

# The Donaldsonville Chief

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Just what does the "slash" skirt prove?

Baseball is a good game, provided your team wins occasionally.

Also our notion of a useless occupation is that of raising artichokes.

In the barbers' strike riots in New York revolvers were employed. Next!

If all jokes were judged by points, a big bunch of them would score minus zero.

Another much needed invention is a golf ball that will whistle whenever it is lost.

The silk hat has survived a century. But the green one—a few months should suffice.

When the Balkan states feel like borrowing \$1,000,000,000, what does Turkey feel like?

The dollars are flowing in for turkie serum, but where are the absolute proofs of worth?

It is our notion, however, that the world needs simplified talking more than simplified spelling.

Los Angeles has two lady "coppers" and it is said to be quite a sensation to be pinched by one of them.

After all, why correct the proof even if the compositor does set it up vulgar instead of Bulgar styles.

What a comfort it would be if mosquitoes were as fastidious as are rainbow trout in the matter of biting.

'Twas a mean man who insinuated that at a suffragette meeting he not only heard plain things but saw 'em.

Pickpockets may conclude to plead that in this day of empty purses and dollar watches they earn what they get.

They say that the taste for Manila cigars can be cultivated. Anybody who likes artichokes ought to believe it.

When unnecessary noise is abolished the picture of a messenger boy looking at an automobile horn will be pathetic.

What has become of the man who used to eat strawberry shortcake all the time and then wonder what ailed his system?

Irrespective of currency reform, there should be dough for everybody soon. The winter wheat crop has the best of prospects.

An advance of \$5 a foot is announced in the price of show snakes. But an advance in the price of the bar room kind would be better.

This country has imported \$16,000,000 worth of gems since the first of the present year. Somebody must be trying to square himself with his wife.

The strength with which a man wields a piece of bamboo depends upon whether said bamboo is a component part of a carpet beater or a fishing rod.

The statement made that a woman saw a soul passing from a dying relative's lips is received by scientists with skepticism. Even were such a thing allowed to be possible there are so many souls so small as to be invisible under any circumstances.

"How long since you have seen a woman darning a pair of socks?" asks the Cincinnati Enquirer, thus offering an admirable topic for the historical societies.

The new British ambassador is reported to be a baseball fan, which may prove even more influential than proficiency on the tennis court or the golfing green.

That all potato cars must be heated in winter is the mandate of the interstate commerce commission. There must be a society for the prevention of cruelty to the potato.

The blasting at Panama is killing the sea serpent. This will not do. At least one of the sacred traditions of ages must be preserved from the commercial iconoclasts of the age.

You remember, don't you, that Guatemala borrowed \$2,500,000 from Great Britain in 1899? Well, Great Britain is unreasonable enough to think it is time for Guatemala to whack up, and is beginning to be unpleasant about it.

One sporting writer says that it is now anybody's pennant. But from the claims put forward by the various baseball managers we are led to believe that it is everybody's pennant.

The public health bureau says that fear of the germs they may contain need deter no one from amassing greenbacks as swiftly as possible, since the ink kills the germs. Was anyone ever discovered who allowed such a fear to keep him poor, and if such a craven-spirited soul exists, is it worth while to reassure him?

## ENCOURAGE THE BOYS

### Connecting Link Formed Between Parent and Teacher.

#### Among Other Things Corn Club Has for Its Aim Education of Head, Heart and Hands and Improvement of Health.

Some of the objects of boys' corn clubs are as follows:

(1) To encourage more intensive farming by using the best known methods of soil building, selection of seed, seed testing, cultivation of corn, etc.

(2) To offer a medium through which vocational guidance, inspiration, information and careful direction can be given to the average boy now in rural life.

(3) To adapt the boy to his agricultural environments and make him



A Wisconsin Club Winner and His Prize Bushel of Seed Corn.

capable of self-expression within these environments.

(4) To teach the value of intellectual guidance, careful observation, cultural comparison and investigation, and the need of a broader education for the farming population.

(5) To teach the boy the proper adaptation of plant life to local climatic and soil conditions.

(6) To assist the teacher and the public school to find an easy approach, educationally, to all the interests of rural and village life.

(a) The club work should be the laboratory for the club member and the demonstration plot for the farmer. (b) The club work becomes the connecting link between parent and teacher, farm and school, and last but not least, it forms a co-operative atmosphere in which rural boys may be developed to the highest ideals of rural life.

While the chief purpose of corn-club work is crop production, as outlined by the bureau of plant industry, it does not follow that all the other character-building and habit-forming agencies are left out of the education. It is clearly the purpose of the organization to reach the boy and endeavor through instruction and direction in contests and friendly rivalry to encourage a training which is "four square," viz, the education of the head, heart, and hands, and the improvement of the health of the entire membership.

## SOME HINTS ON CHINCH BUG

### Experience of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station May Be of Interest to Farmers.

The experience of the Illinois agricultural experiment station with chinch bugs discovered in the spring of 1912, may prove of great value to farmers who may be troubled by the pest this year. Last spring the Illinois station found that the chinch bugs survived the winter in excellent condition and on April 25 were scattering on the wing to lay their eggs. The escape of the bugs on foot, out of fields of small grain at harvest time, is thought to be best prevented by surrounding each field with a line of thick, viscid, road oil, with post holes beside it some 36 feet apart. Such a line can be made and kept effective long enough to catch virtually all the bugs in a field at a minimum expense of 35 cents a mile per day. Coal tar may be used for the purpose where road oil can be obtained, but it must be much more frequently renewed to keep it effective. A well-made dusty furrow, with post holes in the bottom, may serve a temporary purpose in very dry weather, but is made useless by rain. Chinch bugs may be killed on corn, without injury to the plant, by a tobacco preparation (black-leaf 40) greatly diluted with weak soapsuds.

## Thriving Industry.

The poultry industry of the United States is today the most thriving industry we have. While the other live stock industries show a decline of from 5 per cent. to 35 per cent., the poultry industry shows a healthy gain of 27 per cent.

It has been growing steadily for many years, until today it is the greatest live stock industry in the world and the people and the government recognize it as the billion-dollar industry.

## Profit in Pork.

While pork can sometimes be made at a profit when corn is supplemented with nothing but a concentrated feed, it is not wise to use concentrated supplements alone.

## ATTENTION NEEDED BY EWES

### Ample Supply of Dry Fodder Is One of First Essentials—Give Attention to Lameness.

(By W. R. GILBERT.)  
It is well to see that the ewe flock has an ample supply of dry fodder. Nothing is better for them than good, well got hay. Ewes should never, under any circumstances, be allowed to have roots alone nor should they be fed on roots and grain, or grain and cake.

Those who feed this and omit the hay are spending money in waste. A judicious combination of all these would form the ideal food and give the best results alike to the dam and its offspring. The lamb must not be neglected. Provision must always be made too that a dry lairage can be secured with good shelter from the wet and wind and a separate pen be provided in which specially prepared food suitable to the palate of the young lamb should be placed, care being taken that only a small quantity at a time should be placed in the trough and that any left over should be removed before a fresh lot is given.

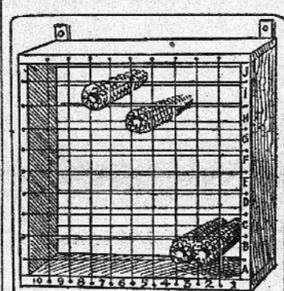
In the flocks where there is any signs of lameness in the ewes attention should be at once given. No matter how slight, the ailment should be immediately removed from the flock and not allowed to run with them again until a cure has been effected.

Lameness among the ewes means lameness among the lambs and there is probably no greater source of loss among young lambs than this.

## TESTING CORN IN INCUBATOR

### Any Tinner Should Make Galvanized Iron Tray for About \$1—Found Practical and Useful.

The illustration given herewith shows the plan of my water corn tester that I have found very satisfactory, writes Amos Mendenhall of Salem, Neb., in the Farmers' Mail and Breeder. The sides of the rack are made of six-inch fencing and wires crossing both ways divide the front into three-inch squares. No vertical wires are used in the back, as these are not needed. The tray is made of galvanized iron. The hole shown at Z is used to drain the tray of water, being plugged when the tray is in use.



Use it as an entrance to the wild flower garden, from there to the formal garden, thence to the vegetable garden, the chicken parks, the tennis court, but always from one distinct scene to a decidedly different scene. Beautiful arches are made of rough limbs, of finished timbers, of lattice work, of poles or wire. Each has its individual uses, but all are governed by the same principles of artistic good taste. In the majority of cases, probably, the arch should be covered with vines, such as ivy, honeysuckle, woodbine, climbing roses, clematis, trumpet creeper, Japanese ivy, etc.

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## "The Lawn in Landscape Art."

If the landscape gardener had but one feature to work with, he would most certainly choose the lawn. It constitutes the solid foundation upon which the ornaments of the superstructure are taken. Unobstructive in itself, it is imposed for granted by the man in the street, and its importance, say, its very presence, is overlooked. The usefulness of a green lawn in making nature more beautiful and restful is particularly impressed upon the sojourner in hot or dry climates. Take most of our own southern states for instance, and in most localities it is practically impossible to grow good lawns. The long, hot, dry summers and the impoverished soils discourage the grass and the possessor of a fine lawn is the proudest person on the street. Every weed is carefully removed, the grass is kept short and is rolled and watered with patience and regularity.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES

A pig gives the best returns from dairy products while young.

As the lambs grow and require more milk, increase the grain with judgment.

The best time to cut the tails, as well as castrate, is when the lamb is a week old.

Oil meal is greatly relished by lambs and helps greatly in the fine finish obtained in feeding.

If a colt has not style enough to naturally hold his head high, high mangers will not make him do it.

A horse's usefulness is measured by its strength and rapidity of movement rather than by size or weight.

Be sure the sows have plenty of pure water to drink, aside from the slop they have. Slop is not drink.

The tillage, the crops and the income from the farm are all more or less dependent upon the economical management of the work teams.

The horse that is all the time being tapped with the whip never knows what his master means of it and comes to think he means just nothing.

## BACK YARD FARMER

### Interesting Pointers on Gardening for the City Man or Suburbanite.

## WHAT TO PLANT AND WHEN

### Advice by an Expert on Agricultural Matters—Making an Ornamental Arch—A Beautiful Lawn—Care of House Plants.

By PROF. JOHN WILLARD BOLTE.

Ornamental detached arches in flower gardens are coming back and we are glad to greet them. This cordial welcome will not be extended indiscriminately, however, because most of the amateur garden arches one sees are as much out of harmony as Lorado Taft's pet abhorrence—a statue of a man in high hat.

Don't put an arch in your garden or at the entrance to your walk because you like to do carpenter work. If you want an arch, study your problem carefully and put it where it will do the most good. Let it be in keeping with the surroundings or it will be a detriment rather than an improvement.

In many cases the proper place and surroundings for an arch already exist, and the question is merely one of the type of arch to build. Such a location would be the entrance to a secluded garden, the end of a walk or drive, or even the street entrance.

The landscape or garden picture is the only kind of a picture that may be beautiful from all directions, and even these natural scenes must be planned from one viewpoint to get the most satisfactory results.

In planning your arch, decide first from which direction it will be seen most frequently. If the view to be emphasized is toward the house, the arch must be of a character to harmonize with the house. If the view is from the house, the arch should be in keeping with the landscape about it and back of it.

The function of the garden arch is to locate and accentuate a gateway, a formal entrance to some entirely different scenes and surroundings. It marks a distinct boundary line, hence it is entirely misplaced when the surroundings on either side of it are similar in appearance. As a street entrance it will give excellent results, but only when there is an adjoining barrier, a hedge, a fence, or at least a clump of shrubs. Do not make the mistake of using such an entrance in a detached manner, because in that case it is a gateway without any possible purpose.

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If your plants have to be kept in the house, water frequently and beware of plant lice and red spider. The former attach themselves to the stems and under the surface of the leaves. Spray them with tobacco water. Plain water sprayed on daily will help the plant and drive the red spiders away in a very short length of time.

## GRINDING GRAIN FOR STOCK

### No Set Rule Can Be Given, as Conditions Vary—Soy Beans Are Preferably Fed Soaked.

The Michigan experiment station concludes, as a rule, stock should be allowed to do their own grinding, as the saving in feed is taken up by the cost of grinding. However, in some cases grinding or soaking should be resorted to. Barley should not be fed whole and dry. Soy beans are preferably fed ground or soaked. Then, when it is desirable to use certain grains in mixtures with such feeds as cottonseed meal, or bran, middlings or other commercial materials, grindings may be preferable. So, we can come to no strict rule about grinding grain for feeding. Usually the margin is close; in one case a farmer may lose by not grinding; in another he may lose (the cost of grinding) by grinding.

## Ground Oats.

Ground oats with the hulls sifted out make almost ideal food for young pigs. While oats scattered on the ground in a dry place make an excellent feed for brood sows. Crushed or ground oats as a slop may form one-third the ration for brood sows or growing pigs until they reach the period of fattening, but oats are not profitable as a feed for fattening hogs.

## Decapitating Fowls.

A very good block for decapitating fowls is made by driving two spikes or nails along one side of a heavy block of wood, far enough apart to allow the fowl's neck to slip between them. This holds it in place and makes it easy to complete the work.

seed, because this was a great year for dandelions, and they produced enough seed to last them through seven lean years.

The plantain does not seem to be as thick as last year, and it's a fine time to cut out the few that remain and get rid of them for good. Their seed does not travel far, except via the bird route.

If there is a low spot in the lawn that you would like to raise, or a high one that needs lowering, cut the sod into two feet by one foot strips and lift it off the spot. Then cut or fill to level the bad spot and replace the sod, pounding it down hard, and keep it watered.

Keep the walks and drives trimmed with an edge cutting tool, making the bevel cut in the sod about two inches wide and two inches deep. This will make it much easier to finish the grass edges smoothly and it will also aid somewhat in drainage. One of these edge cutters is very handy for edging flower beds also, and many people use them to cut away about tree trunks, but we do not favor the latter plan because it breaks the natural union of the tree trunks with the sod and looks too tussy.

## House Plants in Summer.

When the hot weather of summer is at hand, we must not permit our out-of-door activities to cause us to neglect our house plants.

The best place for grown folks, children and all living things during the summer is outdoors, where the sunshine and the fresh air can strengthen and heal, making ready for the next winter season.

Of course, the closer to natural conditions they are during the normal growing season, the better growth the plants will secure and the finer plants we will have for the house next winter.

When danger from late frosts has surely passed, take less expensive plants, the geranium, the foliage plants and others of their kind, and transplant them. Put them in good, rich, deep, loamy beds if you can, or in window boxes if the beds are unavailable. Give them lots of sunshine, so that the stalks and foliage will grow rank and strong.

In transplanting, spade up the bed to a depth of at least a foot, pulverize the soil finely, mixing in fine, well-rotted stable manure, and set the plants in the ground half an inch deeper than they were in the pots. Pack the earth firmly about them after setting. It will do no harm to remove some of the old earth, but the roots cannot be pruned or broken off to any great extent, unless you prune back the foliage to an equal extent.

Water the plants as soon as they are set, and water them every other day, at least doing the watering when the sun is not hot.

If it is desired to have the flowering plants bloom early and profusely, pinch off the ends of half the branches, so that the energy of the plant will go to the flowers. Most people prefer to postpone the blooming period until winter, however, and this can be accomplished by pinching off the flower buds during the summer, as soon as they appear. The result will be a heavy growth of stalk and leaf during the growing season, and profuse blooms during the winter indoors.

Tropical and semi-tropical plants, such as palms, cacti and rubber plants, usually are too expensive to risk on the lawn, and it is well to change the earth in their pots and place them in a sunny position on the porch. Ferns should have a cool, shady damp location during the summer.

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# STORIES From the BIG CITIES



## New York's Second Hand Queen Moves Up Town



NEW YORK.—A new woman merchant has just moved from downtown into the theatrical district of West Forty-second street. She is Mary J. McShane, who lived next door to "Paddy" Divver's where, at No. 5 Madison street, she did a thriving business for thirty-seven years, bought the land occupied by her store and reared a family of ten children.

"I'll tell you how I did it all," she said the other day. "I was a child in Cork, Ireland, when my father was buying gold lace and the discarded trappings of the English officers who were suddenly ordered to India and other parts of the empire. He was such a fine, square man that he had friends everywhere. As the officers changed their barracks, my father not only bought all the regimentals and supplies, but got the gowns and draperies of the ladies, so that I instinctively absorbed a knowledge of values.

"When I came to New York in 1872

as a girl, I was ready to buy anything, knowing well that I could sell at a good profit. First I bought little job lots of ornaments; then household goods, until I took the contents of entire tenement houses.

"Presently I had the monopoly of the best yearly hotel sales of the city and was making money rapidly when I expanded into a still higher branch of the business. The hotel men introduced me to representatives of rich New York families until I began to have the patronage of the 'four hundred.'

"It may surprise lots of people to know that thousands of beautiful gowns are sold every year in New York because families go into mourning or suddenly go to Europe. Mourning means selling their colored clothing. In Europe they want the Paris styles, and so sell most of their wardrobes before leaving here. Thousands of families take apartments and give up housekeeping in their homes. I buy everything they have to sell, from silks and satins to diamonds and jewelry that no longer meet their taste. Others sell because they were money. Few know how many people meet with reverses in the course of a year. Every day I am receiving orders to call at fine mansions to look over the wardrobes and set a price."

## Ever Hear of Fish Scales on an Alto Horn?

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Who put the Bismarck herring in Harry Baker's horn? City Hall threatens to be rocked by the controversy that has arisen over this simple and almost personal question. At least that's what the gossips say. To tell the truth Harry refuses to be interviewed when the reporters attempt to get him to tell the details.



Now Mr. Baker may be the innocent victim of irresponsible and unrelenting scandal mongers. And again Mr. Baker may have incriminated himself by simply refusing to be interviewed on the subject. At any rate the tale remains unadmitted, and in that event it is too good to let slip by without making some mention of it.

Harry Baker is one of the crew that guides the destinies of the mayor's office. In this capacity it is one of Harry's provinces to see that the gang that congregates about that sanctum every afternoon behaves itself with proper decorum while waiting for the summons to enter the holy of holies where the mayor sits with his feet on the mahogany desk.

As a further detail of this tale, Harry is credited with being an artist on

of the alto horn, which he plays with great technique and feeling in one of the Northside German singing societies. Having neither seen nor heard the gentleman in question on his friends hesitate to endorse his musical ability. But it is rumored that Gabriel will have to dig some to do his job when Mr. Baker gets a new more practice. However, it happens that Harry was blowing himself gloriously the other night in the German club and someone playfully inserted a flock of Bismarck herring in the end of his horn.

The possibilities of such a situation will naturally suggest themselves in turn to the reader with an original turn of mind.

## Police "Regulars" Mourn Their Vanished Whiskers



of Central police station: "Stay sober or lose your bush." In the spite of the appalling tendency of the times, the unfortunate has been found who finds a crumb of comfort in the change. Jacob Bush, who lost his two weeks ago as the result of his too hasty expenditure of a night's gratuity and the consequent night in a cell, declares that business has proved wonderfully since he was deprived of his whiskers.

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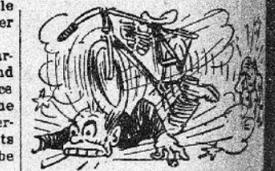
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## Motorcycle Runs Amuck In a Crowded Street

CHICAGO.—A riderless motorcycle dashed up LaSalle street the other afternoon.



When the police had finished clearing up the street the motorcycle and its owner were in the Central police station and two victims were in the Iroquois Memorial hospital. The person who started the machine on its lonesome "joy ride" could not be found.

E. C. Gage, a negro, rode into the loop in Jackson boulevard. The engine of his motorcycle "heated" and first struck William Goodrow of a first court, Oak Park, a mail carrier. He was knocked down and a six-inch scalp wound resulted.

Passing over Goodrow the motorcycle reached Joseph Barton, South Hamlin avenue. He was thrown down and a finger was broken. The motorcycle went over on its side and gave a realistic imitation of a pinwheel.

Gage was taken to central hospital and locked up.