

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

"May I see you privately?"
The well-dressed, stranger approached the mayor of the suburban town with an air of one who knew his business. When they were alone he said:

"I want to apply for the position of village burglar."

"Village burglar!"
"Yes, sir. I guarantee results. I only rob one house a week. This includes a clean get-away. When a man, no matter how conscientious, attempts any more than this, he is bound to deteriorate. By employing me regularly you get the best results."

"What inducements do you offer?"
"Your village will be advertised regularly and in the most efficient manner. I will guarantee to keep away all other burglars, thus insuring the comfort and safety of your police. I return all goods stolen. If it is necessary at any time to wound any of your citizens, I will pay half of the hospital expenses. Salary five thousand dollars a year. Can furnish references."

"Nothing else?"
"My dear sir, what more do you want?"

The mayor shook his head, as rising, he indicated that the interview was over.

"Sorry, my friend," he said, "that I can't accept your offer, but I am just closing a contract with a man who not only will burglarize our village regularly on your terms, but also will turn over to us a rebate of one-half of the salary he gets from the burglary insurance company that employs him.—Life.

Financially it will make no difference if you learn to produce one hundred bushels to an acre. If the other fellow makes all the laws and dictates the price you can be poorer instead of richer no matter how much you raise.

MARKET REPORT.

(Furnished by J. R. Kirk Com. Co.)

South St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 13.—Bids on butcher cattle steady. With only 4300 cattle here today the market ruled steady to strong in the butcher line. Effects of last week's break which averaged about a quarter for butcher steers and the stock was somewhat less for bulls, cutters and canners this week. Good to choice killing steers \$6.50 to \$7.25, something select \$7.50 to \$7.75, fair to good \$5.50 to \$6.25. Canner and cutter steers \$4.25 to \$5.00. Butcher cows and heifers, good to choice, \$5.50 to \$6.25, fair to good \$4.75 to \$5.25, common to fair \$4.25 to \$4.75. Canners and cutters \$3.25 to \$4.25. Butcher bulls \$4.75 to \$5.00. Bolognas \$4.50 to \$4.75. Common light bulls \$4.00 to \$4.25.

Veals \$9.25 top, seconds \$7.75, cull \$5 to \$6, weiners \$3.50 to \$4.50.

The stocker and feeder market is fully steady with last week's market. Good to choice feeders \$5.75 to \$6.25, extra choice up to \$6.50, fair to good \$5.25 to \$5.75, common to fair \$4.75 to \$5.25. Yearlings and calves, good to choice, \$5.50 to \$6, fair to good \$5 to \$5.50, common to fair \$4.50 to \$5. Heifers, good to choice, \$4.75 to \$5.25, fair to good \$4.25 to \$4.75. Feeding cows \$4 to \$4.25. Stock bulls \$4.25 to \$4.75.

The dairy market continues in the same shape as last week. Good to choice stuff \$55 to \$70 fair to good \$40 to \$55. Inferior and common going over the scales only.

The hog market today was ten lower, sales ranging from \$5.50 to \$6, bulk \$5.80 to \$5.90. Pigs are selling around \$4.75.

Sheep and lambs market a little stronger. Top lambs \$8.50, seconds \$7.25 to \$7.50. Top ewes \$5.50, wethers \$6.50 and bucks \$4.

Yours respectfully,
J. R. Kirk Com. Co.

Misunderstanding.—"Reggie would tango perfectly but for two things."
"Yes? What are they?"
"His feet."—St. Patrick's Monthly Calendar.

Where Safety Lies.—"I see when a man runs for office he has to put

himself in the hands of his friends."
"Yes, my dear."
"If a woman ran would she have to put herself in the hands of her women friends?"
"I suppose so."
"Well, I don't imagine many women will run. Think of taking such chances!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

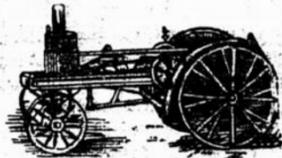
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