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[illegible] in my arms, she vowed that she [illegible] go through life or death for [illegible] sake.

[illegible] told me that her lips caress [illegible] charged her soul with happiness.

[illegible] heart, she said, with pain would [illegible] rack [illegible] should leave, and not came back.

[illegible] now, the false one dares to write [illegible] cannot dine with me to-night.

[illegible] well! Her husband's there, and so [illegible] I'll have to let it go!

OLIVER CAPELLE.

America Buying Yeast in Scotland.

A deal is reported to have been completed between a party of American capitalists and the Distiller's Company of Edinburgh, whereby the Americans will obtain control of the yeast output of the distillery, which has a monopoly of the product.

Since the advent of prohibition in America efforts to produce yeast by other methods than the use of alcohol have not been altogether successful, resulting in a large yeast export trade from Scotland.

Industrial Rank of Canada Fixed.

FOURTH OR SIXTH AMONG THE GREAT NATIONS.

Striking recognition of the industrial importance of Canada is contained in a recent decision of the League of Nations, according to information reaching the government at Ottawa. This decision was rendered under the authority of article 22 of the treaties of peace which declared that eight out of the 12 government seats on the governing body of the international labor office should be held by the countries of "the chief industrial importance" and that any question arising as to which were the boundaries of the chief industrial importance should be decided by the League of Nations council.

A special commission was appointed to consider the criteria to be adopted in this matter and it was agreed that the seven characteristics following should be utilized, namely:

1. Industrial population (including mines and transports).
2. Relation of industrial population to total population.
3. Length of railway track.
4. Relation of railway track to area.
5. Horsepower used in industry.
6. Relation of horsepower to total population.
7. Size of mercantile marine.

Statistical information on these points was obtained from the various countries comprising the League of Nations and calculations were made therefrom on two different bases. On one of these calculations Canada was ranked at the fourth state of "chief industrial importance" and on the other calculations as sixth. Under the first calculations the first eight countries were, in order of importance:

Great Britain, Germany, France, Canada, Italy, Belgium, Japan and India. On the second the eight states of "chief industrial importance" were: Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, Belgium, and Sweden.

Maine Potato Men Organize.

600 AROOSTOOK COUNTY GROWERS TAKE FIRST STEP IN CO-OPERATION PLAN.

HOULTON, Me., Nov. 25.—Steps to organize the Aroostook Potato Growers' Co-operation Association were taken to-day at the conclusion of a meeting attended by about 600 farmers of this county.

An executive committee of 21 was appointed to arrange for the contract after the marketing plan and agreement had been explained by S. G. Rubinow of Kelispell, Mont., the organization manager.

Five-Year Plan.

Under the proposed agreement, the members of the association agree to sell all their potatoes, except what is reserved for their own seed and local trade, through the association for a period of five years. To prevent gluting of markets and the falling of prices from that cause, the association would store potatoes wherever and whenever necessary and feed these to the market only as fast as they can be absorbed.

The association would grade every bushel according to its true grade, variety and quality, sell just as directly as possible to the most select trade, and advertise to expand, develop and create better markets. It would co-operate with all other state potato growers' co-operative associations now being formed.

A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, president of the Aroostook Valley railroad, one of the speakers, said that the year potatoes sold for $10 a barrel was the worst thing that could have happened for Aroostook county, and that the farmers have been looking for exorbitant prices ever since then. He said that Aroostook farmers were the greatest gamblers in the county, and that the association would eliminate this gambling.

Girl Leads Skunk on Election Bet.

Miss Dorothy Berkley of Beverly, Mass., paid a unique election bet in Rochester, N.H., shortly after the result of the balloting was announced.

From the friends who accompanied the young lady it was learned that in the recent election she favored Col. Gaston to win over Senator Lodge. If she lost, her friends were to select some pet animal and she would lead it through the business section of a city, to be selected by herself.

After the election she told her friends she was willing to pay, but was surprised when the animal selected was a skunk. None of the pet variety was to be found in Beverly or other nearby cities, so a trip was made to a skunk farm across the state line in Maine. Here they were able to purchase one, guaranteed to have good habits and quite domesticated.

Arriving at Rochester, Miss Berkley remembered she was to select the city where the terms of the bet were to be carried out, and noticing that Central square was practically deserted, informed her friends she was ready.

She started across the square, leading the woods pussy, which behaved properly until in the vicinity of Congress street he discovered a dog belonging to a man starting out on a hunting trip.

The dog started after he skunk, who pulled away from the young lady and fled down South Main street, but had not gone far before the dog caught up with it; but the skunk, fearing death at the hands of his enemy, resorted to a mean trick that caused the dog to wish he had a gas mask. The skunk escaped.

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Confetti . . . . . 11c. tube
Xmas Tree Tinsel . . 37c. piece
Xmas Tree Candles . . 27c. box
Xmas Tags . . . . . 15c. pkg.

Aleck the Barber.

"I took an afternoon off recently and went out to see a football game," said Aleck the barber to his wife. "I had a ticket given me," he added hastily, and she looked up from her sewing with a wifely stare. "The thing that struck me most was the blood-thirstiness of the so-called gentle sex.

"There was the stand full of sweet young girls hollering their heads off for their young brutes to hurry up and murder the young brutes that belonged to the sweet young girls on the other side of the field. Talk about the gentle influence of women. It's all wrong. None of those fellows would be half so savage if there wasn't a woman up in the stand egging him on.

"That must have been the way it was in the old days when the gladiators were doing each other dirt. Bet if they was left to themselves they'd shake hands and love each other like brothers. But, no; there was probably a sweetie who'd say to one of them before the battle: Say, if you let that big stiff lick you I'm offa you for life'; and the other guy's sweetie gives him the same line. And the result is bloody murder, of course.

"And you know, when you come to think of it, life's like that, too," said Aleck the barber. 'Why do men go up in the cold north and kill animals and each other for a few sealskins and a handful of foxes' tails? Because women want 'em. Why do men go down town and scheme all day to skin each other? For their women. Why is all the battling and scraping for money and social position and clothes and cars and servants and all the rest of it? To please the women. Say, if it wasn't for you women,' said Aleck the barber, 'the men wouldn't even get a shave or a hair-cut."

"And where would you be then?" said the wife of Aleck the barber softly.

"Well," said Aleck the barber, "I'd be out in the woods, where I wouldn't be worried about gas bills and light bills and rent and groceries, and the rest of all this dog-gone foolishness. That's where I'd be if it wasn't for women," said Aleck the barber.—Duluth Herald.

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Gruesome Cargo.

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The steamer Esther Dollar, which sailed from Boston, via New York, for the Orient on November 30th, carried as part cargo the bones of four hundred Chinese, each separate entity being enclosed in a tin box. For weeks preceding the sailing, New England Chinese had been engaged exhuming the bodies of their countrymen, some of whom had departed this life as far back of 1889, in order that their remains might be interred in ancestral soil in keeping with their religion and customs. The Esther Dollar will land these gruesome shipments at Hong Kong. The occidentation of the Oriental somehow never appears to be worth the time and expense wasted upon him, notwithstanding the sincere though often misguided efforts of reformers. Born a Chinaman, always a Chinaman. As Kipling tersely put it:

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