropriated by law and are not counted in the amount of money available for general appropriations.

The State appropriation year, on which the legislative appropriation is based, dates from the end of June.

PENN STATE STUDENTS. State College, Pa., Nov. 30.—Allegheny once more leads all other Pennsylvania counties in the number of its sons and daughters enrolled as students at the Pennsylvania State College. Last year there were 263 Penn State students from Allegheny and this year there are 278. The drop is due to the necessity for refusing 1100 Freshman applicants this year, and the larger counties suffered more in this respect than the smaller. Philadelphia county ranks second with 238; Luzerne fifth with 81; Centre fourth with 150, Dauphin fifth with 115, and Montgomery, 91. Snyder and Fulton have none.

Kind Old Lady—"Poor man! And are you married?" Weary Tramp—"No lady! I wouldn't be relying on total strangers for support if I had a wife, lady."—London Answers.

Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as to think.—Emerson.

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GOVERNOR SPROUL'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE SUNDAY BLUE LAW.

Governor Sproul, in a somewhat belligerent address before the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, announced that his legislation enacted at Harrisburg in the direction of more liberal Sunday laws would not "get by" him; that "there will be no change in the Sunday law while I am Governor!" Our Governor is playing safe with his popularity. He speaks as one vested with great authority, secular and religious. However, there are many good citizens of Pennsylvania who will not bow to his bigotry nor appreciate his efforts to forestall legislation. In the estimation of our Governor the more than a century old Sunday Blue Law is just the right kind of a law. If this be so, it is about time that our Governor should promptly exercise some of his mighty influence in behalf of the ENFORCEMENT of the antiquated law for which he is nursing so much affection and popularity. If our Governor is of the opinion that it is better that millions of the citizens of this State should habitually violate the Sunday Blue Law than that said law should either be STRICTLY ENFORCED, or modified, then our Governor is not as wise a man as a Governor of Pennsylvania should be. The fact is the Sunday Blue Law is being violated every Sunday from Lake Erie to the Delaware—everywhere within the borders of the State, BECAUSE of a great preponderance of public sentiment—as expressed by ACTS AND DEEDS—does not harmonize with the moss-covered, disrespected law. There is a very great deal of mouthing about Sunday observance by many of those who acclaim the virtue of the Sunday Blue Law and who conveniently violate it without disturbing their consciences. It is to be assumed that our Governor knows that immoral acts or harmful physical and intellectual diversions or deeds are productive of baneful results, whether performed during weekdays or Sundays. This being so, it follows that our Governor should be more concerned about right living every day of every year on the part of the people of the State than should be about enforcing particular forms of holiness, and the prevention of inherently harmless recreations, on Sabbath days. The unvarnished fact respecting the non-enforcement of the old Sunday Blue Law is that a great majority of the people of Pennsylvania naturally refuse to obey this particular law because of their in-born disinclination to be dictated to as to what they shall or shall not do on Sabbaths, or any other days of the week, provided their acts do not interfere with the rights and rightful liberties of each and all. Unfortunately, there is no compromise with those who assume to mind other people's business and dictate what shall or shall not be done on a particular day of the week. They have yet to learn that the average American citizen will not be coerced or clubbed by law into subjection to the mere decrees of fanaticism, whether this decree be expressed by civil law, or otherwise. After over a hundred years of Sunday Blue Law, after more than a hundred years of clamor in defense of that law, attendance at Sunday religious services is much smaller now than it was fifty years ago—in proportion to the population now and then. If the Sunday Blue Law will NOT increase interest in religious matters and, if its rigid enforcement to any considerable extent is now an impossibility, then why all this furore against its modification, or repeal? Why continue the farce and hypocrisy of it all? Perhaps our Governor will think a little more about it some fine Sunday when he is taking a pleasure ride in his limousine. May the gods be with the boys in Delaware county who happen to be finding THEIR PLEASURE in a game of ball—the same day.

A CLOSED CHAPTER.

August Paschal, the villain who kidnapped the Coughlin child, is now in the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, under a life sentence imposed by Judge Swartz. Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin mourn the absence of their child. Nobody knows whether the child is dead or alive, the presumption being that it is dead; that it was smothered by the kidnapper. It is probable that Paschal was not fit to live before he was born—when he was a criminal derelict in embryo. But he was born and he thrived as a degenerate. Without doubt he was known to be such long before the Coughlin child was stolen, but if the justice of an impotent form of law interrupted his freedom, short sentences soon expired and he was again free to commit more crimes and perhaps help to propagate criminals. Murderers, kidnapers, burglars and other criminals are in a large majority of instances only trifled with by courts and jurors because of the inadequacy and impotency of criminal law. No known criminal derelict should be permitted to run at large at any time. They are as dangerous as the most contagious diseases, and some of them more dangerous than mad dogs. Surgical operations upon, or the PERMANENT DETENTION of, degenerate criminals are the only known preventives of the greater and lesser crimes that are inflicting losses, miseries, and murders, upon society, because of maudlin sentimentality, ignorance of psychological facts, and customs hoary with age and saturated with human stupidity. To a very considerable extent a palpable dereliction of human society is responsible for the kidnapping of the Coughlin child. Impotent laws, electrocutions, life imprisonments, the spreading of popular fads, the influence of maudlin sentimentality, and reverence for ancient myths, will never prevent the multiplication of horrible crimes. NEVER!

DEPARTURE OF AN ABLE JURIST.

Justice John Stewart, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, was instantly killed when he stepped in front of a moving trolley car in his home town of Chambersburg, on the evening of Thanksgiving day. He was 81 years of age. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Baltimore in 1864 when Abraham Lincoln was renominated to the Presidency. He was an independent Republican in politics and was a vigorous opponent of M. S. Quay. Justice Stewart also was one of the two surviving members of the State constitutional convention in 1874. In 1888 he was elected president judge of Franklin county and was re-elected in 1898. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in June, 1902, by Governor Pennypacker, and next January he would automatically have become chief justice of that tribunal, and would have served until 1927. He was an able and conscientious jurist.

From New York World: The Russian Government is now planning to abolish money. Having abolished practically everything that money could buy, it ought to be a simple matter to make the job complete.

From Rochester Herald: Luddford Owen Foley, of Jersey City, not only has not raised the rent of his tenants in five years, but presented each family with a Thanksgiving turkey. Can you beat it?

WANT BOUNDARY LINE FIXED

Both Quebec and Newfoundland Would Be Glad to Have a Slice of Newfoundland.

Recent surveys of Labrador, which have disclosed immense resources of timber suitable for pulp and paper manufacture, have led to a revival of efforts to bring about a determination of the boundary line between Newfoundland and the Canadian province of Quebec. This line has never been laid down by actual survey and its various definitions as given in documents issued at intervals in the last century and a half are so vague that government officials do not know just how much of Labrador belongs to Newfoundland and how much to Canada.

That Labrador is rich in many natural resources, including enormous water power, has long been known, but the practicability of utilizing its forests for paper-making was not demonstrated until the world-wide paper shortage led to exhaustive investigations of the territory. The results in applications by promoters to the Newfoundland government for timber limits in Labrador. As these could not be acted upon until it was determined whether Newfoundland owned the land in question, representatives of this colony were sent to London late in the summer to discuss with eminent English counsel the preparation of a formal draft of Newfoundland's Labrador claims as opposed to those of Canada.

WALL PLASTERS IN COLORS

Admixture of Wood Fiber with Plaster-of-Paris Has Given Most Satisfactory Results.

The stuff we call plaster-of-Paris is gypsum ground to powder. When water is added to the powder it becomes a stone. We are familiar with plaster casts, used for statutory and many other purposes. There is no end indeed to the employment to which plaster-of-Paris is put. The wonderful and much-admired buildings of the Chicago fair were of "stucco," made from gypsum. We have in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas beds of gypsum so vast that they could supply the whole world for ages without important diminution of the quantity available. They are a valuable asset, as yet hardly touched. The United States bureau of standards has recently made successful experiments in the production of colored wall plaster, by admixture of wood fiber with plaster-of-Paris. The wood fiber can be dyed any color desired, and the plaster made of this mixture. Panels of the material have been submitted to the Gypsum Industries association in Chicago.

Traveling Libraries a Success. "Traveling Libraries," an experiment tried by the Saskatchewan government, has met with such phenomenal success that an additional appropriation of \$10,000 has just been made further to extend the project. Today there are more than 300 of these libraries between the international border and the Northwest territories. The libraries have had a special appeal to trappers of the Hudson Bay company. Officials of this company say that the trappers, about whom volumes of thrilling tales have been written, do not care particularly for stories of adventure. They turn to fiction of city life, of society if possible. The traveling library consists of 50 books, which are shipped in a strong box to a group of residents who act as distributors in their respective districts.

Have "Libraries" of Bones. Certain medical schools of American universities have "libraries" in which bones take the place of books on the shelves, and are let out on exactly the same system as in a circulating library. The student on paying the sum of 25 cents can borrow any bone in the collection, and, by renewing the loan every week, keep it for a month. A complete skeleton is worth from \$30 to \$100, according to its condition. A skull brings from \$1.25 to \$5; and a perfect specimen—a comparative rarity—is worth as much as \$50. Leg, arm and collar bones command a ready market at from 50 cents to \$1.25 each, while a perfect string of spinal vertebrae is valued at \$5.—North China Herald.

Ancient Commission. Marblehead (Mass.) Historical society came into possession of a valuable historical document in the shape of a commission as lieutenant in the militia of Nathaniel Hooper. The commission bears the signature of Gov. John Hancock and his secretary, John Avery, and is dated 1791, "in the 18th year of the independence of the United States of America." The commission assigns Lt. Hooper to a company in the Second regiment, first brigade and second division of the militia of the commonwealth, comprising the county of Essex.

New Guard Against Counterfeits. A message from Prague to London states that a method has been discovered of making more difficult the passing of forged bank notes. The invention consists of imbedding in the paper on which bank notes are printed quantities of fine steel and nickel particles. Such paper responds to the attraction of a magnet, and anyone can easily test the genuineness of a note.

HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF WOOD

Berea College Owns Many Acres of Forest and Seeks It Never Cuts a Sound Timber.

Berea college, at the foot of the Cumberland mountains, in Kentucky, has the unique distinction of owning two mountains, 4,000 acres of forest, its own sawmill, but never cutting a sound tree, writes Marie Dickore in the American Forestry Magazine. This wood is used for the college, for power, for heat and in the many cozy fireplaces in the dormitories and in the fraternal buildings. It is used by every traveler who stops at Boone tavern.

The sawmill, as well as the 4,000 acres of forest reserve, provides not only ample practical experience for the students, but also actual labor for those students who work for their education. The sawmill is operated by steam, and like every other industry at Berea college, is run by students, who work at least two consecutive

hours per day under the supervision of a superintendent of labor, who in turn is responsible to the dean of labor.

Students at Berea are given the opportunity to earn their expenses, and they may select the work, which is paid for at the regular rates according to the student's ability and efficiency. As every student in the college must work the minimum of two hours per day, suitable occupation must be provided by the dean of labor and in the forestry department the students are very happy patrolling the forest, marking the dead timber, hauling the fallen logs to the sawmill, cutting it there into the required lengths, and then hauling the logs to wherever needed on the campus. No sound timber is cut, as there is enough of the other to supply all needs.

UNEARTH SKELETON OF GIANT

Bones of Supposed Mound Builder Those of Man Eight or Nine Feet High.

Dr. W. J. Holland, curator of the Carnegie museum, Pittsburgh, and his assistant, Dr. Peterson, a few days ago opened up a mound of a prehistoric race that inhabited this section and secured the skeleton of a man who when in the flesh was between eight and nine feet in height, says a Greensburg (Pa.) dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The mound, which was originally about 100 feet long and more than 22 feet high, has been somewhat worn down by time. It is on the J. B. Sechrist farm in South Huntingdon township. This farm has been in the Sechrist name for more than a century.

The most interesting feature in the recent excavation was the mummified torso of the human body, which the experts figured was laid to rest at least 400 years ago. Portions of the bones dug up and the bones in the legs. The torso, which was that of a person between eight and nine feet in height. The scientist figures that this skeleton was the framework of a person of the prehistoric race that inhabited this section before the American Indians.

The torso and the portions of the big skeleton were shipped to the Carnegie museum. Drs. Holland and Peterson supervised the explorations on the Sechrist mound with the greatest of care. The curators believe the man whose skeleton they secured belonged to the mound builder class.

Golf Ball Displayed Sense. People who don't believe that golf balls have some sense of their own would stand small show just now in an argument with a player on the Round Links who made a badly-sliced tee shot, which carried the ball across the roadway into the open upstairs window of a house.

When the golfer went to retrieve the ball he found it on the mat of the front door of the house, waiting for him like a good child. After entering the bedroom it had bounded out through the door and rolled downstairs to the mat.

The golfer says if it hadn't had sense it might have gone through a closed window, breaking the glass, and then stuck in the room, making all sort of possible trouble for him. As it was, the people of the house were none the wiser for the trespass of the golf ball.—London Mail.

No More Tartar

It was bad enough when we lost the secret of how the pyramids were made, and now the old-time method of Guardian raises a warning cry that we are about to lose the key to another of mankind's achievements rare. The war, it is said, wiped out the art of the Babu, the Flaminde, the scalars. When rationing forbade the trade, 20,000 apprentices left the trade in France, and while making mud pies in the trenches, they quite forgot how to flute icings, and combine creams and almond paste into the gateaux and tartes that made the pastry cooks of Paris famous. Whatever will the children do?

MACHINE TO WORK WONDERS

If Reports Are True, Present Methods of Harvesting Grain Will Soon Be Revolutionized.

Wheat harvesting in the Central West, where planting is on a large scale, is on the eve of being revolutionized through the advent of a machine that repeated experiments have shown will cut, harvest and thresh from 40 to 70 acres of standing grain in a day. It dumps cleaned grain into wagons that move along with it.

The revolutionary feature of it is not alone that it can accomplish so much, but that it does it with one man on the job. The difference between the present method of harvesting and the present scheme, which involves headers, binders, thrashing machines, separators, straw wagons, coal cars, pitchforks, horses and men, is calculated at \$7 an acre, which is as much as many thousands of acres of western Kansas and Nebraska land sold for a few years ago.

Its inventors claim for it that it will junk half a billion dollars' worth of harvesting machinery now in use, and release western grain growers from reliance upon the nomads who constitute the army of harvest thieves that moves each summer from Texas to the Dakotas.—Christian Science Monitor.

Use for Old Clay Tablet. We don't know what the professional antiquarians think about it, but as one more or less familiar with the trade, we are convinced that the Babylonians practiced printing 4,000 years ago. The professional clay tablets tablets prove it. The Babylonians we know to have been a wonderfully intelligent people and the archeologists tell us that they filed their legal documents, inscribed on clay, with a thin layer of damp clay laid over each one to preserve it.

And, of course, anybody with one eye and half sense, would have discovered that the "cast," or stereotype this made could be, in turn, duplicated by hundreds. Clay copies of the clay documents—each a matrix—could be made. The original writer, and there can be no doubt that it was done. You can't restrain an author from publishing, when he has the means at hand! Only fancy what our own poets would do in the circumstances! And perhaps they will adopt this secret of the Babylonians. We may have spilled some Babylonian beans, but we don't care. We know where there's a clay pit and we may go to publishing.—Chicago Daily News.

YES, THERE IS A WEAKER SEX

Perusal of the Daily Papers Will Prove it to Anybody Who May Be in Doubt.

A New England professor recently raised quite a powwow over the question: "Is There a Weaker Sex?" If the professor is looking for information we will promptly say yes there is a weaker sex.

To arrive at this conclusion we have scanned the daily papers and have found several cases which prove our point. We will mention just a few. If the professor delves into the matter with an analytical mind he will doubtless decide which sex is the weaker.

Mr. Amiel W. Finkbinder, a well-known attorney, appeared in court and said that his wife had chastised him so severely with a stove poker that he could not go to his office. This happened because he criticized the salary they had for dinner the night before.

Mr. Terrance Mulvaney was dragged into the station house a total wreck. One eye was closed and the other was taking no particular interest in passing events. His wife accompanied him. According to a disconnected story told by the victim, it appears that his wife struck him with the cook stove, hitting him on the head and smashing the stove, which cost \$25 when new.

Mr. Spug Hawkins, who claims to be a surgeon by profession, has filed a charge in voluntary bankruptcy, claiming that his business has been ruined on account of the fact that his wife will not allow him to go out nights. She ties him firmly to a bed post at night, and he cannot get up until morning.

There are many other cases, but if the professor will read these he will be convinced there is a weaker sex.—New York Mail.

DIPLOMAT SANG OF NATURE

Attitude of Man Who Outwitted Russian Statesmen Impressed American Traveler in Japan.

"McDonnell and myself dined with Hagiwara and Kuroda at a Japanese restaurant," Willard Straight wrote in his diary in May, 1905, says Asia. "Goshins danced and sang and sang of the spring flowers, the tender green foliage near his home, of the summer scenes on the river, the silver shining moon, of the autumn and the golden maple, of the snows that come with the shortened days and the whitened hills. He improvised as he went along. He seemed so near to nature! It is the keynote of Japanese life. The diplomat, the man who with his chiefs outwitted the Russians, sang of the simple woodland and its charms. We cold westerners are too fearful of raising a scornful laugh ever to show our true feelings in such an open way. The soldier fighting with every scientific appliance known in modern warfare, understanding its mechanism, finds pleasure in admiring the bloom of the cherry blossoms!"

Larynxless Man Can Whisper. How a man whose whole larynx has been cut out can continue to talk is told by Dr. T. Horshino of Nagate, Japan, in the Annals of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology (St. Louis). Dr. Horshino describes the operation by which he removes the larynx in serious cases of cancer and provides for respiration after it has gone.

He furnished the patient with a rubber tube, one end of which is inserted into the trachea (windpipe) and the other end is held in the mouth. By sending his breath through the tube and working his lips, teeth, tongue, palate and pharyngeal muscles the man can whisper in such a way as to be understood.

Artificial larynxes have been made for such cases, but they are complex affairs, and Dr. Hoshino says patients much prefer the tube.

Stacking Cereals.

One year's harvest of our cereals would fill a canyon 100 feet wide, five miles long and two-thirds of a mile deep.

The Scientific American estimates that this harvest of a single season in the United States, if stacked on one acre of land, would form a column 214 feet high as high as the Woolworth building in New York. Or it would bury the whole of Central park to a depth of 190 feet.

If this crop of cereals were to fall upon Manhattan Island like rain at the rate of a million bushels a day, starting tomorrow, it would not cease falling until the year 1890.

Some Excluded. Little Joe was visiting at grandma's house. Usually he paid very little attention to his youngest auntie, but this day he followed her about continually. Finally they were alone and he began on a new line of conversation. "My daddy says I can't take any more money from grandpa and grandmama," he said rather dejectedly. "You can't?" said auntie sympathized, and Joe noticed that note of sympathy in her voice.

His voice brightened. "But he didn't say anything about not taking it from you and Aunt Grace," he added.

England Turns to Spanish. A society care for things Spanish seems to be rampant in England. Two Spanish plays are running in London and Spanish singers and dancers are in great demand. Many fashionable women are wearing the high Spanish comb and one sees tentative attempts at the mantilla, or mantilla effects. All the new fashionable dances are said to show distinct leanings toward Spanish interpretation.

Time Calculated by Moons. Among the western Indians time is calculated by moons instead of months. January is called "the Hard Moon," February "the Raccoon Moon," March "Sore-Eye Moon," April "the Moon in Which Geese Lay Eggs," May "the Planting Moon," June "the Moon When the Strawberries Are Red," July "the Moon When the Choke Berries Are Ripe," August "the Harvest Moon," September "the Moon When Rice Is Laid Up to Dry," October "the Rice Drying Moon," and December "the Deer Moon."

CHURCH SERVICES.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. William S. Clapp, pastor. Services for next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Two adult Bible classes, one for men and one for women. You are cordially invited to join one of these classes. Church at 9 a. m. Junior and Senior congregations worshipping together. Junior C. E. 1:30 p. m. Senior C. E. 4:30 p. m. Church at 7:30 p. m. Services every Sunday evening at 7:30, short sermon and good music by the choir. All most cordially invited.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Fegley, pastor. Sunday School at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10:15; Evening services at 7:30; Teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8:45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 2 p. m. Meeting of the Heidelberg League at 7 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Norman Scholtz, Pastor. 10 a. m. Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer. 2:30 p. m. Sunday School.

St. Clare's Church, Roman Catholic. Mass at Collegeville every Sunday at 8 a. m.; at Green Lane at 9:30 and at East Greenville at 10 a. m.; William A. Buesser, Rector.

Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

Episcopal Church: St. Paul's Memorial. Oaks, the Rev. C. C. Gresson, Rector. Sunday Services—9:00 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 7:45 p. m. Weekdays, 8:30 a. m., 12 and 5 p. m. Everybody welcome. The Rector residing in the rectory at Oaks P. O. Pa. Bell phone Phenixville 5-38-1-1 gladly responds when his ministrations are desired. Send your name and address for parish paper. St. Paul's Epist. for free distribution.

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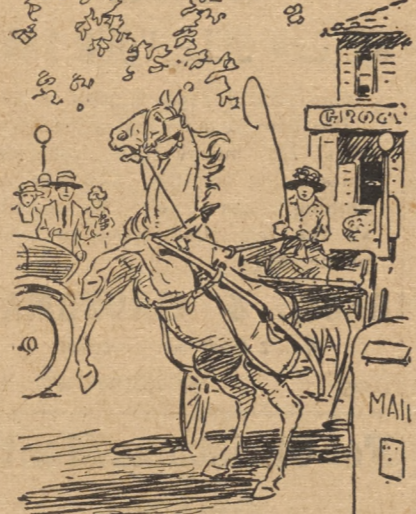
To meet him there seemed to Alice Young almost complete humiliation. She was dusty from the long ride to the village; the old buggy was in-adequate on its "last legs" and, of course, Prince, ancient as he was, had to make believe he was mortally frightened at a big, red and yellow roadster that swung by.

The little group of summer visitors stood on the corner and he was in their midst, standing tall and straight in his summer flannels. They viewed her with polite amusement, and she could not blame them. She knew she flushed under the tan on her cheeks. She had never been more uncomfortable in her life.

Then Prince reared, and with swift strides the tall figure had swung to Prince's head. Alice saw in the gray eyes lifted to hers the same amusement, mixed with an intensity that she did not try to analyze.

"I don't wonder your horse was frightened at that car; its colors are a bit loud," his pleasant voice said. She found tongue enough to say that old Prince was merely making believe, and drove on, knowing that she was cutting anything but a graceful and impressive figure.

"I just wish I could get a chance to show him!" she said to herself with a little anger. "I suppose he thinks I am just a country girl—a rube-ess." On her way home, with the memory of his amused glance in her mind, she planned what she would do to him if she got the chance. She had given up her training as a nurse to help her father and mother on the old home place. She thought she



Then Prince Reared.

knew enough of life to understand most men, and she reasoned that she would have a little amusement on her own behalf if the chance came.

The next day the chance did come. She was busy in her mother's beloved flower garden when she saw the tall figure in fishing togs come stalking up the path. Her heart jumped with a little creeping tremor.

"Hello, Maid of the Flowers," he said in greeting. "I saw you from the brook and thought I would ask permission to bide a wee."

She was embarrassed a bit, for again he had caught her in a plain, gingham, working gown; but she planned rapidly. She was determined to show him that she was not to be laughed at.

She welcomed him, and as supper time was near at hand she induced him to stay.

She almost forgot in that enchanted hour what her dire purpose was; for he chatted so pleasantly with her father and gave her mother the quiet courtesy that is born of the finest breeding.

Afterward she hurried to her room and changed to a gown that she knew set off her dark hair and eyes, the rose of her cheeks and the bronze of her skin. He, on the other hand, was garbed in the rough togs of a fisherman. He would suffer this time.

In the cozy summer house, while the long evening twilight lagged, they talked. She made up her mind she would flirt with him outrageously. His pleasant eyes and voice betrayed his quiet enjoyment of her mood and manner, but the irritating amusement that he had shown in her appeared again.

Only when he left her did his attitude change; then as he held her hand in farewell he said, quietly, "I want you to ask me to come again; and just to please me, will you wear the gingham gown you wore among the flowers?"

Too surprised to question him, puzzled, too, she assented.

She watched him as he disappeared into the dusk, and she stood a little while in silence. She knew, then, that of all men she had ever met he appealed to her most.

"But is he using me just to entertain himself? Why is he so amused? Why does he want to see me again—and in that homely gingham?" she questioned herself, but vainly.

He came not once, but twice, and the last time he told her he could come but once more. The information sobered her, for in her heart there was a yearning for the man that had grown and grown in the mysterious way that heart finds heart.

His amused attitude had continued, except in rare moments. She had tried to meet it in every way, but failed. For his last visit, she made up her mind she would be herself.

She dressed for his visit with no deliberate aim at effect, and after the quietly enjoyable supper walked with him to the summer house.

She busied herself while the light lasted with her sewing; then when the afterglow faded on the western mountains she laid the work down. With a little ache in her heart over the memories that were hers, she asked him out:

"Will you tell me, Landon," she had used his name for some time in the easy familiarity of summer friends—"just why I have amused you so? Please tell me. I know I am a country girl and uncouth—"

"Hush!" he said quickly. Then he came suddenly and sat down beside her, leaning slightly toward her. "I am sorry if you have seen any sign of my amusement; I hardly know that it existed. It has pleased me to see you trying to be something that the Lord never intended you to be!"

She rose, her cheeks flaming. Then all the time he had known she was making believe!

He caught her hand. He drew her down close to him.

"Don't be angry," he said gently. "I ought not to be," she answered, submitting.

There was a little silence; then he said: "I knew how you felt that first meeting, but when I saw you I knew something more. Because of it I came this way fishing. Because of that I am here now."

She tried to hush the trembling that went over her lest he know. Was he playing still?

"You played at make believe except tonight; you have been your own sweet, true self. But I have not played at make believe. Don't you think you ought to reward me?" his tender voice said.

"What do you want?" she asked breathlessly. On his answer hung all. Firm and strong, his arm went about her. Startled, she turned, but hesitated the breath of a second—and remained. For his answer was all sufficient.

"Just you?"

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If there were no air, a lump of lead and a tiny feather when dropped from the hand together would reach the ground at precisely the same time. The earth has the same attraction for all things, but this is not apparent owing to the disturbing effects of the surrounding air. You can counteract the effect of the air and prove this statement to your own satisfaction in an exceptionally simple manner. Cut out a square of paper slightly smaller than a postage stamp—it must be perfectly flat, without a wrinkle or curl. Hold a penny in one hand and the paper square in the other, both with their surfaces parallel to the ground. Drop them simultaneously. Of course, the penny will reach the ground long before the paper. But now hold the coin as before, placing the paper square flat on its upper surface, taking care no part of it projects. Drop the penny so that it falls without turning over, and you will find that the coin and paper reach the ground practically together. The reason is this: the rush of the penny through the air causes a partial vacuum on its upper side, and protects the paper from the influence of the air. A flat object falls more slowly than a round one of the same weight because it has a bigger surface for the air to act on as a buffer.

Trees and Honey.
The forest holds a place of twofold importance in the honey industry, writes Hu Maxwell in the American Forestry Magazine. First, the bloom of the trees constitutes a valuable pasture whence bees collect honey; and, second, the wood derived from the forest supplies most of the material of which hives, frames, stands, boxes, houses and other appurtenances are made. This holds true of few other industries, for it is unusual that a tree supplies a product and also supplies the receptacle in which the product is placed for storage or for shipment. It is proper that wood be given due credit for the contribution it makes in both these lines.

Prayer for Hens.
Lindsay had the little hen fast and was trying to bring her head close to the ground.

"What might you be trying to do?" exclaimed her father, coming upon the small girl in the yard.

"I'm trying to make this hen say her prayers," said the parent sadly. "I hope she'll say 'Now I lay me.'"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Valued Assistance.
"Is your boy Josh a help to you?" "A big help," admitted Farmer Cornstall. "When I go to town I won't know what moving pictures I'd better see if it wasn't for Josh."

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London Newspaper Tells of Merit-orious Pictures Made Quickly by Travelling Artist.

While great painters have spent weeks—perhaps months—on a simple study, a young artist is turning out delightful views of the sea and country in five minutes, says London Answers. Impossible as it may seem, it is a fact, and the artist in question is Albert Cronshaw of Manchester.

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