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**BOOST—DON'T KNOCK**

That unnamable old bogey, the annual shortage of coal, is with us again.

A Leeds cleric advocates courting in his church. In this respect, Leeds leads.

Baltimore is predicting a lobster famine. Only in the edible variety, though.

People who talk the baseball language will now give the Esperantists a chance.

Street gas lamps were first used in 1807. And some of them haven't been replaced.

Kissing on railroad trains has been forbidden in Bavaria. Are there no tunnels in Bavaria?

An eastern judge has declared a safety razor a dangerous weapon. But he tried to shave with one.

During 1911, New York burned more than 19,000,000 tons of hard coal. No wonder it is a hot old town.

Another ray of sunshine for the consumer: Lobsters on the hoof are no higher this year than last.

Counterfeiters are making \$20 bills, for even a perfectly good \$100 bill continues to involve suspicions.

One of the huge German dirigibles blew up, but, strange to say, none was injured. It happened in the hangar.

A New York paper has succeeded in grafting a crabapple on to a grape vine. Wonder if it has seeds or a core.

A Brooklyn man's wife has eighteen rocking chairs, and probably all placed where they'll do the most harm.

A German savant has discovered that German sausage is loaded with microbes. Kind of a horse on the consumer.

Women of a Kansas city have organized a club to prevent their husbands from gambling. Must be a bridge club.

A hydrosphere has been successfully employed to save a drowning man. Drowning men will grasp at aeroplanes.

Aged horse was retired by its owner, but pined away until allowed to go back to work. And yet they speak of "horse sense."

A Pennsylvania man was stung to death by honey bees. Another reason why the English stingless variety should be imported.

"The human stomach," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson, "is geared for a continuous performance." The human pocketbook however is not.

There is no foundation for the rumor that landlords of apartment buildings intend henceforth to employ Eskimos as janitors.

Aviator Reid says that hydroplanes are safer than aeroplanes. Probably because one always lands in water instead of on the hard ground.

Any man who succeeded in forgetting to have his hay fever can just as easily forget to have his customary attack of grip or pneumonia.

A Yale professor says the average American wastes fifteen years of his life. But he'd soon die if he worked all the time, and there you are.

A man can live to be one hundred and twenty-five years old, says an authority. Perhaps he can, but there aren't very many of them that do.

Fashionable eastern society women are leaving their dog's card with their own when making calls. The dog, poor thing, can only suffer in silence.

Swimmers in Egypt have succeeded in using the sun's heat to generate steam, but we all cannot go to Africa just to save money on the coal bill.

A German scientist has invented a machine that you feed vegetables into and get milk from. It's a safe bet there is a pump around it somewhere.

Students entered the office of a New York dentist and made away with a large quantity of his teeth. That's a new one, the toothache condition.

**PRESS BULLETIN**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.**

November 4, 1912.

**Landscape Gardening.**

Through the efforts of Professor J. C. Blair, Chief in Horticulture, a strong division in Landscape Gardening is being developed at the University of Illinois. Wilhelm Miller, of Country Life in America, has just been appointed Assistant Professor of Landscape Horticulture and head of the division and R. R. Root of Harvard University is another strong addition to the staff.

Professor Miller was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1892 and received the degree of A. M. and Ph. D. from Cornell University in 1897 and 1899. He was associate editor of Bailey's "Cyclopedia of American Horticulture" from 1897 to 1901, and became managing editor of Country Life in America in 1903. He is the author of "What England Can Teach Us About Gardening" and many articles on Landscape Gardening and Horticulture. He has acted as consulting landscape gardener for country gentlemen living near New York, Philadelphia, Trenton, Lenox, etc. He has had greater facilities for travel than many practitioners having studied country estate, home grounds and gardens in most of the estates east of the Mississippi, besides spending three months among English gardens.

Professor Miller is especially interested in developing an American style of home grounds and has done much to encourage wild gardening and winter gardening by showing how home grounds can be made full of comfort and beauty during the leafless period, which is about five-twelfths of the year. He believes that there is a great chance for a "Better Home and Grounds" movement in which this state may take the lead, and hopes to see all forces working toward an Illinois style of domestic architecture and landscape gardening.

Mr. Ralph Rodney Root received his preliminary training at Cornell University, receiving the degree of B. S. A. in 1910. He was awarded the Harvard Scholarship in Landscape Architecture and spent two years at Harvard University, receiving the degree of Master of Landscape Architecture.

He has practiced the profession in the eastern states and California. He was head draftsman in the office of Stephen Child, with offices at Boston and Santa Barbara, California, and with George Burnap at Washington, D. C. He traveled in Europe studying best examples of English, French, Italian and German landscape architecture and city planning. He is the author of several articles for magazines and has in preparation a text book on landscape and plant design.

Charles Mulford Robinson is the first of prominent specialists in the field of landscape gardening who will give series of lectures before the division. Mr. Robinson is a specialist in city planning and improvement. He is the author of "The Improvement of Towns and Cities" and other books, besides numerous civic improvement reports of cities in all sections of the country. He will lecture to the students at the university for two weeks beginning November 18.

Courses have been planned with a view of training young men and women to take up professional work in landscape architecture and gardening and to instruct students along other lines so as to be better informed as to the arranging of their home grounds. An elementary course has been arranged which is less technical than the other courses and is open to all students of the university. For students specializing in landscape gardening a four year course has been arranged which trains for professional work. There are 20 students in this course and 150 in the popular lecture course. A landscape gardening club composed of the students interested in these lines is active and meets once each month to discuss the different phases of the work.

**The Fall Army Worm.**

Laphygma frugiperda is his proper name and he is here with millions of his brothers destroying our alfalfa and hay. He comes from the south, and this year like a real army worm he has made an invasion of Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio, and Northern New York. The invasion is so serious a matter that Congress has made an appropriation for investigating the problem. Professor S. A. Forbes of the University of Illinois, State Entomologist, has received numerous inquiries concerning the pest.

The fall army worm was especially bad in the south this year and this may account for its appearance this far north, which is an unusual occurrence. The worm cannot pass the winter here, however, so the danger is just for the present. Kerosepe emulsion or paris green may be used as a remedy where the trouble is not very extensive.

**High School Conference.**

The annual Illinois High School Conference will be held at the University of Illinois November 21, 22 and 23 this year. The present series of conferences, of which this is the ninth, is undertaking a discussion of all the subjects now included in the high school program with a view to formulating courses or syllabi for each subject or group of a rather definite nature as a basis for standardizing

the high school work of the state. The conference is one of the most powerful high school teachers' conferences in the whole country. Besides general meetings, lectures and dinners, there are held meetings of those interested in particular subjects, such as biology, household science, administration, classics, commerce, manual training, etc. A. C. Norris of Rockford, is chairman of the agricultural section and A. W. Nolan of the university is secretary. Professor Nolan, Mr. Carl Colvin of the Bloomington High School, Superintendent A. J. Beaty of Geneseo and Professor C. H. Keltner of Mount Morris College, are among the speakers of this section. There is to be a trip through the university farms and an exhibit of apparatus, laboratory note books, illustrative material and text books for high school work in agriculture.

**MOTION PICTURES WILL AID RED CROSS SEAL SALE.**

James Oppenheim Writes Dramatic Story for Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

"Hope" is the title and the leading note in a new motion picture film which will be released for exhibition on November 16, by Thomas A. Edison, working in co-operation with The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The scenario of the picture was written especially for the anti-tuberculosis campaign by James Oppenheim, and the film will be used during the next six weeks as a special feature of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale.

The story, as portrayed by Mr. Oppenheim, tells of a young banker in a little New York town by the name of John Harvey and of his bookkeeper Wells, with whose daughter Edith the banker is in love. A few weeks before the holiday season, Harvey one day receives a letter and some literature from The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, asking him to engage in a tuberculosis campaign in his district, to form a committee to sell Red Cross Christmas Seals, and to work for the erection of a local sanatorium. He shows the material to his old bookkeeper and both the men laugh at the idea that a country district need engage in such a fight. Tuberculosis, they believe, is a thing only of the city slums. Careless and unthinking, however, Wells puts some of the pamphlets in his pocket and forgets the incident.

Meanwhile Edith is trying hard to conceal from her father and lover the annoying cough which she has developed and also the knowledge given her privately by the old family physician that she has tuberculosis. She struggles hard against her love for Harvey and her father, especially when the banker shows her the new home which he is building for them. She is about resolved not to yield to the doctor's advice recommending that she go to a sanatorium, when one evening she accidentally discovers the tuberculosis literature in her father's pocket. As she reads of the dangers to which she is exposing those whom she loves, and of the hope of a cure that may be hers, if she will go to a sanatorium, she finally conquers her immediate desire and resolves to live for health and a cure. She writes a note to her father and to Harvey releasing him from their engagement and leaves home secretly for New York to see what chance she has of being cured, for there is no sanatorium nearer to her home than a day's journey.

It is the bitter realization of the truth that tuberculosis lurks everywhere, even in their own homes, that spurs Harvey and Wells to arouse their townsfolk to the need of preventing this disease and erecting a sanatorium. And all the while they are searching for Edith, until one day by chance they find her name on the records of Bellevue Hospital Tuberculosis Clinic. They trace her to the ferryboat day camp at that institution and finally to her own miserable hall bedroom. It is not a difficult task to persuade Edith to go home and take the cure in the new sanatorium on the outskirts of the town. Here she completely recovers her health and as an indication of her future mode of life on entering her new home for the first time, a happy bride, she throws the windows wide open to let in the fresh air.

**Jane Austen Unpopular.**

It has been pointed out with some surprise that the late W. S. Gilbert had a strong dislike for Jane Austen, but a correspondent of the New York Evening Post reminds us that Mark Twain had a similar antipathy. He said once that "a library that does not contain Jane Austen's works is a good library, even if it hasn't another book in it."

**Queer Catch From the Sea.**

One of the queerest deep sea creatures ever seen in the vicinity was brought in a few days ago by a fisherman of Venice, Cal. It is five feet in length, black and green mottled, with a tall, ke that of a shark. It has a dorsal fin and four feet, shaped like those of a parrot. Its mouth resembles that of a Gila monster, while its head is a replica on a large scale of that of a California horned toad.

**Democracy in Death.**

While we are reasoning concerning life, life is gone; and death, though perhaps they receive him differently, yet treats alike the fool and the philosopher.

**THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FOR 1913.**

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**Insane Asylums.**

The great Greek physicians had devoted much attention to insanity, and some of their precepts anticipated modern discoveries, but no lunatic asylum appears to have existed in antiquity. In the first period of the monastic life a refuge is said to have been opened for the insane at Jerusalem, but this appears to have been a solitary instance, arising from exigencies of a single class, and it may be said that no lunatic asylum existed in Christian Europe until about the time of the fifteenth century.

**Best Exercise.**

The best kind of exercise is the kind that makes you forget you are exercising—in other words, play, says a physician. It's a good scheme to have some more or less strenuous game for a hobby—golf or bowling or tennis or archery—anything that appeals to you and affords exercise with interest. But this is not saying that systematic exercise is not a good thing, too.

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Music's Range at Enfield.  
"Music for sale. Anything from 'Turk' in the Straw' to 'Mr. Dream Man,' and any of the Oh, Oh, Oh, rags; see Benham & Murphy."—Adv. in the Enfield Express.

Well, Naturally.  
A man charged in an English court with disorderly conduct pleaded that, seeing a notice on a lamp post, he climbed up to read it, and the words "Wet paint" slightly annoyed him.

Keeping Them Off.  
"Do you consider such a marriage as that of a man so confirmed a drunkard as Jaggs to a circus performer, a fitting one?" "A perfectly fit marriage. She's a snake charmer."

Man's Work and Woman's.  
Now the man's work for his own home is, as has been said, to secure its maintenance, progress and defense; the woman's to secure its order, comfort and loveliness.

What They Were.  
Little Bessie had been gazing earnestly at the waxed mustache of her father's friend. Suddenly she remarked, "Why, my kitty has smellers, too!"—Judge.

Rustic.  
Little girl from the city, seeing freckled country child for the first time—"Oh, mamma, come quick and look at this little boy! He's all rusting!"—Judge.