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CROPS AND MARKETS.

In a recent letter to the Farmers' Advocate, Professor Robertson says: "A larger number of crops (not varieties of grain) is what is wanted on nearly every farm. Fewer acres under cultivation, larger yields per acre, and some of all suitable crops for sale or for feeding, is the kind of farm management that can be depended on to yield revenue that will be larger than the necessary expenditure. There is safety in numbers in that sense."

Further on, Professor Robertson says: "Great Britain is undoubtedly the chief market for the surplus of farm product. Perhaps not much more than twelve per cent. of the value of all farm products in Canada are exported annually. Cheese is a notable exception; the prices which the goods exported fetch to a very large extent regulate the prices which can be obtained for what is consumed in the country. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the largest possible price should be obtained for what goes to the markets outside of Canada. The British merchants stick to a thing which they have learned to like. They will pay higher prices for a brand of cheese which has given them satisfaction for several years than they will for an untried brand, even if the latter should be better. In the fruit markets the buyers will wait and bid strongly for the brand of a packer and shipper whose pack has pleased them and their customers well in the past. Such a permanent and preferential trading connection is what should be sought for by every producer and exporter. The British market affords a relatively high price for the very best of everything in the pink of fine condition; but it gives ruinously low prices for second rate quality. With cold storage service provided on railways, at warehouses, and on steamships, the transportation difficulties have to some extent been removed. Distance from market no longer necessarily means deterioration of the product. The main use of cold storage is to preserve perishable products, such as butter, tender fruits, meats, poultry, eggs, and to a less extent cheese and apples on their way to the ultimate consumer. The less time they are on the way the better. Cold storage has, in itself no power to improve the quality of farm products. It can only preserve them from deterioration. It will be unfortunate if it is used very largely for the holding of products off the market in their proper season. While it has a limited usefulness in lengthening out the period during which products can be marketed, and giving the seller a wider chance to choose his time of selling, its main service is in permitting products to get to their market in the very best condition, and, as a rule, that should be as soon after they are ready to be eaten as practicable."

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He corresponded with Indian Parsons, was something of an electrician, something of a mathematician, something of a chemist, something of a theologian, and loved to indulge in political speculations which, strangely for a New England parson of that generation, were full of breezy democratic optimism. He mapped out an ideal commonwealth, which he confidently expected to appear on American ground, of which Chancellor Kent said, in a Phi Beta Kappa address, that "it was far superior to the schemes sketched by Milton or Locke or Hume."

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Ages of Marriage.
Better than a fortune teller's predictions is the table recently prepared by a statistician by which one can foretell the probable age of one's future helpmeet—that is to say, he has tabulated the age at which men at various stages in their life prefer their wives to be. Young men of 18 and 19 years, it seems, generally select wives of their own age, but with increasing years come wisdom, and at 20 a man prefers a woman of from 21 to 24 years. This indeed seems to be a very desirable age for an unmarried woman, for it remains the favorite for the man in search of a wife until he has passed his twenty-ninth year. At 30 he likes best the women who are anywhere from five years to one year younger than himself, and he is constant in this preference up to his fortieth year. Then he is willing that she shall be as much as ten years younger than himself, but will not have her if she be his equal in years, an opinion which he holds for half a decade. At from 45 to 50 he looks for less disparity, preferring women from 40 to 45, and in the next five years he has the same choice. Thereafter he prefers a woman ten years younger than himself.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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How Cavalry Horses are Selected For the United States Army.

I happened to be at the Presidio not long since when the contractor for furnishing cavalry horses to the government submitted several animals to a board of army officers detailed to make the final inspection. Of the horses presented only one was rejected, and that was on account of a cold brought about by exposure to drafts while in transit from the point of preliminary inspection to San Francisco. A preliminary inspection is made at the place where the contractor purchases the animals by a representative of the government, who generally accompanies the contractor on his horse purchasing trips, thus avoiding the expense of buying horses which are sure to be subsequently rejected for various defects. At the preliminary inspection a few first-class, many fair and a superabundance of indifferent and mediocre horses are presented. The contractor informed me that about one of every 50 examined at the preliminary inspection comes up to the requirements; that he had traveled for three and four days at a time, visited horse ranches and looked at several hundred horses without seeing one that came up to the specifications. I was also informed that the class of horses required by the government are getting very scarce in California, and that many of the cavalry horses now at the Presidio were purchased in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Cavalry horses are purchased by the quartermaster's department under the contract system. Proposals for furnishing cavalry horses are invited, and the contract is awarded to the lowest bidder. The cavalry horse must be a gelding of hardy color, 4 to 8 years old, 15½ hands high, and weigh about 1,000 pounds. He must be gentle under the saddle, free and prompt at the walk, trot and gallop; broad forehead; eyes large and prominent, and possess perfect vision. He is thoroughly examined for splints, side bones, ring-bones, curbs, spavins and any trouble, local or constitutional, which may tend to shorten his usefulness or render the animal unserviceable. The nostrils should be large and occupy nearly the whole facial structure. The mouth should be small, with thin, firm lips. The eyes should be large and mild, with fine eyelids. The ears should be delicate and pointed. The feet should be of medium size, due regard being given to the size and shape of the horse, and there should be no visible difference in the feet as to size and form. The tail is more ornamental in well bred than underbred horses. A fine silk mane characterizes well bred horses. The cavalry horse must be without blemish or defect, sound in every particular. Literally speaking, it is more difficult for a horse to get into the cavalry service than it is for a recruit to enter the army on his first enlistment.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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An Explanation.
It was in the smoking room of the hotel. There was one big fellow who was blustering a great deal and telling of how many duels he had fought, and behind him sat a small man reading a magazine. "Sir," said the big man, as he wheeled around, "what would you do if challenged?" "Refuse to fight," was the quiet reply. "Ah, I thought as much. Refuse and be branded a coward! What if a gentleman offered you the choice of a duel or a public horsewhipping—then what?" "I'd take the whipping." "Ah—I thought so—thought so from the looks of you. Suppose, sir, you had foully slandered me." "I never slander." "Then, sir, suppose I had coolly and deliberately insulted you—what would you do?" "I'd rise up this way, put down my book this way and reach over like this, and take him by the nose as I take you, and give it a three-quarter twist—just so!" When the little man let go the big man's nose, the rest of the company held their breath, expecting a terrific scene. But the big man turned red, then pale, then looked the little man over and remarked: "Certainly—of course—that's it exactly!" And then the conversation turned on the general prosperity of the country.—Pearson's Weekly.

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Perseus and Andromeda.
"I have come," announced Perseus, "to strike off thy chains!" Andromeda cast down her eyes and fingered her dance programme nervously. "Do you really think the bevel gear is an assured success?" she finally faltered. It was rather difficult, in fact, for the unhappy maiden to protect her own interests and yet not appear ungrateful.—Detroit Journal.

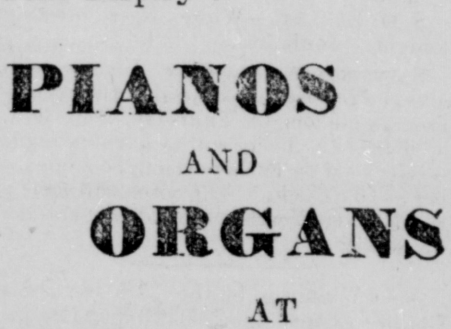
It is not generally known that by an act of the English parliament, passed in 1855, it is enacted that all wedding rings must be of standard gold, the enactment being intended more to raise the amount of the gold duties than to protect the public from imitations. Find a way or make one. Everything is either pushed or pulled. The world always listens to a man with a will in him.—Marden.

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