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**BUTTONS FROM OUR RIVERS**

**Pearl Mussel Fisheries Are a Flourishing and Very Interesting Industry.**

It should be remembered that in addition to their food value fishes are necessary in our rivers if we are to perpetuate the pearl button industry of the country, which employs some twenty thousand people and yields a product valued at more than \$5,000,000.

When the young mussels, which are of microscopic size, are thrown off from the brood pouches of their parents at the proper season, the larval mussels slowly drift to the bottom and perish in a few days' time unless they come in contact with a passing fish of suitable kind and succeed in making attachment. Once this attachment is made, the tissue of the fish grows over the little mussel, until it has undergone a remarkable change of form and structure; then it drops from the fish to commence its independent life at the bottom of the stream or lake.

It is a further fact that the young of particular kinds of mussels require the gills of particular kinds of fishes as nurseries. The black bass is host for several sorts of mussels, while the kipjack, a kind of herring, is the only known host for the best of all mussels. As this last mentioned fish is far from being abundant in American rivers, it is plain that much care should be exercised in its maintenance.

The mussel fishery that supplies the fresh water pearl button industry is actively conducted in at least twenty states in the Mississippi river basin. The raw production of shells now has a value of about \$1,000,000. The fresh water pearl button is now recognized as among the cheapest durable buttons that can be procured. The mussel beds have been rapidly depleted, chiefly because the fishermen in past years would retain only the very best shells and discard as culls all shells that were of an inferior grade.

Necessary action in the way of government legislation to protect the mussel fisheries has been so long delayed that this unique and rather important industry is now sure to experience considerable difficulty in perpetuating itself.—Floyd W. Parsons, in the Saturday Evening Post.

**What Delayed Auntie.**

Aunt Martha, in town with her daughter, who had to be operated upon, was having her first taste of urban life. To while away her time she "hired out" as a cook. The first Saturday night she was at work her employer sent her to make some purchases. She was hours returning and as the distance was short, her employer grew rather anxious about her. She came in about 11:20.

"Where on earth have you been, Aunt Martha?" was the question that greeted her.

Still showing plainly signs of mental stress, she said: "Lawdy, ma'am, I been trying to find a place to get across dat street downtown. I stood on de corner half an hour waiting for all dem street wagons to get by, but dey kept er comin'. Den I walked up dat side of de street, but all de corners wuz just alike. I couldn't get across, so I jes' waited till all dem things went home, and den I come here as fas' as I could."

**The Profiteer.**

President Thanklin of Wesleyan university was condemning the profiteer.

"I know a college professor," he said, "who was disturbed at his frugal supper one night by a suspicious noise in the cellar.

"The professor put down his porridge spoon and stole down the cellar stairs. Suddenly an electric torch was flashed on him, and the shadowy figure behind the torch said:

"It's all right, professor. It's only me."

"Me?" the professor muttered.

"Sure—me—the provision man, ye know, leavin' yer week's provisions."

"Thereupon the professor gave a great start, and held his hands up higher still."

Germs have never lived on coins, we learn, and we are finding it increasingly hard to live on ours.

Predictions as to dairy prices make "crying over spilt milk" appear a rather reasonable demonstration.

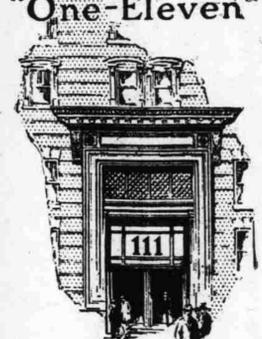
Prince of Wales will be either Edward VIII or George VI when it is his turn. He will decide on which series.

Bolsheviks say they are saving Poland from the land owners. Just whom they are saving it for is not stated.

Lenin has managed to tie the "reds" into an autocratic form of government as was ever hated by an anarchist.

It takes three hours in Paris to get a five-mile phone call. One of the things they don't do any better in France.

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This 23 day of September 1920  
Guarnity Trust Company of New York  
Executor.

**AUCTION SALE!**

Owing to the rain last Monday making it impossible to hold the auction sale of  
**THE GEO. H. HOLMES FARM**  
the sale has been postponed until

**Monday, November 22nd, 10:30 A. M.**

This farm has been subdivided into several small tracts, each having a good road frontage, wood and water. There are several tenant houses and a very large barn just covered or to be covered with new metal roofing. This farm affords one of the best propositions for dairying, having some fine bottoms, uplands and very convenient to market. Several fine building sites, also type land adapted to growing of cotton, corn, grapes or any kind of fruit.

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