

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENCY QUESTION.
EDITOR FARMER: Under the head of "Topics for Discussion," in your last issue, we notice an article from the pen of Rev. L. Sternberg. He says, "There is no objection to the moderate coinage of silver in case it is not made a legal tender."

Now here is just where the shoe pinches. The silver men ask congress to place silver in the list of legal tenders where it always had been up to the year 1873. This is what three-fourths of the people ask and will have. They propose to pay the bondholder in such money as was recognized as legal tender at the time the contract was made. Is there anything criminal in this? If so, we fail to see it. If, for instance, a loan was secured to be paid in wheat at sixty pounds to the bushel, and before the payment became due congress should, by some hypocritical, pass a law changing a bushel of wheat to seventy-five pounds, do you suppose it would be fair or just to demand seventy-five pounds for a bushel of wheat? The law would give no more than the sixty pounds you contracted for. To give seventy-five pounds to the bushel, the purchaser would be the gainer of fifteen pounds on every bushel, and the seller the loser of just so much. Just so if silver is not remonetized, it will add over \$16,000,000 to our debt. That is, the difference between gold and silver is about eight cents on the dollar and eight per cent of the national debt, being over \$30,000,000. Eight per cent of this would amount to over \$10,000,000—a nice little sum to be taken from the taxpayer to go into the pockets of the bondholder.

The government has already paid interest enough to liquidate over half the war debt, and still the bondholder is not satisfied. He wants to wring two or three millions more from the tax-ridden people by keeping silver from the list of legal tenders. We like to see this question discussed, and think no less of anyone who differs with us. But we do like to see men reasonable and fair.

He further states that "the logic of events points to gold as the sole money standard." If he had said, the logic of the bondholder points to gold as the sole standard of money value, he would have hit the nail squarely on the head.

He refers us to England as an example; and what is the condition of three-fourths of the people of England to-day? They are no better than serfs. The soil or land is owned by a few. The monied and landed aristocracy reign supreme. He says they are on a gold basis. Further on he says: "We are taught by past history that the authorization of government is not sufficient to establish the value of a circulating medium." We differ very materially in our opinion. If the credit of the government is not a sufficient guaranty we do not know where it can be found. It is certainly better than private individuals or corporations. Gold would not be money without the government stamp. A piece of paper would not be money without the government stamp on it; and if the greenback had been a legal tender for all uses, there never would have been any difference in the value. A dollar in greenbacks would have purchased as much as a dollar in gold. But the monied sharks controlled congress while the mass of the people were sitting with their hands folded. Now they are paying the penalty.

We are borne out by some of the best minds in the country in the assertions we have made, and in one article we cannot notice all the points, but will notice one or two more and close.

He says "the idea of those who would have the government issue an unlimited amount of greenbacks, or coin all the silver bullion that may be offered, under the expectation that this would create prosperity, is utterly delusive." We do not know to whom he refers. The greenbacker does not ask any such thing. We only ask a sufficient amount to do the business of the country, and that the government issue them instead of the National Banks, and that they shall be a legal tender for all dues except where we have contracted to pay in gold. If this had been done twelve years ago, the people would have been over a billion of dollars better off than they now are. But we did not see the wrong as we do now. It is high time these wrongs were corrected, and we believe they will be if the people say so.

He talks about forcing specie payment in 1879. It is suicidal. The whole country is on the verge of bankruptcy, and still the monied kings are crying for their pound of flesh. Let resumption be gradual if at all. Give the people time to recuperate. Teach them to pay as they go and stop the credit system. Produce more and consume less and prosperity will again return. GREENBACK.
 Emporia, Kansas.

EDITOR FARMER: It is supposed that the busy season of the year is drawing near. Yet shopmen are carelessly resting upon their benches, wistfully watching for the coming of a patron; merchants' clerks can dust the whole length of the shelves, then back again, speculate on what they used to sell—without being seriously disturbed by purchasers. Grain buyers' cribs are growing empty from frequent shipments until it is reported that only one in town has any corn in it. Farmers are trying to feed their stock. All engaged in singing the song of the mud, the like of which Kansas had not seen in the recollection of the "oldest settler."

Farmers anticipated sowing quite extensively of Odesa or grass wheat the present month, but the weather is very much against

it. Unsheltered stock and beef cattle are doing better than their owners thought possible a month ago if the soft and stormy weather continued. Corn selling at 18c when any can be brought to market. Now is a good time to figure the cost of producing corn; instead of pulling the life out of a good team, hauling fifteen bushels 10 miles, receiving \$3.70 for it, then returning home through the mud after dark as I saw one doing yesterday.

Upon this subject a little agitation has been raised here. Mr. Oils, District Grange Lecturer having stated that it cost him 27c to produce a bushel of corn. Editor of the *Nationalist* takes exception and advises that some farmer should take him in hand, and teach him better, as corn can be raised at one-half that amount. A correspondent says that it costs him 35c, another 50c. Seriously, I, for one, would like to know if there is any method by which we can compute these figures in connection with our ordinarily mixed farming? If so, will some one explain it through the FARMER? We do not know what price to ask for a thing if we do not know its cost.
 J. N. L.

Manhattan, Kansas.

ANNEXES.

Any body can soil the reputation of an individual however chaste, by uttering a suspicion that his enemies will believe, and his friends never heard of. A puff of wind can take a million of the seeds of a thistle and do a work of mischief which the husbandman must labor long to undo, the particles being too fine to be seen and too light to be stopped. Such are the seeds of slander, so easily sown so difficult to be gathered up, and yet so pernicious in their fruits. The slanderer knows that many a wind will catch up the plague, and become poisoned by its insinuations, without ever seeking the antidote. No reputation can refute a sneer, nor any human skill prevent it.

And yet we often hear sneers cast upon the reputation of the most chaste in the country, and have known the life of many a pure woman blasted by the sneer from the indiscreet person who bore no malice, but indulged in a wild and rolling conversation. We cannot be too careful how we speak our thoughts. If they are not kind they should remain buried in our bosoms. Let no indiscreet word injure the good name of our neighbor.

LETTER FROM ONE OF KANSAS' PIONEERS.

EDITOR FARMER: Wabauunsee, as a community, is rarely heard from through the newspapers. It was, as you know, originally settled, or, more properly, the settlement was mainly started by a colony from Connecticut, who came, emphatically, to take an active part in the struggle then being inaugurated between the friends of freedom and the cohorts of slavery. It was in the early spring of 1836, when the whole nation was convulsed as never before with the vital question: "Shall the aggressive power of slavery subjugate civil liberty in our land?" and this question was inseparably involved in the conflict then being inaugurated in Kansas. The bulwark that heretofore, by common consent, had been supposed sufficient to secure this fair domain to liberty, had been broken down—pledges hitherto regarded as most sacred, trampled in the dust, and by act of congress this country was opened for settlement with or without slavery, as the "settlers" should determine.

We came not as "carpet-baggers" but "to settle," and contribute what we could to make our settlement effective in the interests of freedom. We left Connecticut with about sixty-five men, four women and a few children. Several of the men turned back before we reached our destination, and others soon after, so that finally not more than twenty-five became citizens of the state; but a large proportion of our settlement now are here, because of the location of that original colony at this point; and the characteristics that distinguish the neighborhood are what might have been expected from the character, purpose and habits of its original founders. They were intelligent, enterprising, liberty-loving, industrious and Christian people, and have, as we believe, been reasonably influential in propagating the ideas which they brought with them from the land of their nativity. Some, of course, have not realized the success, financially, they hoped for, but all have good houses, congenial and friendly neighbors, satisfactory educational and religious privileges, and a hopeful future for the children who will soon occupy their places.

Among the pursuits that have always commanded special attention from many of our people, the culture of fruit has been prominent. Some of us believe that fruit should constitute a principal item of our daily diet. Apples, peaches, grapes and berries were no doubt intended for food—not luxuries—dainties—deserts—but food—in place of meats—(especially pork), and also to be used in its normal condition, instead of being damaged and often spoiled by cooking between crusts of indigestible dough. If well-grown, ripe fruits were fed freely to children at their meals—not between them, furnishing over-doses—it would, without doubt, be greatly to their comfort, and prevent most of the ills to which they are now subject. Vigorous health is the great desideratum of our race, and the want of it our greatest calamity,

and if parents will raise their children carefully on simple fruits, with coarse bread, and learn them to keep clean and take plenty of open-air exercise, sickness with all its aches and pains, its hindrances, disabilities and discouragements, will cease to trouble them. To this end it should be one of the first objects of every farmer to select the best location and commence his farm life by planting an orchard.

Apples are the great staple fruit, but grapes and peaches are not to be overlooked. They can be sooner produced, are equally healthful, and more luscious. Peaches are the choicest of all fruits in our climate, but like all other choice blessings, are more difficult to secure, but should not on that account, be neglected.

Beside the utility of fruit for food, and the natural fondness of all human beings for it, there are other collateral considerations that should influence us to grow it.

An oak or maple tree has in it some value over and above the cords of wood or fence-posts it will furnish. It is an object of beauty to be admired and enjoyed by all true lovers of nature. Its symmetrical proportions, its foliage, its habit of growth and development, the autumnal hue its leaves assume before completely fulfilling their mission, are all objects of interest—how much more a fruit-bearing tree? What can be more beautiful and fragrant than an apple tree in full bloom? Peach, pear, quince, or plum trees, have also each their special attractions and admirers; but all this is only a beautiful promise. When the golden, crimson or variegated fruit is before you in its full development, it is capable of imparting great mental satisfaction, and the more we study its mysteries, the more we are impressed by its wonders, and the more we should be filled with gratitude and love to the great Author of these manifold blessings that come to us in the beautiful garniture of nature.

If the mood continues you may hear again from this locality in reference to the capabilities of this country for fruit-growing, relative value of varieties, modes of culture, difficulties, etc.
 L.
 Wabauunsee, Kansas.

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About two weeks ago I visited Arispe Grange No. 953, Post. Co. This grange has 33 members in good standing; the following officers were installed at this time:

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The families of members were invited to meet with them, as the ceremonies were public. A feast was prepared, and a general good time was had. This is a flourishing grange.

The next day I visited Louisville Grange No. 612. The Lecturer of the 6th district, Bro. John G. Oils, met with this grange at this time by appointment, and I listened to an address from him that was so eloquent, so sensible, so sound, and delivered in such a masterly style, that I felt that to listen to it had paid me for all the time and money I had ever expended "in the grange."

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SOFT SOAP IN THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS.

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The press is just as necessary to the people as the people are to the press, and if publishers have the courage and independence to assert the truth, instead of dealing out soft soap, the business of making papers for the public will assume its legitimate place. Editorial conventions should meet for digesting plans for making the business of publishing papers a better and more profitable one. Instead of that, they meet to hear some aspiring politician make capital for himself, and give the press a plunge bath of soft soap, after which the convention goes off on a spree, beating the railroads out of transportation, and towns through which they pass, out of dinners, all because they are editors, who are to pay for these things in cheap puffs after they get home. To see merchants, or manufacturers, or doctors, who meet in their associations to advance the standard and profit of their business callings, do this sort of thing, would create astonishment and wonder. Many communities look upon their press as an object of charity, to be supported out of philanthropic and public-spirited motives. The press have it in their power to change this by putting more legitimate business behind the making of papers, and less soft soap.

THE NEXT STEP.

The passage of the silver bill marks the most decisive victory for the people since the fall of the Credit Mobilier. The acceptance on the part of the House of the Senate's amended bill, as published last week, was a wise course. It establishes again the silver dollar of 412½ grains, as one of the coins of the country, receivable "for all debts and dues, public and private, except where otherwise stipulated in the contract." There is no limit to the coinage of gold, and the same should be true of silver. The clause of this Senate bill which places the utmost limit of the coinage of gold and silver at \$4,000,000 per month is not what the majority of the people of the United States demand to-day. This limitation of the coinage still leaves the currency in the hands of the speculators, and the people demand, and will have sooner or later, the unrestricted coinage of silver. The next step is the passage of the bill making post offices places of deposit, where interchangeable bonds of ten dollars and upwards may be issued for deposits of gold or silver. These bonds will take the place of the metals as currency, except for small change, and the practical benefit of a paper currency will be realized. We cannot more emphatically express our sentiments regarding the passage of the silver bill, than we find in the following from one of the oldest and largest conservative, daily papers of the west:

The passage of the silver bill marks the first signal assertion of western influence in the financial legislation of the country—the first determined and successful effort of the west to think and act for itself in this important department of the national government. It is not to be wondered at, perhaps, that this western assertion is regarded as an act of audacity. It is not strange that the east cannot look upon it without an impatience and anger that breaks forth in denunciations of western people as repudiators and violators of the public faith. Eastern statesmen have so long assumed to lead in all legislation on finance, and western statesmen have been so long content to follow with docility, that a reversal of this order of procedure looks like insurrection to the east. All its money centres, its banks and other loaning institutions, its capital, its great creditor classes, its journals, and even its pulpits were united and virulent in an opposition to it which passed the bounds of reason and even of decency. They reasoned and threatened—reasoned feebly and threatened violently; they organized to give their opposition greater force and effect; they sent delegations to congress; they appealed to the administration to throw its influence on their side; and they even attempted to devise a scheme to thwart the opposition of the measure when it should pass; but all to no purpose. In spite of the united opposition of the eastern moneyed interests, supported by the authority of the treasury department at Washington, and, indeed, of the whole administration, the bill has passed both houses of congress—a democratic house and a republican senate, by an overwhelming majority—the west and the south presenting the same substantially united front in favor, that the east presented against it. Henceforth we may expect that our monetary legislation will be shaped to other ends than the enrichment of the foreign and domestic creditor classes, and that the rights of the people so long unwaged, and the interests of the people so long disregarded, will receive proper consideration.

OUR POLITICAL BUC WHO IS PLAYING AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER.

When Gen. Le Duc was appointed commissioner of agriculture, the FARMER said it was somewhat against him that he had been hanging around Washington for months trying to get some appointment. He appeared to have been a part of that great army of patriots always to be seen there, boring their friends, the representatives and the departments, for some place where they could get an easy living without the use of brains or muscle. Every state sends their quota except Kansas—oh, no, there are no seedy office-hunters in Washington from Kansas—at least not more than a thousand. Le Duc was contributed by Minnesota. Of course Minnesota is proud of her favorite son's success in growing tea. We started out to tell a little agricultural story about the general. It is this: The National Agricultural Congress asked Gen. Le Duc for the privilege of using one of the rooms of the Department of Agriculture for the meeting of the Association. The general refused—"No rooms suited," etc. In a late letter in one of the Washington papers, he rushes into print to say, indignantly, that he has nothing to do with the Agricultural Congress, did not know such a convention had been called, etc. The fact is he forgot about his first letter. The tea business is getting away with his memory, and besides, what in blazes has his department to do, practically, with or for agriculture? We don't blame him for giving the Agricultural Congress a snubbing. They ought to know that the Department only deals with political agriculture. But we must stop or our chance of getting a package of second-hand Department garden seeds will be forever rained.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Remember the Kansas FARMER has a cash-paid-in-advance subscription list, larger than that of any daily and weekly paper in Kansas put together. The FARMER is the best and cheapest medium to reach the people of the state.

We think the people of the west, who have very much admired the genius of Mr. Nast's cartoons, in years past, will agree with us, in view of the extraordinary majority of the American people favoring the silver bill, that his cartoons have, for months, been more the pertinence of a paid agent than the representations of popular sentiment.

ENTOMOLOGIST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

We understand that Mr. Glover, entomologist of the Department of Agriculture will, on account of failing health, resign his position. The FARMER nominates for the position, Prof. Riley, of St. Louis.

Prof. Riley has a national reputation as an entomologist. He is young, vigorous, enthusiastic and above and over all his scientific attainments, and his practical experience in utilizing his science for the benefit of agriculture, the past eight years, pre-eminently qualifies him for the place. We are not inclined to think the commissioner will make so good an appointment as this;—if he does, however, overlook the fact that Prof. Riley is not a politician, and call him to take the place of Mr. Glover, we should certainly hail it as an evidence of improvement, and forgive him the tea business.

If President Hayes vetoes the silver bill, he will lose more friends than his southern pacification policy has cost him. There is not a corporal's guard to be found in any community of Kansas, at least, that would defend him if he did veto the bill.

INFORMATION WANTED.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Any information in regard to the variety of wheat called "grass wheat," will be thankfully received. Does it make good flour? How does it yield compared with other varieties? When is the best time to sow? Is it adapted to western Kansas?

DESPPLAIN & SONS.

Olney, Rush Co., Kas. Feb. 24, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Being desirous of sowing 20 or 30 acres, during this and next year, I was much interested in reading the experience of C. C. G. on the subject of tame grass. In the spring of 1875, I obtained, in Topeka, a few pounds of seed called orchard grass, sowing in just the right time to have the grasshoppers take it, together with all the young timothy sown that spring; the timothy sown the year before was badly injured but is now slowly recovering. I would like to inquire where orchard grass can be obtained, and whether it will succeed on low land where it is liable to be covered with water, in case of heavy rains, as in the spring of 1877.

J. RUTTY.

Meriden, Ks., Feb. 18, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Say to your correspondent, John G. McKee, that if he will send his address, to our office, we will answer his question as to the country and its game. Our oil is rich, climate fine, the rivers are well supplied with fish, some of them weighing over 100 pounds. Our game is deer, turkeys, chickens, quails, rabbits, etc., in some places very plenty.

JOHN DAVIS.

Junction City, Kas. Feb. 24, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: We have been thinking of putting out a grove of walnut trees on our place, will you be kind enough to tell us, through the columns of your paper, just how to plant the seed, how far apart, and whether you would plant the seed just where you want the seed to grow? and such other information as would be advisable. Such an article will be interesting to a great many of your readers.

E. F. PARKER.

St. Scott, Kas., Feb. 9, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Searching to find the cause of cattle dying in corn-fields, I will say, I feed my cattle plentifully with corn for some time prior to turning them in the field, and have fed Hungarian, daily, since, and salting and watering freely, I have lost none yet; may there not be something in the Hungarian?

JACOB EMMONS.

St. George, Kas., Feb. 20, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Do horses brought from Illinois, die soon after arriving in Kansas (Saline county), from the blind staggers or any other disease or trouble?

J. F. BARLOW.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3, 1878.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Many times have I looked in vain for the name of those noble apples, raised in Leavenworth county, which were exhibited at the Centennial; please give me the variety, in the FARMER. Also, the price, and place to purchase a good book on Sheep Husbandry.

G. BOZARTH.

Greenbush, Crawford Co., Kas. Dec. 29, 1877.

ED. KANSAS FARMER: Please ask, through the FARMER, for some one to tell us what he knows about "grass wheat," a new variety here. When to sow, how much per acre, field, etc. Also, as to the chinch bug proof claim.

M. L. MARCH.

From Jefferson County.

Facts and Figures from Kansas

Feb. 21.—It rained yesterday. Roads are very bad. Weather fine to-day. It makes us think of making gardens. Some have commenced plowing. Wheat and rye are in good condition; a great deal more sown this year than last. Wheat was an average crop last harvest. Corn—the best crop I ever saw in any state; average yield 50 to 80 bushels; remarkably plump and sound; is not all husked out yet. Almost every farmer has from 300 to 4,000 bushels of corn on hand; worth 16 to 18 cents per bushel at the crib. Plenty of hogs to feed; selling at about 3 cents per pound. Hogs confined in close pens find too much mud this winter to do first rate, but those that run out are doing extremely well. Cattle in good condition and in good demand.

A. L.

From Atchison County.
Feb. 18.—Winter wheat is doing well. Some corn not yet gathered; many cribs are

still uncovered, and fears are entertained that there will be a large amount of damaged corn if the warm, wet weather continues much longer. The sunshine and wind of the last two days have commenced to dry the mud, which was never known to be so deep before. The weather is spring-like, and farmers are beginning to talk of their plans and prospects for the busy "seed time," which will soon be at hand. I estimate that 15 per cent. of our improved land is sown to wheat and rye; that 15 per cent. will be sown to oats; that 8 per cent. will be sown to spring wheat; 66 per cent. will be planted in corn, while flax, barley millet and potatoes will occupy 1 per cent. The price of farm labor will be from \$14 to \$16 per month. Stock are in fine condition. Several car loads of cattle are being fed, and are doing well considering the great amount of rain and mud to which they are more or less exposed. Hogs have not fatted as well as usual, are worth \$3.75 per cwt. No disease among cattle or hogs. Very few sheep, perhaps not over 700 in the west half of this county. A small number of apple orchards have commenced bearing in this neighborhood.

J. K. TRUEBLOOD.

From McPherson County.

Feb. 2.—Wheat is extra good and one-fourth more sown than last year; yield for 1877 was about 10 bushels per acre. Not much old corn now; yield for 1877 about 30 bushels. Oats, 40 bushels per acre. Rye, very little sown. Barley per acre, 35 to 40 bushels. Present prices are as follows: Wheat No. 2, 75 to 80; oats, 15c; barley, 15 to 20c; no rye in market; corn, 15c; butter, 10 to 12c per lb; eggs, 5c per dozen. But few cattle in our township, about the same number as last year. We have very poor success with fruit, as the trees are not yet over the grasshopper raid. There is no vacant government land; wild prairie land, \$4 per acre; improved farms, \$5 to \$10, according to improvements. Work horses, sound, 5 to 7 yrs old, \$100; next quality, \$25 to \$60; milch cows, \$35 to \$30. We have a good district school.

JOHN GRAHAM.

From Barton County.

There was a time when the early settlers of the Arkansas valley were justified in exaggeration, when representing its beauty and fertility; but now she is able to speak for herself. Six years ago the advance of civilization commenced filing down into the valley near great bend of the Arkansas river. Many were the letters that went back giving glowing accounts of the fertility of the land and bright prospects looming up before the pioneer. Although many of them with scanty means and frequently without the necessities of life, they were not a class of individuals to be despondent; they would set their mark at a hundred acres of golden grain ready for the harvest, and then work for the mark and come as near as possible.

They have passed through two years of the grasshopper scourge, many losing nearly all their crops. Nor is this all. They have come here from every state in the Union, and from many foreign countries, knowing but little about what, how and when to plant, and many crops have been failures for this reason, and many more for want of proper cultivation. But many of the people are reading, experimenting and observing, and are becoming better prepared to take advantage of the situation. They are learning that to plow at the proper time, and do it well, to seed at the right time, putting in the proper amount of seed, insures a good crop; or if they do not, of having the blessed assurance of having done their part. But our country is filling up, and if the writers of those early letters, in picturing the progress of this country, drew on their imagination, it is evident that the expectations of the most sanguine have been more than realized. Cities and towns have been built, churches, school-houses and mills have taken the place of forts, stockades and ranches. This broad valley is to-day peopled by thousands of happy families, men, who, if they had remained in the older states, could never have become possessed of one hundred and sixty acres of no better land. But in this country where the land is almost all alike, there is room for a great many people. There is some unsold railroad land ranging from \$3 to \$10 per acre. Good land from 15 to 20 miles, in abundance. Fall wheat 60 to 80c; spring wheat 50 to 75c, except some kinds for seed rate higher; corn 25 to 30c; oats 25; barley 30c; coal \$6 to \$8 per ton; lumber \$30 to \$40 per thousand; oxen \$75 to 90 per yoke; horses \$75 to \$100; mules \$200 to \$250 per span; cows \$25 to \$40; pork \$4.00 to \$4.50 per cwt.

M. W. HALSETY.

From Jefferson County.

Mud so deep that it will take till after the Fourth to dry out. Cary Hinchman has wheat green blades 8 inches high. Hogs \$2.75 per hundred. Stock hogs 3 cents per pound and getting healthier. Cattle cheap and stock-cattle falling. Those that have been roughed on stock-fields are rough, and if March should be cold, there will be a brisk business in hides. Horses and mules dull and cheap. Eggs, or something else, has driven all other kinds of currency out of our county, and now that we farmers have nothing else to pay with, creditors are trying to demonstrate all kinds of eggs except black hens' eggs. The old settlers are getting up a county club. The second meeting will be held February 14th. Thirty-five families of United Presbyterians are intending to settle around Winchester this spring. It is to be hoped that they will be worth \$100,000 apiece. They are to come from Pennsylvania.

R. C. YOUNG.

Leidigh has a full stock of dry Chicago lumber on both sides of the river. His prices are uniformly low. He is doing a large business and asks those in want of lumber to call and examine grades and prices. Coal, lime, hair, cement and plaster always on hand.

A DEALER SAYS:

During an experience of over twenty years in the stove business, I have never seen a stove that gave such universal satisfaction to purchasers as the Charter Oak in all the essential points that combine to make up a first-class stove, and I consider it not only the cheapest, but the best stove for the money I ever sold.

Markets.

New York Money Market.

New York, February 25, 1878.
GOLD—Opened and closed at 102; with sales in the interim at 101½ and 101¾.
LOANS—Carrying rates, 4½@5 per cent.
SILVER—Bills, \$1.20½ in greenbacks; \$1.18½ in gold; coin, ½@1¼ per cent. discount.
BONDS—Government, weak and lower in the early dealing, but closed firm. Railroad, steady. State, quiet.
STOCKS—The feature of the stock market was the break in Pittsburgh from 69 to 68, and in Chicago & Alton from 71 to 69; Pittsburgh subsequently recovered to 69½, but Chicago & Alton closed weak at the early decline; Fort Wayne closed at 66½, with no sales, however, below 68. At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Central declined to 28, and Reading to 14. The remainder of the list was firm, and closed at about the highest prices of the day.

Kansas City Produce Market.

KANSAS CITY, February 25, 1878.
WHEAT—Quiet and weak; No. 3, \$1.10; No. 4, \$1.00.
CORN—Very quiet; No. 2, 33c; rejected, 28½c.
OATS—Nominal.
RYE—Nominal.
BARLEY—Nominal.

Kansas City Live-Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, February 25, 1878.
CATTLE—Receipts, 383; shipments, 387; steady. Little doing; sales of shipping steers at \$3.75@3.85; butchers' steers, \$3.25@3.50; cows, \$3.00@3.25.
HOGS—Receipts, 1,800; steady and in good demand; range of sales, \$3.35@3.50; average, \$3.45.

New York Produce Market.

New York, February 25, 1878.
FLOUR—Moderate demand; superfine western and state, \$4.10@4.25; common to good, \$3.75@3.85; good to choice, \$3.50@3.65; white wheat extra, \$5.00@5.10; St. Louis, \$5.00@5.10.
WHEAT—Heavy with moderate demand; No. 2, Chicago spring, \$1.25; No. 1, Milwaukee, \$1.30; No. 2, red winter, \$1.35.
RYE—Steady; No. 2, western, 71¢@72¢.
BARLEY—Quiet and steady.
CORN—Moderate demand; ungraded mixed western, 48¢@49¢; steam mixed, 53¢@53½¢; No. 2, 53¢.
OATS—Steady; mixed western, 35¢@36¢; white western, 37¢@38¢.
COFFEE—Quiet.
SUGAR—Raw, quiet; refined firm and unchanged.
MOLASSES—New Orleans, steady; 25¢@30¢.
RICE—Steady and unchanged.
EGGS—Dull; western, 9¢@10¢.
POULTRY—Dull and heavy; \$11@11.15.
BEEF—Steady.
MUTTON—Western long clear, 5½¢.
LARD—Prime steam, \$7.55@7.57½.
BUTTER—Unchanged.
CHEESE—Firm; western, 7¢@13¢.
WHISKY—\$1.05.

St. Louis Produce Market.

St. Louis, February 25, 1878.
COTTON—Firm; 10½¢ for middling.
FLOUR—Quiet and steady; fancy, \$4.50@4.75; choice, \$5.00@5.15; family, \$5.00@5.15; XXX, \$5.40@5.60; XX, \$5.10@5.25.
WHEAT—Dull, weak and generally lower; No. 2, red, \$1.05¢ cash; \$1.05¢ bid March; No. 4, \$1.19¢ @1.18¢; spring unsettled; \$1.06¢ bid for No. 2.
CORN—Higher for cash; 43¢@44¢ cash; 42¢ bid March.
OATS—Very firm; 27¢ bid cash; 26¢ March.
RYE—Better; 57¢ cash.
WHISKY—Steady; \$1.04.
POULTRY—Quiet and easier; \$10.50 bid cash; \$10.68¢ bid March.
DRY SALT MEATS—Dull.
BACON—Quiet and easy; \$4.50, \$6.30 and \$6.35.
LARD—Dull, could be had at \$7.50 for prime steam. Receipts—4,000 bush flour; 24,000 bush wheat; 39,000 bush corn; 3,500 bush rye; 700 bush oats.

St. Louis Live-Stock Market.

St. Louis, February 25, 1878.
CATTLE—Steady with moderate inquiry; prime to choice shipping steers, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$3.75@4.15; butchers', \$3.25@3.50; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.25; stockers, \$2.50@2.75; receipts, 1,200.
HOGS—Firm; best butchers' 10¢ higher; light, \$5.00@5.25; packing, \$3.75@3.90; butchers' to fancy, \$3.90@4.25; receipts, 400.
SHEEP—Steady and quiet; common to good, \$2.75@4.37½; extra heavy shipping, \$4.50@4.75; receipts, 200.

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, February 25, 1878.
FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.
WHEAT—Fair demand and firm, and a shade higher; No. 2, spring, nominal; No. 3, gilt edged, \$1.09½; regular, \$1.07½; cash; No. 3, \$1.04½@1.04½.
CORN—Dull and a shade lower; 42½¢ cash; 42½¢ bid March.
OATS—Fairly active and a shade higher, gilt edged 25½¢; regular, 24½¢ cash.
RYE—Dull; 54½¢@55¢.
BARLEY—Steady and firm; 46¢@46½¢.
POULTRY—Dull, weak and lower; closed firm; \$10.30 cash or March.
LARD—Dull, weak and lower; \$7.35 cash or March.
BULK MEATS—Dull, weak and lower; shoulders, \$3.05; short ribs, \$5.35; short clear, \$5.50.
WHISKY—\$1.04.

Topeka Retail Grain Market.

Wholesale cash prices by dealers, corrected weekly by W. Edson.
WHEAT—Per bu. spring..... .80
Fall No. 2..... .1.10
No. 3..... .1.00
No. 4..... .90
CORN—Per bu..... .18
White Old..... .20
Yellow..... .20
OATS—Per bu..... .18
RYE—Per bu..... .25
BARLEY—Per bu..... .25
FLOUR—Per 100 lbs..... .3.25
No. 2..... .3.00
No. 3..... .3.00
No. 4..... .2.75
CORN MEAL..... .1.00
CORN CHOP..... .60
RYE CHOP..... .60
CORN & OATS..... .60
BRAN..... .75
SHOULDER..... .75

Topeka Produce Market.

Corrected weekly by Hartsock & Gossett, Dealers in Hides, Furs, Tallow and Leather.
HIDES—Green..... .100.12
Dry Flint..... .9
Dry Salt..... .9
Calif. Green..... .9
Kip, Green..... .9
Sheep Pelts, green..... .9
Damaged Hides are bought at ½ off the price.
TALLOW IN Cakes..... .1.17

NURSERY STOCK.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement of the extensive Nurseries at Kalamazoo, Mich. L. G. Bragg & Co., the proprietors, established these nurseries 21 years ago and are well-known as reliable nurserymen.

Storrs Harrison & Co., Painesville, Ohio offer in another column a very attractive list of plants at surprisingly low prices. The firm have always been found attentive to business and their plants first class and just as represented. They are worthy of patronage.

"Many cases of fever and ague, dumb ague, and congestive chills were promptly arrested and entirely banished, by the use of your Simmons' Liver Regulator. You don't say half enough in regard to the efficacy of your valuable medicine, in cases of ague, intermittent fevers, etc. Every case has been arrested immediately, believe me, when I say, I was a sufferer for years with the Liver disease, and only found relief by using your medicine. When your medicine is taken it seems to send a thrill through the nervous system."

—ROBERT J. WEEKS, Batavia, Kane Co., Ill.

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As is well-known the Blymyer Manufacturing Company of this city has for several years past been vigorously pushing litigation in defense of their valuable patents on sugarcane mills and evaporators. In this they have been completely successful, and, besides, have been granted, under date of December 11, 1877, a release on their Hedge's patent on vertical cane-mills, covering the triangular arrangement of three vertical rolls, and the adaptation of the lower housing as a receptacle for juice. This secures to them the exclusive right to make, sell, or use the modern vertical cane-mill, and such mill cannot be made, sold or used without license from them nor can the owners of such mills, not made by the Blymyer Manufacturing Company, or under their license, do so without incurring the penalty of law. The Blymyer Manufacturing Company has been equally successful in their efforts to protect their Cook patent on sugar evaporators. One after another of the manufacturers of infringing machines have given up the contest and very recently the principal contestant has withdrawn and arranged to manufacture under license and pay royalty. To the many thousands of sugar and sugarcane growers throughout the west and south, the above facts pose as special importance.—Cincinnati Commercial, Jan. 21.

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An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 126, Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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Small Fruits, etc. Largest Stock and Lowest Prices Descriptive or Wholesale Catalogue free. S. J. ALLIS, Erie, Pa.

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A FARM AND HOME. Good Lands in Texas. \$3.00 to \$5.00 per acre. Lots 50 to 150 feet in Gordonville, Texas, only \$10. Upon receipt of \$10 we will secure you a home in Gordonville, Texas and send you the deed by mail. J. C. WILSON, Denison, Texas.

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Osage Hedge Plants.

1,000,000 Osage Hedge Plants for sale at Wholesale and Retail, also an assortment of other nursery stock cheap, apply for price list. H. E. TRIST, Prop'r Woodland Park Nursery, Atchison, Kansas.

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WASBURN } Money to loan on long time, reasonable interest. No commission. Apply to C. W. JEWELL, Topeka, Ka.
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LITTLE ELLA P.

She's but a dainty blossom,
By soft winds kissed apart,
With a blush upon the petals
And a dew drop at the heart.

When the storm wind comes to try her,
Will she feebly bow her head,
While the faded leaves drop sighing
To the chilly garden bed?

Or will she brave high spirit
From the quivering dew drop spring,
Love warm the rose-tint crimson,
Faith spread each leaf a-wing?

God make her true and earnest,
God make her firm and strong,
So ere she joins the angels
Her heart shall sing their song.

Kansas City, Mo.

WINTER.

O, Winter, ruler of the inverted year,
I love thee, all unlovely as thou seem'st,
And dread thee as thou art!

—Cowper.

THE SEASONS.

To-day, in snow arrayed, stern Winter rules
The ravaged plain—anon the teeming earth
Unlocks her stores, and Spring adorns the year.
And shall not we, while fate like Winter frowns,
Expect reviving bliss?

—Shelley.

THE SEA.

But to the shore, O, what a depth of way,
And what a length of foam! That solemn voice!
"This under and yet sweeter—thy mistle!
Who calls it home? They never on the white
And pebbly beach, in peace and quietness,
Have heard it roar; or watched the spray
That, venting furthest on the smooth, white sand,
Kisses, retreats, and comes to kiss again.

—Brainerd

CHARITY.

Out of the wildered petals of a flower,
Struck heedlessly by violent hand to earth,
We may some yet untried sweets extract,
And brush the past life of what now lies dead,
Thus, haply when we meet a ruined child,
Whose bruised leaves disclose the speller's touch,
May we not deem it worth some trifling care,
To search for lingering perfume in the wreck,
Nor wholly crush it by unthinking tread?

—A. J. H. Dugan.

CHAT WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

Why should not the gentle mother's heart
Which prompted the above lines, be called a
poet's heart? The Laurette herself could not
sweeten their rhythm nor exalt their senti-
ment. May little Ella bloom into woman-
hood and fulfill the fond hopes she inspires.
At last the recipes for original yeast have
come. We had faith they would, and so we
think had Lonesome Ben, else he would not
have persevered so long in asking for them.
That yeast can not be made without yeast, is
just as improbable as that vinegar can not be
made without vinegar, or alcohol without al-
cohol.

If fermentation and decomposition are con-
sidered as chemical processes the absurdity
of having yeast to start with is at once appar-
ent. If the proper ingredients are placed un-
der the proper conditions, the result would in-
evitably be yeast. If the result is accounted
for on the germ and vegetable growth theory,
is it not equally absurd to suppose that all the
seeds of the yeast plant species have been pre-
served, since Mother Eve's time, in old jugs
and jars and maulin bags?

Suppose we ask the young lady students in
the Agricultural College at Manhattan to tell
us all about it. Then we will know some-
thing, and that is what we want, is it not? If
any of us had put on our thinking-caps,
would we not have known that if yeast could
be "started" in the Garden of Eden, it could
be "started" on the prairies of Kansas?

What are all her "resources" (to say nothing
of woman's) worth, if we can't make
yeast? We have feared for the last month
that some man would show us how little we
know about yeast, but, thank fortune, a woman
has come to the rescue without yeast, and
now if Prof. Kedzie's young lady students will
be kind enough to tell us all about it, we be-
lieve no more lone, lorn bachelors need go
to look after her laurels, though we have no
doubt that her kind letters have been suffi-
cient consolation for Benjamin, without solv-
ing the yeast difficulty.

Surely Ellen R. will feel grateful to Kansas
women for their prompt responses to her in-
quiries about winter butter-making, and so do
we. And perhaps it will not disappoint her
nor make her husband jealous, if we tell her
that E., who answered her so sensibly last
week, was a gentleman. This week we pre-
sent her with a long and excellent letter from
Heliotope, and shorter ones, both to the
point, from Mrs. C. S. R., and Mrs. L. W.

The kind words with which A. favors our
columns, we are sure will be appreciated by
every wife, and we trust acted upon by many
husbands, and considered seriously by pros-
pective husbands, young men and lonely
bachelors. But in answer to his question,
"Shall I add to her burdens by telling her of
my vexations and probable hopes?" we hope
some woman will speak out plainly and set
him right.

TO ELLEN R.

MR. EDITOR: I do not claim to know all
about butter-making, yet having made more
or less during the last fifteen years, (less since
I came to Kansas), I think I can give Helen
R. a hint or two concerning "gilt-edged but-
ter" in winter.

While your husband has faithfully taught
you how his "mother used to do with hers,"
has he at the same time done what lays in his
power to do towards making good butter?
No one can make good butter unless the cows
have been properly fed and cared for. If the
cows are not salted often, the cream swells
and fails to (come) separate. If the feed is
poor the butter must of necessity lack in rich-
ness. Good butter can not be made from the
straw-stalk nor from prairie-hay alone.

If your husband is as anxious to do his
share of the butter-making as he is that you
shall do yours, let him get you a thermome-
ter and then you can tell the temperature of
your cream. (It will cost from twenty-five to
fifty cents.) Cream should be churned at 61
or 63 degrees. If it be churned above 63 de-
grees, the butter will be soft and white, and
if much lower, the churning will be slow and
tedious.

Another requisite to good butter is the most
perfect cleanliness in every department, from
the care of the cow until it comes onto the
table. It is also necessary to use good, pure
salt, and not too much of it.

But we have said enough this time. If the
editor chooses to print our thoughts, and is
willing that the butter question be discussed
through the FARMER more fully, we may
come again.

MRS. L. W.

McPherson Co., Kansas

REPLY TO A YOUNG WIFE'S LETTER.

Like yourself, when a girl, I little expected
my lot in life to be a farmer's wife. I had
always lived in the city, and knew no more
how to make butter when I was married, than
I did yeast, for neither one, my mother ever
made, and I never had an opportunity to learn.
So the first thing on the programme upon en-
tering my new life, was learning to make but-
ter and yeast.

A recipe for the latter, I readily obtained,
but by going a long way for it, and I have
thought many times since reading those num-
erous yeast recipes that have been given Lone-
some Ben, that had they come sooner, I would
have been benefited as well as he, and would
thereby have spared a long tramp. But a
recipe for making good butter, or what you
call "gilt edged article" was not as easily found
and what I now know on the subject is what
I have picked up, here and there, from read-
ing, from my neighbors, and from experience.

Now, since you seem anxious to thoroughly
understand from "Alpha to Omega," the art
of making butter, I shall give you a few hints
on the subject, (hoping you will bear with me
if I mention something you already know),
and the way I have finally adopted, which, so
far, has given me perfect satisfaction.

So, first of all, I shall state that perfect
cleanliness in every part of the work from
milking to the packing, cannot be recommen-
ded too strongly. Avoid the use of wooden
vessels. Tin being the only fit article for
pails, and even then should not be used after
the plating is worn off. I have often seen
women strain their milk in old rusty tin pans,
which apart from the rust, had one or two
pieces of rag pulled through the bottom to
stop up holes, and afterwards hear these same
women say "that they could not make good
butter."

Nice smooth crocks and jars will give better
satisfaction than pans, even though they be
new, and then they are so easily kept clean.
The seams in the pans, are often the recepta-
cles of a little curd, or something which, with
all the care one may use, can be easily passed
over unseen, and thus cause the milk to sour
sooner than it ought.

Never keep milk nor butter in a cellar nor
any place, where vegetables have remained,
for these always impart foul odors, which the
butter and milk are sure to absorb. There-
fore, keep milk and everything pertaining to
the dairy, in a place by themselves, either
in a milch house or a well ventilated room.

Some claim that milk should be skimmed
before it is sour; but this, I have found a very
difficult thing to manage, as one cannot know
just when the milk will sour; and besides this,
the cream, at this time, is very thin, and a
part of it always falls back into the milk,
which cannot be taken up, save by taking up
a good deal of milk, which, although sweet,
now, remember will not be so in two or three
days, when you are ready to churn; and if
this same milk remains six, eight or ten
hours before souring, more cream will rise,
which it seems a pity to throw away, and at
the same time hardly worth while skimming.
I prefer, and have better result to skim my
milk after it is thick; at which time, I have a
layer of nice thick cream, which is easily tak-
en up without the least particle of sour milk;
but do not allow the cream to remain on the
milk very long after it has grown thick, as it
will very soon get strong and bitter, especially
in summer. In winter, however, if you should
wait for your milk to be thick before skim-
ming it, your cream would not be fit to use,
so I always skim mine as soon as I think the
cream has all risen. I have noticed, as you
have, no doubt, that milk first begins to thicken
next to the cream and around the crock, at
which time the milk and cream adhere. In
such a case, if I am ready to churn, I don't
mind taking up a little milk, for at this time
it is not very thick, and will all work out
with the butter-milk, but if I am not ready to
churn, I prefer to leave this milk stand a little
longer.

Believe me, I do not speak from mere su-
pposition, but from actual experiment, you can
never tell the difference between butter made
from cream that was skimmed after the milk
was thick, and the butter that was made from
cream skimmed before the milk was sour. I
once tried a churning of each kind, and to
tell one from the other was impossible.

So, to make good butter, I would recom-
mend you to avoid taking up with your cream
any milk, for this will very soon harden, and
you will have pieces of curd in your butter,
which you cannot remove, and such butter
you need never hope to keep fresh very long.
Churn often. Every day, if necessary, and do

not for a moment expect to make good fresh
butter out of old bitter cream.

Whenever the cream comes soft in winter,
or swells, you may be pretty sure that it is at
too low a temperature. It never swells in
summer. It must be, therefore, that the cream
is too cold, and the only way I know to re-
move this difficulty is to place your jar of
cream in boiling hot water, stirring the cream
that all parts may come in contact with the
warm jar; or by placing the jar in front of
stove. Warm it quickly, and do not let it
stand around in a warm room for a day or
two, and become strong and bitter. You, un-
doubtedly, do not keep your milk and cream
in a living room; for if you did, I am sure you
would have no trouble, whatever, with your
butter, and would find it much easier to man-
age than in summer. I have kept my milk
and cream in a warm kitchen all winter and
have never been obliged to warm my cream,
and five and ten minutes is the longest I have
had to churn.

Last fall I wanted to pack a jar or two of
butter for winter use, but had never packed
any, so one day while talking with one of my
neighbors on the butter subject, I asked her
to tell me how she packed her butter. "First
of all," said she, "I will tell you that I never
wash the butter I am going to pack." This
surprised me very much, and I thought to
myself if you don't wash your butter, I have
no use for your method. But she very soon
"rose to explain." "Washed butter," she con-
tinued, will, I suppose, keep just as well as
unwashed butter, the only difference is, that
washed butter has a greasy and oily appear-
ance which the unwashed butter has not."

How do you separate the butter-milk from the
butter, I inquired? "By patting it, and pat-
ting it, and slapping it," she said, "until I can
feel no butter-milk spat in my face. Use gal-
lon jars. Put one churning upon another,
packing the butter very tightly in the jar;
and when full, make a little sack of very thin
muslin, to fit into your jar, fill it about half
full of salt; put it over your butter; tie a cloth
over the jar, and your butter is ready to put
away." This I carried home with me, and
the next day began filling a gallon jar, fol-
lowing closely the above directions. I patted
for a while, then added my salt, and patted
again till the butter was perfectly dry. One
jar I filled in this way, and another I washed
in my usual way, patting it equally well, and
I found, when we used the butter, that the
one which had not been washed, was much
superior to the other; and that the washed
butter, had in fact that greasy and oily ap-
pearance which the other had not. One
thing which greatly perplexed me, while pat-
ting my butter, was that sometimes the but-
ter would adhere to my hands, and sometimes
would not. This mystery I one day discov-
ered. Whenever I washed my hands in soap
and water, and afterward rinsed them, the
butter would not adhere, and if I wiped them
it would. Wiping is what did the mischief.

This patting takes time and hard work; but
you will not regret your time when you have
"gilt edged article" that will be an honor to
yourself and to your table; if, however, there
were such things as butter presses, or some-
thing that would separate the butter-milk from
the butter we would spare ourselves a great
deal of time and labor. It was in thinking of
this, that I asked the FARMER this question a
few weeks since, to which I received no an-
swer. Perhaps I did not call them by their
right name. They may be called butter-work-
ers. If the Kansas FARMER cannot answer
this question, where can we ascertain?

If there is anything more I can do for you
on this subject, I shall be happy to do so.
Yours until planted, HELIOTOPE.

A RECIPE FOR YEAST WITHOUT YEAST

MRS. HUDSON: I have been watching with
interest to see what our good friends would
say to "Lonesome Ben." Now let me come to
the rescue, and, without yeast, remember.
Boil three ounces of hops in two quarts of
water ten minutes in tin, granite or iron; add
two coffee cups of sugar and two of flour, wet
in enough water to get out all the lumps; add
three tablespoonfuls of salt and three of gin-
ger; strain in a jar and let it stand three days
in a warm place; stir very often; then add two
pounds boiled potatoes and wait one more
day, and you will have yeast that is good and
will keep a long time. Use one teaspoonful for
six loaves of bread.

Some one please try it and let me hear how
they succeed, and then I will tell you how I
make bread.

Linn Co., Kansas.

FOR LONESOME BEN.

For yeast without yeast to start with, take
a teaspoon of sweet milk, put it in a tin cup and
set it on the stove till it is hot, not scalded,
then thicken with corn meal. Put it in a can
and put it between your feather-bed and mat-
tress, (this is to be done at night) or in some
other warm place. In the morning put in
some fresh, warm milk and keep it very warm.
When it comes, make a sponge of sweet milk
and warm it with boiling water. This will
come very quick. Mould it up hard and let it
rise. When light make it into loaves for the
pan. Let it get light, then bake it in a good,
hot oven, and you will have nice, white,
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If an animal liable to be taken, shall come upon the premises of any person, and he fails for ten days after being notified in writing of the fact, any other citizen and householder may take up the same.

Any person taking up an stray, must immediately advertise the same by posting three written notices in as many places in the township, giving a correct description of such stray.

If such stray is not proven up at the expiration of the time taken up by the taker up, the County Clerk of the township, and file an affidavit, stating that such stray was taken up on his premises, that he did not drive nor cause it to be driven there, that he has advertised it for ten days, that the marks and brands have not been altered, also he shall give a full description of the same, and its cash value, and he shall also give a bond to the State in double the value of such stray.

The Justice of the Peace shall within twenty days from the time such stray was taken up, (ten days after posting) make out a return to the County Clerk, a certified copy of the description and value of such stray.

If such stray shall be valued at more than ten dollars it shall be advertised in the KANSAS FARMER in three successive numbers.

The owner of any stray may within twelve months from the time of taking up prove the same by evidence before any Justice of the Peace of the county, having first notified the taker up of the time when the Justice before whom proof will be offered. The stray shall be delivered to the owner, on the order of the Justice, and upon the payment of all charges and costs.

If the owner of a stray fails to prove ownership within twelve months after the time of taking, a complete title shall vest in the taker up.

At the end of a year after a stray is taken up, the Justice of the Peace shall cause a notice to be served by the taker up, said appraisers, or two of them shall in all respects describe the same, and shall also file a sworn return of the same to the Justice.

They shall also determine cost of keeping and the benefit the taker up may have had, and report the same on their appraisal.

In all cases where the title vests in the taker up, he shall pay into the County Treasury, after deducting all costs of taking up, posting and taking care of, one half of the remainder of the value of such stray.

Any person who shall sell or dispose of a stray, or take the same out of the state before the title shall have vested in him shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall forfeit double the value of such stray and be subject to a fine of twenty dollars.

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THE STRAY LIST.

Strays for the Week Ending February 20, 1918

Chase County—S. A. Breese, Clerk.

MARE—Taken up by L. A. Loomis, Bazaar Tp., Jan. 9, 1918, one black, half pony mare, white in face, about 3 yrs. old. Valued at \$50.

FILLY—Also taken up by L. A. Loomis, Bazaar Tp., Jan. 9, 1918, one black, half pony filly, white in face, about 1 yr. old. Valued at \$15.

Douglas County—B. F. BIGGS, Clerk.

MULES—Taken up by Herman Gabriel, Renda P. O. Jan. 7, 1918, one black mule 14 hands high, halter on, Valued at \$25.

Also, one brown mule, 14 hands high, with halter on. Valued at \$25.

Edwards County—B. L. Ford, Clerk.

SWINE—Taken up by John Leslie, Trenton Tp., Feb. 5, 1918, two white, black, and red, weighing 20 pounds, the other 15 pounds, no marks or brands. Valued at \$16.

Also, one brown mule, 14 hands high, with halter on. Valued at \$10.

Greenwood County—F. J. Cochran, Clerk.

HEIFER—Taken up by Darius Bush, Madison Tp., Nov. 27, 1917, one yearling heifer, brown with black back, some white on belly, medium size, no marks or brands.

STEER—Taken up by W. A. Newman, Madison Tp., Nov. 16, 1917, one yearling steer, mostly white with black in face, branded on left hip with "W. A. Newman".

HEIFER—Taken up by W. H. Phenix, Madison Tp., Jan. 1, 1918, one white yearling heifer with red ears, medium size, no marks or brands. Valued at \$15.

Also, one yearling heifer with red ears and neck, no marks or brands. Valued at \$15.

Johnson County—Jas. Martin, Clerk.

COW—Taken up by Charles Boles, Monticello Tp., one small, red cow 5 yrs. old, no marks or brands visible. Valued at \$10.

NOISE—Taken up by Theodore Knipfner, Gardner Tp., Nov. 23, 1917, one red and white spotted cow 4 or 5 yrs. old, branded on left ear half cut off and a slit in right ear. Worth about \$15.

MARE—Taken up by N. Black, Oxford Tp., Jan. 20, 1918, one red mare, supposed to be 12 yrs. old, end of nose broken. Worth \$20.

Linn County—J. W. Flora, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by T. D. Griffin, Potots Tp., Nov. 19, 1917, one brown steer, little white on head, belly and tail, 1 or 2 yrs. old. Valued at \$15.

STEER—Taken up by Samuel Asher, Potots Tp., Nov. 1, 1917, one red steer, crop off each ear and slit in left ear, 1 yr. old.

Also, one red and white heifer, 1 yr. old. Both valued at \$25.

STEER—Taken up by S. J. Rhodes, Potots Tp., Nov. 2, 1917, one red steer with a little white in face, 1 yr. old. Valued at \$15.

NOISE—Taken up by Mary Ann McDowell, Paris Tp., Jan. 10, 1918, one light bay horse, right hind foot and right fore foot white, 2 yrs. old. Valued at \$15.

FILLY—Also, one black filly, with a few white hairs mixed in, 1 yr. old. Valued at \$15.

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HEIFER—Taken up by Thos. D. Cottle, Centerville Tp., Nov. 9, 1917, one cow, or calf, under the belly white and red ears, 1 yr. old. Valued at \$12.

STEER—Taken up by Walker Allen, Centerville Tp., Jan. 7, 1918, one red and white steer, one yr. old.

LYON County—J. S. Craig, Clerk.

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THE MAN WITH THE FOOT WARMER.

Women are so deceptive, you know. The other day an honest-hearted and well-meaning man, who lives with the third wife and two mothers-in-law, came here from Vermont to sell foot warmers. Now, it is an historical fact, and one frankly admitted in every family circle, that eight out of ten females over sixteen years of age have cold feet during the winter, and that millions of dutiful husbands each night toil up stairs under the burden of hot bricks or a seven-pound flat-iron. With all these facts in his favor, a Vermont inventor of a foot warmer of soapstone, handsome in shape, handy to carry on a visit to the country, and warranted not to tarnish by the smoke of blistered heels. The agent who came to Detroit had a right to expect a cordial reception at least, but he went away last night downhearted and discouraged, and even wishing that he was dead. Provided with one of the warmers, and armed with the certificates of seven Boston doctors that cold feet carry off more than consumption, the agent called at a house on Larned street, east, and said to the middle-aged lady who answered the bell:

"Madam, I shall take great pleasure in showing you the latest Vermont novelty--Brayson's Foot Warmer."

"No, you won't!" was her prompt response, as she looked around for the broom.

"But madam, are you not troubled with cold feet?"

"No, sir. I keep 'emissing hot lifting agents of the door-step. Get right down now, or the door'll 'am your toes clear back to your heels!"

He didn't propose to give any Detroit woman a second chance to throw away her brick-yard and replace it by one of the most convenient articles ever invented for winter use. He turned down on Congress street and entered a small millinery store. A female, whom he supposed likely to have cold feet if any mortal woman in town had, eyed him suspiciously as he opened the door, and he was hardly inside when she called out: "Please leave your dog out-doors!"

"Madam, I have no dog," he sweetly replied. "My outfit simply consists of an article indispensable to every household. It concerns the feet."

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"You great beast! if you don't take yourself out of here I'll warm your whole body for you!" she shrieked, and she picked up a bodkin and assumed such a threatening attitude that he speedily retreated. The only ray of sunshine and profit coming to him the long forenoon occurred as he entered a bakery on Catherine street. The woman in charge had her shoes off and her feet on the stove hearth, and she promptly admitted that she had cold feet, and that his foot warmer and a bag of pop corn in her stocking would be all the Christmas present she could hope for.

"I have sold over nine hundred to the very first ladies in Detroit," he remarked, by way of encouragement.

"Yaw, dot is drue," she calmly replied.

"It is an awful comfort these cold nights," he went on.

"Yaw I pelief dot--shust like gospel."

"And the price is very low, madam. You keep your feet warm all winter for the trifling sum of one dollar."

"Yaw, dot is shust so," she mused.

"And will you take one?"

"Oh, nein!"

"But you say you have cold feet, madam?"

"Yaw."

"And how will you get along without one of these foot warmers?"

"I shall sleep mit my feet on my husband's pack!" she tenderly answered, and the agent could say no more.

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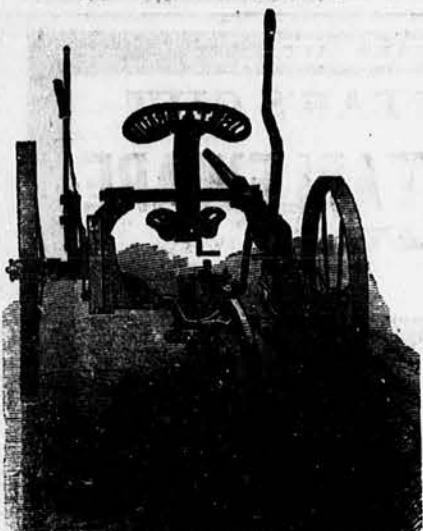
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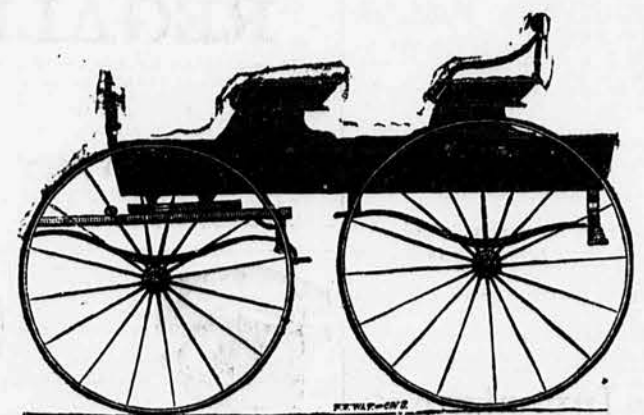
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