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GASTONIA, N. C.

Fifty-Fifty.

In Corwall there was a case involving the ownership of an eight-day clock. After listening to the testimony the judge said to the plaintiff:

"You get the clock."
"What do I get?" complained the defendant.
"You get the eight days."—London Opinion.

A SOUTHERN R. R. FOREMAN COMES OUT WITH FACTS

J. L. BRADLEY TELLS HOW TANLAC HELPED DAUGHTER WHEN ALL ELSE FAILED.

"I believe in giving credit where credit is due and in justice to Tanlac I give it full credit for the good condition my daughter is in today," declared J. L. Bradley, Yard Foreman for the Southern Railroad, at Charlotte.


"My daughter Grace suffered from a peculiar form of stomach trouble. Doctors' treatments, a stay in a sanatorium and trials with various medicines failed to help her. We were uneasy about her condition and, as a last resort, tried Tanlac. From the first few bottles my girl gained ten pounds. Her complexion is clear, she is much stronger and has gained wonderful relief from those awful attacks which would come from eating different kinds of food. She would become very sick at her stomach, suffered intense pains, especially around her heart and her whole body would be drawn up and she would break out in cold perspiration. It's all different now and I gladly praise Tanlac for it did the work."

Tanlac is sold in Gastonia by the Adams Drug Co.; Lowell, Robinson Pharmacy; Cherryville, H. H. Allen; Belmont, Stowe & Sanders; Dallas, P. D. Summey; Bessemer City, Thigpen Drug Co.; Huntersville, S. L. Mullins; Lenoir, Ballew's Cash Pharmacy; Grover, C. F. Hambricht; Worth, Harden Mfg. Co.; Mt. Holly, the Reep Company.—Adv.

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Preparedness

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STORING THE SWEET POTATO.

One of the greatest problems in the production of sweet potatoes is the question of storage. The main reason that storage is so difficult is the fact that there are very few crops that are so susceptible to injury of frost or cold as the sweet potato.

There are two general methods of storing, namely, the pit or bank, and the storage house. Both methods are dependent for success on several conditions, the chief of which are: careful handling, freedom from disease, proper condition of dryness, and maintaining an even temperature after the potatoes are placed in storage.

Potatoes that are carelessly handled, broken and bruised will not keep. Many farmers will allow the potatoes to be thrown roughly into the crate, heap or wagon. Such handling tends to bruise and break the skin. Wherever there is a bruise or the skin is broken, disease will enter while the potatoes are in storage, and they will break down with one or more of the various storage diseases, often proving to be almost a total loss to the grower. Every precaution should be taken to see that the crop is carefully handled and that no injured potatoes are put in storage.

Potatoes that are free from disease will keep if properly handled, but if the crop is infected with disease, either the black or soft rot, successful storage must not be expected. Disease must first be kept out of the field by careful selection of seed for sowing, by not bedding potatoes that show signs of disease, and by careful crop rotation.

When first dug the potatoes are full of moisture, and when placed in heaps will "sweat." It is during the sweating process that the greatest loss from decay or rot occurs. It is at this time that the various storage diseases find the most congenial conditions and do the most damage. If the grower can bring his potatoes through the sweating process he may be fairly certain that he can keep his potatoes, providing he can maintain an even temperature after the potatoes have been through the "sweat"—in other words, have given off the excess moisture contained by them. Potatoes may be brought safely through the "sweat" by ventilation, or ventilation and heat combined. The bank method of storage depends on ventilation alone, and the storage house depends on both heat and ventilation.

Both methods have been tested during the past season at the Pender Test Farm. The results obtained were greatly in favor of the storage-house method. The potatoes for both tests were dug at the same time and were allowed to stay in the sun for a few hours—long enough for them to become fairly dry on the outside. They were then removed to the storage place and were kept there from October 1st until April 1st. The potatoes in the bank registered a loss from storage disease of 32.62 per cent. Those in the house registered a loss of 3.78 per cent. The variety used in this instance was Southern Queen, and the loss ascertained by actual count of the potatoes rather than by weight. The basis for determining whether a potato should be thrown out was its freedom from blemish such as would cause it to be unmarketable.

The bank was made by digging a slight saucer-like trench in a dry place and filling it with pine straw until the straw was 6 or 8 inches above the ground level. The potatoes were placed on the straw in a conical heap and then covered with pine straw to a considerable depth, about 12 or 15 inches. Earth was then thrown on the bank, commencing at the bottom of the trench and continuing to the top of the bank, leaving an air space directly at the top. Care was taken to have plenty of earth thrown on the bottom of the bank and on the side most exposed. Many banks of potatoes are lost annually because cold air is allowed to penetrate a too thin layer of soil.

The air space or ventilator was lightly stuffed with straw to prevent the soil from falling in and choking the air passage. The whole bank had a few boards laid on it to protect it from rain and snowfall.

The storage house is a wooden structure, 16 feet by 24 feet, built with a 4-inch dead air space between the walls. The walls, floor and ceiling are double-boarded with a layer of building paper between the boards. The windows are provided with tight shutters, so that when the window and shutters are closed there is a dead-air space between, just as there is between the walls. Through the floor in each of the four corners a ventilator 10 inches by 12 inches has been cut and can be closed with a wood plug. A ventilator shaft is cut through the ceiling and is carried on through the roof. At the lower end of the shaft a hinged wooden plug is fixed, so that by simply pulling a cord the ventilator may be closed. The door to the house is double, and is placed on the end most protected from the weather.

The bins are made of 1 by 4 inch lumber nailed to 2 by 4 uprights, which extend from floor to ceiling. The 1 by 4 slats are placed about 1 1/2 inches apart. The bins are 4 feet wide, 5 feet deep and about 8 feet high. The back of the bins is about 6 inches from the wall, and the whole bin is raised about 4 inches from the floor. Divisions are made by placing boards across the bin, so that the ends rest on the slats. In this manner any sized bin can be constructed and at the same time will allow for a perfectly free circulation of air.

Heat is obtained by means of a small stove placed at the ends of the house. The stovepipe is conducted, as low to the floor as possible, to the chimney, which is located at the opposite end of the house. The reason for doing this is to get the greatest possible amount of heat uniformly distributed throughout the house.

About a week or ten days before storing sweet potatoes, especially if the storage house has previously contained sweet potatoes, it is well to disinfect it, in order that any disease spores left there by the last potatoes may be destroyed. The house should be thoroughly swept out and all sand and dirt removed. When this is done, the interior should be

sprayed with a strong solution of bleestone. If a spray pump is not available, wash the walls, ceiling and floor, using a brush or broom. The chief aim is to bring the solution in contact with every part of exposed surface and at the same time forcing it into every crack and crevice. If the spraying or washing is thoroughly done, there will be little danger from the black or soft rot spores left over from last season.

A day or two before digging time, the door, windows and all ventilators are thrown wide open and a fire is started and the house thoroughly dried out. As soon as the potatoes are ready, they are brought to the house and deposited carefully in the bins, care being taken not to bruise or injure them.

The house is left wide open and the fire kept going until all moisture is driven off. This can be ascertained by the appearance of the potato. If the skin is easily rubbed off, the drying process must be continued, but if it is firm and the potatoes feel dry, then the temperature can be gradually lowered. Drying out will take from a week to 10 days—sometimes longer. Much depends on the local conditions. The temperature during the drying process should be maintained at about 90 degrees, and care should be taken not to go much higher, since too great a temperature is harmful to the keeping quality of the potato.

After the potatoes are dried, the ventilators, door and windows should be closed, but the ventilators should be operated so that the temperature should not go below 48 or 50 degrees. This is easily maintained if the ventilators are regulated properly. Should it drop below this, or should the house become damp, then a fire should be started and be kept going until conditions have been corrected.

For further information, write Horticultural Department, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

HORSE AND AUTO.

Uncle Walt Mason.
A year ago I drove a steed, and said, "A horse is better far (although deficient in his speed) than any chugging motor car. A horse is mankind's faithful friend, a thing of spirit, heart and sense, and serves you well till in the end, he kicks you through a barbed wire fence." My wife grew weary of our plug, that often needed whip and goad; "I want a car that goes chug-chug," she said, "and burns the dusty road." The man who wants a peaceful life, with minimum of jolt and jar, will always strive to please his wife—and so I bought a motor car. The motor car I now indorse, and often wonder how a man can have the nerve to drive a horse, the most distinctive also fan. I meet old Dobbin on the road, and weep with pity for his woes; how earnestly he hates his load, and, jiminy, how slow he goes! A million flies are on his legs, his busy tail brings no relief; in every movement Dobbin begs for chloroform, to end his grief. The flies can't bite my motor car, and so I bithely scorn along; no spavins can my pleasure mar. I fill the throbbing air with song.

Quite an Accident.

New York Herald.
Binks had only recently bought the new 60-horsepower Diehard, and when his chauffeur ran it into the garage with all the tires cut to ribbons he was naturally annoyed. It is probable that he used language. "Alfred," he cried, "what the blinking blue moon do you mean by bringing the car home in that state?" "Very sorry, sir, I couldn't help it. It was an accident. I ran over a beer bottle." "Run over a beer bottle? Why, surely you could have seen anything as big as that and have avoided it!" "I'm sorry, sir; but I couldn't. The boy had it under his coat."

Disheartening Prospect.

Country Gentleman.
"That was a delightful humorous speech you delivered at the banquet last night, senator. I dare say you would make good on the chautauque circuit."

"I have no doubt you mean that as a compliment, sir, but please don't repeat it where anybody else can hear you."

"Why not?"
"The chautauque, sir, has been the graveyard of many an aspiring statesman, and I don't want my enemies to get the notion that something of the sort is in store for me."

More Watchful Waiting.

Detroit Free Press.
A quiet but sorrowful motorist sat one afternoon by the side of a car that was drawn up near the pavement. A man in another car, who had passed the disconsolate one that morning slowed up on coming level with him again and inquired:

"How long have you been here?"
"Several hours."

"Can't you find out what is the matter? Inlet valve all right?"

"The other smiled. "That's all right," he said.

"Think with the spark plug?"

"Think not."

"How are the batteries?"

"All right."

"Got plenty of spirit?"

"Yes, plenty."

"Your tires look all right. What is wrong?"

"Oh," replied the waiting motorist, "there's nothing wrong with the car. But ever since 10 o'clock my wife's been in that house. She came to see her sister's first baby."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me this 8th day of December, A. D. 1888. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.
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IN BEHALF OF THE FAIR,

To the Editor of The Gazette.
Let's Help make Gaston County's Second Annual Fair the fair of fairs. Let's put our shoulder right to the wheel and things will roll. If our shoulders were as strong as our determination to make good, I am sure our Gaston fair would be a success and I am sure it will be anyway as we have the strong shoulder of the men folks co-operating with the go-ahead of the women. Let's be sure to have something on exhibit. If we do not have time to do the dainty work of our town neighbor let's not get discouraged and think our fancy work and canned goods are not nice enough. Take your koodles to the fair and let us have an idea of your pantry shelves for I know they are beautiful. It's your fair, my fair and everybody's fair. So let's go if we can and help to build up our county and show others what we can do since we are waking up from a long nap. SLEEPY HEAD.
Sunnyside, Sept. 18, 1916.

New Pythian Publication.

The initial number of The Pythian Monitor has just been issued from The Gazette press. This publication is edited under the direction of Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, and will be published monthly. Its purpose is to keep alive the interest of the members of the local Pythian lodge and to develop a spirit of closer fellowship among the Pythian lodges in this immediate section. The magazine contains 12 pages, is neatly printed and is teeming with interesting reading matter relative to the cause of Pythianism. Messrs R. G. Cherry and F. C. Abernethy are editors with Mr. George B. Mason as business manager. It has a circulation of 500.

Attending Directors' Meeting.

Mr. G. W. Ragan, who is a member of the board of directors of Oglethorpe University, left Wednesday morning for Atlanta to attend the opening of the university. A meeting of the board of directors is being held this afternoon, and on Sunday morning all the Presbyterian congregations in Atlanta will unite in a big Jubilee service at the university. The Administration building, the first unit in the university plant, has been completed and is in use this year. At Sunday's meeting Mr. Asa Candler, mayor-elect of the city of Atlanta, will preside, and United States Senator Hoke Smith will deliver an address.

Given Year for Car Breaking.

Belvin Cloniger, a young white man of this city, was tried and convicted in the Municipal Court yesterday morning on a charge of car-breaking. He was given 12 months on the county chain gang. The theft was made on Sunday night from a box car on the Southern tracks near the Trenton Mill. Among other merchandise was a box of lemons, one case of coffee and a package of Spanish sweet pepper. Cloniger admitted having disposed of some of the goods but claimed that he had found the material on the side of the tracks.

Business Change.

A deal was consummated this week whereby the Parker News Co., of Macon, Ga., took over the entire stock of the Piedmont News Co., operating over the P. & N. Lines. Mr. G. H. Marvin was manager and principal stockholder in the Piedmont. Mr. Amos Morris will continue to be local representative of the owners.

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The ability to answer correctly the questions this book contains indicates a more intimate knowledge of past history and current events than is possessed by the average citizen. Many a surprise is in store for anyone who thinks to do so without "brushing up."

We were fortunate in securing a supply of these books for immediate delivery. If you want one you can secure a copy at The Gazette office for 10 cents, postage free. Stamps or silver.

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Secure your copy at this office right away before the supply is exhausted.

Some Farmer, This Man.

A Boston man who lives in Wakefield and does intensive farming said to a friend the other day.

"I got three bushels of potatoes out of that little garden of mine this year."

"That's a pretty good showing."
"I should say it was. Why I only planted four bushels."—Judge.

—Miss Eunice Stroup returned Tuesday from Reepsville, Lincoln county, where she visited the families of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Kiser and Mrs. C. C. Leonard. Miss Stroup was accompanied home by Mrs. Leonard, who will be her guest for the remainder of the week.

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