

### Few People Attempt Suicide On A Full Stomach, It Is Said

Every year in the United States between 15,000 and 20,000 persons commit suicide. Every year, twice that number try to take their own lives, but fail. From this great number of cases, statisticians have been able to construct a fairly definite pattern of self-destruction.

For no established reason suicidal attempts are most prevalent during the late spring and summer. June annually brings the harvest toll. December the lightest. The first day of month, when the bills come in, is chosen most often. The likeliest day of the week for suicide is Monday, the likeliest hour of the day, 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening.

Last week, more facts similar to these were available in The New England Journal of Medicine. After studying the cases of 1,148 would-be suicides in Boston City hospital, Dr. Merrill Moore, a Harvard University psychiatrist, reported in a Journal article that:

Poison was the most commonly selected agent for suicide. Ordinary illuminating gas was the next.

Few persons attempted suicide on a full stomach.

Married women tried suicide most often, followed by unmarried women, married men and unmarried men, in that order (but annually, about three times as many men as women succeed in killing themselves). Few widowed persons and still fewer divorced ones attempted suicide.

Among 236 Boston hospital patients who could be persuaded to give reasons for their actions, men most commonly financial difficulties. Women most commonly blamed domestic difficulties and emotional dissatisfaction. Like all mind specialists, Dr. Moore thought that suicide could be brought on by any one of these specific troubles, by ill health or simply by the feeling of an individual that he "didn't count" in the scheme of things.

As preventives of suicides, Dr. Moore praised the love-lorn and personal problem columns of newspapers because they answered the need of perplexed individuals for somebody to talk with about their problems. For others interested in saving any would-be suicide from death, the psychiatrist suggested talking with him quietly, or taking him out to dinner, "a simple action, yet one that has been known to save a life."

### Legume Crops Make Nutritious Forage

Legume crops, well known as soil-builders, also make excellent forage for livestock.

They give larger yields of more nutritious hay than the common hay crops, said Dr. Frank Sherwood, nutrition chemist of the central experiment station at State College.

Since legumes are more palatable than other hays, he continued, livestock will eat them with less waste.

Legumes are rich in protein elements not found in the proteins of cereal or grain crops.

Animals need all the elements in forming skin, wool, or horn material, in building muscles, and for internal organs and tissues. A combination of legumes and corn provides an excellent protein mixture for cattle.

Legume hays are too bulky for swine, however, and the corn fed to swine should be supplemented with concentrated proteins such as is contained in fish meal or tankage.

Legumes are rich in calcium, but contain a small amount of phosphorus. Cereal grains and especially cottonseed meal and soybean meal are rich in phosphorus and supply this material when included in the animal's ration.

The high vitamin content of legumes also make a good feed for milk cows and growing animals. Only fresh, tender pasturage exceeds legume hay in vitamin content.

If young pigs do not have the run of a pasture, as little as five per cent good legume hay added to their ration will determine the difference between profit and loss—even loss of the pigs.

### Wallace Berry Has Had Varied Experiences

Wallace Berry, well known movie actor, a former elephant man, and one time chief of Ringling's herd, was injured in a Hollywood studio last week. He was acting the part of a Western bad man in a picture. He tripped, accidentally shot himself with a blank. The wad cut into his knee cap and Berry was rushed to a hospital in an ambulance. As he rode toward the hospital he said, "This is the first time I haven't driven myself. I'm more afraid of riding in this thing than of being shot."

Wallace Berry was 16 when he joined the circus and began to care for the elephants. Later he became a musical comedy actor. The movies then got him and he has been with the films ever since. Every time his popularity wanes, it has suddenly revived.

When a couple marries the woman is merely trying her luck while the man is risking his.

### READY-TO-WEAR MGR.



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### Incomes Of U. S. Run 10 To 15% Over Last Year

National income has been going up, and today Americans are getting between 10 and 15 per cent more than they did in 1936, according to studies made by the Commerce and Labor Departments.

A further rise in real income was reported today by the Commerce Department through increased earnings of labor, capital and agriculture which have not been fully offset by higher living costs.

The survey covered the first eight months of 1937 and estimates the increase over last year in some cases as high as 15 percent. The income of labor, for example, through greater employment and higher wages, is up 15 per cent; dividend payments more than 33 per cent, and farm income about 14 per cent.

At the same time, the figures on retail prices assembled by the Labor Department show a steady increase over those of a year ago. The index for all foods for July stood 2.3 per cent higher than a year ago, with a ratio of 85.9 of the 1923-25 average. Food cost increases were larger along Atlantic seaboard areas.

Other figures available here indicate that the nation is better off than in recent years. Unemployment, for example, is generally placed at 7,599,000 as against 15,000,000 at the peak of the slump.

The expense of the relief load has

### Agricultural Out-Look In Nation Promising

For the United States as a whole and excepting limited areas, the farm production and price prospects are the brightest since 1930. The prospects are now for good demand for farm products. Most every section is reporting favorable production conditions in most crops. Drought conditions are almost entirely lacking this year. Wheat growers this year are enjoying unusually good crops and prices. Industrial activity is resulting in strong demand for agricultural products.

### Booker Washington Home Sought As A Memorial

Representative Arthur W. Mitchell, Chicago Negro Congressman, has proposed to purchase the birthplace at Rocky Mount, Va., of Booker T. Washington as a national memorial for the famous Negro teacher.

If he can obtain at a "reasonable price," the cabin where Washington was born into slavery sometime in the 1850's, Mr. Mitchell said he would donate it to the Federal Government.

been lessened at the same time as the worker's handcraft has gone to the creation of more productive goods. In March, 1933, the number of families and single individuals receiving relief was more than 5,000,000. At the end of July this had dropped to 2,900,000.

### Perennial Flowers Can Be Planted Now

There is still time to plant most perennial flower seed. They should be put in now on well prepared seed-beds and protected by a covering of leaves, straw, or hay during coldest weather. Most of these perennials will bloom next summer. Some of the principal ones in this class are: sweet alysum, snapdragon, columbine, candy-tuft, Shasta and double English daisy, delphinium, pinks foxglove, forget-me-not, gaillardia, hollyhock, lobelia, phlox drummondii, hardy poppy, scabiosa, sweet william, verbena and wall-flower.

Sow pansy seed in a protected place and transplant later, or trim out and let remain where they are.

Daffodil, snowdrops, crocus, early narcissus and Roman hyacinth bulbs should be planted during September. Delay planting tulips and the exhibition hyacinths until late September or early October.

For a green winter lawn sow English or Italian ryegrass on top of the Bermuda or other grass the latter part of this month or during October. In preparation, mow and rake the lawn thoroughly. Then run over it with the mower again, and sow the seed broadcast without further preparation. Use 1 or 2 pounds of seed for each one hundred square feet of lawn.—The Progressive Farmer.

A girl traveled 15,214 miles to marry. Hope she always believes he was worth the trip.

### Twist Of Pig's Tail Is Studied

The agriculture department in Washington has stationed a team of men that periodically puzzle the problem—does the pig's tail curl to the right or left?

Hear ye, hear ye! "The answer," said J. H. Zeller, the bureau of animal industry division, "is that there are two so consistent as the tail of the pig's tail-curl."

Habitually entwined in the question, Zeller went to a government's experiment farm in Beltsville, Md., determined to find the answer.

The route of the porcine tail is not something to be reckoned charts and graphs. They are the course for researchers in counting.

So they counted. The experiment had been run on a small scale before, but had approximated the one just concluded.

The tail-tellers marched in a 200 many-sized and devotedly pigs and took a quick but systematic count. The result was:

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