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CURRENT NEWS.

JANUARY 5.—Congress resumed business after the holiday vacation.....Senator Peffer introduced bills as follows: To establish a bureau of irrigation and to prescribe the duties thereof; to increase the circulating medium by issuing treasury notes based on gold and silver coin and bullion, and to amend the coinage laws accordingly; to amend the inter-state commerce act, and to prohibit options, trusts and combinations.....Senator Washburn introduced a joint resolution to assist in relieving the distress from famine in Russia; and the President transmitted to Congress a message on the same subject.....In the House bills were introduced by Mr. Otis, of Kansas, to change the monetary system, to reduce interest and to provide for loans on lands; by Mr. Simpson of Kansas to prohibit usury and to establish a department of finance and commerce; several bills relating to the questions of the tariff and silver were introduced.....Governor Humphrey ordered two companies of the State militia to the southwest counties to protect life and property from danger on account of the "Botkin" disturbance.
JANUARY 6.—Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, received a majority of the votes of the Republican legislative caucus over J. B. Foraker, thus assuring his re-election to the United States Senate. With the expiration of the term upon which he is to enter March 4, he will have been in the public service for forty-four consecutive years.....United States District Attorney for Kansas, J. W. Ady, brought a suit in the United States court by direction of the Attorney General against the Trans-Missouri Freight Association and the fifteen railroad companies composing that combine. It includes by name the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande and ten other companies doing an inter-state business west of the Missouri river. The action is brought under the act of July 2, 1890, "to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," commonly known as the anti-trust law. It proceeds upon the proposition that the Trans-Missouri Freight Association is an illegal combination and conspiracy in the restraint of trade and commerce, and to monopolize the trade and commerce between the States and Territories of the United States. The prayer of the petition is that the Trans-Missouri Freight Association be dissolved and the defendants be perpetually restrained, enjoined and prohibited from further combining, conspiring or acting together to maintain rates on their lines of roads in restraint of trade and commerce or to monopolize the trade and commerce between the States and Territories aforesaid. The central point in the case is that the object of the Trans-Missouri Association is to stifle and suppress all competition.
JANUARY 7.—By request, Senator Peffer introduced a bill providing for government loans to the farmers of Indiana amounting to \$100,000,000.....Secretary Blaine, by authority of the President, gave notice to several nations that unless favorable trade arrangements with this country are entered into by March 15, a proclamation will be issued suspending the free importation of certain articles from the countries named.....A terrible explosion occurred in a coal mine at

Krebs, I. T., whereby fifty-seven miners lost their lives and many others were seriously injured.
JANUARY 8.—A convention of cotton growers assembled at Memphis for the purpose of devising some plan for decreasing the production of cotton.....At a great meeting of representative Democrats in New York to celebrate "Jackson's Day." Congressman Springer, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, said: "I can state without any fear of successful contradiction that there is not the slightest probability of a free coinage bill becoming a law this Congress, nor is it likely that any amendment to the existing law will be made." The authoritative statements at the meeting were that the tariff will be made the main issue, without much prospect of effecting any changes in the McKinley law.
JANUARY 9.—The Kansas Railroad Commissioners decide in the "sugar rates cases" that the railroads must not discriminate against Kansas points.
JANUARY 11.—Senator Teller introduced a resolution providing for an international bi-metallic agreement, and declaring it to be the determined policy of the United States to use both gold and silver as full legal tender on the present ratio used in this country, or on such as may hereafter be established.....Congressman Simpson introduced a resolution to investigate the Department of Agriculture.....Congressman Breckenridge, of Kentucky, by resolution, attacked the reciprocity policy.....The Kansas militia still remains in the southwest to keep down the Botkin troubles.

Plowing for Better Crops.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—Please give space in your valuable journal for a few lines on the all-important subject of more thorough and better plowing for best results—plowing before planting. An eminently practical Kansas farmer recently said to your correspondent that listing was all right, provided the ground was well plowed first. The listing mania in Pennsylvania had its run fifty years ago. It was of short duration there, because the land was very easily exhausted. It would not stand the abuse which Western lands have been subjected to. A few years listing for corn in central Pennsylvania ended that craze there. Better and more thorough plowing was resorted to, resulting satisfactorily, with rotation of crops and clovering every few years.
A systematic increase of depth in plowing is a conservative and safe procedure. There is no surer way to finally get a good seed-bed than to plow progressively, each plowing a little deeper. But any one having nerve enough to put the plow into old, tired land twelve or more inches deep in the fall or winter and early spring, to be planted to corn in May, will surely realize good results. One such plowing will freshen and renew tired land for quite a number of years. The good rich corn and wheat land in Kansas can be easily made produce 100 bushels of corn per acre by deep and thorough plowing before planting. And after corn, any other crop in that land, with ordinary preparation, will be about double what it is while the land is tired. Clover after deep plowing is a wonderful fertilizer, more than twice the value that it is in shallow and skim plowing. One deep, thorough, progressive moving of the earth every rotation of crops will most certainly bring land up to

the highest degree of its producing power and much more than double its present real value. Plows are already made and fully tested and proven capable, with two horses, large size, or three medium size, with sixteen or eighteen-inch plow, of easily plowing in best possible manner and any depth desired, from eight to sixteen inches in any clean land. Kansas land—or its kind—plowed a foot or more in depth will retain sufficient moisture to safely tide the crop over a two months drouth. Over 100 bushels of corn per acre has been produced in Missouri after one foot depth plowing was done in old land which had never before produced over sixty bushels per acre with the ordinary old-style plowing.
CONRAD HARTZELL.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Jerusalem Corn.

The following answers have been received to the inquiry for information about Jerusalem corn, published in the KANSAS FARMER of December 30:

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—I planted a couple of acres of sod in Jerusalem corn last June. Have not had experience enough in its culture to give an opinion that would be of interest, only, it is about the same as Kaffir corn. Stock is very fond of it, especially turkeys and chickens. Have some seed I can furnish.
Windom, Kas. E. C. HOLMES.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—I noticed J. E. Topping's inquiry about Jerusalem corn in the FARMER of December 30. In reply will say that I planted about five and a half acres last spring, about May 15; cultivated it about the same as corn. The fall winds were strong for several days about the time it got fairly ripe, and I think I lost not less than three bushels to the acre, and it may have been five. It shatters very easy. I threshed eighty-five bushels of clean seed, which I now have on hand for sale. Will express him one peck for 40 cents, or two pecks for 60 cents.
Dodge City, Kas. JOHN GOODWINE.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—In your issue of December 30 you inquire about Jerusalem corn, etc. I succeeded in getting sixteen pounds last season to try on our experiment plot of eighteen acres, which was planted to four kinds of corn, four of beets, two of sorghum, two of Kaffir corn (white and red), kohlrabi, with about ten kinds of watermelons and muskmelons, the two milzaes and the Kansas stock melons, etc. Nothing was worth the planting with us except the Jerusalem corn, sorghums and Kaffir corn. No melons sprouted from first planting so sent for more seed, which did no good. Will try Jerusalem corn in drill and broadcast for fodder this year, with a few beets, sorghum, and a little Kaffir corn. Hickory King and White Pearl corn planted at the same time and beside the Jerusalem corn made a complete failure, while I had a good, fair crop of the Jerusalem corn. I want no more Hickory King or White Pearl. Will take sorghum all the time for our chances and our stock.
Waverly, Kas. T. O. EMBRY.

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Southern California, during the close of 1891, was visited with a cold wave, the like of which was never before experienced, and oranges were frozen on the trees. It was a very heavy loss to many of the orange-growers of that section, and will cut short the annual output and cause an advance in price to consumers, in consequence of this calamity.

The sales of imported and pure-bred draft horses, especially stallions, is starting out much better this season than for years. There never was a more favorable opportunity for purchasing first-class horses for spot cash than now. The importers and breeders have a superior class of horses which they now offer for less money than ever before, on account of dull sales of the past two years. Now is the time to invest in representative Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons or coach horses.

Hon. W. T. Smith, of Oskaloosa, Iowa calls attention to a remedy suggested by the great French physician, Pasteur, for preventing the grip. It is simply the use of gum camphor, which may be carried in the pocket, or any where about the person, and which carries no unpleasant odor with it. The frequent use of onions as food is also highly recommended to keep the system in a healthy condition and so ward off the disease. It will pay any one to give these simple remedies a chance.

The American Live Stock Commission Company has concluded to wind up its affairs and retire from business. The company was organized in 1888 with a capital of \$200,000. Its promoters, who were all cattle men, believed that the regular commission men were charging too high rates and they thought that they could handle their cattle much cheaper. The fact was soon demonstrated that they could. Only 25 per cent. of the stock was ever paid in, but dividends to the amount of 37½ per cent. were paid. At first, the regular commission men paid but little attention to the new concern, but its competition soon spoiled their profits, and the American company was excluded from the exchanges of Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. Will stockmen continue to yield to all opposition, or will they quit business?

APPEALING AGAINST EVICTION.

One of the outrages, the responsibility for which is hard to locate, is the eviction of settlers from lands which they have acquired in strict compliance with the laws of the United States.

A notable instance of this kind occurred in the Des Moines valley, in Iowa, a few years ago. That which is now occupying public attention and ought to elicit sympathy, is in the valley of the Red river of the North.

The settlers of these lands have forwarded the following memorial to the North Dakota delegation:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: The petitions of the undersigned citizens, residents and land owners under patent of the United States government, resident in the State of North Dakota, respectfully show: (1) That they and many others to the number of about 2,000 have been served with notices of proposed eviction.

Attached to the memorial is a copy of the eviction notice notifying farmers to vacate lands December 15.

OUR SIDE BRIGHTER THAN THEIRS.

The world must always have staple food products. The demand for these is imperative, constant and increasing. People will submit to be indifferently clothed during a time of depression; they will wear their old suits another year, if times are very hard; they will deprive themselves of luxuries when these cannot be conveniently obtained; but staple food they must have every day.

The following from the Arkansas Farmer, whose constituents are largely engaged in the production of cotton, portrays a situation more extreme than is likely to occur in a corn, wheat and meat producing community:

The cotton crop is now about marketed; it has done all it will do for the men who made it, and the most of them have their names on the wrong side of the ledger. Now comes the time for the retail merchant to "stale" the fellow above with another ledger.

many in Arkansas will wish for a sub-treasury or some other way to get relief. Many failures and fires may be looked for in the next few months, as these two calamities become epidemic about the same time and nearly always in and after the holidays.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—Will you please publish through the columns of your paper, a true and correct statement of the actual amount of money in circulation, when the United States Treasurer made his last report, as I see by the KANSAS FARMER of a few issues back, that there was an incorrect statement given by the associated press dispatches concerning same?

The report of the United States Treasurer for 1891, gives (pp. 96, 97) estimates of the amounts of money in the country at the end of each month from June 30, 1878, to September 30, 1891.

For June 30, 1878, the Treasurer's figures are:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 'Belonging to the treasury' and 'On deposit in the treasury'.

Aggregate.....\$1,063,139,202

For September 30, 1891, the Treasurer's figures are:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 'Belonging to the treasury' and 'On deposit in the treasury'.

Aggregate.....\$2,250,600,062

As to the composition of the money in circulation September 30, 1891, the Treasurer's statement is:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 'Gold and gold certificates', 'Silver and silver certificates', 'Notes and currency certificates'.

Total.....\$1,530,531,476

As to the composition of the paper currency September 30, 1891, the Treasurer's statement is:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes 'Legal tender notes', 'Currency certificates', 'Gold certificates', 'Silver certificates', 'National bank notes'.

Total.....\$1,062,336,551

The \$1,530,531,476 which the Treasurer gives as the amount in circulation September 30, 1891, divided by 63,500,000, the approximate population of the country at that date, we find \$24.23, nearly, as the money per capita in circulation at that date, according to the Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer takes no account of the amounts held as bank reserves, or in other ways restrained from manual delivery in making exchanges.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

For several months, estimates of the world's wheat supply, from the crop of 1891, have been made from such preliminary data as could be obtained as to the crops of various countries. The official reports of most countries are now published, and the statistician Beerbohm has tabulated them.

The following table shows the production in bushels for the last three years. (Each of the amounts is to be multiplied by 1,000, three ciphers being omitted from each to condense the table):

Table with 4 columns: Country, 1891, 1890, 1889. Lists countries like Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Table with 4 columns: Country, 1891, 1890, 1889. Lists countries like Algeria, Argentine Republic, Australasia, Asia Minor, Canada, Cape Colony, Chili, Egypt, India, Persia, Syria, United States.

Totals out of Europe 1,051,900 829,040 934,894 Grand totals.....2,154,400 2,137,280 2,093,840

record of the European and non-European countries since 1887, to which is added the estimated normal consumption of the world, it being assumed, that on account of the natural increase in population, the world's consumption of wheat increases by 14,000,000 bushels annually.

Table with 4 columns: Year, European, Non-European, Total. Shows consumption figures for 1891, 1890, 1889.

Totals.....2,154,400 2,137,280 2,093,840 Consumption.....2,178,000 2,164,000 2,158,000

Balance.....-23,600 -26,720 -64,160 +20,448

From these figures it is evident that since 1888, in no single year has there been produced enough wheat to feed the people. The year 1888, and several of those just preceding it, each produced a surplus which is now believed to be nearly consumed.

The official estimates of the Russian rye crop place it at 221,000,000 bushels less than last year, and at 64,000,000 bushels less than in 1889.

It is apparent that the world is short on the bread-making grains and must continue to be short until after the next harvest.

Official and semi-official reports from all parts of the world indicate that the wheat and rye crops of 1892 will scarcely exceed, if indeed they equal those of 1891.

The statistical situation is one which should cause a great advance in prices of grain. But so much control is had of the markets by artificial influences that positive predictions can be made only at the risk of reversal by events.

Publishers' Paragraphs.

The Sumatra Tobacco Co., of Marion, Ohio, have adopted a novel scheme of introducing their "Henry Clay" cigars. They furnish 100 cigars and a gold-plated stem-wind watch for \$5.

The McCallum Steel Wheel Wagon Co., of Elgin, Ill., are meeting with remarkable success in the sale of their steel wheel wagon. It is quite a novelty in the wagon line, and does away entirely with tire-setting, the wheel being entirely of steel cast in one piece.

The great shortage in the crop of clover seed in many localities leads us to call special attention to the advertisement of the Iowa Seed Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, who are making a specialty of choice Iowa grown cleaned clover, grass and field seeds.

THE SOWER SHOULD TAKE NO CHANCES.—But assure the success of his planting by using seeds which have been put to the test and their virtue proven. In another column appears the advertisement of W. W. Barnard & Co., Chicago, among the largest of Western seedsmen.

The year 1892 will be one of great political activity, and many of our readers desire a good daily having full press reports, and to accommodate such we will send the Daily Kansas City Star one year for \$4, the publisher's price.

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enormous business furnishes the highest proof of their reliability. Their Seed Annual for 1892 is a model of its kind—illustrated, descriptive, priced. It contains information of great value to any one about to plant seeds.

Every sheep owner should have the KANSAS FARMER and some publication like the American Sheep Breeder. We furnish both one year for \$1.65. Or we will send the Weekly Wool and Hide Shipper (price \$1) and the KANSAS FARMER one year for \$1.35; or all three publications for \$2.

We call attention to the seed advertisement of H. W. Buckbee, of Rockford, Ill., printed elsewhere in this issue. The advertiser is one of the most reliable of our seedsmen, sending out stock which he has tested, and therefore knows to be perfectly reliable.

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"Ma," said a certain school-boy, "Can't Sarah always put up my lunch? She's got a better appetite than you, and she puts more in." The same sort of appreciation accounts for the wonderful "Roses by Mail" business of our advertisers, The Dinee & Conard Co., of West Grove, Pa.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade reports that "the business prospects of the country are remarkably favorable for the beginning of the year except at the South, and while the depression in that section may considerably affect some trades and branches of manufactures, the uplifting influence of the large Northern crops, and the unprecedented foreign demand for Northern products, gives substantial ground for the great confidence which prevails."

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KANSAS FARMER only one dollar a year.

In the Dairy.

A Little Science.

The men of science are ever active in their investigations of all subjects, both new and old. Whatever science touches it helps by at least learning some fundamental fact which is useful at the present or some other time. The subject of "Milk-Giving" is discussed by John Gould, in the *Practical Farmer*. He says: The more the matter is investigated, the more proof is presented that the cow's udder is not distended with milk at the time of milking, but filled with materials out of which milk is made, secretions from the blood, and as the milking progresses, the fluids are carried through the glands, and take in their elements, and are pressed by the milking process as complete milk. It is now known, that if a cow with a full udder of milk is killed, that only a little complete milk will be found at the base of the teats in the little reservoirs, but that the fluid up in the glands will be a yellowish substance, and devoid of fats. This is a strong confirmation of the old theory, that milk was completed out of its diverse elements during the process of milking, just in the sense that saliva is deposited in the mouth during eating; a fluid that is secreted only as fast as demanded, yet containing many components necessary in the digestion of the food. So far as this is concerned, the dairyman is but a spectator, yet it has its lesson of making conditions favorable for the cow to give down her milk; making the milking process agreeable and not one of distrust, and a mistrust that the next move will be a "bat" or two with the milking stool, with the boot toe accompaniment. The milking process should be one of quiet, and even the extending of caresses to gain the good-will of the cow. To "wake up" a cow for a misdemeanor, for which the milker is often to blame, is to excite her, and excitement always means less milk, and noticeably, yet less butter fats. Did this expenditure of nerve force consume the fats, or prevent their formation? Be quiet with the cow.

Kindness to Dairy Cows.

There are many men, judging from their actions, who seem to think that a cow has neither nerves nor senses. I believe she is possessed of a very nervous organization and is surpassed by very few of our domestic animals in intelligence. I have seen cows dogged from the pasture through the yard to the barn, covering their bags with mud and filth and producing a nervous and frightened condition, causing them to hold their milk, thereby greatly impairing their usefulness. I have seen them after coming into the stable, instead of quietly taking their places, whirl around and around like a top, at the same time being pounded over the head and horns with a cudgel, and the hired man swearing at them because they would not take their places. And when milking time comes and the milker goes to the stable with the pails, and his well-known voice resounds through the stable, they are momentarily keyed up for another nervous time and more or less of the milk is kicked over. Much of it is retained in the udder and the whole management is unprofitable and unsatisfactory.—*Home and Farm.*

Results of the Milk Test.

Prof. W. A. Henry says that the milk test is working wonders among the farmers in some sections of the country that have come directly under his observations. Dairy men are sending many of their cows to the butchers, having found out through the test that these cows were not paying a profit. One man had a cow that he held at \$100, believing her to be but an ordi-

nary cow. As her milk was always mixed with that of others, its true value was not known, its color being against it. When the herd of which that cow was a member came to be judged by the milk test it was discovered that the owner had anything but a correct idea of the relative value of his cows, and his very ordinary \$100-cow was found to be making twenty-one pounds of butter per week. The owner had subsequently the pleasure of refusing \$300 for the animal.

Selling Cream.

Many dairymen find more profit in selling cream than in churning it and selling butter. In all cities, large and small, there is a demand for good cream, and the price is generally a fair one, not varying so much as butter, for it is easier to make good cream than good butter. If the cows are well fed and milked in a cleanly way it is an easy matter to raise the cream, but not so easy to ripen that cream, churn it and work it into first-class butter. The competition in the cream market is not so great as in the butter market.

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Care of Calving Cows.

A great deal of trouble is experienced with cows when calving because of sheer carelessness. This is a process of nature, and there should be no trouble; but if we antagonize nature in other directions, we cripple her all round. Many a cow has no special attention paid to her, either while she is carrying her calf, or at calving time. She is permitted to get along the best way she can; and not unfrequently the system is in such a weakened condition that to expect her to calve with safety is foolish. But she should not be killed with kindness. She should not be fattened, for instance. She should simply be kept in good condition, and every one's judgment will suggest what that is. Milk secretion should not be greatly encouraged before calving. The animal's food should consist principally of the bone and muscle-forming varieties. And after calving great care should be taken that she does not get cold, and her food for a few days should be of a non-stimulating character. The system for a time needs opportunity to recuperate, and until it has had a chance to do that no additional strain should be put upon it; for a time the machinery should be run at a low speed.—*The Farming World.*

Says the *Breeder's Guide*: "The cost of a pound of milk is one of the things that every dairyman should know; that is, the cost to him, not to somebody else working under different conditions. The New Jersey Experiment Station has just figured it out at three-fourths of one cent for them; but the cost depends upon so many considerations that no man can safely take the figures made by some one else. The cost depends upon the cow, the feed, the season and the man. The first and the last are the greatest considerations. The poorer the cow the more the milk will cost; and if the man lacks the right sort of ability for the dairy business the best cows in the world cannot produce milk cheaply enough to enable him to get a profit from it."

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The Wholesale Nurserymen Meet.

The Western Association of Wholesale Nurserymen met at the National hotel, in Topeka, January 5, it being their annual meeting. The meeting was well attended. Among the most important business transacted was the passing of the following resolution asking the co-operation of all fruit-growers in the Mississippi valley in an effort to have stringent quarantine and inspection laws passed to protect against the importation of diseased fruits from California, which threatens the fruit interests and endangers the health of the people:

WHEREAS, We, the Western Association of Wholesale Nurserymen, believe that it is high time some measures were taken to stop the indiscriminate shipping of fruit from California from districts infested with insects, such as San Jose scale, woolly and green aphid, which are being transmitted on both fruit and packages, and many other insects that imperil what is fast becoming one of our most important industries—fruit-growing—and also threatens our nursery interests; again, we believe that the shipment of unripe fruit, picked and handled by diseased Chinamen and thrown on our markets in a wilted and unwholesome condition, is jeopardizing the health of our people:

Resolved, that we ask them to unite with us in securing rigid quarantine and inspection laws at the next meeting of their respective Legislatures.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be handed the press association and the agricultural and horticultural journals of our respective States.

Resolved, that this association earnestly calls the attention of the Horticultural Society and fruit-growers' associations in the Mississippi valley to the great danger of the importation of such fruits which is striking a death blow to their interests.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. T. Kelsy, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Vice President, R. H. Blair, of Kansas City, Mo.; Secretary and Treasurer, U. B. Pearsall, Ft. Scott, Kas.; Executive committee—D. S. Lake, Shandoah, Iowa, G. J. Carpenter, Fairbury, Neb., Lewis Williams, Parsons, Kas., A. C. Griesa, Lawrence, Kas., A. Ambrose, Nevada, Mo.

The Atchison Horticultural Society has organized with a large membership. The following are the officers for the present year: President, Luther Dickerson; Vice President, J. W. Parker; Secretary, E. Snyder; Treasurer, Mary C. Greenawath; Executive Committee—Frank Palmer and J. M. Bisel. The KANSAS FARMER expects to report good work from this society, and no doubt will publish valuable papers read at special meetings.

Grasses of the Southwest, being Bulletin No. 12 of the Division of Botany, United States Department of Agriculture, has been completed by the recent issue of the second part. Like Part I, it consists of plates and descriptions of fifty species of grasses of the desert region of western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and southern California, and is the outcome of investigations conducted with a view of finding grasses adapted for cultivation in arid soils.

The effect of spraying apple trees with London purple to prevent ravages of the codling moth or apple worm is well illustrated by the experience of Mr. Lupton, of Virginia, as stated in a recent issue of *Insect Life*. The work of spraying was undertaken in Mr. Lupton's orchard, but was discontinued when less than one-third of the trees had been sprayed. From these trees 1 000 barrels of apples nearly free from worms were gathered, while from the remaining two-thirds of the orchard only 883 barrels of sound fruit were ob-

tained, quite one-fifth of the apples from the unsprayed trees being wormy and unfit for use. Mr. Lupton estimates that his returns from the orchard would have been increased \$2,500, had all the trees been sprayed.

Bulletin No. 1 of Division of Vegetable Pathology, United States Department of Agriculture, recently issued, contains a report upon the investigations and experiments made during the past three years with a view of obtaining evidence as to the contagious nature of peach yellows. Peach rosette, a blight prevalent in Georgia, is also discussed in the publication, being considered a disease distinct from peach yellows. Both diseases are regarded as contagious. The publication is fully illustrated.

The December issue of *Insect Life*, the entomological publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, contains an account of the recent introduction of a European insect which preys upon the destructive Hessian fly; articles on the habits of a paper-making wasp, on the occurrence of the screw worm in human subjects, on the habits of various parasitic insects, on the treatment of several noxious insects, and on other topics chiefly of interest to entomologists. The publication may be obtained by applying to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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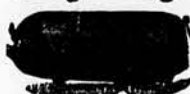
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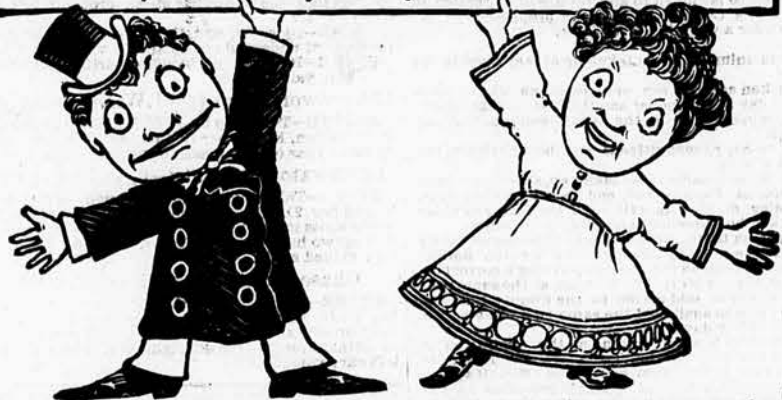
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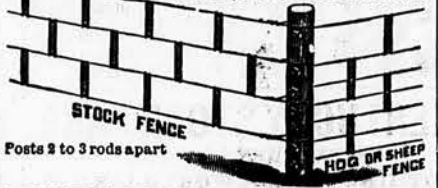
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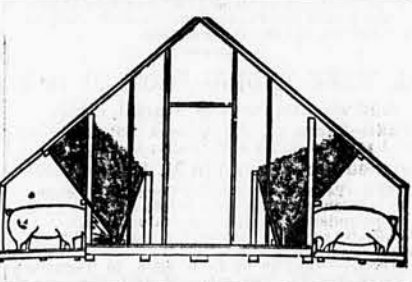
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