

R. D. NO. 1

Mrs. William McClelland is on the gain slow but sure.

Frank F. Fitchett's farm is for sale once more. It's a dandy 40.

C. Peole will stay on Mrs. E. A. Taylor's farm for another year.

Mrs. Charles Graves of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. George W. Wood.

Chas. Agrim is getting up his summer's wood and C. Wager is helping him.

Adam Gray is back on his R. No. 4, once again and he is like a 5-year old colt.

Mrs. Flora Cavanaugh is improving slowly after being sick for the past 3 months.

E. A. Rolph and 3 daughters are just whooping it up. Whooping-cough. Dr. Morrison is it. All doing well.

Mr. William Schadden on the David Taylor farm will make great improvements on his farm this coming spring.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson was cut for the first last Monday, but still, she is not a real well woman but is on the gain.

Mrs. Frank Briggs of Farmington, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Allie Porteous last week for a few days.

Henry A. Miller is thinking of selling out his farm and stock and locate in Oregon, where it is warm the year round.

John Sharp and Thos. Dickinson had the pleasure in pulling an automobile out of a snow-bank Tuesday. It was a case of pull-out or tip over so John says pull out.

The World's Greatest Ear of Corn

VARIETY—Pain's Corn Flaid Yellow. (Named after winning the W. K. Kellogg \$1,000 Trophy.)

A HYBRID—The seventh year production.

PARENT PLANTS: Male—Reid's Yellow Dent Female—Alexander's Gold Standard.

DIMENSIONS—Length, 10 1/2 inches. Circumference, 7 1/2 inches. Number of rows, 20. Length of kernels, 1 1/2 of an inch. Width of kernels, about 1/4 of an inch. Arrangement very uniform, kernels running in straight rows the entire length of the ear without a misplaced grain, holding their length well to the ends of the ear, tip being well covered with dented grains. Weight, 20 ounces. Estimated proportions—corn, 92 per cent; cob, 8 per cent.

THE UNIQUE STORY OF ITS DISCOVERY

It is a fact that the "Pain's Corn Flaid Yellow" is the way the grower of this remarkable ear of corn, Mr. Fred C. Pain, styles himself. Though he is admitted to be one of the leading corn experts in the country—one whose services are greatly in demand as a judge of corn exhibits, Mr. Pain asks for no greater honor or distinction than to be known as a plain Hoosier farmer, and while he openly professes a respect for the achievements of men growing the famous ear of corn which was adjudged the most perfect ever grown, it is without a shadow of ostentation.

better chance than he had himself. Pain was born and brought up on a farm near Newton, Ind. He has never owned a foot of farm land in his life, and the 300-acre farm on which the champion ear of corn was grown is a rented farm.

Mr. Pain's real experience as a farmer began about sixteen years ago. He had been on the road as a grocery specialty salesman, when he took a notion that he would rather be an agriculturist, so he took a few short courses at Purdue University and rented a portion of the farm he now occupies. Nine

The World's Champion Ear

The champion ear of corn was not his first. He had carefully bred not his new variety of corn. For two years he planted two rows of Reid's Yellow Dent, then two of Alexander's Gold Standard, detasseled the rows he picked for seed only the kernels carrying the characteristics he wanted to reproduce, planting these in breeding plots and maintaining careful selection, so that in nine years time he had developed a well-settled type.

The Pain champion ear was the first winner of the W. K. Kellogg National Corn Trophy, a handsome silver and enamel cup made by Tiffany of New York at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. Kellogg as the originator and manufacturer of Toasted Corn Flakes naturally has a deep interest in the development of the higher grades of corn, for the company of which he is president, the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Co., requires ten thousand bushels of corn a day for the making of its product. The Kellogg trophy was offered to be awarded in annual competition for the best single ear of corn and won twice by the same producer. The fact that the Kellogg product, made only from selected white corn, while the winning ear was of a pronounced yellow type, was a peculiar feature.

The Kellogg trophy was won in 1910 at Columbus, Ohio, by R. A. James, of Charleston, Ill., with a magnificent ear of Reid's Yellow Dent, but not so perfect an ear as that which originally won the trophy and which is now known as "the best ear of corn ever grown."

PLEASANT RIDGE

A. H. Moody, of Detroit, had a visit to his old friend, John Parker, of Oakland Place, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bourne, Oakland Place, are seriously sick and are at present in Grace hospital, Detroit.

E. A. Goodrich, of the Solvay Process Co., Detroit, has secured a desirable building site on Oakland Place and will build early this spring.

J. F. Stuart, of the First National bank of Detroit, has perfected plans and specifications for the erection of a very fine residence on Oakland Place. Building operations will commence as early as the weather will permit.

Bert Winstanley, of Popular Park, has been busy storing ice for the coming summer. It is of good quality and well frozen. Hence the residents in this section this coming season will not have to depend entirely upon imported product.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system which enters it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reliable physician, as the damage they will do is 10-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 25c per bottle.

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A PLEASANT AFTERNOON.

One of the pleasant features of the club year was the afternoon spent at the home of Mrs. Lawson, in Royal Oak, Feb. 12.

Members and guests assembled in the prettily decorated rooms, where after a short business session and a short program a very delightful hour was spent in social intercourse.

Dainty refreshments, consisting of cake and sherbet, were furnished and served by Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Cass and Mrs. Morrison.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. W. J. Fielding, 15 Elmhurst avenue, Highland Park.

W. K. KELLOGG'S \$1,000.00 NATIONAL CORN TROPHY

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SOMEWHAT BROKEN ENGLISH.

The following is a copy, verbatim, of a letter which H. L. Wood, Jr., a traveling salesman living in Grand Rapids, recently received from a customer, which shows what a good control some people have of the English language:

Cherry, Mich. Oct. 5 1911.

De Vadderly company—

Dear friends—

I got the valve which by you alrite but why for looks sake you doan sen me no handle, I lose to me, my customer shure ting you doan treats me rite, is my money not so good as the other fellow. I wate 10 days and my customer he holler for water lak hell by the valve.

U no he is not hot summer now an the win he blow the valve she not got no handle so what the hell I goan to do.

You doan sen de handle dirty hoesk I sen back, an I goan order some valve from craine company, goobly,

your friend
Antonia Scheminic Dutt.

since i rite these letters in the goddam handle in the tocks, excuse me.

PROOF

Smart—The world is getting better.

Wise—That's right. Some preachers are getting \$1,000 a year now, whereas 20 years ago they were lucky to get \$1,000.

Butting In—

In a small South Carolina town that was "blasted" before the war, two men were playing checkers in the back of a store. A traveling man who was making his first trip to the town was watching the game, and, not being acquainted with the business methods of the citizens, he called the attention of the owner of the store to some customers who had just entered the front door. "Oh, sh!" answered the storekeeper, making another move on the checker-board. "Keep perfectly quiet and they'll go out!"—Everybody's Magazine.

IT IS TO LAUGH

Brody—Twas th' funnest joke of ever hur-rud in all me boro days. Fallo, O' laughed all day long.

Dunn—Ven did?

Brody—The livery bone in me body fit like a funny bone.

Value of a True Friend.

A true friend is best known in an adverse case. We know not whom to trust till after trial. There are some that will keep us company while it is clear and fair who will be gone when the clouds gather. That is the only friendship which is strong or true, and those the friends whose fortunes are embarked in the same bottom—who are resolved to stick or swim together.

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Birmingham Time Table

SOUTH-BOUND—Limited—6:47 a. m., 7:47 a. m.,
Locals—4:55 a. m., 5:12 a. m., 5:30 a. m., 5:52 a. m., 6:07 a. m., and half-hourly to 11:37 a. m., 12:22 p. m., and every 20 minutes to 6:22 p. m.; 6:52 p. m., 7:22 p. m., 8:22 p. m., 9:22 p. m., 10:22 p. m., 11:22 p. m.

NORTH-BOUND—Limited—5:47 p. m., 6:07 p. m., 6:27 p. m.,
Locals—5:48 a. m., 6:18 a. m., 6:43 a. m., 7:03 a. m., every 20 minutes to 8:23 a. m.; 8:48 a. m., half-hourly to 1:48 p. m.; 2:15 p. m., and every 20 minutes to 7:45 p. m.; 7:45 p. m., 8:35 p. m., 9:03 p. m., 9:33 p. m., 10:33 p. m., 11:33 p. m., 12:03 a. m.

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Worms Blacked Traffic.

An old trafficker caused no little dismay amongst Paris citizens the other morning. A van conveying about five hundred weight of worms intended for baiting, was overturned on the Boulevard Sebastopol, Paris, and the worms swarmed over the tramway lines and rendered all vehicular traffic impossible until they had been cleared away.

Children and the Stage.

Blanche Bates, the actress, says that if one must choose between sending a child to the factory or the stage, choose the stage by all means. However, she thinks the work is very hard for a child, making trains, traveling by night and so on, and she would not have children on the stage unless they must earn bread for the family.

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