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STOCK IMPROVEMENT.

While it may sound like a radical statement The Gazette-News believes it is not going too far to say that it would pay Buncombe county to hire an expert stock man to give his time to the improving of the cattle, sheep, hogs and horses in the county.

As an example of what may be accomplished by a movement of this kind we have only to cite the corn club work and the things accomplished by the county farm demonstrator.

While Horace Fletcher is teaching the Belgians the art of abstemious eating and thorough mastication, he might extend his lessons to the 23 German officers at Bruges who are reported to have gotten away with a Christmas dinner consisting of fifty dozen oysters, the usual soup and fish, twenty-three chickens, twelve roast geese, seven roast ducks, a liberal quantity of vegetables and a pound of cheese apiece.

Going back to the farm demonstration work, The Gazette-News has been informed that there is a disposition on the part of certain of the commissioners to cut the work from full to part time.

The Asheville Board of Trade is to be commended for the stand it has taken against this retrogression. The board has played an important part in farm improvement work.

service recently remarked that a good board of trade was one of the best adjuncts farm demonstration work could have.

FLIMSAY TOYS.

Look at the children's toys a week after Christmas—or two days after—and what do you find? Little automobiles with the wheels bent and the driving mechanism disarranged, little stoves with the doors broken off and the stovepipe loosened, little horses with their legs gone, little dogs with their tails off, little dolls with their arms dislocated, little tin dishes bent and china dishes shattered.

Parents are largely to blame, no doubt. They should not be taken in by the glitter of tinsel and the glare of paint. They should prefer substantial merit to cheapness, buying one good, durable toy rather than half a dozen cheap, flimsy ones.

Do the makers, the dealers and the parents not know that children need strong toys? Toys are the tools they use in their work of building up their sense-knowledge and shaping their intelligence.

UNFAIR TO THE HEN.

Judging from testimony given in the federal "egg trust" investigation, we owe a national apology to the great American hen.

The hen puts perfectly good shells on the eggs, but we break one out of every ten of them on the way to market. She lays them fresh and wholesome, but we let three out of every ten get addled.

Three months ago American bankers were much distressed because they had to ship \$70,000,000 in gold to Canada in partial liquidation of our foreign debts.

A New Jersey man is seeking a divorce from the sister of his first wife's third husband. Wonder what relation he is to himself by marriage.

REPLY TO TEJAYAR.

Editor of The Gazette-News: In reply to "Tejayar" in your paper of December 15 I beg for a little space in your paper to correct some of his

errors relative to the teachings and interpretations of Pastor Russell in connection with prophetic dates. "Tejayar" is to be congratulated upon his accuracy with reference to many events proclaimed by Russell to happen on certain dates, but a close scrutiny of his definitions reveals the fact that he is not a close observer or that he wrote his criticisms a long time ago and neglected having it published until the things Russell foretold came to pass.

"Tejayar" says: "If anything took place in the way of resurrections in 1874 or 1878 we see it, felt or known it?" That the "First resurrection" (Rev. 20:4) has been in effect of the saints from the human nature to the spirit nature is a fact beyond dispute and yet few people believe it.

On December 15, inst., I clipped from The Gazette-News an editorial in which the "Zionist Movement" was dealt with in plain words showing that Palestine was to soon be made a "neutral state" by Russia and England.

In Ezekiel 37:23, the prophet agrees with the editor of The Gazette-News to the letter regarding the restitution of the Jews and their return to Palestine!

"Tejayar" seems to be greatly perplexed because Pastor Russell proclaims the fall of Christendom to which we reply: Pastor Russell only quotes the words used by a man by the name of Jesus Christ who said that this age would go down in a great time of trouble such as never has been nor will never be again.

In conclusion we beg to say that "the Bible certainly does teach a reign of peace on this earth by the saints sometime future. God hasten that time. Yours sincerely, JAS. W. HEATHERLY, Saluda, N. C., Dec. 21, 1914.

RIPPLING RHYMES

A winning smile distorts my phiz, when while the jumping rheumatiz is scorching through my bones; for I discovered long ago it doesn't pay to voice one's woes, and fill the air with groans.

THE PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE.

Sandusky, Ohio, has followed the fashion becoming popular through the country of having a community Christmas tree. It's a fine fashion, too, for rich and poor, old and young, to gather about a tall, green tree at Christmas time.

But Sandusky wants to go a step farther than this. Sandusky wants to have a permanent Christmas tree. Instead of cutting down a fine evergreen every year to perish in the cause of festivity, the proposition is to choose an appropriate park space and set there next August, the right transplanting time for evergreens, a fine spruce tree which shall live out its whole life as a Christmas tree.

as to make a permanent one a good investment under the same circumstances, so that from the dual standard of convenience and economy a Christmas tree that will stand all the year 'round is the proper thing."

Do you remember when you were a small person how you used to wish that you could have Christmas every day in the year? And have you read the whimsical fairy tale in which William Dean Howells tells what happened in the town where the wish came true?

The last, living Christmas tree ought to help a community keep the Christmas spirit all the year round. When a man went by it with his heart full of angry thoughts, the sight of it should give him a silent, gracious message of "Peace and Good-Will."

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silence, its spicy perfume, of Christmas joys. Why not place beside it a metal plate saying: This is our city's Christmas tree. Peace on earth; good-will to men. Defined at Last. "Pa. what's a cynic?" "A man who has an undivided affection for himself."—Philadelphia Ledger

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