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# THE INDEPENDENT

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, February 10, 1921.

## "PLAYING THE FOOL!"

Under the caption "Playing the Fool" the editor of "Our Dumb Animals," published at Norwood, Massachusetts, makes the following observations:

"That's what, as a nation, we seem inclined to do. We haven't had enough war. We evidently relished the long lists of dead and wounded that used to fill up the columns of the daily press. We want still heavier taxes. We have grown fond of wasting money. We want to waste a few billion more. So we have begun to talk about the greatest navy in the world. We intend to be ready for Japan. If the leading nations of the earth, after these past six years, haven't sense enough to take some effective steps to reduce armaments and to end war, they deserve to be abandoned by Heaven to destroy themselves.

Think of the demand of the Secretary of the Navy for 659 millions of dollars, and the Secretary of War asking for 699 millions for the year 1921! Four schoolboys, one an American, one an Englishman, one a Frenchman, and one a Japanese, could come to an agreement that would make war an impossibility. But hand the matter over to the diplomats and the case is declared hopeless.

That's the situation, in part at least. Those who represent the people of the United States in the Senate and House at Washington and the rulers of other nations have been and are "playing the fool!" But they are doing more; they are playing the role of moral cowards, the role of misfits, the role of traitors to the great principle of Democracy—the principle that directly relates to the needful and humane protection of human life. Those who would gain power and personal advantage by permitting their ambitions to foster "man's inhumanity to man" and with cold blood view the destruction of vast numbers of their fellowmen—all this without an impulse to advance ways and means looking toward the abolishment of war, are the unspeakable foes of humanity. Among these foes have posed the members of the Senate oligarchy at Washington—the Senators who have been wilfully playing the part of obstructionists to the world's peace. The masses of the American people look upon such faithlessness of their public servants to the common welfare of mankind with indifference and unconcern. Their indifference bodes ill respecting the perpetuation of the liberties they are at present enjoying, and bespeaks the payment on their part in time to come of a heavy penalty for their supine disregard of the duties of American citizenship—of their disregard for the well-being of mankind in general. The people of every country of every State of the United States should arise en masse and insist that the national authorities at Washington no longer delay prompt, efficient and comprehensive action in the matter of demanding the joint disarmament of all the leading nations of the earth, excepting only the military and naval force required to maintain the peace of each individual national within its own boundaries, and the reservation of only sufficient military force to contribute to the force of all other nations in the maintenance of general peace. And the people should insist that the same authorities, without further inexcusable delay, unite with the leading nations of the earth in the maintenance of the peace of the earth—at least to the extent of preventing extensive wars. The present position of the United States, with respect to the abiding welfare and peace of the people of the United States in particular, and of the masses of the people of other nations in general, is disgracefully shameful, cowardly, and impotent.

## THE WHIPPING POST EFFECTIVE.

All sentimentalism aside, here is evidence in favor of the whipping post punishment for criminals. An 82-year-old pickpocket, again in the toils, avers that mere imprisonment never acted as a deterrent in his case. It appears that he has been arrested 23 times in 40 years, and has spent a quarter century behind bars. In 1901 he was captured after doing a job at a fair in Dover, Delaware, and was sentenced to four years in jail and twenty lashes at the whipping post. The imprisonment rested lightly upon his anatomy, but the 20 lashes made him so sick of Delaware that he never again visited that State. The crimes waves of the present might be subsided by the use of the whipping post. However, as heretofore insisted upon in this department of the INDEPENDENT, the permanent detention of confirmed criminals at labor is the only approximately effective solution of the crime problem.

## THE SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT.

The Paris press recalls that in 1917 Kaiser Wilhelm estimated that after Germany should have won the war the Allies would have to pay an indemnity of 500,000,000,000 gold marks, a good part of which was to form a gift for the imperial master and his assistants. This proposition was laid before the Reichstag in a Government speech and enthusiastically approved. Of course the proposition was enthusiastically approved! The Kaiser was counting upon bagging great game—billions of money and world dictatorship. After all it was but a dream, and now the 'shoe is on the other foot.' The Kaiser, who should at least be an exile on a barren island, is perchance meditating in his castle at Doorn how his God, with whom he erstwhile claimed a close partnership, forsook him, while Germany is remonstrating against paying an indemnity amounting to about one-half as much as the Kaiser was reckoning upon raking in when "Me and Gott" in the mind of "Me" were keenly anticipating a great victory!

EDITOR MEREDITH TO EDITOR MOSER.

Inasmuch as the INDEPENDENT's copy of the Quakertown Free Press reached me after the major portion of the matter for this column was in readiness for press, this week, I must hold over until next week Editor Meredith's rejoinder to the editorial anent the Sunday question in the INDEPENDENT of January 27. Editor Meredith's latest contribution to an interesting controversy is so characteristic of the wit, good humor, and the literary gumption of a good brother engaging himself in behalf of a Puritanic law, that the readers of the INDEPENDENT shall and must have an opportunity next week to read something very readable from the Quakertown Free Press.

From Chicago Tribune: Why is it that in nearly all decisions of the Supreme Court the most interesting opinions are delivered by the dissenting Justices?

From Springfield Republican: In view of the Allies' reparations demands, where is Germany to find money with which to meet American claims, when the Harding Administration comes to negotiate a separate peace?

From Kansas City Star: If it is true that the Russian soviet government has raised 72 divisions of troops for military operations in the spring, it is easy to understand why 13,000,000 civilians are starving in that country.

## GERMANY LOST TOY MARKET

United States and Japan Now Supply Canada With Playthings She Does Not Produce.

The United States is now first in supplying those toys needed to supplement the output of Canadian factories. The additional quantity required by Canada to supply its own domestic trade amounted in the last year to \$1,500,000 worth. Before the war Germany was the chief source of supply, but the United States now leads and Japan has likewise made a notable advance in its toy shipments to that market. In 1918 American exports of toys to Canada amounted to \$273,138 and in the year ended March 31, 1920, the total was \$1,155,572. Japan's trade grew from \$18,738 to \$277,946 in the same period, while there was only a small increase in toys sent from the United Kingdom.

The toy and doll industry of Canada, according to Vice Consul Horace M. Sanford at Ottawa, has made considerable advance compared with pre-war time, but imports were needed to meet the domestic demand. At present time some thirty-five Canadian toy factories are listed, although the census returns of 1918 reported only fifteen. The kinds of toys made there include animals, autos, balls, billiard games, boats, building blocks, carriages, croquet boards, croquet sets, dishes, doll furniture, dolls, dolls' clothes, dolls' swings, pool tables, tricycles and wheelbarrows, which are made of celluloid, enamel, iron, steel, tin, rubber and wood.

Last year Canada exported \$139,052 worth of dolls and toys, and the United States \$120,222.

## ONE FLAW IN BRIGHT IDEA

Janitor Called On as "Dinner Substitute," Might Object to Personal Inconvenience Involved.

A young Indianapolis physician had been invited by a school teacher to accompany her to a dinner party at which he was an absolute stranger. He accepted the invitation, but at the last minute had to break it. "But you can take some other man and pass him off for me," he offered, generously. "No one there knows me, so I'll go all right."

The teacher hesitated. "But they know most of the men I know," she said. And then a sudden smile came over her face. "I might take our school janitor. He's new in the city, but you could give him some of your clothes and it would probably pass."

"But how does he talk?" asked the doctor, a little bit doubtful of the scheme now. "Oh, his talking is all right," assured the teacher, and smiled wider than ever again. "There's only one thing I'm sure about. He chews tobacco, and I wonder if he would do without for that long."—Indianapolis News.

## American Gobs as Gondollers.

American gobs are learning how to become gondollers, and an American school has for the first time included gondolling as a regular course. In Venice the Knights of Columbus operate a social service club on the banks of the Grand canal, and in connection with the club the Knights of Columbus maintain a well-equipped school, run on the lines of the Knights of Columbus free night schools in America. French, Italian, Turkish and other languages are taught in the school to the men of the American Mediterranean naval unit, as well as navigation and other technical courses.

Now gondolling has been added, as the American sailors relish driving themselves and their Venetian friends around the gem of the Adriatic in gondolas. Some of the sailors are becoming expert in handling the picturesque craft, Knights of Columbus Commissioner Edward L. Hearn reports.

## Only Natural.

The school principal had been busy all day selecting children from the various classes, to do some special work. She was very tired and also very much pre-occupied when the janitor entered her office. In response to her mechanical nod he began: "Miss M—, that crossing out there is dangerous. If they don't send us a traffic officer some of the children in this school are going to get killed." She had not really heard his speech, for he was always complaining, so she made no answer. And then he repeated his assertion with some emphasis, adding: "They are going to get killed out there—some of our children."

She had caught the last phrase, and mechanically, after her day of classifying, said: "Then I had better pick out the ones I prefer for that."

And the janitor fled.

## Goat Disclosed Rich Mine.

A mountain goat recently was responsible for the discovery of what is believed to be one of the most valuable mines in British Columbia, which had been hunted by prospectors for years, after rich float ore had been found. A Finn was hunting mountain goats high above timber line. He had trailed an animal for miles when it came out on a glacier and stood in full view against the sky on a pinnacle of ice. The Finn creaked and the goat fell dead down a steep precipice and oiled several hundred feet. Its body, etched up near the foot of the glacier and when Finn reached it he found it had dislodged a massive rock beneath which the long-searched-for vein lay exposed.

## Blinded Goldfish.

The naturalist Ognet kept goldfish for three years in absolute darkness, taking care to give them plenty of room and plenty of food. The result was total blindness; even the rods and cones of the retina disappeared.

## Coconuts as Money.

Coconuts are the common form of exchange among the natives of the Nicobars. For instance, a box of matches is worth 20 coconuts, while for needles the price is one coconut each.

## Amateur Farmer's Error.

One reason why a farmer sometimes fails at farming is because he thinks more of the picturesque woods and rocks on his place than of the ground that's suitable for corn.

## The Opposite Perhaps.

"Hard work will kill no one," declares a literary critic. A new word, of course, prefer an occupation with a spice of danger about it.—London Punch.

## ANOTHER SWAT FOR THE FLY

Supreme Court of Maine Adds Its Voice to Denunciation of Almost Universal Pest.

The dog having had his day before the Supreme court in Washington, we now find the "busy, curious, thirsty fly" preening his wings in the solemn precincts of the Supreme court of Maine as a co-defendant. He finds few sympathizers. For his size he is the most malodorous and detestable of beasts, and the mischief he does is immeasurable. In this case the court of appeal was told that a summer boarder had engaged rooms at a hotel for two weeks and had left at the end of four days, declaring the flies intolerable. The Supreme court upholds the plaintiff in its request to pay for his infested accommodations.

The Journal of the American Medical association makes the case the text of one of the most exhorting denunciations of the fly that have been penned; but will the fly care? Not a bit of it. "A fly," wrote Emerson in his despair, "is as untamable as a hyena." Probably a fly was teasing the sage of Concord as he wrote. The best thing Josh Billings ever said was "D— a fly!" Shakespeare would have said it if he had thought of it. As a carrier of pestilential putrescence the fly is without a peer. The help of the Supreme court of Maine is welcome in putting him down.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## WILL TAKE LAND FROM SEA

People of Holland Meet Problem of Expanding Population in Characteristic Dutch Fashion.

After many years' deliberation the people of Holland have decided that they need more land, and, having reached that decision, they have gone about the acquisition of it with characteristic Dutch energy and determination, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The program contemplates the building of a 80-mile dike across the outlet of the Zuider zee and gradual reclamation of parts of that body by means of smaller dikes and a filling-in and pumping process. The damming of the north end of the Zuider zee presents difficulties, not only on account of the length of the dam, but also due to the fact that at the Friesland shore end the water depth varies from 11 to 33 feet. The foundation of the great dam will be, literally, billions of all sizes of tree branches, lashed together into great bundles. These will be sunk, forming a supporting wall of logs and brush. Upon this will be placed a thick layer of coarse crushed stone, and on this powerful foundation will be reared the masonry of the dike.

## Plant Diseases Costly.

Millions of bushels of grain, fruit and vegetables and a big tonnage of cotton were lost to American farmers last year by plant diseases, according to figures compiled by the plant disease survey of the Department of Agriculture. The survey said that the statistics indicate that lack of prompt application of known means of control was largely the cause of the loss. The plant disease survey estimated the losses at 112,000,000 bushels of wheat, 50,000,000 bushels of oats, 80,000,000 bushels of corn, 60,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 40,000,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, 185,000 tons of tomatoes, 850,000 bushels of cotton, 5,000,000 bushels of peaches and 16,000,000 bushels of apples.

## Tuberculosis Ebbs and Flows.

The decline of tuberculosis is likened to that of leprosy by Dr. Louis Costello, lecturer in pathology at the University of Cambridge. Leprosy was formerly one of the world's great scourges, but has become practically extinct in western countries. Tuberculosis seems to be following, as it is declining at an increasing rate, its death having fallen off nearly 90 per cent since 1895. Apparent causes of the change are lessened overcrowding, otherwise improved social conditions, more and better food, and the adoption of methods of real ventilation. The war has given tuberculosis a new lease of life in European nations, especially in half-starved Austria, where it runs riot.

## REFUSED TO TAKE CHANCES

Fortune Teller's Prediction Caused Crews of Two Vessels to Desert the Boats at Quebec.

From time immemorial superstitions of sailors, with few exceptions, have naturally been associated with things of the sea, notably the belief which marks departure from port on Friday as a certain omen of bad luck. St. Elmo's fire, the bo'sun fish, whistling for the wind in a calm, the presence of a priest on board ship, all these deal with actual elements of sea life that played a great part among such legends. The Flying Dutchman legend was also born of the sea; likewise the ghostly crew coming from the wreck of a sunken ship to haunt the crew of the vessel which caused their loss.

A more annoying variety of superstition was revealed the other day by the action of the crews of two American tugs who deserted their boats at Quebec. Before these two boats left Detroit bound for New York a fortune teller predicted the doom of one of the boats before it finished its voyage. This prophecy so worked on the sensibilities of the members of the two crews that they struck on reaching Quebec. Old salts sniff at such a prophecy as this as being of the fresh-water brand and not worthy to be enrolled in the ancient and honorable company of deep-sea superstitions, but the prophecy worked its evil upon the tug owners. The loss of their crews made a real thing of it.

## ALUMINUM TO REPLACE WOOD

Increased Production of the Metal Will Relieve Drain Upon the Country's Vanishing Forests.

One of the greatest consumers of wood is the shipping box. For this purpose no fewer than 6,000,000 cords were used last year. Viewed from any standpoint, it is a gigantic draft upon our forest resources.

Unquestionably before long metal will largely take the place of wood for the making of shipping cases, which means, of course, aluminum, or an alloy thereof. Aluminum, relatively speaking, is a cheap metal now, but it is destined to be vastly cheaper.

When one considers that aluminum constitutes more than 7 per cent of the entire crust of the earth, it seems absurd that there should be lack of it for any and all purposes useful to mankind.

The next generation may live in apartment houses built wholly of aluminum and travel in aluminum trains and steamships. But the matter of most immediate importance is the relief which cheap aluminum may give to the drain upon our vanishing forests.

## Canada Admits Hindoo Woman.

The first Hindoo woman who ever entered Vancouver or British Columbia, Canada, to make the province their home, arrived recently on the Empress of Japan. There are thousands of Hindoos living in the province, engaged in working in the woods or in operating sawmills. Some of them have made much money. For a long time the government refused admission to Hindoo women, but recently this ban was lifted. The new arrival was the first woman to take advantage of it. Her husband went to India from Vancouver three years ago, to pay a visit to his home. He had made money and intended to remain in India, but when the ban on women was lifted he decided to return where opportunities were greater. He brought his wife and twelve-year-old son. The father intends to send the boy to the public schools of Vancouver.

## Tells of Web-Footed Men.

The most curious tribe, called Agambaru, are to some extent web-footed, and the skin of their feet is "as tender as blotting paper." They live in a marsh and are so much at home in the water that they seem "to stand and upright in that element without any perceptible effort." They catch ducks by diving under them and catching the birds' legs.

Their diet consists chiefly of fish, water fowls, sago and the roots of water lilies. They keep pigs, swung in cages, underneath their houses (which are in the water built on ten-foot poles), lying on their bellies with their legs stuck through the bottom, and feed them on fish and sago. The dead are buried by being tied to a stake, the body secured well above flood level. "From 'Some Experiences of a New Guinea Resident Magistrate,' by Capt. C. A. W. Monkton.

## Napoleon's Dessert Service Sold.

A French dessert dish of gilt plate, double thread and shell pattern, consisting of two sugar affairs, four spoons, a pair of sugar tongs, 24 small spoons, 24 forks and knives with porcelain handles, formerly the property of Emperor Napoleon, and bearing the imperial cipher of the bee, was sold in a London auction house not long ago. The service was the property of a nobleman whose name is not revealed.—London Times.

## Wood Preservatives.

Wood preservatives are found by the United States forest products laboratory to be necessarily soluble enough in water to produce a toxic solution, though in some cases the solubility may be as slight as one-millionth. Sodium fluoride and zinc chloride are freely soluble, the cresolates as a whole only sparingly so. The nontoxic oils appear to act as reservoirs of the toxic ingredients, and to feed them out slowly to the wood.

## Early Savings Bank.

The first savings bank in America was opened in Boston 104 years ago, December 13, 1816. In the same year an institution called the Philadelphia Savings Fund society was established. The third institution of this kind in America was founded in New York in 1819. The first regular savings bank was established in Hamburg in 1778 and the second at Berne, Switzerland, in 1787. The oldest savings bank in the world is in Zurich, Switzerland, and is now in its one hundred and seventeenth year. The first regular savings bank in Great Britain was opened in Edinburgh 107 years ago.

## The Happy Man.

That man is always happy who is in the presence of something which he cannot know to the full, which he is always going on to know. This is the necessary condition of a finite creature with divinely rooted and divinely directed intelligence; thus, therefore, his happy state is called a state, not of triumph of joy in what it knows, but of joy rather in the continual discovery of new ignorance, continual self-abandonment, continual astonishment.—Ruskin.

## Burmese Fond of Flowers.

When we have looked at the life in the tropics, in sun-drenched Burma itself, there are acres of gardens given over to nothing else but the cultivation of roses! All through the hot weather, in Lower Burma, they flourish; not till the rains break are they beaten to earth and almost washed away. The Burmese are very fond of flowers; they are lavished on the pagodas, and women decorate their hair with them.

## Before the Speech.

Some orators start with a rush, others begin quite slowly. A speaker we have has the habit of striding meditatively across the stage once or twice before he begins his address. On one occasion we heard a lively young fellow in front of us whisper to his girl with reference to the peripatetic gentleman on the platform: "That, I suppose, is his preamble."—Boston Transcript.

## "Polite" Motor Horn.

The magazine Motor announces the arrival of the courteous motor horn. Up to now the motor horn has been decidedly cacophonous. It squawks unpleasantly; it bellows alarmingly; it utters noises disagreeably suggestive of nausé.

But the new horn, which is appearing on the market, has a tone that is at once polite and powerful. It warns, yet does not offend the sensitive ear. The tone-adjusting mechanism is so contrived and arranged that the horn is easily regulated for any degree of vociferousness, but it yet carries a warning to the pedestrian.

## On Their Mettle.

"The head waiter and his assistants are flustered."

"Are noticed that?"

"There seems to be great excitement in the kitchen."

"What do you suppose is the matter?"

"A visiting chef has just dropped in and offered a seven-course dinner."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## The Wrong Course.

"Dawdle says that he's had chances enough, but they were all poor ones." "I've decided that whenever opportunity knocked Dawdle proceeded to knock the opportunity."—Boston Transcript.

## 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 10 a. m. Junior and Senior congregations worshipping together. Junior C. E., 1:30 p. m. Senior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Church at 7:30 p. m. Services every Sunday evening at 7:30. Short sermon and good music for the choir. All most cordially invited.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Fogley, 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. Messenger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 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 8:00 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Norman Stockett, Rector: 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'd Chas. Cresson, 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 Phoenixville 5-861. Gladly responds when his ministrations are desired. Send your name and address for parish paper, St. Paul's Epistle, for free distribution.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Graterford, Rev. R. W. Dickert, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 10:15 a. m. every Sunday. Every other Sunday preaching in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every other Sunday evening at Harleysville.

River Brethren, Graterford. Preaching at 9:30 a. m.

Graterford Chapel. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

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## Mr. Friday

By KATE EDMONDS

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"A squall!" cried Dorothy as the little launch headed for home.

Nan glanced over her shoulder at the yellow-brown clouds rapidly obscuring the sun. "We cannot reach the Point," she declared. "We must make for the nearest island."

"Is there any danger?" asked timid Dorothy, who had been insisting about remaining outside the breakwater.

"I think not," said Nan, for her heart was throbbing fast. She was a little fearful of making the nearest island before the storm burst and Little Petrel Island was a dangerous place to land. Many a small boat had gone down off the cruel rocks. When they were within a boat's length of the beach the wind broke loose with a scream of fury. A long wave rushed the boat upon the beach and left it there in the soft sand. The salt spray stung their lips and eyes.

Somewhat they stumbled out of the boat and were thankful to feel solid ground under foot. Nancy tied the boat to a tree, for the tide was rushing in and they might lose it any moment.

"It is so exposed here on the windward side, let us walk around to the east beach; it will be warmer and drier there."

The wind snatched the words from her lips and tossed them away. The two girls screamed at each other and then laughed because a word could be heard. At last they resorted to signs, and having found a substitute for speech, they started to walk around the shore, just above the high-water mark. Here were long stretches of dried seaweed, tangled with thyme.

Both girls turned pale.

shells, and Nan scooped up several armfuls and bade Dorothy do the same.

"If we have to stay here all night it will make a good bed," she informed her companion.

It was then that Dorothy found the footprint in the sand and pointed it out to Nan. Both girls turned pale, for the footprint was freshly made—a generous shoe had made it—there was the print of a heel and a rubber sole.

It was pointed in the direction they were going.

"Shall we keep on?" pantomimed Dorothy.

Nan shook her head and motioned back. They retreated and went back to the boat, and hiding the tide was still rising they entered the grove of trees.

"It is quiet here," whispered Dorothy, sinking down on the dry sand.

Nan followed suit and then, impatient of inaction, she jumped up again and explored the grove. In five minutes she was standing on the east beach and the footprint in the sand was explained.

Nan glared resentfully at the young man in white who was broiling bacon over a small fire in a scooped out sand hole. He looked at her in mild surprise.

"We have with us today," he began, but Nan only smiled scornfully and turned away.

"Nanny," she said impudently, and one must admit that this was not quite the proper way for two strangers to open conversation.

"I was going to ask you why you intruded," she observed. "This is the island of Robinson Crusoe—and the island was nonsensical, you will remember!"

"Fancy!" drawled Nan, just because he hated the word. Ah, she knew this young man well. She had been engaged to marry him up to 2 o'clock this very afternoon. It was now 8 and the bacon smelt divinely. Dorothy had detected the odor of bacon and now came running into the scene.

For once she was stricken dumb before the vision of the island inhabitant. She looked from one to the other, her lips curved into a little smile. She was hungry! If Nan wanted to quarrel with the nicest man at Coral Point, very well! Dorothy Wellwood must eat, and to eat one must make friendly advances even to an enemy. The wretch had cornbread, too! And coffee—it was too much.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Crusoe—" she began.

"Name's Friday," protested the gentleman impaling strips of bacon on a neatly rimmed twig. "Starved?"

Dorothy nodded. "Please, Mr. Friday," then when he had made a bacon sandwich, she took a huge bite and went over to the enemy, sitting down in the sand and conversing with him in the most friendly way imaginable.

"Shipwrecked?" he asked.

Dorothy told their story, calling upon Nan to verify the facts, but Nan sat at a distance her face turned stonily away, her heart sore and resentful. She was watching the waves as they pounded on the rocks below, she wondered if he would care if she was lying dead there among the seaweed.

She was feeling very sad—tomorrow they were leaving Coral Point and she might never see him again. He

had a teasing way with him that irked her—now, only a few hours after the quarrel, she was missing him. What had they quarreled about? Such a trifle—she was shocked that she had almost forgotten the cause. He was coming now, with Dorothy, she could hear their voices in friendly argument.

"If I loved anyone—well enough to become engaged—well enough to plan to spend the rest of my life with him—or her," declared wise young Dorothy, "and remember it would have to be a great and glorious love (or I wouldn't love at all), then, it would have to be some huge difference that would separate us! If he wanted to wear red neckties, even—and I loathe them—I would say I love the man and I can learn to endure red neckties—because I loved him so much and he would feel the same way about trifles—and I must see about the boat!" and Dorothy fled around the beach, leaving Nan and the Man Friday alone together.

She got up and stood uncertainly, tears were brimming her eyes, and she could hear his beloved footsteps coming nearer. She must be about to make amends. She was in the wrong.

"Mr. Friday," she called in a quavering voice. "I am sorry!"

What Mr. Friday said was intended for Nan's ear alone, but I am sure it had nothing to do with red neckties. Young Dorothy coming suddenly upon them, dashed back out of sight and when she had subdued her giggles, announced her coming by a brisk "Ship ahoy—hotel launch in the offing!" and scampered away.

Jim Tweedly smiled down at Nan. "The blessed angel," he muttered, unaware that the angel in question was eating up the bacon and cornbread.

Malays THE LAZIEST PEOPLE

Natives Characterized by a Marked Antipathy to Labor and Extremely Philosophical.

Their disregard of money makes all dealings with Malays extremely difficult, and their dislike for work has completely blocked more than one project, writes Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine. Do you know the Malays are the laziest people in the world.

When work is an exciting or amusing game, such as the hunt, they will go on for days without signs of fatigue. They seem to keep alive by some fantastic energy. But when work is just plain labor they will say, "Wah!" or "I must think." Or a Malay may say candidly: "Sir, I have had plenty to eat. I am content." Many times I have had a Malay tell me, when I asked him to do some work, that he had enough rice and fish for the day and that he might die during the night. It is an unanswerable argument. Tomorrow's food can be found when tomorrow comes.

Why should a Malay gentleman, who believes in Allah and whose stomach is full, do the labor that can be done by heathen, pig-eating Chinese? "Will you row me across the river?" I asked a Malay one day.

"Tuan, I have eaten and I have plenty," he replied. "You may take my boat and row yourself across the river. Tomorrow, if Allah grants me life and if I need the boat, I will swim over for it."

That Malay trait of living for the moment has led many a European to murder, and more than once it made me feel like running amuck. It is maddening. Getting work out of Malays is a fine art, a science to be learned only after years of patient arguing and cajoling. And yet, with all their laziness, they are lovable people. In most cases they are brave and willing to do anything for a person they like.

Of East Indian Origin.

The Hindustani word "pajama" means literally "leg clothing," and it applies to the thin loose trousers tied around the waist, which are worn by Mohammedan men and women. The English adaptation, spelled "pyjamas" abroad, but "pajamas" in the United States, is applied not only to the trousers, but to a suit made of trousers and blouse, worn in the dressing room or as a sleeping garment.

One for Mother.

Bobbie's mother had not been well for some time and had, naturally, been a little more strict with the children than was usual. During this time Bobbie started kindergarten.

One day his grandmother asked him how he liked school and his teacher.

Bobbie replied: "O, fine, grandma; I sure do like teachers. They aren't crows, like mothers."

Absolutely Not Guilty.

Little Billy had been told to his aunt's on an errand and told to turn immediately. Billy remained one hour. On his return his mother said: "Billy, what is your object in staying at auntie's when I told you to come right back?" Billy replied: "Object, what do you mean object, why, I never even took it with me. I left it home in my tool box."

Bird Film Artist.

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Only True Reform.

The reform that really reforms is the reform that comes from the heart of the individual. Not all the king's laws nor all the king's statutes can reform an evil community.—Duke de Boulogne.

Rare Specimen.

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Mrs. Knagg—"I told you to watch little Jane Marie while I was out and you've let her out her new dress all to rags." Her Husband—"I know, I was watching her while she did it. Did you wish me to interfere?"—Boston Globe.



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## BLACK ROCK AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Landes, of Souderton, were visitors in this vicinity last Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Jones and son Ralph were Pottstown shoppers last Saturday.

Mr. Norman Jones, of Girard College, spent last Thursday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and Mrs. Rebecca Griffin spent Sunday with the family of John Wenger's.

Mr. Paul Stierly, of Arcola, had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking an auto last week.

## PORT PROVIDENCE.

Mrs. Oliver Epright spent several days of last week with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William Williams and children Marie and John spent Saturday with friends in Red Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pickel are the proud parents of a daughter.

Burleigh Wesler, of Cromby, spent Friday with relatives here.

Edith, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ulmer, is ill with pneumonia.

The four day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Raynor died of pneumonia, Thursday.

Mrs. Samuel Griffin attended court at West Chester, Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Harry Umstad, who has spent the last ten years in the Philippine Islands, arrived home on Saturday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Crooks, of Trooper, spent the week end with Miss Sara Brower.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Heffline is ill with pneumonia.

Abram Moser is erecting a large garage on his property in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb entertained a number of relatives and friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Oliver Moore was a Philadelphia visitor, Sunday.

## OAKS.

The Oaks Building and Loan Association opened its tenth series the last night of January and re-organized by electing John U. Gotwals, president; Leo A. Gotwals, vice president; John W. Davis, secretary; C. F. Moser, treasurer. The old Board of Directors were elected with few exceptions. Those elected: D. H. Bartman, J. H. Bolton, Horace Boyer, George W. Brown, Sr., Albert N. Crawford, Rev. Caleb W. Brown, H. M. Dutton, S. J. Fell, Jr., John U. Gotwals, Leo A. Gotwals, D. H. Jones, W. M. Keyser, Alvin Landis, C. F. Moser, H. W. Wright.

Remarkable case of scarlet fever at the residence part of the P. R. R. station. Diagnosed by a physician. The patient slightly ill a couple of days. Still under quarantine.

The unemployed here claim they belong to the union of idle workers. We regret to announce that applications for membership are still on.

Unusual at this time of year for the price of milk to drop from twelve cents a quart to ten cents at this place. Proves that prices are on the down grade.

Oaks not incorporated into a borough, all streets are private, there are, with two exceptions which are kept in passable condition by the township; hence these streets must be repaired by private subscription. Material has been ordered to resurface Montgomery avenue.

A. J. Brower has extended his porch for a public ice cream pavilion, preparatory to next summer's trade.

The Oaks A. C. basketball team journeyed to the Baptist gymnasium, Bridgeport, to try their skill with the Agave A. C. Suffered defeat by a score of 25 to 16.

The girls' team of Oaks defeated the Baptist girls by a score of 20 to 6. Congratulations.

H. Luther Fries of Reading, author of the poem in last week's Independent is the father of Harry Fries of this place, who has shown exceptional ability in taking pictures of animals in fantastical garbs, and is the author of children's stories—Little Folks in Animal Land, in three books of the Sandman Series.

A drunken man, a bottle of whiskey and a gun caused considerable excitement for a time Saturday afternoon. Oaks station P. R. R. took posse. He came on the 3.19 p. m. train at session of a wagon driven by John Kindy. He could not get out of the wagon, enjoying himself by discharging his revolver, scaring the horse and those who happened to be near. After the wagon had progressed a short distance he was gotten out of the vehicle and his gun was secured.

Valentine dance at Oaks Fire Hall, Saturday, February 12. A handsome valentine will be given as a prize.

The sauer kraut supper was well patronized. A neat sum was realized.

The sick: Mrs. O'Brien is in a very serious condition. Leah Rapp, Lankau Hospital, is slightly improved. Katie Boyer is suffering with grippe and is under the doctor's care. Mr. Richardson, who has been indisposed for a long time, is able to be about the house. Mrs. Humstick, daughter of Granville Bowden is reported to be improving at the Norristown Hospital.

## BIG DECLINE IN PRICE OF CORN DURING 1920.

Pennsylvania harvested a corn crop of approximately 65,755,600 bushels in 1920, according to the annual report on the crop presented to Secretary of Agriculture Fred Rasmussen by Statistician L. H. Wible.

Lancaster county heads the State in production and value of corn with York county second and Chester county third. Cameron county, with a high altitude and not adapted to corn growing, produced the smallest crop. Although the number of bushels produced in 1920 was only four and a half millions less than in 1919, yet the price received by the farmer in 1920 was almost \$42,000,000 less than the 1919 price, due to the drop in the value of the crop. The average price received by the farmer for corn in 1919 was \$1.53 per bushel, while the average price in 1920 dropped to \$1.10.

## 3,500,000 FOREST TREE SEEDLINGS

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 6.—The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry will distribute free this spring about 3,500,000 forest tree seedlings to private land owners in the State, according to a statement issued by Gifford Pinchot, the Chief State Forester. Last year, 2,748,120 seedlings were given without cost to 792 private planters.

Since 1903, when the State nurseries began producing young trees, the total output has been 45,909,309 seedlings. About 34,000,000 of them have been planted by the Department of Forestry on State forest lands, and the remainder have been planted by individual land owners. Some of the largest plantations have been established by coal mining, water and lumber companies. Scores of farmers, however, have planted thousands of seedlings on waste and idle land that is not suited for growing agricultural crops.

Twelve nurseries will be started this spring at State reformatories, hospitals and sanitariums. The institutions will supply land, labor, teams and equipment. The Forestry Department will provide seed and supervision. The seedlings and transplants grown at the State institutions, as well as those grown in the Department nurseries, will be given free for planting through the State. An annual demand for 20,000,000 forest trees and for 15,000 shade and ornamental trees is expected by the Forestry Department officials by 1925.

So far this winter, applications have been received from 230 planters for 1,120,382 trees. The Department's supply of hard walnut, white ash and Jack pine seedlings is completely exhausted. The output of Norway Spruce and honey locust is being kept in such quantities that it soon will be gone. There is available for future applicants, however, a large supply of white pine and pitch pine seedlings.

## SILAGE IMPORTANT IN CATTLE FEEDING RATION.

The selection of the ration is one of the most important factors in successful cattle feeding. The ration must be selected with a view to keeping down the cost of feed and at the same time retain the efficiency of the combination according to livestock specialists at the Pennsylvania State College. With the reduction in the price of corn and other farm grains, they will no doubt again be used to a greater extent in cattle feeding.

Silage should be the primary roughage in every cattle feeding ration. It is possible to produce a very satisfactory class of market cattle on a ration of silage, cottonseed meal and oil meal and corn stover. When such combination is fed, the silage must be made from well matured corn and allowed in unlimited amounts in the ration. The cottonseed meal should be allowed at the rate of 2½ to 4 pounds per thousand pounds live weight daily. Experiments conducted at a number of experiment stations show that in all cases where corn silage has been used in the ration as compared with no silage, the net returns from the operation were from ten to fifteen dollars more per head of cattle.

Another method of feeding that has given very satisfactory results in when the ration during the first two months of a feeding period consisted of an unlimited allowance of silage, supplemented with a protein feed such as cottonseed meal or oil meal and straw. Corn in some form added to these feeds during the last half of the feeding period will result in satisfactory gains and a good class of cattle.

## HOW LONG?

A Chicago paper says: During a recent trial before Justice Dougherty, it was thought important by the council to determine the length of time that certain "two quarters of beef, two hogs and a sheep" remained in an express wagon in front of plaintiff's store before they were taken away by the defendant.

The witness under examination was a German, whose knowledge of the English language was very limited, but he testified that a very plain, straightforward way to having forward carried it out and put it into afore-said wagon. Then the following ensued:

Counselor Enos—State to the jury how long it was after you took the meat from the store and put it into the wagon, before it was taken away.

Witness—Now I shoost can doll dot. I dinks about twelve feet. I not say nearer as dot.

Counsel—You don't understand me. How long was it from the time the meat left the store and was put in the wagon before it was taken away by the defendant?

Witness—Now I know not what you ax dot for. Der wagon he was up mit der sidewalk, and dots shoost so long as it was. You dell me how long der sidewalk was. Den feet? Dwellve feet? Den I dells you how long it was.

Counsel—I don't want to find out how wide the sidewalk was, but I want to know (speaking very slowly) how long this meat was in the wagon before it was taken away.

Witness—Oh, dot, vell now, I not sold any meat so. I all time weigh him, never measured meat, not yet. But I dinks aprout tree feet. I know not, shent lemens, how is dis. I dell you all I can, so goot as I know.

Counsel—Look here. I want to know how long it was before the meat was taken away after it was put into the wagon.

Witness—(looking very knowingly at the counsel) Now you try and get me into a schraup. Dot meat was shoost so long in der wagon as he was in der shop. Dots all I told you. Dot meat was dead meat. He don't got no longer in den tausand years, not mooch.

Counsel—That will do.

## Philadelphia Market Report.

Wheat	.....	\$1.74 to \$1.88
Corn	.....	75c to 78c
Oats	.....	49c to 53c
Barley	.....	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Baled hay	.....	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Steers	.....	\$7.00 to \$9.00
Fat cows	.....	\$5.00 to \$7.00
Sheep and lamb	.....	\$2.00 to \$11.00
Hogs	.....	\$11.50 to \$13.00
Livestock	.....	24c to 52c
Dressed poultry	.....	29c to 62c
Butter	.....	15c to 56c
Eggs	.....	35c to 49c

## SPIRITUALISM'S DUPES.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge may not be directly responsible for the experiment undertaken by Thomas Lynn Bradford, of Detroit, but they should at least have the decency to interest themselves in the matter mildly. Mr. Bradford deliberately passed from this plane to a higher (or a lower) in the hope that he might come back. Altho he left Detroit by the illuminating gas route on Saturday last he has not yet returned, nor has he sent any message announcing his arrival at his destination.

The two noble Englishmen who so much concern themselves with spiritualism would be shocked, of course, at the suggestion that they are in any way to blame for this rash adventure of the misguided Detroit, but there will be many to feel that the seedling of only one more evil effect to be charged against the wild propaganda spread by Doyle and Lodge and their associates. Neither Sir Oliver nor Sir Arthur has ever advocated "violent translation of the human spirit thru the veil," but there isn't any question that their morbid dealings into the occult have prompted just such adventures on the part of weak-minded followers. It is declared that Bradford, who had read much on spiritualism and science, recently made a pact with a young woman "whose spirit was attuned to his" whereby it was hoped he might prove that the dead can communicate with the living. The young woman has given no sign that any message has come from the beyond, but if the message ever does come it will certainly be no more intelligible than those claimed to have been received from other voyagers into the unknown.

Bradford is said to have been "a dramatic and humorous reciter and impersonator," but he certainly appears to have been more dramatic than humorous. If his humorous reading had only included Stephen Leacock he might have learned something about spiritualism that would have deterred him from attempting to associate with the "madly ghosts behind the wainscoting." Leacock has pointed out that the messages these feeble creatures manage to send across to us—even the best of them who communicate with Doyle and Lodge—show them to be mentally deficient. In fact, in the opinion of Leacock, who is a scientist as well as a humorist, there is only one word that properly describes these talkative ghosts, and that word is "nuts."

Mr. Bradford closed his career as an impersonator, too, by assuming the role of a poor fool. Unfortunately there are many such, and Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle are responsible for much of this tragic foolishness—Philadelphia Record.

## BIG TREES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Harrisburg, Pa., February 8.—The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry has begun a campaign to locate the big trees of Pennsylvania. It is collecting information on the largest specimen of each kind of the 100 different species of forest trees that grow in the State. Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the Forestry Commission, and Professor Joseph S. Illick, chief of the Office of Research, are in charge of the project. Professor Illick said he is seeking information about large, unique, and historic trees. He believes each county of the State has some champion tree, and he wants to know about it. Bedford county boasts of the largest Swamp White Oak tree found in Pennsylvania. That tree is thirty-two feet in circumference at the base. Dauphin county claims the largest Sycamore, which is more than twenty-five feet in circumference at the base. It is declared that the State's largest Sugar Maple stands at Eaglesmere, Sullivan county.

Professor Illick desires the following measurements of big trees: Circumference at base, circumference at breast height, total height of tree, and the total spread of branches.

## NOTICE—In the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

To Isaac Garber, Samuel Garber, Hannah Garber, Joseph Garber and Charles Garber, being all the children of Charles Garber, deceased, their heirs and legal representatives, and to all persons interested in the charges of the proportionable shares of certain recognizances and in the charge of said dower, arising out of partition proceedings in the estate of Charles Garber, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1920, James E. Rehder presented his petition to said court representing that he is the owner of land in Upper Providence Township, more particularly described in said petition. That Isaac Garber and Samuel Garber on February 21, 1922, entered certain recognizances in the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County, said recognizances appearing in Recognizance Book No. 1, Page 15, and being conditioned upon the payment of proportionable shares to the heirs of Charles Garber, deceased, and being entered in accordance with an order of said court entered in said partition proceedings. That one of the parties awarded to Isaac Garber was conveyed to John Hiltelbeil by deed recorded in Deed Book No. 763, Page 18, under and subject to the payment of a certain dower to the widow of Charles Garber for life and to his heirs and legal representatives at his death.

That for a period of more than twenty years past, no payment of, or demand for said principal or interest of said recognizances or said dower has been made from the present owner or so far as can be ascertained from his predecessors in title, and that the presumption of payment has arisen in the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County from the charge of said recognizances. Whereupon the Court ordered citations to issue against said parties, their heirs and legal representatives, and all parties interested in said recognizances and dower, to show cause why such decree should not be entered, and directed publication of notice to said parties to appear in said Court on the TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1921, to show cause as aforesaid; all parties interested are hereby notified in accordance with said order.

JACOB HAMILTON, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., January 25, 1921.

Elgin H. Lenhardt, Attorney.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.—Franklin.

## PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1921, at Perikomen Bridge hotel, one carload of fresh cows, direct from Centre county. These cows are the best I have shipped for a long while, and will be sold for the right dollar. Prices for cows are moving downward. Farmers and dairymen come to this sale and take advantage of the declining market. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions.

## PUBLIC SALE OF EXTRA FINE WEST VIRGINIA HORSES!

Will be sold at public sale on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1921, at Beckman's Hotel, Trappe, Pa., one car load of extra fine West Virginia horses shipped by B. F. Langdon. The description follows: No. 1, Black, 4 yr. old, well broken, weight 1300 lbs.; No. 2, Brown, 6 yr. old, good leader, weight 1300 lbs.; No. 3, and 4, pair Blacks, 4 yrs. old, well broken, one single line leader, weight 2500 lbs.; No. 5, Bay mare, 8 yrs. old, well broken, weight 1300 lbs.; No. 6, Bay horse, 4 yrs. old, partly broken, weight 1100 lbs.; No. 7, Bay, 5 yrs. old, well broken, weight 1100 lbs.; No. 8, Bay horse, 4 yrs. old, well broken, weight 1100 lbs.; No. 9 and 10, pair Roans, 6 yrs. old, well broken, weight 2500 lbs.; No. 11, Sorrel, 10 yrs. old, broken, weight 1100 lbs.; No. 12 and 13, pair 3 yr. old colts, good ones. The balance are from 3 to 6 year olds. No farmers, Mr. Langdon writes me that this is as fine a load of horses that you say for a long time. These horses will arrive on Saturday, Feb. 19. So come and look them over before the sale. I will not take any horses in exchange, but will have a cash buyer here to buy your marketable horses. Anyone wishing to purchase a good West Virginia horse should not miss this sale. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions.

JOHN P. FISHER, F. H. Peterman, Auct., M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO HORSE BREEDERS.

RECORDED, Pedigree, Percheron Stallion, MEDIUM, Registry No. 50933, Percheron, born July 10, 1910, weight 1500 lbs., 6 yrs. old, good leader, weight 1500 lbs. Broodmares should use the best sire available. Look at this one. It is a great horse.

WM. KOLB, JR., Port Providence, Pa.

## PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY!

Having sold my farm I will sell at public sale on THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1921.

On the farm located in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, fronting on road leading from Trappe to Montgomery County Home, the following personal property: LIVESTOCK—Four good farm horses, 15 cows, some milking and balance fat; 1 bull, 2 fat hogs, dress 300 and 400 apiece; 6 shoats, 85 chickens, R. P. WAGONS, MACHINERY, ETC.—Ray bed wagon, good as new, built by Rush, Willow Grove; box wagon, express wagon, Dearborn carriage and pole, cart and harness, United 5 horse plows, hay tedder, rake, hay loader, cutter, No. 2½; tread power, McCormick binder, Champion reaper, McCormick mower, corn sheller, superior grain drill, 2-row corn planter, combination roller and harrow, sixty-two peg harrow, spring tooth harrow, plank roller, Iron Age cultivator, small cultivator, 2 Syracuse mowers, hay tedder, rake, hay loader, 18 feet long; 2 double trees, bolt sled, 3 ladders, 1 extension 30 ft. long; grindstone, 500-lb. beam scales.

HARNESS—Four sets farm harness, express harness, blinners, collars, lines, double and single. GRAIN—700 bus. corn, 600 bus. oats, 70 bus. potatoes, corn fodder and hay, 100 bus. hay, 100 bus. 100 2-bus. grain bags, lot of feed bags. Copper kettle, 32 gallon, in good order, with patent stirrer; milk cans and buckets, many other articles will be gathered by day of sale. Sale at 1 o'clock.

JOHN I. BECHTEL, Wayne Pearson, Auct., E. L. Miller, Clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE OF PROFITABLE 48-ACRE FARM!

FOR JOHN W. MACDONALD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1921

LOCATION: On main pike leading from Pennsburg to Pottstown, 2½ miles west of the borough of Pennsburg, mile from village, school, store within five minutes. Very fertile. Home supply. Lasting well and spring water. 48 acres chestnut loam soil with 8 acres timber and stream, balance in tractor worked fields. Well fenced.

THE FARM: A two story two room summer house remains, also a wagon and carriage house, pig sty, etc. Established orchard of 200 fruit trees for home supply. Lasting well and spring water. 48 acres chestnut loam soil with 8 acres timber and stream, balance in tractor worked fields. Well fenced.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Farm will be clear of incumbrance but a mortgage can remain if desired by purchaser. Title insured by Montgomery Trust Company of Norristown. Early possession. 6 acres growing rye included. \$300.00 down money required. For further information, traveling directors, write the undersigned agents. Sale at 2.30. Conditions by REESE & LINDERMAN.

6½ East Airy Street, Norristown, P. S. This tract should sell in the neighborhood of \$1500. This owner's misfortune will be another's gain, at this sale. This may be a \$5000 farm, at a speculative buy, when improved.

The ideal which the wife and mother makes for herself, the manner in which she understands duty and life, contain the fate of the community. Woman is the salvation or destruction of the family and ultimately of the State. She carries its destinies in the folds of her mantle.—Amiel.

"They married for love." "Yes." "And now she's suing him for divorce." "Yes. Discovered that she had to have something to eat as well."—Detroit Free Press.

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF W. D. RENNINGER, TREASURER OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

RECEIPTS	
Tax of 1919	\$158.81
Less exemptions	30.52
1919 exonerations collected	207.69
Tax duplicated 1920	\$349.60
Deduct commissions	\$154.81
Outstanding 1919	\$71.8
Amount received from collector	586.72
Balance December 31, 1919	3181.64
Pole Taxes: Bell Telephone Co.	\$17.50
Postal Telegraph	3.90
United T. and P. Co.	11.80
State Treas. Insurance Fund	16.92
1919 hotel licenses	360.00
Interest on bank deposits	13.60
Total	\$5263.81

DISBURSEMENTS	
Highways: Labor and hauling	\$207.33
Crushed stone	288.26
Surveying	25.73
Lighting: Electric current	2322.04
Miscellaneous: Loan Collegeville Bank	492.00
Interest on loans	260.04
Auditing 1919	6.00
Freight	12.14
U. G. I. Construction Co.	25.02
Municipal Law Reporter	5.00
B. S. Moser, Publishing	74.15
Wm. S. Rodenbaugh	17.51
Expenses to Harrisburg	20.25
State Treas. tax	7.12
Penns. Dept. of Health	1.00
Extending tax duplicate	13.60
Sundry expenses	15.56
Salaries: Solicitor	\$25.00
Secretary	25.00
Treasurer	25.00
Health officer	48.00
Balance in treasury	1292.28
Total	\$5263.81

BOND FUND RECEIPTS	
Tax of 1919	\$62.69
Less exemptions	8.67
1919 exonerations collected	54.66
Tax duplicate 1920	\$68.08
Deduct commissions	\$28.70
Outstanding tax	\$97.27
Amount received from collector	550.51
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1919	341.18
Interest on bank deposits	7.35
Total	\$933.98

DISBURSEMENTS	
Interest on bonds	\$50.00
Bond liquidated—H. H. Koons	500.00
Balance in treasury	393.98
Total	\$933.98

Total valuation of taxable property	
Liabilities: Bonds outstanding	\$1000
Assets: Taxes outstanding General Fund	\$5000
Bond Fund	\$71.91
Cash balance—General Fund	1292.28
Bond Fund	393.98
Total	\$1265.60

Tax rate—6½ mills for borough purposes. 1½ mills for liquidation of bonds. Audited January 18, 1921.

F. W. SCHEUREN, W. E. LANDES, ROBERT K. MOYER, Auditors.

HAULING done with auto truck. Good service. Charges reasonable. JOSEPH L. RIGGOOD, 12-30-1f Collegeville, Pa.

FOUND.—Between Collegeville station and Scheuren's barber shop, a horseshoe pin set with diamonds. Owner can recover same by identifying property and paying for this advertisement.

F. W. SCHEUREN, Collegeville, Pa.

WANTED.—Energetic, reliable man to follow up trade and solicit new business in this section; full or part time; permanent position at good wages to successful men; experience unnecessary; knowledge of farming helpful. 600 acres in nurseries. Established 67 years. Write to COOPES, BRO. & THOMAS CO., 1-27-3f West Chester, Pa.

ROOMS WANTED.—Four or five rooms in private dwelling, in Collegeville or vicinity. Good references. F. E. MILLER, 2-10-2f 317 N. 6th St., Camden, N. J.

WANTED.—Operators and workers to work on flags and handkerchiefs. Apply to H. O. STANSBURY CO., 2-10-2f Collegeville, Pa.

WANTED.—Experienced sewers. Steady work. Flag Factory, Oaks, Pa. Bell 'phone, Phoenixville 537. (1-27-2f) JOHN C. DETTRA & CO., Inc.

FOR SERVICE.—A registered Berkshire saddle hog; on premises only. Per service, \$2. D. W. FAVINGER, 1-6-4f Near Trappe, Pa.

FOR SALE.—Two-year-old registered Holstein bull; a dandy individual with good record; quiet and gentle. Price right. HARVEY PLUMMER, Fairview Village, Pa. Bell 'phone, Norristown, 1062-2-1. 2-10-2f

FOR SALE.—Ten tons of light green alfalfa hay; also 50 tons clean, bright timothy hay; delivered, or at farm. HARVEY PLUMMER, Fairview Village, Pa. Bell 'phone, Norristown