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DAILY AND WEEKLY CHATHAM, ONT. S. Stephenson, Proprietor.

A UNITED STATES SOCIETY ITEM.

The Vanderbilt summer residence on Long Island, in which young Vanderbilt and his bride were spending their honeymoon, was burned, and the despatches sent out by the Associated Press to Canadian newspapers include the following truly enthralling details: The fire was discovered by one of the Vanderbilt watchmen, who saw flames coming from the cellar. He aroused the occupants of the house, and they all left it hurriedly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt were among the first to get out. The servants then began to remove some of the furniture from the lower floors. One of the domestics took a rocking chair to young Mrs. Vanderbilt, who sat on the lawn and watched the flames burn down the house.

Young Mr. Vanderbilt left his bride as soon as he saw she was in no danger, and gave directions as to fighting the fire. When the volunteer firemen of the neighboring villages reached the Vanderbilt grounds, the flames had spread throughout the entire structure, and had communicated to it was an impossibility to save the house, and the flames continued to burn until they had completely razed the building.

Mrs. Vanderbilt remained seated in a chair on the lawn until the flames had almost died out. This was about 6:30, and she suffered from cold. Mr. Vanderbilt, after his fruitless effort to prevent the destruction of his father's property, returned to the side of his wife, and they went to the house of the keeper of the lodge at Westgate and there came to the city.

The furniture saved was not valuable. All the bric-a-brac, paintings and everything of value in the mansion were consumed. The fire is believed to have started from one of the furnaces.

The house was of Queen Anne architecture, built of brick, stone, and terra cotta. It had double gables, with handsome bay windows on the side, a tower in the front section of the building. The lower part of the structure had spacious verandahs.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, when they went to Okadake a week ago took only what baggage they would need for a short stay at Okadake. It is understood Mrs. Vanderbilt saved what jewelry she had taken there with her.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR QUININE.

The climate of Kent is such that medical men generally recommend an occasional dose of quinine as a preventive of disease. It is interesting to note the rapid advance in price now going on in that useful medicine. However, people will be pleased to know that if the worst comes and a prohibitive price is reached as in 1882, an excellent substitute has been found by doctors in cinnamon.

The price of quinine has gone up 100 per cent, and the reason assigned for this is that the planters in Ceylon and Java have neglected the cultivation of the Java and Ceylon bark from which quinine is extracted in England and Germany.

The scarcity of the bark, and consequently the rise in price, were, it was asserted, due to the market being overstocked some years ago. About 1882 the price of English quinine was \$4.50 per ounce, and tons upon tons of the bark were shipped over to England. Prices went down, however, as the percentage of the bark was not profitable enough. They cut up the bark of the trees, it is said, and put them on the fire, and filled the ground for paper money-making products.

The result is that there is now a great scarcity of the bark, and every merchant who can, is buying a month ago the price of quinine was 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 an ounce. Today it is quoted at 48c of 6c for a special brand. And the merchants think prices will go up higher still.

AFRAID SHE WOULD LOSE HER BOY.

He was wasting away with a terrible cough. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cured the cough and restored his health.

It takes the life out of a mother to see her child—the idol of her heart—slipping away, succumbing to a cruel cough that all the remedies she has tried won't cure. Mrs. Jasper Singer of Burgessville, Ont., went through a trying experience and gladly gives an account of it for the benefit of Canadian mothers. This is what she says: "My little boy of a year and four months old took down with a heavy cold last fall. I tried different medicines but they did no good. He got so thin he was nothing but bones and hardly ate anything. I thought quite a few times I would lose him. Still I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The first bottle helped him wonderfully and the third bottle completed the cure."

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NORWAY VS. SWEDEN.

In view of possible warfare between Norway and Sweden, the following figures, which are said to be official, regarding the population and military and naval strength of the two countries will be of interest:

Table comparing Norway and Sweden: Area square miles, Population, Standing army, Men available for army service, Navy vessels of all classes, Third class battle ships, Mortars, Gunboats, Second class cruisers, Heavy guns, Secondary batteries.

IT SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO PASS.

Speaking at a Conservative meeting in Ottawa, Mr. Bennett, M. P. for East Simcoe, said that if the Conservative members of the House of Commons held the same opinions on the Redistribution Bill as he did, they would be prepared to become summer residents of Ottawa, for the purpose of fighting to a finish this iniquitous measure. Never was there a more admirable bill proposed. But little else was to be expected from the government. The proposed measure would be one so unfair that, if carried, the Conservative party would not only be practically wiped out of existence, but the interests of the country would be seriously imperilled.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a game law that will subject to a fine a woman wearing a stuffed bird on her hat. It provides that "any person who shall have in possession of who shall sell or expose for sale any feathers or skins or parts of birds in millinery or similar purposes, or shall kill for such purposes any birds in this State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for each bird skin or part of skin or parcel of feathers so sold or offered for sale or killed for that purpose."

The revised edition of Rand, McNally & Co.'s atlas, published by the authority of the Laurier government in Chicago, has made its appearance, and is very little, if any, better than the first edition of 200,000, which had to be destroyed. It is true an attempt has been made to correct some of the ridiculous errors which appeared in the first edition, but there still enough signs of omission and commission to make it unreliable, and of little value. As an instance, Ottawa, which appeared in the first edition as the capital of Ontario, is replaced by Toronto, but thereby gets dropped altogether, and does not appear at all in the list of Canadian cities.

MUST LIKE HARDY & CO.

A blunder that is almost worthy of being classed with those that the Hardy government is in the habit of committing has been noted in British Columbia. A new liquor law was passed and the old one repealed on February 25th, but the "new" one did not become operative until April 1st, and the province was accordingly without a liquor law for about five weeks. The dealers might have transacted business during this period with absolute impunity, with no magistrate to fine or constable to interfere. A special session of the Legislature for the purpose of correcting the mistake was happily not needed, and so that the blunder was not as serious as one of Mr. Hardy's.

A MULE CHEWS TOBACCO.

Balaan's donkey is doubtless the only one that ever spoke to man, but it seems that there are some trying to imitate man's ways. A Fayette county farmer has one of this sort. "Old Silas" for years had his stall in a tobacco barn, where he often chanced that scrape of the soothing weed got into his rations. Perhaps he regarded it as a kind of sauce; anyhow, he finally became attached to it, like his master, and now he can't do without it. If he fails to get his morning's chew it is useless to harness him to anything; he will not budge a peg until he has some. His master knows what the trouble is; he goes down in his pocket, fishes up his own twist and makes a peace offering. The old mule almost laughs as he rolls the quid into his cheek and proceeds to his work as meekly as a lambkin. His master claims that Silas is as good a judge of a "chew" as of oats.—Winchester, Kan., Democrat.

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DAIRY AND CREAMERY

MILK YOUR COWS CLEAN.

Otherwise They Will Tend to Dry Up in Short Order.

It is a well known fact that cows not milked clean will tend to dry up in short order, says Professor D. H. Otis of the Kansas college. Another important reason for milking clean is to get all of the butter fat, which is contained in a much larger per cent in the last than in the first milk drawn, as is shown by the following experiment which the college dairy has conducted, showing the importance of clean milking. Five cows that were giving a fair quantity of milk were selected and their milk was put in half pint bottles, each test contributing its share to every bottle. These samples were tested with the Babcock test, with the following results:

Cow No. 6 varied from .6 of 1 per cent to 7.2 per cent. Cow No. 10 varied from .2 of 1 per cent to 6.6 per cent. Cow No. 14 varied from 1.6 per cent to 8.8 per cent. Cow No. 13 varied from 1.5 per cent to 6.8 per cent. Cow No. 20 varied from .8 of 1 per cent to 7.8 per cent. The results show a gradual, although not entirely uniform, increase in the per cent of fat from the beginning to the last of the milking, except with the last two samples drawn from each cow. Here the per cent of fat would take a sudden leap, amounting often to a third or a half of the total variation. This shows very clearly how important it is to get all the milk. By averaging the results it was found that the last quarter of a pint was worth from three-fourths to one and a half pint of milk first drawn from the udder. Moral: Milk clean and get fat.

Convenient Cattle Rack.

R. E. Carroll in The National Stockman presents a plan for a cattle rack which does not waste feed and in which the animals will not get stuck. This rack is 5 feet wide at bottom and top and can be made any length; corner posts 6 by 6 or round poles 6 feet long set in the ground 2 feet, top end pieces 2 by 6 pinned or spiked to posts; top side pieces 6 by 6, or 6 inch pole the length rack is wanted, placed on inside



of posts; notch in a 2 by 6 piece 18 inches from the ground in posts at each end, and on the center of end piece lay a 6 inch pole. This pole makes the bottom of the rack. Then take 1 1/2 by 6 boards 7 feet or flat rails and make a V shaped rack by nailing one end to bottom pole and top end to top pieces or poles. Board up the ends with any scrap lumber, and on each side put 12 inch bottom board and 10 inches above this place a 6 inch top board, and by this you will have a manger to catch any hay the cattle may drop in pulling their hay out of the rack, and by stripping this manger sheep can be fed when not used for cattle.

Canadian Cheese.

About 12 years ago, says Professor Robertson, Canadians adopted a systematic plan of cheesemaking, this producing a uniform quality, which found favor in the British markets. Of late the taste of British consumers has changed, and the demand now is for a mild flavored cheese. It is necessary to cater to this demand, if the market is to be retained, and unless Canadian makers cure their cheese at a low temperature their traditions decrease. The curing room ought to be kept at 61 or 62 degrees F. A warm curing room makes the cheese strong. If the temperature of the curing room goes up to 90 degrees F., there will be awakened in the cheese dormant life, which cannot be easily killed. Some makers have come to the conclusion that the cheese near the stove roasts, while the temperature at a distance from the stove is allowed to go down to 50 or 40 degrees F. Improvement in the curing room is needed and a uniform temperature should be maintained. The walls and windows, should be put on and kept on all summer. The walls and floors should be made tight and close by two thicknesses of building paper and one thickness of tongued and grooved lumber. An old curing room should be washed with lime to kill the fungus growth. A curing room in the cellar, properly ventilated, would make a good curing room, and the cheese would not sweat.

Cleaning Cans.

Experiments have shown that milk stored in sterilized cans will keep much longer as long as when kept in cans washed in the ordinary way. To clean a can thoroughly or free it from germs, C. B. Lane of the New Jersey experiment station states that it must first be scrubbed, then scalded out with boiling water, care being taken that it is scalding hot before still, use live steam under pressure. No living organism can withstand steam, not even bacterial spores, although some of them will resist a temperature of 200 degrees F. In dairy houses supplied with a boiler it can easily be managed to raise steam over a jet of steam having a pressure of 15 or 20 pounds. After steaming cans should be kept bottom side up, as bacteria tend to go downward. There are patent "milk can washers" on the market which run by power, but for the ordinary dairymen hand brushes will be found just as effective and more economical.

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