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## THE ECCENTRIC.

Birmingham, Mich. SOUTHFIELD.

ROYAL OAK. Mrs. Barnett Grow is on the sick list. C. F. Quick has recently purchased a fine new hearse team. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilson Sponding with her parents in Troy, Mich. Mrs. Mirk Hall has been spending a week with relatives in Toronto, Ont. Miss Mary McDowell, of Birmingham, visited at David McDowell's the first of the week. Mrs. A. F. Gray and children of Detroit were guests at Mrs. J. M. Lawson's last week. There were 50 in attendance upon the Ladies' Aid Society held at Mrs. W. Campbell's last week. The Ladies' Union of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Lawson Wednesday. Large attendance and a good time. Edward Connor has been very busy during the past week delivering fruit trees, and he reports collections exceptionally good. The residence of Mrs. W. Campbell presents a very attractive appearance with its new coat of paint. It was Frank Campbell who wielded the painter's brush with so much dexterity. Miss Blackmore, a deaconess in the home at Singapore and an ardent missionary worker in that far-away clime, gave a delightful talk in the M. E. church Thursday evening in the interest of Foreign Missions. The lady is a native of Australia. When calling on Mr. Connor some of these days just ask him to take you out to his poultry yard, for in those realms there dwindle a host of the M. E. church's healthy young roosters, whose bill cracks like unto a cross-cut saw, and yet it eateth vigorously and flourisheth from day to day. As yet it never croaketh, being young, as all men knoweth.

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THE MOST REMARKABLE OF EVER MADE BY A RELIABLE CONCERN. BIRMINGHAM, MICH. THE ECCENTRIC. SOUTHFIELD. ROYAL OAK. Mrs. Barnett Grow is on the sick list. C. F. Quick has recently purchased a fine new hearse team. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilson Sponding with her parents in Troy, Mich. Mrs. Mirk Hall has been spending a week with relatives in Toronto, Ont. Miss Mary McDowell, of Birmingham, visited at David McDowell's the first of the week. Mrs. A. F. Gray and children of Detroit were guests at Mrs. J. M. Lawson's last week. There were 50 in attendance upon the Ladies' Aid Society held at Mrs. W. Campbell's last week. The Ladies' Union of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Lawson Wednesday. Large attendance and a good time. Edward Connor has been very busy during the past week delivering fruit trees, and he reports collections exceptionally good. The residence of Mrs. W. Campbell presents a very attractive appearance with its new coat of paint. It was Frank Campbell who wielded the painter's brush with so much dexterity. Miss Blackmore, a deaconess in the home at Singapore and an ardent missionary worker in that far-away clime, gave a delightful talk in the M. E. church Thursday evening in the interest of Foreign Missions. The lady is a native of Australia. When calling on Mr. Connor some of these days just ask him to take you out to his poultry yard, for in those realms there dwindle a host of the M. E. church's healthy young roosters, whose bill cracks like unto a cross-cut saw, and yet it eateth vigorously and flourisheth from day to day. As yet it never croaketh, being young, as all men knoweth.

# Wool & Co. GREAT UNDERTAKING

PLAN TO IRRIGATE A VAST LAND AREA.  
 Twenty Millions of Acres Between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains to be Brought Under Cultivation.

A scheme to engage the United States government in the business of reclaiming the great body of arid lands between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains will certainly not go through without opposition. It is already urged that for the government to add 20,000,000 tillable acres to the land already in cultivation would create a competition with the present agricultural products, lower the price of produce and work a world-wide, and no occasion for alarm, it will make surveys and measurements and report and publish many tons of reading matter about irrigation and the water supply from the heavens above and the earth beneath and the reservoirs under the earth, but the United States will never directly by its own means make any present desert to bloom as the rose. Yet, without the aid of a federal government or any other government a great proportion of the 70,000,000 acres will, in the course of a century or so, be transformed. Because man is impelled to that sort of work which seems a strange fascination. He is seldom satisfied with the fertile and productive soil which he already has. He wishes to reclaim or restore something. The swamp that may be productive by the use of its own weight in fertilizers; the sandy plateau that may be enriched by plowing under green and growing vegetation—these visions will not let the agricultural conqueror sleep. This intangible and aggressive American character, not the government or other government, will settle the United States. The word has gone out that these lands possess all the natural elements of fertility, and all they lack is water, and the reply has come back that they shall have the one thing they need. While the government has been surveying and reporting and publishing pamphlets on the various systems of irrigation employed in the lower Nile and upper Congo and the citizens have been doing nothing but camps one abusing the government for not irrigating and the other for thinking of engaging in irrigation next, the practical part of the matter has begun by individuals and private corporations. Hundreds and thousands of miles of ditches have been constructed in California without any government aid, and the Mormons have saved, by work and water, countless acres that before would not have supported the family of a cowboy. In the west, it is not like the ancient Egyptian or modern Mexican, a natural born irrigator. He has not been brought up to the irrigation, but if it must be done and it says, and as there are only 70,000,000 acres to be attended to, he will look after it, and the government can help or let it alone.—Kansas City Star.

BUCKLEY'S AGRICULTURE.  
 The best sale in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sore, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Children's Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Fice or sores, etc. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. 50c per bottle. Price 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

AGENTS WANTED FOR THE LIFE AND ACCIDENTS OF ADRIAN DEWEY, the world's greatest naval hero. He was a 20-year-old boy when he was killed by the explosion of the USS Maine. His life and adventures are told in a new book, "The Story of the USS Maine," by J. B. Dewey. 50c per copy. Price 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

CURIOSUS CONDENSATIONS.  
 Panama canal construction employs over 3,000 men. There is a temperance society on board every ship in the British navy. One-fourth of the world's population dies before reaching the age of 17. English vegetarians are disputing as to whether or not it is right to eat cheese. One of the Buffalo papers runs its entire plant by electricity furnished from a hydroelectric power station. The Philippines is the English name for the islands and Filipinos the Spanish name for the inhabitants. A few years ago there were as many as 25 vegetarian restaurants in London. Today there exists only about six. A writer in an English magazine declares that the real average Englishman is a workman earning \$6 a week. It has just been judicially decided in Oregon that in an emergency case a speeder can drive across a bridge at a speed greater than that permitted by ordinary traffic. An enterprising western firm is making an agreement to set up a modern paper mill in China, where lumber is still saved by the primitive methods of a century ago. Eight sections at the Paris universal exhibition of 1900 will be devoted to "The history of the religions of the world with the beliefs of all the known races of men, past and present."

THE OCEANIC THEATER, Buenos Ayres, is heated by electricity. This is not the case with the theaters of the world, but very few large public buildings have been warmed in this manner. An enterprising liquor firm has engaged an astronomer to give a series of balloon ascensions in Ceylon, while ascending, to drop small sample bottles of whisky attached to miniature parachutes, to give to the public a 5-centime stamp has just been issued in France. Advertising posters must bear revenue stamps varying in value, according to the size of the poster. A man who affixed a 15-centime stamp to a poster, which should have had only a 5-centime stamp, has just been fined \$125, or \$25, for the offence.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA.  
 "I'm told that the photographer married his model." "Woman power; man proposes."—Indianapolis Journal. Amateur photographers, like amateur artists, often fail to produce a symmetry in the feet.—Philadelphia Bulletin. "Customer—'Don't think these pictures are handsome enough.' Photographer—'Well, there is a face-care establishment across the street.'"—New York Journal. Russian photographers shame delinquents upon by hanging their pictures upside down. They are not so proud as they would be to see their pictures hanging from the ceiling. This method soon compels them to pay.—Lebanon Journal. President, Louise, what a doleful expression! "Well, there is a face-care establishment across the street.'"—New York Journal. "Yes; I was feeling all right until the photographer told me to look pleasant."—Detroit Free Press. "Blonde—Hello, Blanche, what you got 'em to do with the camera?" "Blonde—'Cut the grass on my lawn. You don't suppose I'd use it to take photographs, did you?'"—Philadelphia Record.

AN IMPROVED ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.  
 The city of Tours, in France, has an electric tramway free from the unsightly and noisy overhead wires. It is constructed on the Diatto system, the main cable running underground, and the current being transmitted to the cars by a series of contact wheels. The cars are provided with an electro-magnetic device, suspended beneath, which, at contact with the overhead wire, sends into a mercury cup and connecting with the main cable. The contacts are separated by a distance less than the radius of the contact wheels. A continuous current is supplied through to the car motor as it moves along.

LETTERS IN SNOW.  
 Letters were received recently at Anderson, Ind., from Messrs. Peter Lennie and Lynn Smith, who had been some of the most remarkable men in the Alaskan snow-clad passes. While going over the passes Mr. Smith happened to occasionally write his name in the snow with the cliffs or banks of the mountains. He noticed the name and took to the trail. He was in need of friends and pushed on, doubling on him, and finally, by sending the name written at intervals of a mile he managed to make his trail turns and come in on Mr. Smith just at a critical time. They have been together since and have met with good success.

INSTALLMENTS.  
 The great Russian count appeared in the hallway. He passed by the footman's who glanced at it. "Hi, Jem!" he called to an assistant, "come and help me in with this gentleman's name!"—Syracuse Herald.

THE GREAT HUSBAND count appeared in the hallway. He passed by the footman's who glanced at it. "Hi, Jem!" he called to an assistant, "come and help me in with this gentleman's name!"—Syracuse Herald.

A woman's idea of reform generally has something to do with making over her husband.