

her garden and canning work. Her father has been so impressed with her accomplishments that he has reduced his cotton acreage one-half and has gone to raising vegetables.

While the boys in the South are demonstrating the possibilities of corn and pigs the girls are showing what can be done with the products of the garden and orchard. These object lessons in diversification cannot fail to be of beneficial effect.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NEWS NOTES.

Inquiry has come to Lexington, Ky., about when Stanley Watson will return to Kansas City. Friends who invested in a mine with which Mr. Watson was connected want their money back. He is also wanted to call a meeting of the Board of Council of which he is president.

Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, granted an appeal from the refusal of the Federal District Court for Northern Georgia to release on habeas corpus proceedings Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl of Atlanta.

The shooting of the two American duck hunters by Canadian soldiers on the Niagara River, near Fort Erie, was unintentional, according to information gathered by the authorities and forwarded to Ottawa.

Unofficial word was received by Secretary Bryan that the plan proposed by Brig.-Gen. Scott for the prevention of firing into American territory along the Mexican border had been agreed upon by all factions.

One of the first men to apply for a pension for wounds received at Vera Cruz is Geo. C. Edgar, of Pikeville, Ky., who has asked Representative Langley to aid him in getting the money.

Membership in girls' canning clubs in fourteen Southern States has reached 30,000, according to a report of the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation in New York.

Ten persons deported from Costa Rica as the result of the discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate President Gonzales, passed through Colon on the steamer Calamares, bound for Cuba.

Seeking to prevent duplication of giving, representatives of nineteen associations which dispense charity in Louisville organized the Social Service Exchange.

A decree providing for the sale on January 14 of the assets of the H. B. Claffin Company was signed by Judge Hand in the Federal Court in New York.

One bandit was killed and another seriously wounded by a 70-year-old veteran of the Civil War, when he was attacked in his store in St. Louis.

President Wilson expects to send to the Senate this week nominations of the five members of the Federal Trade Commission.

Mutualization of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was indorsed by the policyholders at a meeting in New York.

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"Wombat is always thoughtful. Never puts his name in a Christmas book."
"What is so thoughtful about that?"
"You can pass such a gift right along."

Crushed First.

"First the ore is thoroughly crushed. Then the gold is more easily extracted."
"I understand. I use the same process in extracting Christmas money from my husband."

Somebody Caught.

They set a trap for Santa Claus, The little imps.
It never made the good saint pause, But daddy limps.

In Honor of Santa Claus.

We hope the warring nations will refrain from dropping bombs down chimneys at least.

A Congressional Santa.

"The people in my town write me that they have a municipal Christmas tree," remarked a Congressman.
"What kind of an appropriation did they ask you to hang on it?" inquired the Senator as he lit up a yuletide cigar.

Adrian M. Newens.

Adrian M. Newens will be here on the night of Jan. 5. He gives "The Message From Mars"—a comedy, a story, a great play teeming with human conditions and problems. Its theme is the revolution of selfish man. There are fifteen different characters. The marvel of the artist's work is that these fifteen characters come and go with no apparent effort. One comment is that "Mars is a golden message presented by a superb artist."

Good Work By the Farm Girls.

The garden and canning clubs that have been organized by Southern girls are supplying some valuable evidence as to the desirability of crop diversification.

Some interesting facts have been given out from Washington as to the work accomplished by the girls' clubs. A young woman in Tennessee made a net profit of \$131.62 by raising and selling vegetables. Another girl in the same State made a profit of \$96.20 on beans and tomatoes during the summer and fall. A third found a peach orchard into which the hogs had been turned to eat the fruit. She set up a home canning outfit in the orchard and made \$60 in one week as the result of her work.

In South Carolina the club girls made a total profit of \$28,000 last year. Incidentally they developed a new industry by canning pimentos. They found that practically all the pimentos used in the United States are imported from Spain and Mexico. As pimentos are grown extensively in several counties in South Carolina, the girls decided to put a domestic product on the market. They did so with such success that "requests have come from forty-five States for information regarding the canning and culture of this valuable food product."

Two girls in North Carolina have made such a reputation for their canned fruits and vegetables that they are unable to supply the demand. In Mississippi the girls have organized "marketing committees" to facilitate the sale of their products.

The Texas girls have shown unusual interest in poultry in addition to their canning and garden work. This is only the first year of the poultry work, but already 250 young women have achieved results, and in not a single case did the girls fail to make a profit. One girl made enough money from her vegetable crops to buy her father a wagon and team, which he was unable to buy for himself because he could not sell his cotton. One girl cleared last year \$180 from her turkeys and \$338 from her chickens. In addition, being an all-round farmer, she made a profit from

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LESS HOSTILE TO FOREIGNERS

Lives of European Explorers in Tibet Comparatively Safe—Work is Going On.

Tibet continues to hold its special fascination for explorers, and it is therefore interesting to learn from the experiences of Captains Bailey and Moreshead, who recently cleared up the long-standing mystery concerning the connection between the Tsangpo and Brahmaputra rivers, that a noticeable change has come about in the attitude of the Tibetans toward foreigners. These explorers encountered no signs of hostility or distrust, except when they were mistaken for Chinese, who appear to be held in great dread. No objections were made to the surveying operations, and Capt. Moreshead asserts that "it is now possible to traverse the country from end to end, openly, with plane-table and theodolite, and without even the formality of a pass from Lhasa." Apparently the Tibetans have learned that the British are their best protectors from Chinese aggression. Apropos of the T'angpo-Brahmaputra, the current number of Petermann's Mitteilungen announces that the Austrian explorer, A. K. Gebauer, who is now traveling north from Burma along the Chinese-Tibetan border, intends ultimately to strike west to the Tsangpo and follow this river through the passes of the Himalaya.—Scientific American.

JAPAN NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD

Eastern Empire Has Through the Centuries Retained Keen Sense of Its Individuality.

Japanese history has been the record of a practically uninterrupted racial life. The islands which constitute the empire of Japan have not only never been conquered, they have never been invaded, writes Hamilton W. Mable in the Outlook.

The emperor now reigning is the 122d of his dynasty; the development of the life of the people, whatever its limitations and defects, has been uninterrupted by disturbance from without. It has been deeply influenced by Asiatic ideals and conventions; but the foreign ideals and manners which have found acceptance by the Japanese have made their way by persuasion, not by arms.

Japan differs radically from the other countries of the East in its possession of a sensitive national consciousness and of a thorough and minute social and political organization. In this respect it stands in striking contrast to other oriental countries. So far as the feeling of radical unity and the consciousness of sharply defined national aims and interests are concerned, India and China have been mere geographical terms, conveying no such group of ideas, convictions, and mental habits as the word Italy, France and England convey.

Japan, on the other hand, has as keen a sense of its individuality, so as to speak, as any western nation; and in point of thoroughness of organization stands beside Germany. The immense significance of this fact has not yet been recognized in the West.

MUCH LIKE THE PRESENT DAY

In a letter to Hon. Henry Seymour Conway, from Strawberry Hill, of July 8, 1788, Horace Walpole made a number of observations in regard to the European situation of that day which are amazingly, curiously apposite to the existing situation.

"The invasion of Portugal by Spain in the last war, and the partition of Poland, have abrogated the law of nations," writes Walpole. "Kings have left no ties between one another. . . . He is a good king that preserves his people; and if temporizing answers that end, is it not justifiable?"

"Dr. Joseph (the emperor of Austria) and Dr. Frederick (Frederick the Great of Prussia) with 400,000 commentators are reading new lectures—and I should say, thank God, to one another, if the 400,000 commentators were not in worse danger than they. Louis XIV is grown a casist compared with those partitioners."

"Well, let us simple individuals keep our honesty, and bless our stars that we have not armies at our command, lest we should divide kingdoms that are at our bienséance! What a dreadful thing it is for such a wicked little imp as a man to have absolute power!"

SURE OF ONLY ONE THING

Wellington Could Tell Little of Battle Plans, But He Knew Himself and Uxbridge.

Wellington's reticence once drew a protest from Lord Uxbridge, the brilliant cavalry leader who lost a leg at Waterloo. On the eve of the great battle Uxbridge, although next to Wellington in command, knew nothing of his chief's plans for the morrow's battle. With trepidation he approached the duke. If Wellington were killed Uxbridge would become commander in chief. What was the plan? The duke listened patiently.

"Tell me, Uxbridge, who will attack the first tomorrow—I or Bonaparte?"

"Undoubtedly Bonaparte."

"Well, Bonaparte hasn't given me any idea of his projects, and as my plans depend upon his plans, how can you expect me to tell you mine?"

Uxbridge bowed and was about to retire when the duke added in the friendliest way: "There's one thing certain, Uxbridge, whatever happens you and I will do our duty."

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