

# GRAND TRAVERSE PENINSULA IS THE LAND OF LUSCIOUS CHERRIES

have them in the condition to make proper showing to the great specialist.

Houghton county is specializing in disease-free potatoes and Mr. Geismar is content to meet the demand that is insulating country of the North potato fields that will excite his admiration and force him to accept Houghton county recognition as one of the great potato-producing regions of the world.

## TAMWORTH IS BEST HOG FOR GOOD HAMS



A 330-Pound Hog Does Not Make Good Ham. The Tamworth is an ideal Ham Hog.

(By C. MILLER.)

The art of making good, sweet hams, properly balanced with fat and lean and cured to a turn is fast slipping away from us here in America, and the result was an ideal ham-and-bacon hog.

In the great corn belt farmers are disposed to breed and feed for fat bacon because they are not satisfied to send to market a 175-pound hog at Christmas time when they can just as well bring him up to 300 pounds. To them all hog meat looks alike.

A 300-pound hog does not make good hams. They are coarse and contain a trim of fat which the packers must make them look like hams from a small hog.

When you want hams from hogs that cannot be deceived by hams that weigh from 125 to 150 pounds, and the result was an ideal ham-and-bacon hog.

The consumption of hams in this country is steadily falling off for this reason, and further, because a ham is anything but ideal.

The small or middle-sized Berkshire makes a good ham, although there is a tendency to fat. The ideal ham hog is, in our opinion, the Tamworth. It is a glutton for protein foods, although he can be spoiled by stuffing him with corn. He thrives on clover and alfalfa, and if allowed to run in fields of sweet peas, rape and alfalfa, produces the sweetest and best flavored hog meat that is known.

The Tamworth is particularly fond of raw potatoes; pumpkins and roots of all kinds to which the average type of fat hog is not partial.

During the past few years a very large trade in American hams has sprung up in Europe, particularly England. The consumer over there demands a small ham and our American packers are endeavoring to educate farmers to the idea of curing hogs that will average around 150 pounds. Matured hogs that will weigh less are even more eagerly sought.

The truth is that our best hams are sent to England; it is not an easy matter to obtain these small, well balanced hams in this country, and we are forced to take the big fat hog, with the trimmings, and hypnotize ourselves into the belief that we are eating the real thing, or let them alone.

It is not likely that the ideal small ham will ever be produced in large quantities in the corn belt, for the reason above stated. We are producing the best hogs of this type to come from the South, where they feed less corn and more peas and clover.

Some farmers grow there are becoming rich, raising Tamworths and small Berkshires for the express purpose of producing the ideal hams, and they are getting very high prices for this type of hog.

## IS MICHIGAN'S GAIN.

Commencing August 1, a further extension of the general quarantine against Maine potatoes becomes effective.

At the present time and hereafter all potato growers and buyers in Maine desiring to ship potatoes must apply to a federal inspector, and only potatoes duly inspected and certified and packed in accordance with specified rules can be sent out of that state.

This drastic regulation against Maine potato growers and buyers by the government at Washington has decided, by the presence of powdery scab, a disease that is destructive in its results, and which is known to be easily transmitted to healthy stock.

This situation in Maine gives a further opportunity for Michigan to make progress in the direction of becoming one of the best known sources of potato seed in this country.

Michigan potatoes are known to be healthy and free from all forms of disease. Michigan potato growers have not been wise in the matter of selecting and grading their stock, but our potato men are not satisfied to be troubled by Canadian and Maine potatoes during the last few years.

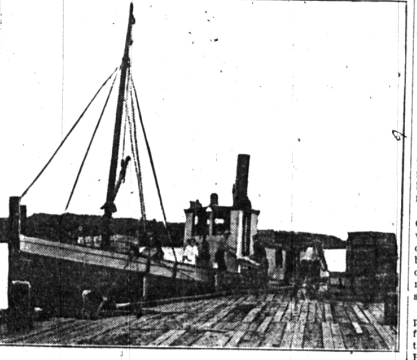
It is an old story that the disease of diseased potatoes in Maine, ought also to provide for better prices this fall for Michigan potatoes.

It is a fact that blows nobody for. Maine's misfortune with reference to her potatoes may be Michigan's opportunity. In any event our people who are interested in Michigan should do their best to make the most of the good reputation now possessed by Michigan potatoes and to keep that reputation well deserved.

## Cherry Pickers in the Orchard of W. B. Geary, Grand Traverse Peninsula.

By H. J. DANIELS.

When the West Michigan pickers went up the Lake Michigan shore from St. Joseph to Petoskey a few days ago on their second annual run there was no country that pleased their fancy more than the cherry country in the Grand Traverse peninsula. The harvest was then on and the sight of the "pickers" saw on every side in that one day's ride on the peninsula was enough to make the least venturesome ordinary circumstances forget the



Transporting Cherries by Boat.

habitants of northern Michigan for many years has been the huckleberry crop, which grows wild on the coast-cut-over lands. There have been areas where one could ride 50 miles in a single day through huckleberry country. The fruit is of the low bush variety. Occasionally in the past, forest fires have killed the crop. As many as 10,000 bushels have been shipped from a single station in one season.

## POTATO EXPORT COMING.

The humble farmers of Michigan are worth just \$1,088,000,000—this at least is the value which has been set upon Michigan potatoes by the inspectors at the Michigan Agricultural college. The figures include the worth of the land, the farm buildings and the farm equipment, and it is believed to be conservative inasmuch as much of the information upon which the estimate is based was taken from the reports of the Michigan Agricultural college.

## GRATIOT COUNTY HIT HARD.

Gratiot county is about the only Michigan county where crops were radically damaged by the recent severe rain and windstorm. The present crop is over 100 percent below what was promised of being an exceptionally heavy crop were so badly damaged that the yield will be only a few percent of what was expected. The damage was especially heavy in the northern part of the county. Clinton county had a severe hailstorm.

## PROPERTY IN BRANCH COUNTY.

From Kansas a come tale of a new sickness caused by the slight of vast stretches of waving wheat. All parts of the country are sending in reports of the bumper crops in evidence this year, crops greatly surpassing the yields of former years. Reports from Kansas indicate that she is doing her share of producing this year and will not be behind the foremost when the harvest season is over.

## GOLD IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.

In other years that past, it was not unusual to read an account of some one who had struck a bushel of gold as the saying went, in the gold fields, and the papers carried faring headlines of the vast wealth the lucky man was in the possession of.

## VALUABLE HINTS FOR THE GARDENER.

The machine wheel hoe is a great thing in the garden. It makes garden work a real pleasure if you have one of the modern combined drill and wheel hoe. They are not costly, and not hard to operate. Any one that has a garden as big as a town lot can afford to have one, as it will save you at least \$200.00 in the next 10 or 15 years. You can do as much work with them as ten men with hand hoes, and do it better.

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## DODDER IS WORST WEED IN ALFALFA.

Annual Parasitic Plant Starts From Seed in Ground—Guard Against It.

W. S. Oswald of the Minnesota experiment station says that in Western states and some of the European countries, dodder is the worst weed found in alfalfa fields. It is an annual parasitic plant which starts from the seed in the ground and develops into a long, thread-like stem, winding itself around the alfalfa plant and sucking the life out of it. It then lives on the alfalfa plant which should be used in developing the alfalfa plant.

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## The New Fable of the Same Old Thing, With Improved Trimmings.

Once there was a Husky employed to crack the Whip around a smoky Works that did not offer an attractive Vista from the Car Window, although it blossomed with a fragrant crop of Dividends every time the Directors got together in the Back Room.

Most of the American Workmen employed in this Hive of Industry came from remote parts of Europe. Each wore his Head entirely in front of his Ears and had taken on the support of the Constitution. It was the duty of the Husky to keep these imported Habits on the Jump and increase the Output.

He made himself so strong with the big Corner Poles that they declared him in every time a Melon was sliced, and when it came time to Scramble the Eggs and pull of the grand Whack-Up, he was standing at the head of the Line with a Basket on his Arm.

So it came about that one who started in a Thatched Cottage and grew up on cold Spuds and never saw a Mainstem Set until he was 38 years of age, went home one day to find Gold Fish swimming about in every Room and Servants blocking the Halls.

## Cost of Flying Aeroplanes.

It is estimated that the fuel and oil costs of an aeroplane of high power run into about five dollars per hour of flight. In England there are from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty aeroplanes, and each machine is expected to do from one hundred and fifty hours' flying annual, the significance of high fuel costs will be to be expected to be measured by a fuel and oil bill of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year at retail prices. Those who own aeroplanes, and the rate of increase of aircraft construction, one thousand aeroplanes, and many dozens of airships within the next two years, probably will be a fuel and oil bill of \$125,000,000. It has been further estimated that on the above opposition of development aerodynamics may be expected within two years to take one-sixth part of the fuel consumption of all the motor-vehicles in Britain. Of the total consumption, estimated by Mr. Crichtley at about one hundred million gallons a year, the aeroplanes and motor boats, motor cycles and sundry users take 10,000,000 gallons on this basis the 10,000,000 gallons in England take 70,000,000 gallons.

## American Catskills and Mummies.

Recent publicity has been given to the wonders of the cliff-villages of the Catskills in New Mexico, where the mummies are found. In the canyon are honeycombed with the excavated dwellings of a nation of prehistoric mummies here and there found, preserved by the dry air for centuries, are clad in woven clothes, and ornamented with gay feathers of an adult man of this people measured just 23 inches in height, and the doorways of their dwellings were hardly passable by half-grown children. The mummies were of the Yucatan-which the Floungon wrote so entertainingly of in "Mention, fortress, and temple, seem like tops made of petrified stone, so great are they. In all the elements of natural wealth the country leads the world. As regards climate, Mexico, in its higher regions, is also, and after what was achieved at Panama, it is safe to say that even the bumper crops in evidence this year, crops greatly surpassing the yields of former years. Reports from Kansas indicate that she is doing her share of producing this year and will not be behind the foremost when the harvest season is over.

## VOID THAT NEEDS FILLING.

Such a void as a great void will arise and invest a fruit to fill, between the passing of the grapefruit and the arrival of the cantaloupe, and that man who is president—if he consents to wear the job.

## Can See American Tourists Going By in Hired Motors.

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