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CHINA AND JAPAN OFFER A MARKET FOR OUR RAW MATERIALS.

Shrewd Observations of A. H. Butler Regarding the Future of Manufacturing In the Orient—Story of a Japanese Watch Factory.

[Special Correspondence.]

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 6.—A. H. Butler, the president of the new steamship line between this city and the orient, is one of the best posted commercial men on the coast. He is largely interested in the cotton business and has been to China and Japan more than a dozen times. He established a watch and clock factory in a nearby town, and later a Japanese company purchased the entire plant and exported

A. H. BUTLER.

ed the machinery and supplies to the land of the mikado. Speaking of manufacturing in the far east, Mr. Butler told of the success of the watch industry in Japan.

"When our American watch factory was moved to Japan," said he, "we took 12 workmen. One was a superintendent, seven were foremen and the remaining four were skilled workmen. In less than a year all of these men had returned to the United States. Their services were no longer needed, as the Japanese workmen had learned the trade so thoroughly that they were able to run the factory without any outside assistance. This single case shows the ability of this imitative race to learn in a short time what it has taken us years to acquire.

"The product turned out by this factory is equal in nearly every way to our ordinary grade of watches, and the Japs have not as yet attempted to make any of the superior lines of watches for which our nation is famous.

"As a shipper of cotton to China and Japan I am much interested in the progress of the textile industries in those countries. It seems to me that these eastern markets offer the only relief in sight for our impoverished cotton growers. When cotton sells as low as it has for the past few years, it is a great problem how the planters of the south can subsist. Now, if the awakened peoples of China and Japan can be induced to draw on us for their increasingly large demand for raw cotton, it seems to me that for a time at least our country cannot but be very materially benefited.

"Both China and Japan are now manufacturing cotton cloth. In 1894 Japan had about 500,000 spindles. Then the war broke out with China, and a great manufacturing impulse followed its termination. Since that year the number of spindles has increased so that now they have 1,500,000. While there has been an overproduction of cotton mills the industry is on a stable basis. Some of these mills merely produce cotton yarn, which is exported to China, where it is woven by cheap labor into the lower grades of cloth.

"China is somewhat behind her Japanese neighbor and appears to make slower progress. Yet China has between 450,000 and 500,000 spindles. She, too, makes only the lower grades of cloth. In 1894 China had 14 cotton factories, and has augmented that number to 20. The merchants of this country I have always found honorable and progressive.

"There is a fierce war going on between the sugar magnates of the Pacific coast. On the one side are the Spreckels interests, with their immense estates on the Hawaiian Islands. On the other side are the Brandensteins. They import their sugar from China. Their raw sugar is grown on the island of Java and in the Philippine group. This product is shipped to China, where in Hongkong there are two refineries. The refined sugar is then exported to the United States, and after coming that long distance is able to compete with the Hawaiian product. This is mentioned to show what cheap Asiatic labor can accomplish.

"Living as I do in this part of the country, I am much interested in the welfare, progress and future of the Pacific coast states. We are bound to increase our manufacturing.

"In regard to the competition of China and Japan against civilized countries, I do not entertain any fears for the present. They will for many years to come be a good market for our raw materials. The opening of the Nicaragua canal will be a good thing for the whole country. But for such cities as New Orleans and Houston the completion of this great enterprise will be a godsend. It will enable cotton bales to be shipped from gulf ports direct to China and Japan. The ships carrying these cargoes will have to stop at San Diego and San Francisco on their way across the sea. Thus we will all be the gainers."

WILLIAM R. BRITTON.

Eating Like a Bird.

It isn't as polite as it is intended to be to say that a person has the appetite of a bird. If a human being ate as much proportionately as does the average bird, the sight would be disgusting. In one shrike there have been found the remains of 79 caterpillars, 24 bugs, one field mouse and one leech. A field hawk that was observed for a month is credited with a record of 1,000 mice in that time. A tame owl ate seven mice, one after the other, and three hours afterward ate four more. The robin eats on an average 14 feet of worms daily.

Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo., writes: "When I look at my little boy I feel it my duty to write you. Perhaps someone will see my testimony and be led to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and be blessed in the same way. This is my fifth child and the only one born alive; the others have died from lack of nourishment—so the doctor said. I was not sickly in any way and this time I just thought I would try your 'Prescription.' I took nine bottles and to my surprise it carried me through and gave us as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that everybody who sees him wonders at him. He is so playful and holds himself up so well. I would like to see this in print for so many have asked me, 'Do you think those are the testimonials of the people, or has Dr. Pierce just made them up and printed them?'"

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THE WORD BLIZZARD.

Said to Have Been Used In South Dakota in the Sixties.

A well known book of reference states that the Chicago Advance was the originator of the word "blizzard" on the 8th of January, 1880. Old timers in South Dakota take exception to the statement. A story is told by the editor of the Hutchinson County Herald, who commenced his newspaper work on the Dakota Republican, at Vermillion, in August, 1867.

The Peake family, Swiss bell ringers, arrived in Vermillion by stage, and William Peake, manager of the bell ringers, said to a party of friends, "I would like to see one of your blizzards I have heard so much about." Mr. True answered: "All right. We will order one for your special benefit and have it here when you come back through here from Yankton."

After showing three nights in Yankton the troupe started homeward to Sioux City, Mr. Peake being on the outside of the stage with the driver. The morning was warm and balmy. Mr. Peake was astonished at the actions of the driver, who suddenly whipped up, and asked what the matter was. T. C. Williams, who was driving, answered that he was afraid Mr. True's order was going to be a little ahead of time. "Look to the northwest," said he. There was the blizzard approaching in all its fury. In almost a minute the blinding snow was being whirled through the air, and Mr. Peake withdrew to the inner part of the stage. It was one of the most terrific storms known to the territory, which is saying considerable. The Peake troupe was compelled to wait several days at Vermillion until Mr. True's blizzard had blown itself out.—Sioux Falls Argus.

Muscular Powers of a Beetle.

The following anecdote of a three horned beetle will give some idea of its vast strength of body. A beetle was brought in, and, there being no box at hand in which to put it, it was clapped under a quart bottle of milk, which happened to be upon the table, the hollow at the bottom of the bottle allowing the insect to stand upright.

Presently the bottle began to move slowly and glide along the smooth table, propelled by the muscular power of the imprisoned beetle, and continued its travels for some time, to the astonishment of all who witnessed it. The weight of the bottle and its contents could not have been less than three pounds and a half, while that of the beetle was about half an ounce. So that it readily moved a weight 112 times greater than its own.

A better notion than figures can convey will be obtained of this feat by supposing a lad of 15 to be imprisoned under a great bell weighing 12,000 pounds and to move it to and fro upon a smooth pavement by pushing it from within.—New York Sun.

Economizing.

Husband—Have you done your best to economize this month, Mary, as I requested?

Wife (brightly)—Oh, yes; I spoke to the grocer, the butcher and the landlord and got them to put off sending in their bills till next month.

Test of Power.

Johnny—Why do they say that the pen is mightier than the sword?

His Father—Because you can't sign checks with a sword.—New York Journal.

A WONDERFUL CURE OF DIARRHOEA.

A Prominent Virginia Editor Had Almost Given Up, but Was Brought Back to Perfect Health by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—Read His Editorial.

From the Times, Hillstille, Va.

I suffered with diarrhoea for a long time and thought I was past being cured. I had spent much time and money and suffered so much misery that I had almost decided to give up all hopes of recovery, and await the result, but noticing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and also some testimonials stating how some wonderful cures had been wrought by this remedy, I decided to try it. After taking a few doses I was entirely well of that trouble, and I wish to say further to my readers and fellow-sufferers that I am a hale and hearty man today and feel as well as I ever did in my life.—O. R. Moore. Sold by all druggists. E. Steinbacher & Co., wholesale agents.

WHERE CORN IS KING

KANSAS REJOICES OVER AN ENORMOUS YIELD OF MAIZE.

The Coming Corn Carnival at Atchison to Surpass Previous Demonstrations—Editor E. W. Howe Originated the Idea.

[Special Correspondence.]

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 12.—One day in August, 1895, "copy" was short in The Globe office, and E. W. Howe, the editor, sat down at his typewriter and dashed off the following for the local page:

"The crops which the ancients celebrated with feasts and revelry could not have compared with the Kansas corn crop this year. Why don't Kansas celebrate with a corn carnival?"

The suggestion attracted a great deal of attention, and in a short time the

EDITOR E. W. HOWE.

matter was being seriously discussed. Mr. Howe was confronted with the argument that since he had made the suggestion he should carry it out. He decided to do so, and, with the assistance of the citizens of Atchison, a corn carnival was given and has since been a Kansas event when crops have been plentiful enough to warrant it. Last year's was the first corn crop that did not warrant a carnival, but this year a record breaking corn crop will be celebrated by a record breaking corn carnival. It will be the fourth carnival, and if it proves as much benefit to Kansas and develops as many new facts about corn as have previous carnivals its value will be too great to be estimated in dollars and cents.

The corn carnival has resulted in stimulating a greatly increased interest in corn growing in Kansas and Nebraska. It has brought out many interesting experiments; it has resulted in a vastly increased acreage of corn in these states and has incidentally made northern Kansas a cattle fattening country. It has brought hundreds of families to northwestern Kansas, heretofore known only as a barren waste, but where wonderful crops have been grown for several years past, one year's yield paying for the land in many instances. It has demonstrated that the finest hats can be made of cornhusks and that corn, cornhusks and cornstalks have wonderful possibilities for decorative purposes.

This year the acreage of corn sown in Kansas was probably the greatest in its history, and the yield of corn to the acre will be enormous. Early in August the yield was estimated at over 300,000,000 bushels by L. Cortelyou, president of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, and by the state department of agriculture. The conditions continued perfect, rains coming just when needed, and not a field of corn in Kansas was injured in any way. Cornstalks grew to incredible heights, and big, heavy ears of corn developed which hung over and threatened to fear themselves loose from their source of nourishment. The station agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad at Downs, Kan., cut a cornstalk which measured 22 feet and 4 inches, nearly equaling the American record of 22 feet and 6 inches, held by Tennessee. It was in the middle of August that this stalk was cut, and the corn had not attained its full growth, and the Tennessee record will in all probability be beaten in numerous instances before the Atchison corn carnival is held.

It would be interesting to know just how much corn Kansas will raise, but it will be impossible to get the correct figures, and Kansans must be satisfied with the feeling that it is the largest ever grown in the United States, and no doubt an equally large crop of corn has never been raised anywhere on an equal amount of land in any country.

Estimating the Kansas corn crop at 300,000,000 bushels, it would take 600,000 cars of 30,000 pounds capacity to move it. If the cars were 36 feet long they would reach 21,600,000 feet, or 4,090 miles. Twenty cars to a train would make 30,000 trains. It would take 10,000 men 500 days to husk the corn if each man husked 60 bushels a day, and 5,000,000 teams would be required to haul it at one load each.

Heretofore the corn carnival has been held on only one day, as there are not sufficient accommodations in Atchison for the thousands of people who attend, but this year a sort of preliminary will be given on the day preceding by J. P. Pomeroy, a Cripple Creek millionaire, who formerly lived in Kansas, and who is enthusiastic over the progress made by the state in the corn industry. The corn carnival will consequently be held on the 20th and 21st of September, the first being Pomeroy day. Mr. Pomeroy will pay for band concerts by two of the best bands in the west, free vaudeville shows, an elaborate display of fireworks, etc. This day is meant to bring a few thousand visitors to Atchison; just about as many as can find accommodations. All the railroads run special trains from a radius of about 300 miles for the corn carnival proper, making the round trip fare so small that it is practically nothing. The trains usually start the afternoon before the carnival, and all night long crowds of excursionists are picked up at the little depots along the line. When the train arrives in Atchison it is in half a dozen sections and is met by bands and a howling, hilarious, good natured, corn throwing crowd. The excursionists knowing what to expect have provided themselves with shelled corn to throw at the crowd in return and have caught the enthusiasm before leaving their seats.

In town, little greets the view but decorations of corn. Entire buildings are covered with designs in corn, cornstalks or cornhusks, and it would not be out of place to describe many of the effects as very beautiful. Corn, husks and stalks are used in making hundreds of different designs in shop windows. There is no limit to their possibilities. Houses, landscapes, oceans, and even portraits, are worked out in corn. Any costume can be made of cornhusks. At the last carnival the policemen wore corn helmets and carried cornstalks for clubs. Women appeared in snowy cornhusk dresses, fashioned in a hundred different ways. A Zulu with cornhusk breechclout appeared here, and a shock of corn apparently floating through the air appeared there, and, in fact, fantastic costumes too numerous to remember were in evidence at every turn. The visitor passes business houses with portieres made of shelled cornbeads, creating an effect wonderful in its richness. The varied effects produced with cornhusks and stalks are the marvelous feature of the carnival. They are so fantastic or beautiful as to defy description. Corn will take on a high polish, and the colors blend so perfectly that the most indifferent effort brings striking results.

An Atchison milliner makes a business of making bonnets of corn and cornhusks. Her hats cannot be distinguished from other hats and they are cheaper. The cornhusks can be colored and they are easily worked up into any form. She is now engaged in making cornhusk bonnets for Queen Victoria, Mrs. William McKinley and Miss Helen Gould, which are to be sent with her compliments in a few days. Dolls can be made of cornhusks which are strikingly beautiful.

All kinds of flowers are made of cornhusks, from the dainty violet to the massive chrysanthemum. The husks color easily and are very pliable, holding their shape even better than the costly imported tissue paper made for the purpose. Of the thousands of people who attend the corn carnival it would be safe to say that hardly one of the visitors comes without wearing some creation in corn, cornhusk or cornstalk. The citizens of Atchison commence making corn decorations fully two months before the carnival. Nearly every woman in town assists, and society, instead of giving pink teas, is engaged with flower making parties, at which cornhusk flowers and other corn decorations are made. Women decorate their carriages with the flowers and put them in the parade with the prettiest girls in the state riding in them. Society proper is

A CORNHUSK DOLL.

dropped two months before the corn carnival, and the social gatherings which follow are society events only in name, being occasions for the most trying kind of work.

This year the corn carnival will be much more elaborate than any previous event, and the town will be almost literally hidden in corn decorations. Even the old town cannon, which has been allowed to stand neglected and rusting for 30 years, has been resurrected and repaired and will appear in the parade, completely clad in cornhusk flowers.

Many of the towns in northern Kansas will have features in the corn carnival parade, which will be fully two miles long. The expense of the corn carnival is always very light. At the last carnival $1,000 was subscribed and $200 of the amount remained unused. The material for the decorations cost practically nothing, and the work of making it up into features is a labor of love for the thousands of hands who engage in it.

E. W. Howe, the originator and controlling genius of the corn carnival, is the editor of the Atchison Globe and author of "The Story of a Country Town." It is Mr. Howe's wonderful originality that makes the corn carnival a success. Mr. Howe is a band crank, and a feature of the corn carnival every year is a band of 250 pieces, composed of almost every good brass player in the west. The bands from all the smaller towns come free of charge, but their expenses are borne by the citizens of Atchison. This makes the corn carnival an occasion for a big convention of musicians.

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A stout, elderly man was noticed gazing earnestly at a display of "Bibles in all languages" in a show window. A stroller passing halted to see what this man was gazing at and remarked that there was a fine assortment of Bibles.

"Yes," said the man, "but I have one at home older and bigger than any of them." There did not seem to be any connection between the age and size of a Bible, so for lack of anything further to say the stroller asked the man if he had ever read his big Bible through.

"Yes," was the reply. "I have read it through 11 times."

"Holy Moses!" ejaculated the stroller. "What do you think of the Bible after reading it through so many times?"

"Well, the Bible is all right. I will tell you how I came to read it through the first time. An old circuit rider who used to visit my father's house when I was a boy one Sunday preached a sermon from the text, 'For a man shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body.' I asked him if that text was to be found in the Bible, and he said, 'Of course it is.' I said I did not think it was, and he proposed that we both read the Bible through to find it. We did not find it, but I found so many things which interested me that I kept on reading the Bible till I have gone through it 11 times."—Portland Oregonian.

A Curious Looking Egg.

A shark's egg is one of the most odd looking things imaginable and has no more resemblance to an egg, strictly speaking, than it has to a paving stone. In one variety it is pillow shaped and has a long "horn," or "feeler," at each corner. It is about two inches long and the color almost pure black.

It is unprovided with shell, as we understand that word, but the contents are protected by a thick, leathery covering, which has almost as much elasticity about it as a covering of rubber would have.

The "feelers" mentioned catch hold of and wind themselves around pieces of seaweed and other floating objects and hang until the egg is hatched.

One variety of the shark lays 18 eggs during the month of April. These float about until early in December, when the little sharks emerge.

"The Best Man That Ever Lived."

After hearing so many women express themselves upon the subject we have come to the conclusion that "the best man who ever lived," if he ever marries, will have to take what he can get. The ordinary, everyday sort of man will probably continue, as heretofore, to gather in the cream of the fair sex.—Boston Transcript.

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GEMS IN VERSE.

The Coming of Love.

I dreamed that love came, as the oak trees grow,
By the chance dropping of a tiny seed,
And then from noon to noon, with steady speed,
Though torn by winds and chilled by heedless snow,
The sap of pulsing life would upward flow,
Till in its might the heavens themselves could read
Portents of power that they must learn to heed.
This was my dream. The waking proved not so,
For love came like a flower and grew apace;
I saw it blossom tenderly and frail
Fill the dear spring had run its eager race;
Then the rough wind tossed high the petals red;
The seeds fell far in soil beyond my pale.
I know not now if love be lost or dead.

—Helen Hay.

Mississippi.

For thy grand and varied hills,
For thy clear and rippling rills,
For thy wide and fertile vales,
For thy coves and glens and dales—
I love thee, Mississippi.

All thy grasses, shrubs and weeds,
All thy flowers, vines and seeds,
All thy plants and trees and fruits,
All thy salads, berries, roots—
I love thee, Mississippi.

With thy mists and clouds and storms,
With thy winds and rains and calms,
With thy snow and hail and sleet,
With thy sunshine and thy heat—
I love thee, Mississippi.

Where thy forests stand serene,
Where thy prairies roll between,
Where thy rich plantations lie,
Where thy sedgefields never die—
I love thee, Mississippi.

Brave thy men, thy women fair,
Boys and girls beyond compare,
Proud thy record, years gone by,
Bright thy prospects, drawing nigh—
I love thee, Mississippi.

Place where first I saw the light,
Place where boyhood made its flight,
Place where love and hope grew strong,
Place where home and friends belong—
I love thee, Mississippi.

Here, my heart, thy vigils keep;
Here, my dead, in quiet sleep;
Here, my life, ebb thou away;
Here, my bones, turn back to clay—
I love thee, Mississippi.

—New Orleans Picayune.

Life.

Silently, swiftly, one by one
We march down the aisles of time;
Musical murmur and mournful moan,
Plaintive pleading and tender tone,
Blend in a living rhyme.

Hope and happiness, faith and fame,
All are swept along
Into a future misty and gray,
Peopled with phantoms grim and gay,
Some with a curse and some with a song.

Lives that were full of happiness,
Others that teemed with sin,
Shadowy phantoms of bygone days
On a suffering soul turn full their gaze,
And we long for the "might have been."

But the longing is vain, for the past is dead,
And a passing present is all we know.
Futurity's riddle we may not read,
But the pains of the past, with its lust and greed,
Should tell us the way to go.

Prince and pauper are peers in death,
Their ashes are blown where their feet once trod;
Out of the past with its weal and woe
Into the future of doubt we go,
Christian and pagan to face one God!

—Denver News.

Reality.

He sought for fame
And found a shining nut
Without a kernel.

He sought for wealth
And found a brilliant heap,
Which blinded him and weighed him down
So that he could walk straight no more
And went erratically
Where right and wrong held sway.

He sought for power
And found a hard, high chair,
Wherein he sat
And cursed his awful luck,
While men, like puppets,
Bowed and fawned beneath him—
But slid their troubles to his aching back.

He sought for love
And found a full grown flower,
Fragrant and sweet and pure,
And every petal held a grain of honey,
On which he feasted—
And the joy of simple life then held him low
And lost him in oblivion.

—New York Sun.

The Stars.

The sun started out for a journey far,
Round the world;
We will go, too, said each little star,
Round the world;
But the sun replied, "You stay at home
Or I'll burn out the eyes of all who come
In my fiery ride round the world."

Then the starlets went to the friendly moon,
In the night,
And asked as she sat on her cloud girt throne,
In the night,
Let us journey with thee, for thy milder light
Will never burn out our eyes so bright.
And she took them, companions of night.

Now welcome dear moon and you little stars,
In the night.
You know what dwells in these hearts of ours,
In the night.
Come set the heavenly lamps aglow,
That I may revel and join below,
In the happy sports of the night.

—Translated From the German by F. C. Johnson, Wilkesbarre Record.

"The Touch of a Vanished Hand."

We sign for the touch of a vanished hand—
The hand of a friend most dear,
Who has passed from our side to the shadowy land—
But what of the hand that is near?

To the living's touch is the soul inert
That weeps o'er the silent urn?
For the love that lives is our hand alert
To make some sweet return?

Do we answer back in a fretful tone,
When life's duties press us sore?
Is our praise as full as if they were gone
And could hear our praise no more?

As the days go by, are our hands more swift
For a trifle beyond their share,
Than to grasp—for a kindly helpful lift—
The burden some one must bear?

We sign for the touch of a vanished hand,
And we think ourselves sincere;
But what of the friends that about us stand,
And the touch of the hand that's here?

—John Troland in Youth's Companion.

God is the perfect poet,
Who in creation acts his own conceptions.
Man's weakness is his glory, for the strength
Which raises him to heaven and near God's self
Came spite of it. God's strength his glory is,
For thence came with our weakness sympathy,
Which brought God down to earth, a man like us.

—Browning.

Who knows? God knows, and what he knows
Is well and best.
The darkness hideth not from him, but glows
Clear as the morning or the evening rose
Of east or west.

—Christina Rossetti.

A Lucky Youngster.

A short time ago a young woman hailing from the Buckie (Banffshire) district gave birth to a fine, healthy boy in one of the wooden huts belonging to a curing station on the island of Balta, one of the far distant Shetland group. This is the first baby to be born on the island in more than 200 years. The youngster has been christened Balta Geddes Poison, and the laird of the island has presented the mother a check for £25. The fortunate little stranger has also been made the recipient of several hundred silver coins of the realm from visitors, who came from all parts to see the young record breaker.

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The Diet of the Consumptive.

Dr. Cutter of New York, one of the editors of The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, declares the most important part of the treatment of tuberculosis patients is the diet. It should, he says, consist largely of animal foods. Of these, eggs and milk should preponderate. Eggs are best given raw when the patient can take them thus. The albumen of the egg is similar to blood albumen and is digested, or rather, absorbed, into the blood without undergoing an elaborate digestive process. The white of the egg, mixed with water, is often tolerated when the yolk cannot be borne by the stomach. Bone marrow of the ox he regards as of greater value than cod liver oil. Good butter may be used freely and should be spread thickly on thin slices of bread. Heavy meals are to be avoided. The patient should take small quantities of food between meals.

Soldering Glass.

Margot, in some interesting investigations in soldering glass, has established the fact that an alloy composed of 95 parts of tin and 5 parts of zinc will melt at about 392 degrees Fahrenheit. Becoming firmly adherent to the glass, it is unalterable and exhibits an attractive luster. An alloy containing 90 parts of tin and 10 parts of aluminium will melt at 500 degrees Fahrenheit, and also forms a strong and brilliant solder for glass. With these two alloys always ready to hand, glass may be soldered as easily as two pieces of metal. When the glass is heated in a furnace, the soldering can be accomplished by rubbing the surface with a rod of either of the compositions named. The alloy as it flows can be evenly distributed with a soldering iron.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Dog Story by Pepys.

The following story of a dog of the restoration has been taken from the voracious Pepys under the date Sept. 11, 1661: "To Dr. Williams, who did carry me into his garden, where he hath abundance of grapes, and he did show me how a dog that he hath do kill all the cats that come hither to kill his pigeons, and do afterward bury them; and do it with so much care that they shall be quite covered, that if the tip of the tail hangs out he will take up the cat again, and dig the hole deeper. Which is very strange; and he tells me that he do believe that he hath killed above a hundred cats."

They Fell Out.

"Did you hear about Lucy Weston and Al Winslow falling out?"

"No! When did that happen? Pshaw, it can't be true. I saw them together at the roof garden last night."

"Yes, it's really so. They went rowing on the pond in the park day before yesterday and tried to change seats in the boat."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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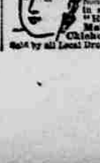

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