

THE 53¢ OF DOGS

On His Western Canadian Farm.

It is getting to be a long drawn out story, the way that the Western Canadian farmers have made money. Many of them a few years ago, came to the country with little more than their own household effects, probably a tool box, a horse and a cow or two, and sufficient money to do them for a few months, until they got a start. Hundreds of such can be pointed out today, who have splendid homes, well equipped farms, the latest machinery and an automobile. Here is the case of A. E. Merriam, formerly of Devils Lake, N. D. He didn't have there because the land was poor, or farming not a success, for all who know that country are aware that it is excellent country. He wanted to expand, to take advantage of the cheap land that Western Canada offers. And that same story has happened to hundreds of others who have had little success with Mr. Merriam. But his story, and he signs it, too, is:

"I came to Alberta in the Spring of 1900 from Devils Lake, North Dakota, locating on my farm near Dalry." "I arrived with six head of horses and two head of cattle and about \$200. Since then I have increased my live stock to seven head of horses, four head of cattle, and about one hundred head of hogs, a four-roomed house, good barn and modern improvements, a feed grinder, elevator, chopper, fanning mill, etc. I have increased my original capital at least four times more so today.

"From the feeding of hogs during the last year, I had a gross return of \$5,000." "I first started grain farming, but during the past four years I have made hogs my specialty, and you may see by the foregoing statement for 1916 that I have not done so badly.

"Land has increased at least twenty per cent in value during the past few years, now selling for from \$25 to \$35 per acre, with nominal taxes of about \$27 a quarter section yearly.

"The climate here is better than Dakota in that we do not have so much dry winter, the winters are similar to Dakota.

"As for farming in general, the growing and feeding of live stock require more than the grain farming, if continued year after year, and if every farmer follows this he will be ahead of the grain growers in the long run. Taking everything into consideration, I feel satisfied with my success in Alberta."

(Sgd.) A. E. MERRIAM, Dalry, Alberta, Jan. 12th, 1917.

There will be the greatest demand for farm labor in Western Canada during the early spring, and, in fact, all season until November, and the highest wages will be paid. There is an absolute guarantee by the Canadian Government that those who go to Canada for this purpose will not be afraid of conscription.—Advertisement.

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Sure Cure.

A nervous man at the opera sat beside a pair of those who explain the plot until his endurance was exhausted. Then he leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, will you speak a little louder? Sometimes the music prevents my hearing what you say."

"CASCARETS" FOR LIVER, BOWELS

For sick headache, bad breath, Sour Stomach and constipation.

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No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get the desired results with Cascarets.

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No more days of gloom and distress if you will take a Cascaret now and then, for the stomach and bowels don't forget the children—they will include a cleansing, too. Adv.

Every square mile of the sea is estimated to contain 120,000,000 fish.

Take care of your health and wealth by taking your daily food from the healthiest source.

Rubber to be used in making fish ties straight is needed in Norway.

The Ancient Tigris

Power Companies May be Merged.

What bears all the earmarks of being the most gigantic combination of smaller street railway, gas and electric properties ever attempted in Michigan is now before the state railroad commission for approval, and a hearing will be held March 14 on the plan of the Chicago Investors.

The plan revolves around the Michigan Gas & Electric company, organized as a Michigan corporation February 14 with nominal capital of \$1,000,000. Now it asks the commission to authorize the issuance and delivery of \$50,000,000 capital stock and \$45,000,000 first and refunding mortgage gold bonds.

With the proceeds of these issues the company proposes to consolidate, in conjunction with the Detroit and County Electric Railway company, the following six companies:

- 1-The Marquette City Gas & Electric company, a Michigan corporation operating gas, electric light, power and street railway property in Ishpeming and Marquette.
- 2-The Constantine Hydraulic company, a Michigan corporation, operating a generating electric plant and distribution and transmission systems in Three Rivers, Constantine, White Pigeon and Vandalia, all in St. Joseph county.
- 3-The Houghton County Gas & Coke company, a Michigan corporation, operating gas properties in Hancock and Houghton.
- 4-The Three Rivers Gas company, a Michigan corporation, operating a gas property at Three Rivers.
- 5-The Three Rivers Light & Power company, Michigan corporation, operating electric generating plant and distribution and transmission systems at Three Rivers.
- 6-Miller & Power company, a Michigan corporation, operating an electric distribution system at Cassopolis.

BARTEWING WITH THE ARABS

When our beds so that they formed a table for meals and a dressing stand for shaving in the morning. He then ordered all the Indians of fighting strength to fall in on the after deck and "hold off" men for the guards.

The first reaches of the Tigris were beautiful. The river was broad and swept along in graceful curves. Its banks were deeply lined with luxuriant date palms, each with a necklace of glistering golden fruit. But barren wastes lie 300 yards behind them.

Tigris sunsets are wonderful. Old campaigners say that they are second only to those of Egypt. An admirer of a Tigris landscape and sunset would think of spice winds and balmy breezes. The native Arab says, "God made hell and found it was not bad enough, so he made Mesopotamia—and added bliss."

If 10 a. m. we cordily halted the Tigris and its inland towed bank. A billowing hot wind blew out of the north. If one touched bare metal—the skin of one's fingers stayed on the metal. I had a dozen coolies. When I looked for them at night I found only twelve limp strings—every particle of towel had melted and dribbled away.

The Arabs who live along the Tigris

are called "fish eaters." They migrate to the hills in winter to escape the floods, but return to the banks of river lands in the spring. We saw scores of families standing waist-deep in the river hauling out buoyant fish. The children could lift their hooks with bits of dung. The children seem to live in a perpetual state of bathing. They have a strong repugnance to clothes, and are less dirty than any description of hordes that have not been civilized because they have not lived as long. It is now hottingly quiet, and those who have been waiting for the morning are found at the top of date trees supported by rope slings similar to those used by coconut pickers.

Late in the afternoon we passed the new mouth of the Euphrates. It was years ago this river got tired of its mouth at Kurma and cut a new one a mile to the west. It is said that in a few years the mouth at Kurma will become hardly more than a canal. The Euphrates water is a salt water, and the Tigris water is now comparatively clear.

GETTING FRESH FISH

In summer are called "fish eaters." They migrate to the hills in winter to escape the floods, but return to the banks of river lands in the spring. We saw scores of families standing waist-deep in the river hauling out buoyant fish. The children could lift their hooks with bits of dung. The children seem to live in a perpetual state of bathing. They have a strong repugnance to clothes, and are less dirty than any description of hordes that have not been civilized because they have not lived as long. It is now hottingly quiet, and those who have been waiting for the morning are found at the top of date trees supported by rope slings similar to those used by coconut pickers.

Good Sleepers.

Learning to sleep well is learning to live well. But it does not seem to be a matter of course for the good people of that they know how to live. Good sleepers are to be found among those who treat the lack of sleep as a disease. They have the gift. Whether they will be able to keep it through their lives is a question. The effects of sleeplessness may suddenly overtake them and ravages may weaken their sleeping capacity. In the depths of consciousness there is often a clinging of the brain that is none the less persistent because it is silent and that may suddenly break out into a revolution.

Certainly Architecture.

At a restaurant quiet in New York's quiet Greenwich village, there are some self-made candlestick decorations which are oddly interesting. The candlesticks started out to be ordinary, slim brass affairs, but the droppings of countless candles have been allowed to accumulate until around the base of each stick there has formed an intricately deli-

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock.

DETROIT—Cattle: Best heavy steers \$10.00/10.50; best handy weight butchers steers \$8.75/9.50; mixed steers \$8.00/8.75; hams, light butchers, \$7.75/8.50; light butchers, \$7.50/8.25; best cows, \$7.00/7.75; best cows, \$6.50/7.25; canners, \$4.75/5.50; milkers, \$4.50/5.25; stock calves, \$4.00/4.75; milkers and springers, \$4.00/4.75; mediums, \$3.50/4.25; commons, \$3.00/3.75.

Hogs—Mixed grades, \$13.00/13.25; pigs, \$11.00/11.25.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Choice to prime steers, \$11.00/11.50; fair to good, \$10.00/10.75; plain to coarse, \$8.75/9.50; yearlings, \$10.00/11.00; best heavy steers and heifers, mixed, \$8.50/9.50; light butchers, steers, \$8.00/9.00; western heifers, \$7.50/8.50; best fat cows, \$7.00/8.00; light butchers, \$6.50/7.50; canners, \$4.50/5.50; milkers, \$4.25/5.25; stock calves, \$4.00/4.75; mediums, \$3.50/4.25; commons, \$3.00/3.75.

Hogs—Heavy, \$14.00/14.50; yorkers, \$14.50/15.00; pigs, \$13.00/13.50.

Sheep and lambs—Top lambs, \$14.00/15.00; medium, \$13.00/14.00; weathers, \$12.00/13.00; ewes, \$11.25/12.50.

Grain and Feed.

Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.95; May \$1.99 1/2; No. 1 white, \$1.94.

Barley—Cash No. 3 \$1.00; No. 2 yellow, \$1.07; No. 4 yellow, \$1.05 1/2.

Oats—Standard, 64 1/2c; No. 3 white, 64c; No. 4 white, 63c.

Feed—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00.

Beans—Prime red clover, \$11.80; March, \$11.50; April, \$11.70; timothy, \$10.00/10.50; best, \$10.00/10.50.

Flour—Per 100 lbs. in 48-lb. paper sacks: Best winter patent, \$9.00; second patent, \$8.75; straight, \$8.50; spring patent, \$10.00; fine flour, \$8.80 per bushel. In 50-lb. sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, \$4.00; standard middlings, \$3.00/4.00; fine middlings, \$4.00/4.25; cracked corn, \$4.00/4.25; coarse cornmeal, \$3.40/4.00; corn and oat chop, \$3.50/4.00.

Hay—No. 1, timothy, \$11.00/11.25; standard, \$10.50/11.00; No. 2, \$10.00/10.50; No. 3, \$9.50/10.00; No. 4, \$9.00/9.50; No. 5, \$8.50/9.00; No. 6, \$8.00/8.50; No. 7, \$7.50/8.00; No. 8, \$7.00/7.50; No. 9, \$6.50/7.00; No. 10, \$6.00/6.50; No. 11, \$5.50/6.00; No. 12, \$5.00/5.50; No. 13, \$4.50/5.00; No. 14, \$4.00/4.50; No. 15, \$3.50/4.00; No. 16, \$3.00/3.50; No. 17, \$2.50/3.00; No. 18, \$2.00/2.50; No. 19, \$1.50/2.00; No. 20, \$1.00/1.50; No. 21, \$0.50/1.00; No. 22, \$0.00/0.50.

Important to Mothers

Established carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA**, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of **Dr. J. C. Williams** in Use for Old and Young. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

"Two didn't help my baby. 'Twas noticed he flung wild journeying through this vale of tears." "Tray enlighten me." "I never saw a father a hopelessly married man eyeing himself on the ground that he is too poor to fight."

What the Doctor Knows

KIDNEYS MUST BE RIGHT TO INSURE HEALTH.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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Physician in nearly all cases of nervous illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are healthy, and properly, the other organs cannot really be benefited to any extent.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's Disease, which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, causes more deaths in the United States than any other disease. It is particularly fatal in its early stages, and you should pay more attention to the health of these important organs.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is a remarkable success as a kidney remedy. It is Dr. Williams' Swamp Root, the great kidney liver and bladder remedy. The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized. It is a natural, safe and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy with success.

When your kidneys require attention, get Swamp Root at once from any pharmacist to follow. According to health statistics, in bottles of two sizes—50c and \$1.00.

However, if you wish first to test this remedy, get a bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People Co., Birmingham, N. Y., and send the name and address to the nearest drug store.

Two Kinds of Craft.

Boy—Pa, what kind of ships are courtships?

Pa—Soft ships, my son.

Boy—And what kind of ships sail on the sea of matrimony?

Pa—Hardships, my son.—London Tit-Bits.

MOTHER! LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children's stomachs will take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat, is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all your other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have healthy, bright child again. Give enough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Be wary of counterfeits. Buy only the "California Syrup of Figs" which has full directions for babies, children of every age, and for growing plants, printed on the bottle. Adv.

When it comes to gilding, imagination wrings the average man in a faithful burst.

For a divorced liver, take **Old-Fashioned Tea, Herb Infusion, All Druggists.**—Adv.

Cupid makes a mistake when he grafts a bud on an old shrub.