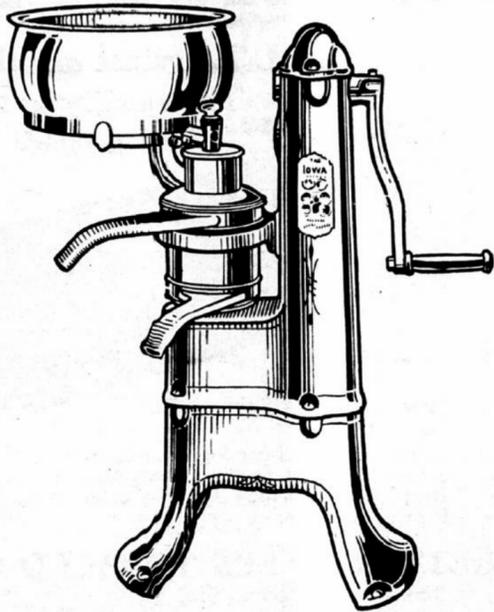


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An acceptance of the above challenge will receive both prompt and courteous attention by the local agent and myself.

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One Hundred Dollars-\$100.00--now on deposit in the 1st National Bank, Manchester.

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DON'T buy a cream separator on its past reputation, you want the best machine built Today and not what may have been Ten years ago. **DON'T** buy a machine sold by jobbers, you may need some repairs sometime. **DON'T** buy an inferior foreign built machine---the tariff may be put back on separators any time and you may have to send across the ocean for even rubber rings **DON'T** hesitate to compare the "Iowa" with any separator at any price--patronize home industry.

Kelsey & Stewart, Local Dealers
Carl C. Lumry, Factory Representative

Associated Manufacturers Co. References: First National Bank, Manchester, Leavitt & Johnson National Bank, Waterloo
WATERLOO, IOWA

IOWA WEATHER AND CROP SERVICE

For the week ending April 11, 1916.

Des Moines, Iowa.

With the exception of severe sleet and ice storms early in February, favorable conditions prevailed during the winter, and while cold weather, with freezing temperatures at night, has prevailed most of the time thus far this spring, farm work is progressing rapidly over the southern half of the state. Frost is not yet all out of the ground in the northern sections and the ground is, in most places, too wet to work. The bulk of the small grain seeding is finished in the southern counties and considerable plowing has been done for corn with the soil in excellent condition. Reports vary as to condition of fall sown grains, but there is no doubt but what the crops have been seriously damaged

in many localities and the acreage of winter wheat has been greatly reduced. Many reports indicate 15 to 30 per cent damage and 25 to 60 per cent reduction in acreage. Cold weather has kept grass and fruit buds almost dormant. All live stock is in a healthy condition and the spring pig crop will be large. A good warm rain would be very beneficial.

GEO. M. CHAPPEL.

SPELLING CONTEST

The State Fair Board will hold a state spelling contest in connection with the State Fair which occurs August 21st to September 1st, 1916. One hundred dollars will be given away premiums and the contestants will be chosen from pupils below the ninth grade. The fact that said pupils have been graduated from the eighth grade in January or June of

1916 will not debar them. In order to select a representative to this state contest from Delaware county, each township is to hold a preliminary contest at one of the central schools in that township on April 28th at 2:30 p. m., the winners in these township contests will meet in Manchester in the court room of the court house, May 27, at 2 p. m. for the final contest. Sixteen of the business men of Manchester have agreed to furnish a prize for each of the contestants that take part in the county contest regardless of where they place.

The following rules are to govern the township contests on April 28:

1. Large numbers, at least two inches high, should be provided by the township leader. Each contestant shall have a number pinned on and the judges will keep a record of the misspelled words of the contestants

according to their assigned number.

2. The number and name of the pupil shall be entered before the contest begins.

3. There shall be three judges selected by the township leader to judge the spelling of words.

4. The contest will last 45 minutes.

At the end of that time the pupil with the fewest misspelled words will be the winner. The next will be his alternate.

5. Each word to be pronounced until the child understands it, and will be defined upon request of the speller.

6. Each child shall pronounce the word before spelling it, but should they fail to do this it shall not constitute an error.

7. All proper nouns and adjectives shall be spelled with accepted capitalization. The use of the hyphen will be disregarded. In case a word may be spelled two or more ways, any acceptable spelling will be considered correct unless the word has been defined, in which case the word given must be spelled.

8. In case a word is misspelled it will be dropped.

CHILDREN'S HOUR AT MOVIES

The Civic Committee and the Child Conservation League of this city have made arrangements with the managers of the Plaza Theatre to run a series of pictures of purely educational nature for the benefit of the children.

The first of these pictures will be shown on Saturday, April 15th. Performances will be given at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. These pictures are of high order and will prove of interest and educational value to all school children.

HAWKEYE PIKE TO EXEND

Good roads enthusiasts will not fail to note the coming address to be given here Friday evening, April 14, by A. E. Nissen of Iowa City, who is out in interest of the Hawkeye Pike now running from Manchester to West Union, extended from this city to Hopkinton, Monticello and terminate at Clinton, connecting at the latter place with Lincoln highway. Mr. Nissen will speak in the council room at one o'clock, and at the close of his address an organization will be perfected and officers elected. Every motorist and good roads enthusiast is urged to attend the meeting.

CLARK A. McMASTER

Clark A. McMaster was born in St. Paul, Minn., March 1, 1909, and died as the result of an accident in which both legs were cut off by a railroad train. The accident occurred on Sunday evening, and death came after a few hours on April 3, 1916 at the age of 7 years, 1 month and two days. He was a bright lovable lad, full of life and a large circle of friends mingle their grief with that of the father and mother and little sister. As a faithful attendant on the Emmanuel Congregational Sunday school he received from his Sunday school teacher a Christmas gift of a small New Testament. This he always carried with him and it was found in his pocket after his death. The funeral service was held in the Emmanuel Congregational church, the sermon being preached by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Payne, the boys choir assisting in the service. The remains were then brought to Lamoine, Iowa, to the home of Mrs. McMaster's mother, Mrs. Martha J.

Adams. Here on Wednesday morning a short service was conducted by the Rev. S. C. Brotnall of the Methodist church and the body was taken to Winthrop and laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. In this severe trial the family has the sympathy of all their acquaintances.

Mrs. H. R. McDonald left last Saturday for Des Moines, where she was met by her husband, and from there they went to Knoxville, where they will make their future home. Mr. McDonald is salesman for the Standard Oil company and will make his headquarters at Knoxville.

Charles Potts, brother of Mr. Georg. Thorpe of this city, died recently in California. The remains arrived here the first of the week and were taken to his former home at Colesburg, where services were held and burial made.

Needed an Audience.

First Man (of large crowd interest edly watching street excavators at work)--"That laborer in the yellow shirt seems to thoroughly enjoy his job." Second Man (explaining)--"You see, he has been an actor, but never played to such a large and attentive audience as this."

Pathetic Weariness.

When a woman who married a man to reform him lives to be sixty years old without becoming a widow, she is about as pathetic a picture of animated weariness as one ever sees.

The Up-to-Date.

The girl of yesterday had an old-fashioned red push autograph album, which she cherished; the girl of today hasn't got time to waste on anything but a check book.--Florida Times-Union.

Actual Value of a Baby.

According to a sociological expert the actual value of a baby is \$90. But you couldn't buy one for that price no mother would sell it for that, and where he has a full house no father would give five cents for another.

Highly Excitable.

"Brown is rather an excitable chap isn't he?" "I should say he is! Why he almost got a stroke of apoplexy the other night while watching a chess tournament."

To Keep Prosperity.

Another way to keep prosperity is to scatter it around where it will have a chance to grow up with the country.--Atlanta Constitution.

NURSERY STOCK

Would you buy a house or a farm without seeing it? Then why do you buy trees or shrubbery without seeing them? Twenty thousand apple trees 5 to 7 feet high, at 15 cents each. All sorts. These are the same kind of trees that you will pay 100 cents for. Come to Earlville Nursery and see the stock before you buy. A. LEFEVRE, Prop., Earlville, Iowa.

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NEW DRESSES The beautiful silk dresses for spring are very dressy and servicable, colors tan, navy, copen, gray, green, plum and black, \$6.00 to \$25.00.

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