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Everything in Men's 50c Shirts with collars and cuffs at ..... 43c each
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IT BEATS ALL

The Amount of Sugar Beets Shipped from this Place.

Sixty Tons a Day Were Nothing Uncommon—A Large Crop Grown in this Vicinity this Year, but Next Season Promises to Be the Banner One—Average Profit About $30 per Acre—Twelve Tons per Acre the Average Yield—Largest Load Drawn into the Village Weighed 6,464 Pounds—No Complaints Heard from Farmers this Season.

Does it pay to raise sugar beets? Ask any of the farmers in this vicinity who have been in that business this or any every one of them will give you an affirmative answer. It appears there is anything to judge by, the crop in this vicinity this year has been an exceptional large one, and that the farmers will be well paid for the time and labor expended there is not the slightest doubt. For weeks past our streets have been filled at all hours of the day with farmers' wagons loaded with sugar beets. So great has been the amount hauled that the steam and electric roads have both been used in shipping to the Company's factory at Rochester. We are informed by James Todd, the genial manager of transportation, that during the week of November 7, an average of 60 tons a day was the actual weight of the beets shipped. Since that time the amount has dropped below those figures owing to weather conditions being unfavorable.

The actual number of acres put in and controlled by the company this season in this neighborhood was 220. Besides this George and John Purdy had 10 acres and Stuart Reid 5 acres. If anyone thinks that that is not very much land, and that it would not raise such an enormous crop, just stop and consider that the crop ranges from 10 to 20 tons per acre and you will get a good idea of the amount drawn into Birmingham the past month. With the exception of less than 20 acres the entire crop has been harvested.

A few words about the sugar beet industry may not be out of place in connection with this article. There is a lot of hard work to be done before the beets are loaded onto the cars and virtually passed out of the farmers' control into the hands of the company. The seed is planted in May in the weather having a great deal to do with the time of sowing. Then during the months of June and July much work is done in the sugar beet fields, weeding and thinning out, getting them in shape for a large, thrifty growth. During the months of August and September the crop does not require very much care but when October arrives it is time to harvest the crop and then the work begins in earnest. Four men on pulling top an acre—or sugar beets in other words but boys are employed in the work as well as men and many hands make the task lighter than it otherwise would be. All together there are about five months work required from the crop, is marketed, and during this time the wages paid the men employed are $1 per day and 75c per day for the boys. No 20 pounds of beets go to the pound at the company's factory, so it is the company of the farmer that gets the benefit of the sugar. There may be a good deal of work and labor connected with the business but it is worth it, we think.

Well, some people may say, what does this farmer get for all this hard work? The answer is cash. Money. Yes and more than he can get for any other thoroughly crops that can be grown in this state. When the company furnishes the seed and tools and does all the work the farmer receives $5 per acre for the land and also gets a chance to work in the beets as much as required at the best of wages. When the farmer does the team work, the company furnishes the seed and tools, the farmer receives $5 per acre and gets good pay for his labor work. If the farmer furnishes the seed and does all the work he gets from $4 to $5 per a ton for the crop and as the average yield, placed at 12 tons per acre, it is easy to see that raising sugar beets is surely a paying investment.

During the hauling of beets to this place a good-natured rivalry has existed among the farmers as to who could draw the largest load and up to the present time John Hanna, son of William Hanna, of Southfield, is entitled to the medal, having drawn at one load with one span of horses, 6,464 pounds of sugar beets. Several other large loads have been drawn but none of them quite reached this figure.

From talks with different farmers who raised sugar beets this season, we are of the opinion that they are well pleased with the result obtained this year, which is much in contrast to last season when half tinding seemed to be the rule instead of the exception. They all appear to be very enthusiastic in the matter and the rumor that Rochester will be soon in Oakland county seems to be verified. We note from present indications next season promises to be the banner one in the vicinity of the raising of sugar beets.

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What a marvelous change in the treatment of horses would quickly occur if men were treated exactly as they treat their horses, says the *Humane Educator* of Honolulu.

In that case whips would seldom be used.

Jerking the bit would cease also.

Yelling, cursing, pounding and kicking check reins would be very slack.

Blinders would be discarded.

Clipping and docking would go out of style.

Big loads would rarely be seen.

Axle grease would have a boom.

Better roads would be loudly demanded.

Wide tires would be universal.

Race tracks would be "For Sale."

Stables would be light, clean and airy.

Village Improvement Notes.

Selected from Park and cemetery.

The Beverly, Mass., Society reports the distribution of 1,180 packages of flower seeds among public school children.

The Bird Board nuisance is attracting much attention in towns and cities. Park Commissioners are realizing that they detract from the beauty of home yards and park ways.

The Rural Improvement Society, of Keene, N. H., pays children for destroying the nests of the tent caterpillar which is destructive in that city. It has also tagged 1,000 trees for preservation.

The clergy, cemetery officials and funeral directors all over the country are protesting against Sunday funerals and all cemetery superintendents are protesting against the overcrowding of cemetery lots with monuments and markers.

The National Cash Register Company is offering prizes for the most artistic efforts of vines on houses, verandas, fences, posts, etc., and on the most artistic window boxes and for the best painted yard, front or back, adjoining any steam railroad leading into Boston.

It Was Ever Thus.

It is not generally known how wine was discovered. As women are proverbially the beginning and end of all mischief it was through a woman that wine was first known. A certain founder of Persepolis, Jamshied, had a passion for grapes, and desiring to preserve them, placed them in a large vessel deposited in a vault. When opened to eat they had naturally fermented, and the juice was so acid that the vessels in the King's room containing it were labeled "Poison." One of the court ladies had such a frightful headache she cried for death, and seeing the poison label, she swallowed a portion of the contents of the vessel and thereupon fell into such a delicious sleep that when she awakened she reported the dose until the kings poison all disappeared. The fair culprit had to confess, and then the king and all his court tried it. So to this day there is a lesson in Persian Zhere Kooshang, the delightful poison.

Literary Note.

The world has been so much more literate, so full of news that presented by the pen, even during within the years of Dickens' prime, that from contemplation of the work of those days one feels, and with reason, that the world of 75 years ago is the richer for it. Dickens was a great, Hart, who died more than 50 years has never so far as I know, been mighty, the "Gentleman" of the Affairs of the City, Hart. Those familiar in any degree with Dickens' delicious humor will relish the proof of writing that Robert would speak, in long, rapid sentences, of the world, the story of the events which led to the opening of the gates of the Brooklyn Bridge, and his views to the journies which should, I predict, in the settlement of the differences which had arisen between the United States and Venezuela. The following above message from Sir Robert's Chief Secretary, Sir Robert Hart has been received in Portsmouth, London, and Washington, New York, an important affair, on board of Boston, about fifteen thousand miles which was just yesterday.

The Ms. arrived in time to be included in the December issue. It will be read with the deepest interest, both by statesmen and the general public. The Cosmopolitan has been highly honored by Sir Robert Hart, in his section of the American magazine through which this valuable contribution to the history of the world is given publicity.

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School Notes.

Miss Julia Paddison is the new teacher in District No. 9, Pontiac.

Pontiac, Rochester and Royal Oak schools are enjoying a full lecture course.

The teachers' reading circle at Orion reports pleasant and profitable meetings.

Many of our schools laid aside the regular work Wednesday and gave excellent Thanksgiving programs.

District No. 5, Farmington, E. Baker, director, Carrie Noble, teacher; 22 pupils enrolled. Everyone alive and full of energy.

We have an 8th grade diploma for Miss Lina M. Burgess. If she will kindly send her address we will be glad to forward the same.

A short cut in the Big Beaver schools will soon convince one that much good work is being done there. The school now has an enrollment of 45 with a full attendance each day.

We are now devoting all our time to visiting the rural schools. We are pleased to note that most of the yards are well kept, that the attendance is good, that the number of libraries are increasing and that nearly all of our teachers are taking at least one good school journal.

Have your pupils memorized any good selections from literature yet? *Nor master what grade you are teaching you should not confess negligence in this particular.* During our visit in the grammar room at Clarkston we heard nearly every pupil recite a well learned selection.

The neglect of many teachers in not filling, at the close of the year, with the board, the reports has caused the directors much trouble. I trust that all teachers will be careful to make out correct reports of the number of days attendance, the total enrollment, the average attendance and the per cent of attendance.

Local institutes or educational meetings will be held during the winter in various parts of the county. The attendance of district officers and patrons is cordially invited and earnestly desired at these meetings. The committee will arrange for meetings at Royal Oak, New Hudson, Clarkston, Farmington and Pontiac. The first meeting will be held at Royal Oak Dec. 21 and then hold in that part of the county, are expected to attend and take part in the deliberations and discussions. The relation of parent to teacher, Geography in the grades and Spelling are among the subjects to be considered.

COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

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The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending November 24, 1900.

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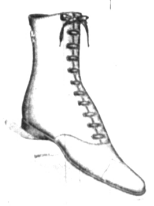

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Extra All-Wool Cheviot Serge, 56 inch wide, a Heavy Homespun. Special

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Extra Heavy Fancy Covert and Scotch Tweed, Tailor Made Suitings, extra

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Also a very large assortment to select from at

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