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AWFUL FORCE OF TIDAL WAVES.

Nothing can Withstand the Fury of the Incoming Waters of the Ocean.

What of the tidal was that mysterious indispensable swelling of the waters that, following the "full" of the moon, rolls 'round this globe of ours twice in each twenty-four hours, stemming the outflow of mighty rivers, penetrating far inland wherever access is available, and doing within its short lease of life an amount of beneficent work freely that would beggar the wealthiest monarchy of the world to undertake if it must needs be paid for? Mysterious it may well be called, since, though its passage from zone to zone be so swift, it is like all other waves, but an undulatory movement of that portion of the sea momentarily influenced by the suasion of the planet—not, as is vulgarly supposed, the same mass of water vehemently carried onward for thousands of miles.

To meet a tidal wave at sea is in some parts of the world a grim and unforgettable experience. Floating upon the shining blue plain, with an indolent swelling of the surface just giving a cozy roll to your ship now and then, you suddenly see in the distance a ridge, a knoll of water that advances vast, silent, menacing. Nearer and nearer it comes, rearing its apparently endless curve higher and higher. There is no place to flee from before its face. Neither is there much suspense. For its pace is swift, although it appears so deliberate from the illimitable grandeur of its extent. It is upon the ship. She behaves in accordance with the way she has been caught and her innate peculiarities. In any case, whatever her bulk, she is hurled forward, upward, backward, downward, as if never again could she regain an even keel, while her crew cling desperately to whatever holding-place they may have reached.

Some will have it that these marvelous upliftings of the sea bosom are not tidal waves at all—that they do not belong to that normal ebb and flow of the ocean that owns the sway of the moon. If so, they would be met with more frequently than they are at sea, and far more disasters would be placed to their account. This contention seems reasonable, because it is well known that lonely islets, such as St. Helena, Tristan D'Aunha and Ascension are visited at irregular intervals by a succession of appalling waves (rollers) that deal havoc among the smaller shipping and look as if they would overwhelm the land. The suggestion is that disturbance, to submarine earthquakes upheaving the ocean bed and causing so vast a displacement of the ocean that its undulations extend for several thousands of miles.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by Julia A. Story.

The American Soldier in the Philippines—a notable article—at once an appreciation and a vivid, stirring picture of our boys in the field—has been written exclusively for The Saturday Evening Post (of Philadelphia) by Senator Albert J. Beveridge. Senator Beveridge writes as forcefully and as brilliantly as he speaks. A keen observer, with the faculty of grasping the thing of vital and human interest, what he has to say will interest every American. This great article, the first and only one that Senator Beveridge has written for any magazine or periodical since his return from the Philippines, appears exclusively in the March 17th number of The Saturday Evening Post.

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For those who like cheese, this is highly recommended by Carrie G.

CHEESE RELISH.

Cut in thin slices, one-half pound of cheese and place in a frying pan, pour over it a large cupful of sweet milk, sprinkle on it a pinch of salt, and a dash of pepper, and a tablespoonful of butter cut in small bits. Stir the mixture 'till the cheese is melted and then add one-half cupful of very fine cracker crumbs. Turn into a warmed dish and serve as hot as possible on slices of toast.

OYSTER PIE.

Drain 1 qt. of oysters, carefully freeing them from bits of shell. Heat the liquor and skim all the scum that arises, then to two-thirds of a cupful of the liquor, add 1 cupful of cream, or rich milk, thicken with 1 tablespoonful of flour and 1 tablespoonful of butter rubbed to smooth paste, season with salt and pepper and cook three minutes. When this is cool, add the oysters and pour into a deep pie tin lined with a rich paste and cover with the same, leaving openings in the cover for the escape of the steam, and bake in a quick oven.

The Sugar Beet Industry in Illinois. Extensive experiments with the growth of sugar beets in Illinois have been conducted during the past three years by the Experiment Station of the University of Illinois. The results of the experiments for 1898 and 1899 have not been published but go to show in every way the correctness of the conclusions given in Bulletin No. 49, reporting results of experiments in 1897, which are as follows:

1st. "That Illinois can produce sugar beets of excellent quality for manufacturing purposes."

2d. "That this production is not limited to particular soils or sections of the state."

3d. "That Illinois possesses many advantages for the development of the industry, such as good soil, plenty of fuel, lime rock and pure water, besides good markets and the best of transportation."

4th. "That under present conditions beets can be produced at a cost that will insure comparatively large profits for both grower and manufacturer."

5th. "That accurate knowledge of the details of the work and co-operation between grower and manufacturer are essential for the best results."

The sugar beet industry in the United States has made a phenomenal growth without the past few years, and has now become one of the established industries. A vast sum of money, amounting approximately to \$100,000,000, is annually paid to foreign countries for an agricultural product which can be produced at home. While the number of factories in the United States has been more than doubled in the past year, yet they supply less than one-eighth of the sugar consumed by our people. These factories are distributed in nearly every section of the United States, from New Mexico to Oregon and from California to New York. Illinois has one of the largest in the United States, but it would require twenty-five or thirty such factories to supply the sugar for Illinois alone.

The importance of the industry will be better appreciated when we remember that it would require nearly the entire corn crop or about one-fourth of the entire corn crop of Illinois annually, to pay for the sugar consumed in the state.

Some of the advantages of the industry are as follows:

1. It diversifies agriculture and furnishes employment to a large number of men, creating a greater demand for other crops. Instead of reducing the production of other crops it gives rise to an increased demand.

2. It tends to bring capital into the state and will, when established, retain at home a vast amount of money which would not only be sent out of the state but for the most part out of the country.

3. It produces a more intensive system of agriculture, better and more thorough methods of farming, thus raising the value and rent of land. This fact is borne out by the experience of every community where a factory has been located.

4. The beet feeds deep and is less affected by drouth than most other crops, nor is it injured by frost which would kill corn or potatoes and rarely suffers from insect or fungous diseases. It is a cash crop, the price is fixed by contract and the market certain.

5. It is one of the most profitable crops raised on the farm.

6. Sugar contains none of the elements of fertility and therefore is not so exhaustive to the soil as where corn and oats are sold from the farm. In the average beet field there are from three to six tons of tops that have a high feeding value and are relished by all kinds of stock. Where sugar beets are grown large stock interests are developed which utilize the tops, pulp and molasses.

To produce our own sugar does not mean that Illinois must become one great beet field. Two hundred thousand acres of land equal to nine townships or one-half of an average county devoted

exclusively to beet culture will produce the \$15,000,000 worth of sugar for Illinois.

The position of the University of Illinois regarding this industry must not be misunderstood. It does not appear as a special advocate of this business in preference to other branches of agriculture, nor does it maintain that its profits are necessarily phenomenal. But its position is that sugar has become a standard article of consumption in large quantities and that this is a sufficient reason why sugar production will take its place in American agriculture and become an established industry wherever land and other natural conditions are suited to its production and where proper business methods are maintained. Illinois is adapted to sugar production. Whether it shall engage in the production depends upon the people. Whether an individual shall produce sugar is a question for his own decision, similar to the question as to whether he shall produce beef, wool or milk, but with this difference that it requires.

1st. That many others must engage with him in the same business.

2d. The investment of large capital in the manufacturing plant.

3rd. The most cordial relations between the grower and the owner of the plant.

What is most needed in Illinois is a practical knowledge of the details of the business, but this can be secured here as well as in California, Nebraska, Michigan, or New York. While the industry is a profitable one yet persons not acquainted with the business should begin on a small scale and not plant more than five or ten acres at the start. Special tools are required, such as seeder, cultivator, subsoil plow and lifter, which will not cost more than \$100. Many factories have adopted the plan of furnishing these tools at a very small rental to farmers who wish to experiment, thus making it possible to make a thorough test of the business at slight expense.

The Experiment Station has received a liberal supply of beet seed from the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., and in order to encourage a more thorough study of the industry by the farmers, the seed will be furnished free of all charges, except transportation, to parties or communities who will grow not less than three acres of beets and will furnish data as requested to the Experiment Station together with beets for analysis, shipped by express or freight prepaid. Where parties are conveniently located within one hundred miles of Pekin the beets can be disposed of to the factory, or they can be used for feed.

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