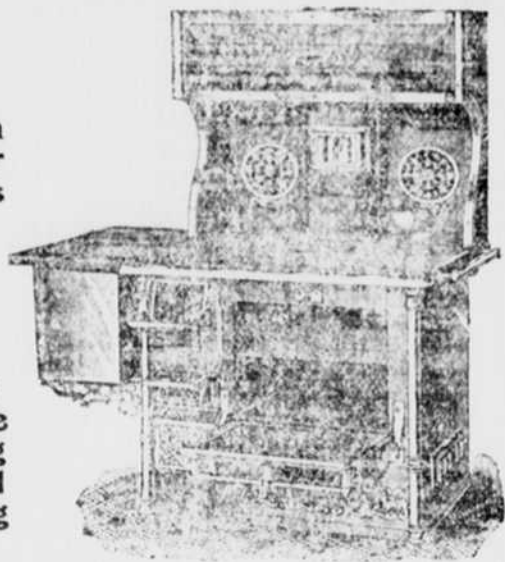


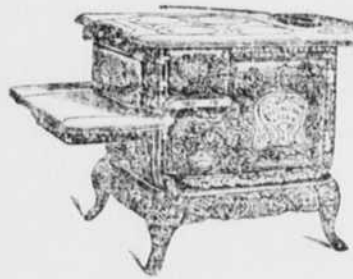
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The manager of the Grand Theatre offers to the person receiving the highest number of coupons attached to the admission tickets, a handsome diamond ring, that is now on display in the window of Theo. Dilger, the jeweler on Princeton Avenue. The contest will start Monday afternoon, and will close on Wednesday night December 2nd.

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PRODUCTION OF RICE IN U. S.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The growth of rice production in the United States, from an average of less than 100 million pounds per annum a few years ago to an average of 500 millions per annum in recent years and over 600 millions in 1908, lends interest to a study just made by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor of the markets offered for this particular commodity in the various sections of the world, and especially in countries commercially adjacent to the United States. Rice production in the United States seldom reached 100 million pounds per annum prior to 1885 and had but twice crossed the 200-million line prior to 1900. Then came in 1901 a production of 388 million pounds; in 1902, 560 millions; in 1904, 556 millions, and in 1908, 608 million pounds. The rice production of the United States in the last decade has thus equaled that of the half century immediately preceding, or, in other words, the quantity produced since the beginning of the year 1800 has been as great as that of the 50 years from 1850 to 1900.

The production of domestic rice in the recent period greatly exceeds the consumption of domestic and foreign rice in the earlier period. Imports of rice in the United States (including rice flour, meal, and broken rice) in 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908, were 100 to 200 million pounds per annum, seldom exceeding 200 million while the domestic production about equaled the imports, making (after deducting the small exports of that period) an average annual consumption ranging from 250 to 400 million pounds. Even during the recent period of large domestic production, importations have continued at about the same rate as in former years, while exports have (save in one or two exceptional years) been comparatively small, thus suggesting a largely increased domestic consumption. Despite the fact that the home production was, in 1906, 496 million pounds; in 1907, 520 millions; and in 1908, 608 millions, the imports amounted, in 1906, to 209 million pounds; in 1907, 203 1-2 millions, and in 1908, 217 millions; while the exports of the domestic product were, in 1906, but 29 million pounds; in 1907, 33 millions, and in 1908, 22 1-2 millions, and of foreign rice, in 1907, 9 million pounds; in 1907, 9 1-2 millions, and in 1908, 7 2-3 millions. In addition to these exports to foreign countries there was sent to Porto Rico in 1908, 90 1-3 pounds and to the Hawaiian Islands 76 thousand pounds.

Chief Newkirk left for Charleston where he will appear before the grand jury in the W. O. Libscomb case, who is charged with fraudulently securing a pass from the Norfolk and Western for a woman who he claimed to be his wife.

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GREATEST CHURCH

Larger than Westminster, larger even than St. Paul's, is the Church of Santo Domingo. This great edifice, renowned in many countries, is known not only for its size but for the beauty and magnificence of its decorations and the many historic events entwined in its history. The church was built on consecrated ground, having been the site of the martyrdom of two Dominican priests.

It was early in the epoch of Spanish occupancy when Cortez sent Velasquez de Leon from Mexico city to Coahuacalcos with a band of men to protect that port. In those days the road lay through Oaxaca. Of Oaxaca itself little was known other than the news taken back by the few expeditions that had been sent to the south by the conqueror. Velasquez de Leon brought some settlers for Oaxaca, among them being several Dominican friars. After the soldiers had proceeded on their way to the port the Indians rose against the small band of settlers and on the spot where the church was afterward erected two of the fathers were cruelly put to death.

By 1650 there were a number of Dominican friars in Oaxaca and the question of erecting a church and convent for the use of the order was agitated. The exact date of the beginning of the work is not known, but it must have been shortly after the middle of the sixteenth century they began the work with a few laborers, who gave their services, and every member of the order worked hard collecting more funds. A petition was sent to the King of Spain for assistance, to which he responded generously. From time to time the King sent other contributions and there was no halt in the work.

St. Paul's cathedral in London measures 510 by 250 feet and cost £277,354, or 7,497,540 pesos, or some 5,000,000 pesos less than Santo Domingo. Some idea of the size of the structure can be obtained when it is considered that four buildings the size of Westminster Abbey could be set on the ground covered by this Dominican temple. At the present time, however, only a small part of the church is used for worship, the other portions having been converted into barracks by the Government.

Owing to the great height and thickness of the walls of the church it has been used for a fort on any and every occasion when necessary. No wars, however, marred the serenity of the early Dominicans, and each year saw the church increasing in wealth. The library was ranked among the greatest in the republic. The interior of the church was decorated in many places with pure gold. The first drug store in the city of Oaxaca was opened by the Dominicans in the temple.

When the struggle with the French began it was not long until Oaxaca was in the hands of a French army. Santo Domingo was turned into a barracks and the gold decorations, the fine paintings and costly adornments were ruthlessly stripped from her walls. The friars were driven out and for six years the church was a fort and nothing more. The accumulated grandeur of 300 years was undone in a few brief months. The greater part of the structure is still used by the Federal garrison.

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Alienism. "You are an alienist?" "Yes, sir." "That is to say, you know a crazy man when you see him?" "That's about it." "Is the prisoner sane?" "He is." "What particular thing determines your decision?" "The size and source of the fee, of course. You must be a novice." "No extraneous comment, please. Do alienists ever lie under oath." "Those of the other side, yes, always." "But supposing you had been retained by the other side?" "In that case this side would have become the other side." "And you say this prisoner is sane?" "No, insane; crazy as a hare, an imbecile from the cradle." "Haven't you changed your mind in the last few minutes?" "Entirely so. For an instant I had forgotten that I was retained for the prisoner and not the state." Soon after, the case went to the jury.—Public Ledger.

The governor of Mississippi did not dodge the issue raised by the fact that the silver punch bowl presented by the state to the battleship is adorned by a portrait of Jefferson Davis. His justification of the picture was simple: "If you condemn him, you must condemn us." Nor did the naval officer who responded to the governor evade the point. Everybody within gunshot was listening intently to the officer's words when he said: "We shall not deny the memory of your departed chief; this the homage that is due him, for we believe that there should be rendered unto Davis a tribute that is due Davis."

FIRE LOSSES IN WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston, Nov. 15.—The report of the State fire marshal for the month of October made public today shows that property valued at \$93,425 was destroyed. Two secondary and eight suspicious fires were reported but listed among the losses.

FIRST CHORUS GIRL TO HAVE OWN MASSEUR.

Chorus girls have automobiles and poodle dogs and other luxuries but Pauline Yates of "The Red Mill" company, which comes to the Elks Theatre, on Wednesday Nov. 24, is the first who has brought with her a masseur. Miss Yates is not an ordinary chorus girl. She's an expert dancer and she is kept busy at seven and eight performances a week, doing gymnastic work as strenuous as a ball player in a training camp. She keeps in training all the time. She looks after diet as carefully as a prizefighter, and has "rubdowns" regularly after her hard work.

"POLLY OF THE CIRCUS."

"Polly of the Circus" one of the most worthy successful of recent American plays, and in which comedy and semi-tragedy are closely entwined to provide incessant excitement, and also a happy ending, and which has been pronounced far and wide as the cleanest and purest drama of the decade, will be seen for the first time in this city at the Elks Opera House on Monday Nov. 22. The production offered to local theatre goers is exactly identical with that seen for one entire season by hundreds of thousands of delighted playgoers at the Liberty Theatre in New York City, while the cast is the most competent and uniformly excellent seen in many a long day.

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