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**Comments on Current Events**

It seems that the terms of peace have been virtually settled. France under-taking the friendly part on the behalf of Spain, which side of us would be better pleased to see undertaken by Great Britain. So ends one of the most impudent, most unjustifiable, and least heroic of wars; a war into which the United States were plunged by the sinister influence of political, perhaps also of financial, schemes, combined with the wild storm of popular passion raised by the false story of the Maine. The sea power of Spain having been destroyed, it was evident she could not hope to retain anything on this side of the Atlantic. Her defense of Ireland and Puerto Rico might be protracted at the cost of immense suffering, but could end only in one way.

She loses all her colonies in this hemisphere, a loss which will appear more disastrous to Imperialists, who believe that the happiness and greatness of nations depend on the extent of their external possessions, than to those who believe that the true source both of happiness and greatness are in the nation itself. What will become of the Philippines is a question about which we are still in the dark. More than on being dry has his eyes upon that land. Both in the case of the Philippines and in that of Cuba the Americans are likely to find themselves, by the result of their victories, suddenly installed in a position which the Spaniards occupied before, as an alternative military power contending with a native insurrection; for they are already at loggerheads both with General Aguinaldo. Upon "Aguinaldo and his rabble" they foresee that they may have to "lay a heavy hand." That they have planted a dying bane in the bosom of Spain is a thing which at present touches them little, but they may one day touch them more. They have gained the easy victory, of which they were assured, over a weak and easily defeated nation, and they will think of nothing for the present but of voting themselves a crown. McKinley and his party will probably win the Fall Elections, which before they stood to lose. By-stander in the Weekly Sun, Toronto.

**Raisins & Grapes on a Small Farm**

A great many farmers who own small farms do not raise grapes, giving for their reason: "We do not raise enough corn to feed them."

To farmers situated in these circumstances who wish to direct a few suggestions. This is certainly a time in the year but not that will weigh from 40 to 50 pounds, will sell at a good price to men who like a business of buying grapes and holding them. This gives the small farmer a chance to raise the grapes and sell them to the large farmer and feeder. The first essential to success is to have good stock and the next is good taste and feeling. Do not try to keep more sons than can be properly cared for, and aim to let each sow raise two litters a year, one litter in March and one in August or the very first of September. If it can be so arranged, let the sows have the range of a clover field, "for feed there is nothing better than a good manure, capital part around and earthen from one feed to the next." When the pigs are about eight weeks old take the sow away from them, and she will be ready to breed again in a few days. The first two feedings of hog costs the least money. The first unless we have plenty of feed without buying there can be no less money made by raising a larger number of pigs than selling them at a lower age. It is an old saying that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating, thered." Try it and report.—Farming.

Mrs. Joseph Gould, Cambridge, Ont., in the seventh year gave, on an average, 100 pounds of butter each. A separator is used and the cream sent to the creamery and the sweet skim milk returned. This home supply abounds 60 per cent of the fat of this, loss of which he sells about seventy-five every year. Among Mr. Gould's broad goods is one which have fifty seven pigs in three litters. The average output of this amount comes to \$200 per year.

The best and finest wool is found on the shoulders of the sheep, and this is made the standard of the whole quality of the fleece. If the wool on the other parts of the animal approaches it in quality, the better the fleece will be all through. The beauty of the fleece is tested by closing the hand upon the wool of a part of the loin and on the rump. The peeled wool is nearly equal in fineness of staple from the shoulder to the thigh. A perfect fleece is really a certificate of perfect health in the sheep, and of the good management of the flock by the shepherd.

**PIN YOUR  
Finger on  
YOUR Pulse**

You feel the blood rushing about what kind of blood? This is the question. Is it pure blood, or impure blood? The blood is impure when you are weak and languid; your appetite is poor and your digestion is weak. You cannot sleep well and the more you sleep the more you are tormented for the work of the day. Your cheeks are pale and your complexion is sallow. You are troubled with pimples, boils, eruptions, and ulcers of the skin. Why not purify your blood?

If you are bilious, take Ayer's Pills. They greatly aid the Saraparilla. They cure constipation also.

World's Fair Decoupage  
Writings from all the participants  
in your case. You will receive a  
prize.

Address: DE J. C. AYER,  
Ayer's, Mass.

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**Beer Drinking and Business**

Let us carefully summarize what has been said elsewhere in reference to the financial evils of beer drinking.

A working man who drinks daily two glasses of beer at five cents, will thus spend annually thirty-six dollars and fifty cents.

This represents about 35 gallons of beer.

This represents about 33 bushels of barley.

For this barley the farmer gets less than one dollar and fifty cents.

The balance of the workingman's \$26.50 stays in the hands of the brewer and liquor dealer.

The workingman has nothing to show for his money.

He may be weaker nerves, a less clear brain, a dangerous appetite, but we leave these out of our calculations now and say he has literally nothing.

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