

Notes & Comments

(Christian Science Monitor.)
"Something different" was added, a while ago, to the attractions of a state fair in North Dakota when an improvised theater was set up, and plays were acted by students of the North Dakota Agricultural College to show visitors at the fair the possibility of creating similar theaters in agricultural communities; and more recently a similar thing was done at the state fair in New York. In both cases the theatrical performances proved a great success. The theater at the New York state fair, where the stage was appropriately enough built in a barn, was filled at every performance; but whether, here and there, a rural community will be led to set up its own playhouse, train a company of actors from the immediate neighborhood, and produce plays for the enjoyment of the community, is something for the future to settle. The newspaper headline, "Bringing the Theater to the Farmer," seems to run rather far ahead of accomplished fact.

A number of successful Englishmen, cotton manufacturers and delegates to the World Cotton Conference at New Orleans, Louisiana, have been making a tour of inspection in some of the fine-goods mills in the United States, and what they find to say in some cases goes quite counter to previous ideas of how cotton manufacturing in America compares with that of England. Some American Labor leaders, for example, have argued that the greater rapidity of the looms in America places greater exactions on American operatives; but the visitors say that looms are run much faster in England. The statement hardly helps the claim that American operatives must needs work faster than those of England, and therefore deserve a higher rate of pay.

Meditating upon the external appearance of mankind, and contrasting two familiar accessories, the "ugly bit of starched linen" and the "soft double fold of linen" which is also a collar but "shapes to a throat in a manner at once distinguished and comfortable," an erudite writer traces the chronicle of the collar from the time when orators in the streets of Rome wore "chin cloths." The Roman orator's "chin cloth," it appears, had become a wimple, which was a good deal like a bib, after the Normans conquered Britain, and the wimple had expanded to a ruff in the sixteenth century, growing bigger and bigger until Parliament passed a law to limit its size. Then, in the time of Charles I, came the plain, or laced, band which developed through various modifications into the modern collar. The account overlooks the fact that collars were also a part of armor, sometimes worn by knights and gentlemen as badges of their adherence to particular families, and that in the Middle Ages the creation of an esquire was signified by investing him with a properly ornamented collar and a pair of spurs.

An observer of modern Boston destroys a widespread impression that nearly every true Bostonian, man or woman, carries a "Boston bag." The custom, he says, is pretty nearly obsolete; but he finds evidence, in the files of a New York newspaper in 1899, of the time when it existed. Somebody then analyzed the bag-carrying habit of Bostonians, and recorded that "it is really quite the custom to carry a cloth bag; but the size and form of the receptacle differ with the taste and fancy of the bearer." Lawyers, it appears, carried green bags like those of the lawyers, but made of black broadcloth or satin; professional men in general often carried a cloth bag with handles, called the "James Freeman Clarke," because that distinguished preacher was held to have invented and carried the first of them. Such are the facts, says the observer in 1899, but "the delusion is current in other parts of the United States that all Boston people carry a cloth bag of a certain fixed shape and form, embroidered with the large yellow initial of the owner." The "bag delusion" persists, although nowadays it has visibly faded, for it has quite lost that splendid initial embroidered in yellow.

Busily excavating for the foundations of a motion-picture theatre on Broadway, New York, between One Hundred and Sixty-Ninth Street and One Hundred and Seventieth Street, workmen came, the other day, on the spot where Hessian soldiers, during the Revolutionary War, had their camp, and perhaps sat in a circle, each braiding the pigtail of the soldier in front of him, as is said to have been the helpful custom of these German invaders. Digging uncovered the remains of a hut which had been built and occupied by them, and the twentieth century excavators found buttons, bullets, an axe, a spoon, and an ancient jackknife which the Hessians had left. The discovery was more surprising to those who made it than to some who heard of it, for it was historically known that the so-called "camp of the eleven million" had been somewhere in the neighborhood when the Hessians were a part of the force occupying New York, although efforts to locate it had been unsuccessful. The incident shows how the process that gradually buried some of the cities of antiquity is going on in modern times and cities.

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marked ability, having secured six distinctions in the Intermediary Grade, and may well be classed as one of the brightest amongst our output pupils. Mollie will enter Spencer College, where we are sure she will keep up her splendid record and although only fifteen years of age, we shall be very much surprised indeed if she does not carry off further honors in the

near future, and the Telegram wishes her every success.

Supreme Court.

The Newfoundland Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. and M. E. Martin, Howley, K. C. for defendant, asks to have trial set for Oct. 24th. It is ordered that the trial be set for that date. M. E. Martin vs. The Newfoundland Ship-

building Co., Ltd. Howley, K. C. for the plaintiff asks that the hearing be set for Oct. 25th. Mr. L. E. Emerson consents. It is ordered that the hearing be set for Saturday, Oct. 25th.

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