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DEAR MEAT IN GERMANY.

The North German Gazette, which is officially inspired, argues that the high price of meat in Germany, which is provoking fierce radical criticism, is in itself a satisfactory phenomenon, inasmuch as it indicates an increase in the purchasing power of the masses; that facilities exist for the import of cattle from Sweden and elsewhere; that the supply of stock at the Berlin Central market is satisfactory, while the supply of pork, the staple food of the lower classes, has actually increased; that the peculiar difficulties of the stock breeders and the fodder purveyors, the butchers and the farmers, must not be ignored; and that the rise of prices is an international phenomenon. It contends that the supply of stock has really kept pace with the

increase of population, and that any relaxation of the protective system would not improve matters much. But this explanation fails to meet public approval. There have been a large number of political mass meetings which have passed resolutions of protest against the import certificate. The town council of Dresden, Nuremberg, Magdeburg, Wiesbaden, Bremen, and other important centres have passed resolutions in some cases to petition the federal council or the government of the state to adopt relief measures, such as buying meat wholesale and retailing it at cost price, putting pressure on the butchers, and importing frozen meat from abroad. The burden of the cry is for a general "opening of the frontiers."

FACTORS RECKONED WITH.

Medical science has shown an over-readiness to repudiate old notions altogether as soon as it adopts new ones. Many people remember the days when consumption was regarded by physicians as hereditary, as well as incurable, in spite of the fact that many laymen who had opportunity to observe cases of it were convinced that it was contagious. They were ridiculed and any humanitarian with a remedy was driven out of business. When the idea of its contagious character dawned on the scientific intelligence, the thought of heredity having anything to do with the matter was scorned. Today there is a little more sanity in the study of the white plague, and the factors of heredity and contagion are both reckoned with. Another old idea that has been treat-

ed with contempt is that of "miasma." From ancient times down to the middle of the last century infectious diseases were regarded as due to a corruption of the air, especially that resulting from putrefaction, and deodorants, perfumes and the burning of substances that were supposed to neutralize this poison were used. Naturally, when the scientists discovered the germ, the miasma notion was scorned as a relic of the dark ages. Now, however, Dr. Trillat, of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, makes the point quite overlooked, that though noxious gases may not cause infection, they may by their presence in the air promote infection by providing a favorable medium for the growth of bacteria. Dr. Trillat makes this assertion as the result of experiments in his laboratory.

NEWSPAPER CENSORSHIP.

The newspaper and periodical law of the United States, which will go into effect on Oct. 1st, makes demands on American publishers which amounts almost to censorship. It requires that publishers shall file on the first days of April and October of each year, both with the postmaster-general and with the local postmaster, under penalty of denial of the use of the mails, a sworn statement of the names and addresses of the owner, publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager of their newspapers and periodicals. Religious, fraternal, temperance and scientific publications are excepted. For a corporation, the names of the holders of more than one per cent. of the stocks, bonds, or other securities must be given, and, in the case of daily newspapers, a statement of the

average paid circulation for the preceding six months, is required. Furthermore, all editorial or other reading matter appearing in a newspaper or magazine for the publication of which pay is accepted or promised must be marked "advertisement," under penalty of a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500. This is drastic legislation, and is pretty certain to produce a great deal of dissatisfaction as well as lying and deceit. The extent of its application will be gleaned from the fact that on July 1st, 1912, there were 28,144 newspapers and periodicals enjoying second-class mail privileges. There are 2,514 dailies, 17,217 weeklies, 5,777 monthlies, 1,351 quarterlies and 785 having other periods of issue. These, all except 1,500 exempted publications will be subject to the revisions of the new law.

AN AGE OF ALARMS.

Was there ever a time when human society was so full of alarms as at present? And the funny thing about it is that probably the world was never before so well off on the whole. A little more laughter might be a cure or alleviation of many of our anxieties. In the awful days of the Black Death, or the Thirty Years' war, men did not take much stock of themselves in finding out how many died and how many millions dollars were lost each day. But the present turn for tabulation and scientific study runs in our lesser ilk. Science is a serious Muse. "Are we going utterly to the dogs?" is the heading of an article in the last English Review of Reviews. Sickness, incapacity and insanity are declared by the writer therein reviewed to be advancing in Great Britain, and the only remedy is eugenics. The house fly, which has been with us for ages, now seems likely to destroy encephalid humanity. British consuls are going down, workmen are getting into parliament or

threatening as syndicalists to do with parliament. Home rule will rain Ireland, though "home rule at all" is singularly enough acceptable to some of the unionist leaders. The church and christianity are said to be on the decline. The legitimate drama gives way to musical comedy, and musical comedy to vaudeville. Out of living increases. All wealth is coming into the hands of a few. The Caucasian race is playing out, or blacks or yellows come to our rescue. Britain, who once boasted to win against odds, now quakes according to some politicians, before a German, her inferior in wealth and naval equipment. Why not simply laugh away some of these cobwebs of fear? says the London Advertiser. Charles Darwin used to soothe himself to sleep after arduous mental toil with a reading of "Tom Sawyer" or "Huckleberry Finn." After a terrifying hour spent over a book of Mark Twain or Storer Clouston should be an excellent thing for the nerves.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An exchange says there are 6,563,297 excuses to give one's wife for getting home late. And not a single one of them is any good!
It is said that every family ought to have some musical instrument in the house. What if every family should adopt the cornet?
Canada has practically ceased to be an exporter of butter, and it has been predicted that in a few years' time its export cheese business will share the same fate.
That Woodstock farm mistress who

declared that it must have rained in the cans, when charged in court with sending adulterated milk to the factory, had kept her eye closely glued on the weather.
Large quantities of woolen rugs are shipped annually from this country to England, and the trade with the shoddy manufacturers is now firmly established. Last year the rugs sent from Canada to the United Kingdom were valued at \$238,749, whereas six years ago they amounted to only \$25,823.
A lot of mothers who under ordin-

ary circumstances would blush to tell a lie have been known to stretch the truth when it came to buying railway tickets for their children "under twelve." They are to be saved this embarrassment if Canadian railroads carry out the suggestion brought over from Europe of charging full fare for children more than three feet, eight inches tall. Short, pudgy offspring should immediately become all the rage.

Through an unfortunate slip of the pen the Whig credited to the Montreal Herald, a call to liberals to declare against reciprocity, whereas it was the Montreal Star that cried out. The Whig gave the gist of the Star's appeal to show how constrained the alleged independent press was to have Laurier and the liberal party quit an agitation which they fear will upset the Borden government. At the last election, other things than the reciprocity issue led to the liberal defeat. The "other things" are not likely to be interjected into the next campaign, hence the alarm of the "independents" (?)

Rev. W. J. Mayers is now on his way to Canada as an envoy from the Bernardo Homes, to interest the people of this country in this most worthy institution. Perhaps no medium describes its objects and results more illuminatingly than Ups and Downs, its Canadian organ. One glance through its pages is all that is needed to note the commendable work that is being engaged in, and the abundant illustrated testimony of some of the girls and sturdy boys that are proving a credit to themselves and their adopted homes. It is a work that should evoke a hearty response from those who are able to aid and who are seized with the significance of the admonition, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Mr. Balfour as Host.
A deal of piquant interest has been aroused in social circles in England by the announcement that Mr. Arthur Balfour and his sister are to give a dance soon. This will be the first occasion upon which Mr. Balfour has given an entertainment of this kind at his residence. Mr. Balfour is displaying a deal of energy these days, which is a welcome sign that he has regained his health. It was a delicate compliment for the Benchers of Gray's Inn to invite him to unveil the statue to Francis Bacon, for Mr. Balfour is, of course, a Cecil on his mother's side, and the famous Lord Bursleigh, who held the post of Lord Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth, was himself a member of Gray's Inn.

A Curious Legend.
There is a curious legend in regard to Deadman's Place, Southwark, London. An ingenious old writer says that the name originated as follows: "In Deadman's Place, at St. Mary-overus, a man servant being buried at seven of the clock in the morning, and the grave standing open for more dead Commodities, at four of the clock in the same evening he was got up alive again by a strange miracle, which, to be true and certain, hundreds of people can testify that saw him act like a country Ghost in his white peaked sheets." However, a more exact historian explained that the name was merely a corruption of Desmond's Place.

Combining Novelty With Realism.
Mr. James Welch, who is a nice little pile out of "When Knights Were Bold," is looking round for another big winner.

He is conscious of the fact that it is not easy to come across something new that will capture the public, but at any rate he once met an author who was full of confidence. Said the author:
"I've thought of a novel effect for my new melodrama."
"Hard to find anything new."
"This is new. The villain lights a cigar in the midst of the snowstorm, thus setting the snowstorm afire."

Thermometers.
In England, it is stated, is used the thermometer of Fahrenheit, a German; in Russia that of Leslie, an Englishman; in France that of Celsius, a Swede, and in Germany they use that of Reaumur, a Frenchman.

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