



Unexpected Guests

The farmer and his wife were about to sit down to a cold supper when they saw some old friends driving towards the house.

The good wife was equal to the occasion—thanks to her New Perfection Oil Cook-stove.

She had it lit in a moment, and her guests hardly were seated on the porch before a hearty hot meal was ready for the table—sausages and eggs and long rashers of streaky bacon, and rolls just crisped in the oven and fresh coffee—and the hostess herself as cool and neat as if she had not been near the kitchen.

She never could have managed it with an old-fashioned range. The New Perfection is the quickest, most convenient and best cooker on the market.

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WICK-BURNER RANGE
Oil Cook-stove

Made with 1, 2 and 3 burners, with long, turquoise blue enameled chimneys. Handsomely finished throughout. The 2- and 3-burner stoves can be had with or without a cabinet top, which is fitted with drop shelves, towel racks, etc.

Dealers everywhere; or write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of the
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No More Whisky Advertising.

The Twice-a-week Republic of St. Louis, Mo., makes the announcement that no more whisky advertising will be printed in its paper. This will be good news to most of our readers. The Twice-a-Week Republic is the oldest, biggest and best metropolitan semi-weekly newspaper in the United States, and by cutting out this line of advertising it should greatly increase its circulation in this community. The subscription price is 50 cents per year, but for a short time only they

will make a special rate of three years for one \$1. Be sure to take advantage of this liberal offer, and by all means advise your friends and neighbors of the fact that all whisky and liquor advertising has been discontinued and that \$1 will pay for a three-year subscription. Write for a free sample copy. Send orders to the The St. Louis Republic, St. Louis, Mo. 20-11

Star Church.

Sunday, June 25. Preaching at 3 p. m. by J. R. Lamb of Butler.

How To Avoid Replanting Corn

Sure Way to Increase Yields

By J. C. Hackleman, Assistant in Agronomy, Missouri College of Agriculture.

How much of your corn are you going to replant this year? Why not determine now not to do any replanting or planting over, and begin immediately to get the seed ready? To prepare enough seed for fifty acres and have seed that will grow is a task which will not take more than two days now, and it may save many times that amount or even a whole corn crop later.

It is quite generally understood that corn which is gathered in the fall and thrown into the crib in large quantities often has its germ injured and therefore its germinating power much lessened. Even if this treatment does not kill the germ it will injure it, and this means a weak stalk in the field next summer and a stubbin at husking time.

Many farmers claim that they determine the germinating power of an ear of corn at sight by simply examining the germ, but while this is a fair test it is not accurate and often is very misleading. Experiments have proved that corn stored in a heap in a crib and allowed to freeze before becoming thoroughly dry is materially weakened and will often fail to germinate even where the germ has the

weak ears to be readily detected and thrown out.

The germinator may be prepared by making a box two feet by three feet, and three inches deep (old pieces of two by four scantlings make a good outside frame). The box is then filled with sand and holes are bored through the sides or nails driven in the sides about 2 1/2 inches apart and string stretched back and forth across the box. These strings will divide the box into squares into which the kernels are to be placed.

The ears of corn are then laid out, and five or ten kernels, preferably ten, are taken out of ear No. 1 and put down in square No. 1, kernels from ear No. 2 will be in square No. 2, and so on until all the ears are tested or the box is filled. The sand is then wet down, the box placed in a warm room and kept moist until germination is complete, an examination being made daily. It is always best to begin at the left and number from left to right, as in that way no risk is run in getting the ears and their corresponding space mixed.

This process, so simple that it can be performed by any boy twelve years



Germinating Box for testing 120 ears of Corn. (Note the method of tagging the ears.)

appearance of being alive when examined. It is, therefore, evident that the best and most accurate method of determining the actual germinating power of your corn is to use some such germination box as shown in the illustration.

The time required to test enough ears to plant fifty acres has been found to be not over two days, and this time divided among five or six days will scarcely be missed. The test is very simple. By placing a small peg in the butt of the ear and placing the number of the ear on the peg, the record of each ear can be kept accurately and the test will be very valuable, allowing all dead or

old, is of almost untold value to the farmers of the state if they will only place it in operation. It has been estimated that the corn crop of Missouri is cut short by a least 20 per cent by poor seed which this germination test would positively detect.

If this is true—that a 20 per cent loss is sustained each year, and it seems from tests carried on at the experiment station at Columbia this year, that that is a very safe estimate—the value of these little boxes would be almost inestimable. With the acreage in corn that Missouri had last year this germination test would save more than \$25,000,000 for the farmers of the state in a single year.

BATES COUNTY SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

By Supt. P. M. Allison.

So many inquiries are coming in concerning the new certificate law that I have decided to give through these notes the opinion of the Attorney General which is as follows:

County Certificates issued prior to January 1, 1912, are not subject to renewal after that date, but are valid only for the life of the certificate, since at that date section 10942 R. S. 1909 ceases to be a law and there is thereafter no authority for the renewal of such certificates, except that section 10942, Session Acts 1911, provides that any teacher who has had five years' experience in teaching and is employed at the time of the taking effect of this act shall have his or her county certificate renewed an unlimited number of times on condition that said teacher continues in the same position (in employment of the same board) and is faithful in the performance of his or her professional duties.

"All county certificates issued prior to January 1, 1912, are valid only in the county in which issued and can not be endorsed in other counties.

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"All scholastic grades for a first grade certificate must be certified from the office of the State Superintendent of Schools. Grades from a second or third grade cannot be transferred to a first grade certificate unless the papers for said certificates were graded by the State Superintendent or were made in an Approved Summer School.

"According to section 10947 all grades made on papers graded by the State Superintendent are valid in any county in any state, when properly certified from the office of the State Superintendent of Schools.

"In the Session Acts, 1911, there is no provision for the transfer of grades from a certificate issued prior to January 1, 1912, to one issued after that date."

In regard to the professional duties the State Superintendent has ruled that this shall consist of all Reading Circle work, attendance at all teacher meetings held and the reading of good school journals.

The above is not what the school people of the state were asking for but one thing commendable about it is that it will not lower the standard of qualification for certificate and the best teachers will be pleased with that feature of it at least.

Most of our schools are taken and each and every one should help to make their school the very best possible. It matters not who your board has employed, they may not have the teacher you wanted most, but they have a teacher and that teacher will and should be yours for the best school possible; so now instead of pulling back and putting in the way, get in line and push for a good school and you will have a better one than by any other way you can try.

The Reading Circle books for 1911 and 1912 have been received and I am quite sure we have two books worth the time and trouble of all teachers to master. One is on Pedagogy and is "How to Study and Teaching How to Study," the other is on reading "Reading in Public Schools." An outline is furnished with each book and teachers who are not in Summer School will do well to read these before taking up school in September and then be ready for better work when the regular reading circle work does begin. These books

SCOTT'S EMULSION

is taken by people in tropical countries all the year round. It stops wasting and keeps up the strength and vitality in summer as well as winter.

ALL DRUGGISTS

We Have Decided to Give Ten Dollars

to the Bates county boy or girl fifteen years of age or under who writes and compose the best essay on

"Why Has the Peoples Bank of Butler Succeeded?"

Five dollars (\$5) to the one having the second best; three dollars (\$3), third; two dollars (\$2), fourth; one dollar (\$1), fifth. The essays must not contain over three hundred words, be enclosed in a sealed envelope together with a separate sheet of paper bearing the name of the writer, and left at the bank not later than July 1st, 1911. They will be passed on by disinterested persons. The essays of those receiving the prizes will be printed in the newspapers published in Butler.

In addition to the above offer we have decided to give ten dollars (\$10) to the Bates county boy or girl fifteen years or under who grows the largest watermelon; five dollars (\$5) to the one who grows the next largest; three dollars (\$3), third largest; two dollars (\$2), fourth largest; one dollar (\$1) fifth largest. The watermelons grown for the contest must be delivered not later than September 1, 1911, at a place designated by the bank.

Several will get the money we are offering. Try to be one the number

"WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY"

PEOPLES BANK

BUTLER, MISSOURI

will sell at the usual price of one dollar each at the office or one fifteen by mail. We are counting on the most successful year of the reading circle work since it began.

Wins Fight for Life.

It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Mer-shon, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and run-down. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hoarseness, la grippe, asthma, hay-fever or any throat or lung trouble its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by F. T. Clay.

Passed Away.

Mrs. Mary Griggs-Carter departed this life May 9th from her home in Sta Barbara, Cal. She bore her long illness with great fortitude and patience; was a good conscientious christian for many years. She realized the end was coming and made all due preparations, exhorting her family to meet her in the better land. She selected the scripture to be read at the funeral, 14th of John, "Prepare to meet thy God," from which she requested the minister to preach a sermon to all unsaved people who might attend the funeral. Her choice songs were: "Home of the Soul," "When My Life's Work is Ended," "We'll Never Say Goodbye in Heaven" and "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

She leaves her husband and five children; five sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss; was the third daughter of the well known "Uncle Billie" and M. J. Griggs, so long residents of Bates county, but late in life came to S. B., both having died in this city. Not six months ago she laid the mother away to rest until the resurrection morn. X

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Archie 12—Butler 8.

The Archie base ball team defeated the Butler team at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon by a score of 12 to 8. A number of errors were made on both sides. Batteries: Butler, Rice and Wright; Archie, Stansbury and Hayler; Umpires, Bell and Kersey. A large and enthusiastic bunch of rooters accompanied the Archie team and cheered them to victory.

See Hayden Ray, tinner, south side square, for Moore Bros'. Soft Cable Lightning Rods. 10c to 20c per foot, mounted, according to quality. 33-41

FREEZER TIME

Dina Ice Cream Freezers—the best made. Freezo Ice Cream Freezers are good makes.

Ice cream Jello, all flavors, only..... 10c package
Crystal Flake for ice cream..... 60c pound
Junket tablets..... 10c each; 3 for 25c
FLAVORING OF ALL KINDS.
Loose-Wiles cakes of all kinds for lunch.
Loose-Wiles cakes of all kinds to serve with ice cream.
Loose-Wiles crackers..... by the box, 6c pound

Polerine Automobile Oil—the only oil that is frozen to take out the paraffine. Not only as good as others, but the BEST MADE..... 55c gallon
Castor machine oil only..... 25c gallon

Grocery Department

Post Toasties..... 2 for 25c
Cream of Wheat..... 2 for 25c
25c package of Oats only..... 20c
Grapenut..... 2 for 25c
Oats in tin cans..... 2 for 25c
3-lb can baked beans..... 3 for 25c
3-lb can beets only..... 10c can
3-lb can pumpkin..... 3 for 25c
3-lb can kraut..... 3 for 25c
2-lb can string beans..... 3 for 25c
Can tomatoes..... 10c can; \$1.10 dozen
Can corn..... 3 for 25c; 95c dozen
OLD GLORY FLOUR, old wheat, only..... \$1.30 sack
Indian Girl flour, old wheat..... \$1.30 sack
Perfection flour, old wheat..... \$1.25 sack
We have a good supply of new and old potatoes and can save you money on what you buy.

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