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CURRENT NOTES.

It is easy for the average person who reads the speeches at the Anglo-American banquet recently held in London, and who has followed the recent cablegrams from England on the general theme discussed on that occasion, to arrive at erroneous conclusions. He is apt to think that an offensive and defensive alliance between the United States and England is either in course of negotiation or is close at hand. The Washington correspondent of the London Telegraph wires his paper that an alliance is actually being arranged, and this information is cabled back to the United States. Broadly stated, the terms of the alleged alliance, as given by the Telegraph's correspondent, are these: 1. Recognition of the American interpretation of the Monroe doctrine by Great Britain; 2. the construction of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States, and its use by England and no other foreign country in time of war; 3. Great Britain to protect the United States in the possession of all the territory it takes from Spain in the present war if possession should be threatened by any other European nation; 4. the United States to back Great Britain in her policy in Asia. British ports on that continent to be open to the United States under the most favored nation clause; 5. all controversies between England and the United States to be referred to a non-partisan commission.

An understanding will be established between the two countries, but not a league. There will be an entente, but not a formal alliance. The cablegram tells us that the Anglo-American banquet in London was "most unique and significant." This characterization is not extravagant. It was participated in by many Englishmen eminent in every sphere of endeavor—politics, law, journalism, science and commerce—and all the most distinguished Americans at present in England took part in it. It was unique in the fervor with which illustrious Englishmen like Lord Coleridge, in the words of the cablegram, "prayed that victory might perch on the American banner, in the interest of America, in the interest of Spain and in the interest of humanity." About two weeks ago Premier Salisbury, by plain implication, in a speech published all over the world, put the United States in the leading place in the growing and progressive nations and placed Spain in the list of dying peoples. A few days later Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, next in prominence to Premier Salisbury of all living Englishmen, in a speech which had an equally wide circulation, enthusiastically favored an American alliance. Still more recently Sir Garnet Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief, of the British army, declared he hoped and believed that the Americans would win. Such fervid expressions of friendship as these from men high in the government of a great nation for one of the combatants in a war in which that nation is neutral are without precedent in the world's history. This spirit, and the service which it has rendered in defeating the continental powers' efforts at intervention against the United States, is warmly appreciated in that country. Nevertheless there will be no offensive and defensive alliance between the two countries. Such a league would involve the United States in quarrels in which it has no interest, and make a departure from the traditions and practices of the past hundred years. But there will be a cordial understanding between them, and as this is based on community of interests and harmony of aspirations and poses, it will have most of the beneficial influences of an alliance without any of its embarrassments.

THE EARLIEST STRIKE.

It occurred in Egypt, and Was About the Food Supply. The earliest strike occurred about 1450 B.C. or upwards of 33 centuries ago. Pharaoh was building a new Temple of Thebes. The masons received very little cash, but a quantity of provisions which the contractor thought sufficient was handed to them on the first of each month. Sufficient or not, they mostly ate it before the time had elapsed. On one occasion many of them had nothing left quite early in the month, so they marched to the contractor's house, before which they squatted and refused to budge until justice was done. The contractor persuaded them to lay their distress before Pharaoh, who was about to visit the works, and he gave them a handsome supply of corn, and so all went on well for that month. But the same state of things recurred by the middle of the next, and for some days the men struck work. Various conferences took place, but the men declined to do a stroke until they were given another supply of food. They declared the clerks cheated them, used false weights, and so forth, familiar enough complaints in this country under the truck system. The contractor not complying with their demands, they marched to the Governor of the city to lay their grievances before him, and he tried to get them to return to work by smooth words but that was no use, and they insisted on having food. At last, to get rid of them, he drew up an order for corn on the public granary, and the strike was at an end.

On the Farm.

STACKING SMALL GRAIN.

If round stacks are to be made, put four in a place, two on either side of a space seven feet wide, for each setting of the machine. When ricks are built it is the common practice to stack two in a place, or four, two on either side of the space left for the threshing machine, with the long dimension of the stack at right angles to this space. This latter form makes it more difficult to get the bundles to the machine, but where a large amount of straw is wanted in one place the plan is the best that can be adopted.

A good foundation is essential to a good stack. On many farms it is possible to use log sleepers, across which rails or poles are placed. This keeps all the grain off the ground and gives a firm base. However, most grain stacks have no specially prepared foundation and keep very well. Begin by setting up bundles in the form of a shock at a point where the centre of the stack is to be. Continue placing bundles around this nucleus until the base is of the desired size. As the outside of the stack is approached gradually increase the slopes of the bundles but at no time allow the heads to touch the ground.

When the foundation is completed, begin by laying a course of bundles about the outer diameter. When the first is completed, lay a second, allowing the butts of the second row to just cover the bands of the first. Put on a third row in the same manner and continue until the entire surface of the stack is covered. At this point, see that the center of the stack is high and solid. Place the bundles of the inner rows close together, and step upon them, so that the center will be solid while the outer rows remain loose. In this lies the whole secret of building a stack that will keep. The outer bundles must slope downward and outward. Now as the center of the stack has to bear the weight of the top, it naturally settles most and unless it is high and much more solid than the outer layers the depression will be sufficient to cause the outer bundles to slope inward, and instead of causing the water to run out will direct it toward the interior. This keeping the center of the stack full and solid should begin with the first layers and be continued until the stack is two-thirds the contemplated height. The top can then be finished with the bundles almost level. It is not absolutely necessary to have a bulge on a grain stack, but it looks well and protects the lower bundles from the water coming from above. The bulge is secured by permitting every outer layer of bundles to slightly project beyond the layer beneath it. Do not make the stack very wide so that the roof will have a very small slope. Other things being equal the steeper the top of the stack the more readily will it turn water. One problem in stacking the small grain is to keep the stack from slipping during process of construction. This may be done by carefully raking off the driver's track on one side of the stack and the next or outer layers of bundles are put down. By holding the bundle almost perpendicular and pressing the butts into the outer end of the bundle below, then laying down, this tendency will be largely overcome. It is well also to have the driver's track on one side of the stack and the next from the opposite side. Each side will then be packed alike and there will be little danger of slipping or settling to one side, after the stack is completed. Topping is important, and while a number of methods are in vogue, the common one is to insert a long stake in the top of the stack. Spread out the butts of a large bundle and slip over the top, then break down the top, and unless there are exceptional weather conditions, the water will not enter. Where an is practical a foot or two of grass on the top of the stack will make an almost impervious cover, but most farmers do not have time or opportunity to secure this.

WORK-HORSES IN HAYING TIME.

It is a common experience on the farm that the horses lose flesh rapidly when used for any length of time in the hay field. The haying season gives on many farms, from four to six weeks of this work. Mowing and raking hay is, of course, hard work on horses, especially if the fields are somewhat hilly, but I do not consider it so much the hard work that takes the flesh from horses in haying time as it is the want of proper care and the injudicious care that is given them at this season. Many farmers work their horses during the day, feed on corn and hay, then at night turn them out to pasture, "because the horse enjoys it so much." The grass loosens the bowels, weakening the animals, disarranging their digestion, and making hard work tell heavily upon them. Again, horses come in from work covered with perspiration, which dries upon them. Very few farm horses get the grooming that they need to keep their skins in a healthy condition. Few realize how much proper grooming tends to keep a horse in good flesh, and grooming is especially important during the hard work of summer, because of the great amount of perspiration. Keep the horses on hay and good sound grain; keep them well groomed, with a comfortable bed at night, and if they are not fretted needlessly by their drivers during work hours, they will do a vast amount of hard work without losing flesh.

THINNING ORCHARD FRUITS.

While thinning all fruits is advisable, it is especially so with orchard

fruits. We hear much talk in these days, of over-production of fruit, but it is safe to say that the over-production is confined wholly to inferior or ordinary specimens and not to the best or extra grades. As all fruit growers well know it is impossible to get a full crop of strictly first-class fruit. Quality and quantity must be sacrificed, and when the competition is confined almost wholly to medium and inferior grades it is surely good business to grow and market only the best specimens. Aside from the financial advantage in growing and marketing only the best, there is a decided increase in the ravages of fungous diseases on trees from which the fruit has been thinned. If in thinning care is taken to remove the poorest specimens, those remaining, will, by reason of the increased food for growth, be stronger and better able to withstand attacks of disease and insects. On thinned trees the quantity of windfalls is less and many of the delicate flavored varieties may be wholly ripened on the tree, a decided advantage when the fruit is intended for a nearby market.

CAULIFLOWER IN WINTER.

When sowing cauliflower for a summer or autumn crop, do not overlook the fact that it is far more valuable as a winter than as a summer vegetable, and as a rule, in many sections of the country a most certain one. As a summer crop, away from the sea-coast, cauliflower is a very doubtful one, which is due to the fact that it will not thrive in a hot dry atmosphere. But sow the seeds in June and transplant when the plants are of suitable size, and with favorable conditions of growth fine heads will be formed and ready for the table by the last of October, and as the plants rarely all head at the same time, the season will last until the plants are ruined by excessive cold. When the season is nearly over, there will always be found many plants that just begin to form heads. If these are lifted and put in a cool cellar and the roots covered with earth the heads will develop nearly as rapidly as in the field, and frequently get to be from four to five inches in diameter, and they are far more delicate than when grown in the field or garden.

KAISER'S TOGS.

He is Not Worried About a Change For a State Occasion.

The Kaiser is a military man from crown to foot. His numerous wardrobes contain only five suits of mufti, mostly made in Vienna. Like most German officers, he never looks well in them. He has a particular abnegation against the swallowtail, which reminds him of the somber surroundings of a funeral. This unconquerable objection is accountable for an imperial regulation ordaining that wherever possible courtiers and guests shall wear the frock coat à l'Anglaise, otherwise the newly introduced court dress is de rigueur. The black swallowtail is thus fast being forced out of German court circles. Umbrellas are his pet aversion—he never possessed one in his life, and, as to sticks, they are usually the cheapest he can buy. His rifles are under the special care of the Leibjager, and are kept in a special cupboard. A remarkable feature of this collection is the hunting sticks, which His Majesty has cut with his own hand while out hunting or received as presents during his expeditions, from gentry and peasants alike.

The Kaiser's wardrobes occupy a suite of five rooms in the old castle at Berlin. They are massive and of oak. In the middle of one of the rooms is a large table for spreading out the uniforms. There is a sixth room, in which small repairs are undertaken, where a tailor is permanently employed, for Kaiser Wilhelm does not throw away clothes until they are well worn. He keeps about 18 pairs of white military gloves in use. These are cleaned and repaired from time to time. The gloves receive a small yearly sum for his service. Each pair is supposed to have a certain "life." Should the leather show any defect it is returned to the unlucky glover, with a peremptory demand for an explanation.

When a suit is ordered, woe to the tailor should it not fit like a glove, though "try on" is never permitted. Directly a suit has been taken off, it is returned to the wardrobe, and there subjected to the closest scrutiny. The orders and decorations are kept in an iron safe, and represent in value about 1,500,000 marks.

NO LONGER FASHIONABLE.

Fashion's new fiat is that there shall be no more gold in teeth. Gold in the midst of a "row of pearls," the leaders say, is horribly conspicuous, and it is very bad form. None of the yellow metal should show when one laughs, and such a thing as half a front tooth of gold must no more be seen. It is still allowable to use gold where there is no possibility of its showing, but in any other case the new rule of fashion is exceedingly positive. It is not proposed that where gold is already in place it shall be taken out, but the "orders" are to use the other materials from now on, especially in the case of the upcoming generation.

In the place of gold the fashionable dentists are now using a white metal that hardens very quickly and when hard looks precisely like the tooth itself.

HOURS ON SHIPBOARD.

For the purpose of convenience and discipline the day on shipboard begins at noon, and is divided thus: Afternoon watch, 12 noon to 4 p.m.; first dog watch, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; second dog watch, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; first watch, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight; middle watch, 12 midnight to 4 a.m.; morning watch, 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.; forenoon watch, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

EARTH'S WOOING.

Earth is out in her new Spring dress, A-wooing the hearts of men! Ardent lovers their loves confess Over and over again! Birds are singing, Dewdrops clinging, Flowers are laughing at May; Hope fills again The hearts of men, As they plough the fields to-day!

Earth is out in her summer dress, With the rainbow tints anew, The children's hearts and lives to bless, And the skies are azure blue! A new love song The whole day long Is sung by the milking-maid, The lambs at play Are wild to-day, As they romp in the flowery glade!

Earth is out in her Autumn dress, The color of ruby wine, Her heart is full of tenderness In response to heart of mine! She knows it well I need not tell The vows of the happy year; In wedded bliss No joys we miss Though the Wintry blasts be near!

Earth is robed in her Winter dress, All spotlessly white and pure; No flowers hath she no warm caress, Yet her heart is mine, I'm sure: Love's heat or cold, Makes love more bold, And the bracing Winter's blast— Tho' seeming rude— Is fraught with good, When the die of the year is cast!

Nature and I are the lovers dear, I love her in every mood, A perfect love that knows not fear, A love that is pure and good! At last I'll rest Upon her breast Like a seed well sown away, Freed from earth's pain To bloom again In a land of endless day! JOHN SMIRIE, Toronto.

IS CRINOLINE COMING?

Authorities say that crinoline is again coming into favor. This assertion is made so frequently that those who dislike the idea of the fashion being coming really do not feel that it is only a call of "wolf," and do not fear the establishment of so ugly a mode.

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MIGHT BECOME TRUE.

Joe—Jack's new wife won't speak to me. Tom—Why not? Joe—I got confused at the wedding, and tendered him my sympathy instead of congratulations.

ANT... Suspense and solitude driven many a man mad fast driving the quick to see phantoms, and with the creatures of one evening, as the jailer for the night, he led the Count's hand, he too deep to allow of a features of the man as it was, showed a rugged old Trastero erto sostubornly syllable from him, in his former hand, he foot, and the price of his deliverance was a plan one, and if the Count Carara was not his money he it worth any man's who for the Count Carara three days he not world. The news under ear of the prisoner, he heard it for the first part of the government munication on his ar came with a weight of Counting to insure the ey had poured in upon from his infancy, and to think of it no more which he treated, as ledge of a certain privilege of the pleasure But now it was the which he had lavishly trinket might make him of a career of w peace, of a life dragg terness of chains, of dom and honour. He now sank down in that agonizing of a man weeping and he could conceive of softening his Cervier closed, the jailer's happy prisoner left meditations. The he might come, and going to stairs, he played him false, and in the hands of the everin, the door opened stood at his side, show cap and cloak, and sh on and follow him, w Count eagerly follie. But in a moment of ity of secrecy in a suspicions. He starte to die, let me die i countrymen, by no time end." The jailer but by opening of the door, the jailer's gush of fresh air th the bottom struck s senses with a feelin hesitated no longer, silently followed his gush of air had falli at the foot of the The sentinel was or bribed. They ed as ghosts, wound a dozen obscure at reached an inn. A nounced their count opened a head thro tre; half a door u Count caught by the dragged in Carara first impulse was lense; but a voice a astonished and rest light of a lamp that sphere with the of the Padovine of the circuit of the feebly, but sufficie tenance of his Hun Herr Balto had best Count owed you so said the Hungarian within the fangs of a governor. Philos he in fashion among aroni; and it woul for the Count Carara reconcile into his lucky stranger, wh a little chemistry. The Count, delig ty, would not suffe a syllable in desc himself or his so to express his reg present circumstan to offer, but then laughed long and. "Count" said of surprise, after a "I must beg you odd way in which sometimes appear ing, such as I mu I am. But the not resist the co luxuries in that and mosaic, and ever, I rejoice to our of mind that philosopher, and shall ever be intru you may rely on a trusted only to th wise, to the pove spise the chances the hold hearts th them to their own is to be done un Count. "What bu ent tool of office sult a nobleman? "You will get of the Hungarian, of giving the life that of a fool, such the brains of a m on the neck of a on on the scuffo "Appeal to his Carara. "Appeal to a of ladies, who mus through a dozen accessible only th number of volu of all would be easier d Seylla to Charly thing by this m In fact, I am pr every view that liness." Carara's spirit. "Perplexity," ai ments of silence, steps on ordinar worst that I can