

# TODAY and TOMORROW

fresh water can tell any bright young man to make a great fortune and great fame. Both of those await inventive genius who will find cheap large-scale method of turning salt water into fresh water. It is done now, but by means too costly for general use.

The most vital problem facing the great cities upon our coast is to get enough fresh water. At the oceans at their gates, they are hundreds of miles inland for water, at tremendous cost. Los Angeles pipes water from the Sierras 250 miles away. New York is bringing new sources 150 miles from the city, and eventually will have to go to Lake Ontario for its drink-water.

It is absurd that people should be surrounded by water and still be unable to utilize the unlimited supply of the sea.

To it, you young inventors!

LD in the sea the sea is full of wealth if we could only get it out. The great mine works at Brunswick, Georgia, passes billions of gallons of water through its pipes every day. Its purpose is to extract the mine, which is a necessary ingredient of ethyl gasoline, but in the course of their study of seawater the Brunswick chemists have found out many other things about

gold, for example. Every cubic foot of seawater contains a grain of gold. The Atlantic Ocean has many times more gold in it than is all the bank treasury vaults of the world. But try to get it out! It can be done—at a cost several times what the gold is worth when it's got it.

recall a smooth promoter of many years ago who sold shares in a company which was going to extract gold from seawater. It didn't work, and he went to jail; but it would be foolish to say that nobody ever finds a way to recover the sea's gold economically.

REASURE lost Gold in solid chunks, coins and bars, is scattered all over the ocean floor, where treasure ships have been wrecked. The "Merida," which sank off the Virginia capes, had 1,000,000 gold in her storeroom. An expedition with diving equipment has just been fitted out in New York to try to get that gold. Millions of dollars in gold have been recovered lately from the wreck of an English ship off the coast of Holland. A deep-sea diving expedition got great quantities of gold last year out of a wrecked ship lying in deep water off the coast of Spain. The "Niagara" lies on the bottom of Lake Huron

with a million dollars' worth of copper ingots in her hold. The wreck of the "Lusitania" has been located off the Irish Coast, and the effort to recover the gold coin she carried on her last voyage is about to begin.

There's tangible treasure enough in the sea to set up for life anyone who can recover even a small part of it. What a chance for adventure!

MONSTERS and life All life came from the sea. As my family doctor remarked not long ago, "We're all fish inside. Science has traced the beginnings of animal life on land to the beaches between high tide and low tide.

We are learning more and more about the forms of life which never came out of the sea, but still remain hidden in its depths. Strange monsters of the deep, curious creatures unknown to science sometimes appear on the sea's surface.

The latest report of such a manifestation comes from Newfoundland, where fishermen report having seen a great sea-serpent not once but several times this summer. Men of science no longer jeer at such reports, but admit the probability that huge creatures resembling prehistoric monsters do actually exist in the unexplored depths of the ocean.

SHARKS visit us Great schools of sharks have appeared this Summer off the shores of Long Island and New England, much too close to the popular bathing beaches to be comfortable. I have not heard of any bathers being attacked by sharks this year, though almost every season someone reports that someone else was bitten by one of these huge fish.

There was for years, and may be still, a standing reward of \$100 for an authenticated case of a person having been killed by a shark. Many old salts and fishermen hold that it is not the shark but the barracuda which is the real "tiger of the sea." I have personally known of people being severely injured by barracudas in the Gulf of Mexico, one fatally. I have yet to hear at first hand a report of a shark attacking a human being, though I would not like to take a chance by going swimming in the waters off Australia, where sharks 100 feet long have been reported.

### TOTAL CAR REGISTRATION UP 5 PER CENT IN 1935

Registration of motor vehicles in the United States showed an increase of 5 per cent in 1935 over the number registered in 1934, the Bureau of Public Roads reports. This brought the total registrations to within a few thousand of the peak figure in 1930, when 26,545,000 motor vehicles were registered.

Total registration for 1935 included 26,221,052 motor vehicles, of which 22,565,347 were passenger cars, taxicabs, and busses, and 3,655,705 trucks. Registration revenue amounted to \$322,776,536. The 5-per cent gain in registration was closely paralleled by the increase in gasoline consumption, which showed a gain of 6.4 per cent.



## THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

### EVER TRY OIL TREATMENT FOR CORNS?

These pests often find lodging, under, on top of, or between the toes. Of course you all know they are your own fault. They couldn't help appearing; you invited them yourself. Corns never intrude themselves into polite society—they are always invited guests that stay longer than they are wanted, once their character is known.

If your feet need soaking—soak them. But that doesn't help corns very much. As soon as you put that heathen shoe on again, the corns begin to speak up. Pull the shoe off again; if you throw it away, so much the better. Take a small wisp of long-fiber absorbent

cotton and wrap it snugly about the toe—as you'd spread it around a lead pencil—so it will stay when you draw on your stocking. Then saturate the cotton above the corn with any kind of good, refined, lubricating oil. Olive oil is excellent; sperm oil is good; if you haven't either, seize your wife's sewing machine oil! I've used it myself, and cured my corns, too.

Dress the toe in this manner morning and night, and wear low heels. Your stockings will get oil on them, of course, but what of it.

If you are extra careful, shave the callous thin before applying the dressing. If you'd rather have corns, keep the high heels and narrow toes.

## HIGHER CATTLE PRICES LIKELY

### Farmers With Sufficient Feed Advised To Delay Sales

The shortage of feed crops in north central and mid-western states is expected to result in higher prices for meat animals in the winter and spring.

In the drought area, said L. I. Case, extension animal husbandman at State college, growers are selling much of their stock because they do not have enough feed to carry it through the fall and winter. Case expects a drop in prices at first, with the lowest point being reached in November. After that, prices will start up again, and will probably exceed their present levels, he stated.

North Carolina growers who have cattle suitable only for stocker or feeder purposes, and who plan to sell this stock any time soon, should try to market it before the prices fall, Case pointed out.

But those who have better animals and enough feed to last into the winter or spring will probably find it more profitable to delay their sales until prices reach a higher point, he added.

Just to indicate how current prices are running, Case stated that on the Kansas City market, good to choice stocker and feeder cattle bring from \$5 to \$7 per hundredweight, common and medium steers bring \$3 to \$5, good to choice heifers bring \$4.25 to \$5.25, and common and medium heifers range from \$3.25 to \$4.25.

In September and early October, he continued, many western North Carolina cattle, both steers and heifers of various weights and grade, will be moving to feeding yards in this state and Virginia.

### REA To Help Finance Rural Electric Lines

The policy of the Rural Electrification Administration is to help those who help themselves, said David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State college.

In communities where farmers show they are making an organized effort to secure electricity, he added, the REA will make loans to help finance the construction of power lines and the wiring of buildings.

But it is not going to pour money into communities that are making no effort to obtain electric power, he declared.

The national REA has set aside \$1,000,000 for loans in North Carolina, if North Carolina farmers go after it.

To get it, they must push the rural electrification program and convince the REA that they will make good use of the money. Otherwise, it will be loaned in other states.

The state REA and the State collage extension service are endeavoring to encourage the rural electrification program in all communities that are interested and willing to cooperate, he stated.

Already, more than 1,300 miles of power lines have been strung in this State, he went on, but that is only a beginning. At the close of 1935, he pointed out, only 11,558

### SOD STRIPS EXCELLENT FOR TERRACE OUTLETS

Strips of meadow—20 to 60 feet in width—are proving highly satisfactory as channel outlets for terraces in natural draws or depressions, according to reports from farmers to the Soil Conservation Service. They may be sodded with adapted legumes or grasses that often produce worthwhile crops. Hay was cut on one such meadow outlet near Spartanburg, S. C., last year at the rate of nearly 2 tons per acre.

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