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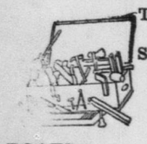

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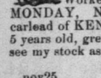

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DIVIDEND NO. 1.

Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, Westminster, Md., December 7, 1899.

The President and Directors of the Company have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of

THREE PER CENT.

upon the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of all taxes, payable December 30th, 1899. Stock Books close December 15th, 1899, reopen January 2d, 1900.

GEO. M. PARKE,
dec9-3t Treasurer.

NO. 3764 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Mary P. Pickett, Plaintiff, vs. Alva E. Pickett, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to procure a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant, Alva E. Pickett.

The bill states that the plaintiff's maiden name was Mary P. Aldridge; that she is 23 years of age, a resident of Carroll county, Maryland. That she, the said plaintiff, intermarried with the said defendant, Alva E. Pickett, on the 12th day of June, 1896. That the said defendant abandoned and deserted the plaintiff on the 1st day of September, 1896, and that she has not seen or heard anything from him since the date of said abandonment. That he, the said defendant, abandoned the plaintiff without cause or giving her any reason whatever. That he left her without means of support, and that she has since the day of said abandonment supported herself by her own labor. That said abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years and is deliberate and final by him, and the separation of the plaintiff and defendant is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation. That the said defendant, Alva E. Pickett, is a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon this 5th day of December, A. D. 1899, ordered by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Carroll county once in each of four successive weeks before the 8th day of January, 1900, give notice to the said absent defendant of the object and substance of this bill, warning him to appear in this Court in person or by attorney on or before the 28th day of January, next, to show cause, if any he has, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
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NO. 3659 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, as a Court of Equity.

James H. Myers and others, vs. Florence R. Cover and others.

Ordered this 7th day of December, 1899, that the sale of the Real Estate made and reported in the above entitled cause by James H. Myers, the Trustee appointed by the decree passed therein, to sell the same, be finally ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 8th day of January, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 1st day of January, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be $912.81½.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the Personal Estate of

J. HENRY FROCK,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 9th day of July, 1900; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 4th day of December, 1899.

LYDIA A. FROCK,
dec9 4t Administratrix.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

Some Pennsylvania and Maryland Object Lessons.

From the Baltimore Weekly Sun, December 9.

Last week Mr. William L. Amoss, director of the Farmers' Institutes of Maryland, accompanied by several farmers from Southern Maryland, made a tour of inspection through portions of Baltimore and Carroll counties and York county, Pennsylvania. On the train Mr. Amoss explained that the aim of the trip was to illustrate by object lessons of fact the value of diversified farming, and especially so in connection with where any one crop is made a specially. He had been asked questions many times, which he felt could better be answered in this way than any other. He stated that the first visit would be to the farm of Mr. T. V. Richardson, near Phœnix. Mr. Amoss remarked that the experience of Mr. Richardson was one worthy of imitation—an example of ambition that any farmer could follow. He said that Mr. Richardson's father died when he was a young man, and he took charge of his father's farm, which consisted of one-sixth of his grandfather's 1,000-acre tract. Young Richardson did not have much faith in his prospective farming, and had the "go-West-young-man" fever that was prevalent at that time. A neighbor bought the cream from the few cows he kept. The cream was furnished to many homes. One day after delivering his cream supply, he sat down and figured out what the daily revenue the neighbor's load of cream was bringing. He was astonished. He readily made a decision, and that was to go into the cream business himself. He commenced to save all his heifer calves. He bred his cows, which were crosses of Jersey and Guernsey breeds, to pure Jersey sires. In selecting the sires he paid more attention to the records of their dams as milk and cream producers than pedigree.

A FARMER'S DAIRY.

Mr. Richardson now owns 800 acres of the original estate, and is keeping 100 cows, of which 65 are milch cows. The party was met at Phœnix by Mr. Asa B. Gardiner, Jr., manager of Filston Farm, with a four-horse turnout. The beautiful section of hilly country on the way to Mr. Richardson's was greatly admired by the gentlemen from Southern Maryland. The farm of Mr. Richardson was in splendid condition, the set of clover and grass fine, good fences, a thrifty orchard, cattle in fine condition, he was feeding ensilage, and knew how to make a well-balanced ration.

His dairy had a large icehouse attachment, into the bottom of which his cream was lowered as soon as gathered. The milk was kept in the deep vat or can system, surrounded with crushed ice in the summer, and cream was allowed to form naturally. He does not use the "separators," for his customers tell him they greatly prefer the natural or gravity system cream, and some declare the separator cream has a "cooked taste."

Hogs by the hundreds were seen. Skim milk, corn and other farm products furnished the food for the hogs. A large flock of healthy poultry, mainly of Plymouth Rocks, gave evidence of sensible care. An attractive home and many other indications which follow naturally in the wake of good farming were found and admired.

A COMMERCIAL DAIRY.

Filston Farm was the next point. It would show the contrast between a dairy such as any ambitious farmer could build up and a commercial dairy. Filston Farm is located in the very heart of the great milk producing belt that surrounds Baltimore. The value of this property is considered to be over $150,000. The stables and outbuildings are large and contain all the latest up-to-date accessories in use in modern dairying. Several barns are here grouped, affording the opportunity of distributing the dairy herd, so that in case of fire, epidemic or any emergency the danger of losses would be lessened. Each barn holds from 50 to 75 cows, with ample loft storage for provender. Records are kept of each cow's annual production of milk. Two hundred and fifty pure-bred registered Jersey cows are kept. Mr. Gardiner knows the name and pedigree of the cows, and proved to be a veritable walking encyclopedia, readily giving records and family traced back pedigrees, that proved his careful study and knowledge. He freely gave his methods of feeding, and was glad to have the visitors critically inspect all the foods, including the ensilage. He showed how the milk was cooled and aerated with the one process. How all the utensils were steam cleaned; how the cemented stables were kept scrupulously clean with a suspended trolley car that ran back of the stalls that carried out all droppings; how the milkmen had to be dressed in white suits to do the milking. Time being limited only two of the several barns could be visited. An extensive well-racked lot of corn fodder with a new ridge roof over it idicated that Mr. Gardiner fully appreciates the value of good dry corn fodder for milch cows. A modern hoghouse on the farm was examined with interest. It has seven double apartments, with cemented floors. The center is a few inches lower, and is arranged so a wagon may be driven through to remove the filth, etc. Berkshire hogs are kept.

Filston Farm dairy was founded in 1882 by Mr. Edward Austen. Retiring from active business life in New York city, he turned his attention to pure-bred cattle. His first fancy was Devons, then Ayershires, and finally settled on Jerseys, which soon resulted in laying the foundation for one of the largest herds of Jerseys in the United States, though it is practically what might be termed a home-made herd. Mr. Gardiner is an enthusiast, and through his efforts is ably maintaining the aim Mr. Austen had in view. Mr. Gardiner considers that the sire is half of the herd, and concludes it is wisdom to loosen the purse strings and always secure the best sires.

TOBACCO AND BEEF CATTLE.

After partaking of a bountiful lunch, wherein Jersey dairy products played a very appetizing part, the party proceeded to York, Pa. At York Mr. E. K. McConkey was in waiting with a fine turnout of four magnificent black horses, and the party proceeded without delay to the farm of Mr. Michael Smyser, about five miles distant. Mr. Smyser has one of the kind of farms, and is a type of the sturdy, painstaking farmers that have made York and Lancaster the banner agricultural counties. He follows a system of diversified farming, which includes some twenty-odd acres of tobacco, and feeds and fattens from 75 to 100 beeves. He generally buys the cattle about the latter part of September, when their average weight is about 1,000 pounds, and feeds them until they have attained weight and condition to be classed as "export" beeves. The cattle are high grades, plainly showing Durham or short-horn blood. Cattle of that class, Mr. Smyser says, not only are the best beefmakers, but are more readily fattened. He generally feeds more cattle than his farm supplies the corn feed for. His method of feeding for fattening is giving from 12 to 15 pounds of rather coarse-ground cornmeal to each steer three times a day. In addition they are given a liberal supply of dry corn fodder. The animals are kept in the stable all the time. Water is furnished in a trough in the stalls. He said he had paid 5 cents a pound for the present lot of cattle, hoped to increase their individual weights 400 pounds or more, and expected to realize 6 cents a pound when they were sold. The manure from the cattle is very valuable, and is no doubt the main cause of the fertile land of his farm and in keeping it so. He firmly believes in feeding the soil, and is not afraid of injuring his tobocco crop by applying barnyard manure. He says the corn feeds the beeves, the beeves feed the land, which in return grows him a ton of tobacco to the acre. While Mr. Smyser's system may not be as modern some others, his industry and personal attention, keen judgment and extended experience have enabled him to secure a very comfortable fortune.

The tobacco hanging in the tobacco barns was examined with interest for some of the visitors are tobacco raisers in Southern Maryland. The quality was not considered quite equal to the Maryland tobacco, though it appeared to be of stronger texture. The method of sorting and stripping was found to be quite different from the Maryland way. Length of leaves seemed to be the one idea in making the bunches. The Pennsylvania grower packs his tobacco in neat bales, weighing about 75 pounds. Tobacco buyers visit the tobacco growers and make their purchases on the premises. They inspect the tobacco by drawing out bunches or opening the bales. This method of saving the cost of packages (hogsheads) was a revelation to the Maryland men.

Returning to York, Mr. McConkey, as guest, entertained the party at dinner at the Lafayette Club. The evening was spent discussing farming topics with some farmer friends of the guests.

A THRIFTY MARYLAND TOWN.

Early the next morning the party left for Taneytown, Md., where they mere met by Messrs. W. K. Eckert, William Flickinger and E. O. Garner, of the Copperville Farmers' Club, Dr. Birnie and other citizens of the place. The new bank was inspected. The fact that Taneytown was becoming a great agricultural center was explained. The great quantity of baled hay and the quantity of pork shipped annually and the fact that more than 500 choice fat beeves were yearly sent out, some of which went to Europe, was told with justifiable pride. A dairy supply agent admits a business of over $10,000 in these supplies annually. A new mill, with a storage capacity of 8,000 bushels of wheat, has just been completed, and the owner, in connection with another of the mills near the town, has made, during the six months ended November 21, over 12,000 barrels of flour, using over 60,000 bushels of Carroll county raised wheat. Some of this flour was shipped to Cuba, Brazil, Scotland and Gibraltar. The members of the Copperville Farmers' Club named took the visitors in charge and drove to the farm of Dr. G. T. Motter. The farm is rented out. The annual yield of corn on this 200 acres is 3,000 bushels and 200 bushels of wheat, besides the crops of grass and oats. The oats were plump and heavy. The farm was in last summer's severe hailstorm belt, and the corn crop was nearly ruined. Cattle feeding is also carried on in a small way on this farm.

HIGH-CLASS RACE HORSES.

The next stop was at the 1,000-acre horse-breeding farm of Messrs. R. W. Walden & Sons, near Middleburg, Md. Race horses are the specialty. A number of handsome colts were shown the visitors by the obliging foreman. The pedigrees of these colts traced back to noted "winners" of two continents. Each colt occupies a roomy box stall, and these stalls form a circular building extending a trifle over one-sixth of a mile. Inside of this building, entirely closed and well lighted by windows, making it weather proof, is an exercising track one-sixth of a mile around. When the visitors were shown colts which $10,000 to $50,000 had been offered and refused—a price their own farms would not bring—they wondered. One visitor remarked that race horse values were rather evanescent, for "today your horse is a winner, he's worth money, and there are buyers ready to take him at a good price; tomorrow your horse is beaten, and he becoms a 'has-been.' The best time to sell a horse is when some one wants to buy."

Nearly a score of boys from 12 to 16 years of age were noticed, and inquiry elicited the fact that they were "stable boys," who remained there day and night. How do they get any schooling then? A room was shown, in which were table, desks, chairs and school-room accessories. "We have regular school hours in this room." Over this room was a large well-lighted chamber, with rows of beds, with everything in neat order. In answer to "Do tha boys ever fight?" Occasionally they did," was answered, "but now if they do we make each one take a horse whip and see that they use it on each other. So now there is very little scrapping among the kids."

Few States have as extensive a race-horse breeding farm as that of Messrs. Walden, and none can boast of a finer or handsomer section of country, where there are such fertile lands and up-to-date farming. The writer counted in this vicinity 27 large wheat fields in sight at one time.

CARROLL COUNTY FARMS.

The next farm visited was that of Mr. E. O. Garner, It contains 121 acres. Diversified farming is followed, and the annual yield of corn is 2,000 bushels in the ear. Poland China hogs are kept in numbers, so that pork selling brings quite a revenue. Chickens and turkeys are another money bringing crop. The barn space was full, and near by was a large rick of corn fodder, under which suitable shelter had been made for the large farm implements.

The farm of Mr. W. K. Eckert was next. He has a small farm, but the old adage of "A small farm well tilled, means a barn well filled," was here verified. One piece of "Australian" wheat looked remarkably well. Mr. Eckert said in comparison with his other wheat field this Australian wheat seemed to be quite Hessian fly proof.

The farm of Mr. William Flickinger came next. Here were found more of the large beef cattle, which were running on an excellent pasture of natural grass; plenty of poultry, and as the annual butchering was under way a chance to see that the hogs were in prime condition. An excellent apple orchard was shown, and liberal proofs of its yield supplied the visitors. Mr. Flickinger's wheat fields were in fine condition, with little evidence of the Hessian fly. Evidence of thrifty farming was not lacking on this farm. An unusually fine barn next attracted attention, and a halt was made to inspect it. It was 50 by 100 feet, with the usual ample basement stable and convenient room arrangements. The fact that none as fine or large had been observed in York county was commented on and one enthusiastic visitor said he felt like taking off his hat to Carroll county. A Mr. Dutterer was said to be the owner of the barn, but he was away.

Near by was another object of interest. It was the farm of Mr. Henry Sell. The gentle slope of the fields was such as to show them very conspiculously, the picture first-class farming with its scrupulously clean fence rows. A well-kept orchard formed a contrasting background to a substantial residence. The orchard is only a 7-acre one, yet this season Mr. Sell raised and sold 1,500 bushels of apples from it. The farm consists of 147 acres, and here, too, large stock cattle were seen in goodly numbers in a field near the barns.

NEW CATTLE-FEEDING METHODS.

The party was drawing near to Westminster, as it was desired to reach the farm of Mr. B. F. Shriver in time to make an inspection before dark, only carriage observation of the other farms en route could be made. Large flocks of poultry, which included plenty of fine turkeys and guinea fowls, seemed to be the order at every farm that was passed. The great number of large capons seen was a surprise. It would be interesting to know whether the farmers in general are expert in this line, or whether an expert is secured who who visits the farms. Each farm makes considerable pretense of having an orchard, and if timely spraying was observed the apple crop of Carroll county would soon become a source of great revenue to the farmers. There are a number of new orchards to be seen. Many of them seemed to be small, and it was learned some nursery proprietors had on many farms set out one acre in various fruit trees, in some cases with small fruits between the rows. The farmers pay the nurserymen $55 down for the trees, which the latter agree to look after for five years, when the farmers are to make another payment of $50, or a half or one-third of the yield of fruit—the information was uncertain about the quantity of fruit to be given in case the money was not paid. As the nurserymen's care simply means pruning and perhaps "looking after" insect destruction, and the farmers have the cultivation to attend to and maintenance of soil fertility, it would seem the nurserymen have a "snap."

A STACK OF COBS AND HUSKS.

The farm of Mr. B. F. Shriver was the last visited. It is located nearly two miles from Westminster. Here the visitors found what they considered one of the most novel and interesting object lessons seen on the entire trip. First, a number of beef cattle in remarkably fine condition were examined in the stable—48 of them. Their uniformly good condition was noticed at once. A narrow iron track ran through the stable, between the two rows of cattle stalls. On it was a car in which the feed was conveyed along the line to the cattle. The feed was something that greatly astonished the visitors, as well as the way it was kept, as it quite upset some theories. Back of the stable was a large circular stack which at a distance had the appearance of the usual stack of straw; such as wheat threshing leaves. But it was not a stack of straw—it was a stack of the refuse of corn canning—the cob and husks. The cobs are taken as soon as the corn is removed for canning, and they are then ground up in a mill, and with the husks hauled directly to the stacking place. A row of husks are spread a foot or so wide on the outer edge of the stack, and the ground cobs with some scattering husks are then dumped in by a carrier. This progress goes on until the stack is complete. All the protection the ground cobs have is the husk on the outer edges. The cob material is heavy and settles down into a very compact state. This is the provender that was being fed to the fine beeves that had been inspected. The car track extends to the corncob stack. It is run out, and the stack is cut down on the sides and the small portion of husk that has been weather discolored is thrown aside, and the nearly white ground cobs are loaded in the car and run into the stable. A man walks along behind the car, and with a scoop shovel gives each animal two shovelfuls. This is done three times a day. In addition there is given generally a handful each of wheat bran and cottonseed meal with each feed. During the day the animals are liberally supplied with well-cured sweet corn fodder, which has been cut and shocked soon after the ears were removed for the canners. The idea that an outdoor silo of this nature would so well save the material could hardly be believed, but here was undeniable proof of it. Here was a by-product of a corn-canning establishment being utilized, and cattle being fattened by it, and the owner making what might be called two profits out of what has heretofore been elassed both as worthless and a nuisance that was troublesome to get rid of. Such a method of making beeves, on food costing so little, and the great amount of manure that would result that could be used to keep up and increase the soil fertility was truly a pleasant revelation, Mr. Shriver is certainly to be congratulated, and fairly classed as a public benefactor. An idea may be formed of the amount this stack contained by the fact that several loads were weighed and the number of loads used in the stack made according to these weighed 2,000 tons.

CONCLUSIONS ARRIVED AT.

On the return to Baltimore the Southern Maryland farmers expressed themselves as follows: "1. We are greatly impressed with the manifold advantages to be derived from diversified farming, as seen by us in Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Carroll counties, Maryland. 2. In our opinion the farmers of Southern Maryland should adopt a method of farming by which they will grow and fatten more cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and especially calves from good strains, and grow only as much tobacco as can be properly cultivated and prepared for market, thus extending the scope of their operations and increasing the revenue from their farms. 3. Besides the standard crops of wheat, corn and tobacco, there should be grown upon every farm, for grazing purposes, cowpeas, crimson clover and rye. Moreover the greatest care should be observed to properly secure all corn fodder, whose feeding value is very great. 4. We advise the growing of cattle for beef rather than for dairy purposes, because the average farmer cannot employ the scientific methods now in use by all successful dairymen, whose plants have been inspected by us."

Maryland Affairs.

Joseph Warfield, aged 98 years, was buried Sunday afternoon in Cumberland.

The Henry McCauley farm of 170 acres, near Hagerstown, has been sold to Samuel Funk for $8.700.

Several farms containing an aggregate of 580 acres have recently been sold at private sale in Talbot county for $12,220, or $21.60 per acre.

The heirs of the late Dr. Lewis H. Steiner have sold their farm, one mile west of Frederick, containing 188 acres, to Edward C. Krantz for $16,000.

On Friday night of last week the barn and contents on the farm of Israel Warfield, near Laytonsville, Montgomery county, were burned. Loss, $1,500, insurance $500.

There are two apple trees on the farm of H. M. McCullough, Elk Neck, Cecil county, which are bearing a second crop, the fruit being nearly full grown. The trees also have many blossoms upon them at this time.

Nearly 25,000 gallons of milk go to Baltimore daily by the steam railroads centering there, and it is said that something like 15,000 cows are required to supply this quantity. Baltimore county is the largest producer.

An infant of James Stratton, Cumberland, screamed incessantly for days. Tuesday night the infant's pillow was ripped open and found to contain 28 good-sized needles, six darning needles and a number of pins, which had been constantly puncturing the child.

Engineers have completed a preliminary survey of that portion of the proposed Frederick, Liberty and Emmitsburg Electric Railway between Frederick and Liberty, a distance of twelve miles. The survey is near the Emmitsburg turnpike.

Perry G. Watkins, aged 70 years, of Damascus, Montgomery county, and Mrs. Emily Lewis, aged 60 years, also from Montgomery county, were married at the Frederick parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church last week by Rev. John H. Wilhite, pastor.

Henry Eckenrode, the proprietor of the Eight Mile House, on the Reisterstown turnpike, died Monday. He was 66 years of age, and leaves a widow and several children. Mr. Eckenrode was well known to farmers traveling on the turnpike.

Mrs. Barbara Voit, of Tunis' Mills, Talbot county, a native of Germany, has taken out final naturalization papers in the Circuit Court. Mrs. Voit is the second woman ever naturalized. The first was Mrs. Teresa Retallack, a native of Belgium, who was naturalized about 25 years ago.

Oysters are becoming so scarce in Miles river that it is unprofitable to tong. Up to a few years ago at least three-fourths of the population of St. Michaels were supported by the oyster industry, but they "have killed the goose that laid the golden egg" and now there is mourning in that place.

Charles J. Merriken, a clerk in the office of I. M. Parr & Son, and treasurer of the Caribbean Manganese Company and the Maryland Clay Company, Baltimore, in both of which Mr. Henry A. Parr is interested, has been missing for two weeks, and his whereabouts is not known. Experts are going through the books of both companies.

Wellington M. Penn, teacher in Etchison, Montgomery county, was cowhided and afterwards beaten with a poker by Carton Baker last week. He claimed that Penn severely thrashed his brother. Baker lives in Baltimore and went to the school for the purpose of chastizing Penn. Penn made no resistance, but swore out a warrant for his arrest.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has a large force of hands at work placing the false work in position for the construction of a new iron bridge across the Monocracy river three miles north of Frederick. They will also place a new iron bridge across the Tuscarora, about half a mile beyond.

George E. Warrener, aged 25, a freight brakeman on the Northern Central railroad, whose home is at Glencoe, Baltimore county, was thrown from his train some time Friday night of last week, at the old Emig's Grove camp ground, York county, Pa., and remained lying on the rails unconscious. Another train, which followed soon after, cut his body in half at the waist. The remains were shipped to his home Saturday afternoon.

After being closed for nearly nine months, the pulp mill at Elkton, recently purchased by the Southern Pulp Company from the trustees of the Singerly Pulp and Paper Company, has resumed operations, and will run both night and day. The new owners have made immense improvements to the machinery, etc. They have also had the Elk Creek dredged as far up as their wharves to allow large-size schooners to haul poplar wood to their works. Several hundred cords were received during the past week by rail, to allow the works to resume at once. About 100 men will be given employment.

Football Victims.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Eleven football players have died since September as the result of injuries received in the game, and thirty have been hurt, many of them badly. Three died from concussion of the brain, three from injuries to the spine and four from internal injuries.

One of the most peculiar accidents was that which caused the death of George Shoup, a 14 year old boy, who, after having had a knee injured, suffered nervous prostration on account of the pain, and died from the cause.

Those injured suffered from broken limbs and collar bones, twisted knees, sprained ankles, dislocated shoulders, wrenched wrists and bruised bodies, and in many cases the victims will be permanently crippled. The greatest number of injuries was received during the Thanksgiving Day games.

The oldest tree in the world, it is said, is a cypress tree in Mexico, which measures 120 feet about the base, and which is believed to be 6000 years old, and more ancient than the baobab tree of Africa, which is said to have lived 5700 years. The yew tree in all times, from the early days of the Egyptians to the later civilization of England, has been esteemed as a mourning emblem. Branches of the yew were carried over the dead by the mourners in England years ago and were thrown into the grave beneath the coffin.