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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Union National Bank of Westminster, December 9th, 1910.

An election of Ten Directors for this Bank will be held on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1911,

between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M. and 12 M., of said day at said Bank.

J. W. HERING,
dec 9 5t Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

First National Bank of New Windsor, Md. New Windsor, Md., December 9th, 1910.

The annual election for Seven Directors of the above named Bank will be held at the Banking Rooms on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1911,

from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M.

NATHAN H. BAILE,
dec 9 5t Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election for Five Directors will be held on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1911,

between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 10 o'clock, A. M., at the office of the Babylon & Lippy Company in Westminster, Md., to manage the affairs of the Company for the ensuing year.

F. THOS. BABYLON, President.
D. SNIDER BABYLON, Sec. dec 9 4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, of Westminster.

Westminster, Md., December 9th, 1910.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that an election for Directors to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, on the Second TUESDAY, being the 10th day of January, 1911, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM,
dec 9 5t Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of the Farmers' Fertilizer and Feed Company of Westminster, Md., are hereby notified that the annual election, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's office, in Westminster, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1911,

between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock, M. By order of the Board.

dec 9 5t JOHN ROYER, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of the Farmers' Fertilizer Company of Carroll County are hereby notified that the annual election, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office in Westminster, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1911,

between the hours of 9 A. M., and 9.30 o'clock, A. M. By order of the Board.

dec 6 5t JOHN ROYER, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Westminster. Westminster, Md., December 3rd, 1910.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE R. GEHR,
dec 2 5t Cashier.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office Westminster Fertilizer Company. Westminster, Md., December 9th, 1910.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Westminster Fertilizer Company will be held at the office of the Company, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1911,

at the hour of 1.30 P. M., for the purpose of electing Nine Directors to serve one year and until their successors are elected or chosen or qualified.

A. H. HUBER,
Secretary,, Treasurer and Manager.
dec 9 5t.

ELECTION NOTICE.

First National Bank of Mt. Airy, Mt. Airy, Md., December 15th, 1910.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of Fourteen Directors to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1911,

between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, M.

J. L. BURDETTE,
dec 16 4t Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of The Westminster Savings Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of Seven Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank to manage its concerns and affairs for the ensuing year will be held on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1911,

between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M., at the office and place of business of the said The Westminster Savings Bank, in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland.

E. O. GRIMES, President.
JACOB H. HANDLEY, Treasurer.
dec 16 3t

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Westminster Hardware Company that an election for Directors to manage the affairs of the Company for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, in Westminster, Md., on

MONDAY, JANUARY, 9th, 1911,

between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, a. m., and for the transaction of any other business that may be presented.

T. HERBERT SHRIVER,
President.
ROBERT K. MYERS, Sec. and Treas.
dec 16 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The undersigned, having settled in the Orphans' Court, an account of the personal estate of Adam Ruland, late of Carroll county, Md., deceased, and ascertained the balance in his hands for distribution, according to the law, among the creditors of said deceased, hereby gives notice to said creditors to file their claims against said deceased, legally authenticated with the Register of Wills for Carroll county, on or before the 10th day of January, 1911, preparatory to a distribution of the assets of said personal estate, to be made amongst said creditors under the direction of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., on the 17th day of January, 1911. After the final ratification of said distribution by the Orphans' Court aforesaid, the undersigned will be prepared to pay to each of said creditors their respective dividends according to said distribution.

LEWIS A. RICE,
dec 16 4t Administrator W. A.

No. 4569 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity;

Francis Neal Parke, Assignee, vs. William Henry Johns and Ada Zillah Johns, Mortgagors.

Ordered, this 15th day of December, 1910, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a court of equity, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Francis Neal Parke, assignee of mortgagee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 16th day of January, 1911, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll county, once a week in each of three successive weeks before the 9th day of January, 1911. The report states the amount of sale to be $594.00.

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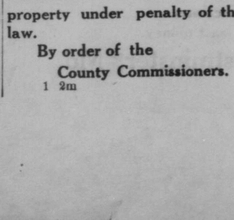
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RED CROSS SEAL STORIES

A SURE CURE

A haggard looking woman, speaking with a strong Irish brogue, walked into a West Side drug store in New York the other day and asked for a bottle of Dr. Quack's Consumption Cure. While the clerk was wrapping the package, she conversed volubly of Mike, her husband, who was sick with consumption. She said one of her neighbors, Mrs. Casey, had told her that the bottle of medicine she held in her hands would surely restore Mike to health. So she had saved 50 cents from the scant earnings she made over the washtub in order that her husband might have a chance. As she turned to go away, her eye was attracted by a sign upon which was this legend in big red letters, "Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals, and help Cure Consumption. A penny for a Seal."

From the few cents in the palm of her hand, the woman drew out a nickel and holding it to the clerk, said, "Oi'll take five of thim. Sure, with this bottle of medicine, and thim things stuck on Milke, he'll be well in a wake."

YOUR TUBERCULOSIS BILL

A man of facts and figures in a Pennsylvania city recently computed that the illness and death of his child from scarlet fever, which she contracted in school, cost him $377.50, while his or his neighbor's share in the prevention of this easily preventable disease would amount to only $3.47. A similar calculation could be made in the case of tuberculosis.

Suppose a man, father of a family of three children, and earning $3.00 a day is taken sick with tuberculosis. What does it cost him to get well, and what would it cost each person in the United States to have prevented him from ever having had the disease. Here are a few of the leading items of expense to him in getting cured:

Six months treatment in a sanitorium	$250.00
Care family of four at $8.00 per week for six months	192.00
Loss of wages for six months at $3.00 per day	432.00
Total	$874.00

Now what would have been the man's share in the prevention of tuberculosis?

"An ounce of prevention" in the papper care of the body	$60.00
A study of some literature on the prevention of tuberculosis, which can be secured free of charge	00.00
The stopping of all bodily excesses	60.00
A timely examination by a doctor	3.00
The purchase of 100 Red Cross Seals as a share in the general preventive campaign against tuberculosis	1.00
Total	$4.00

How much did the man lose?

WHAT'S A SEAL?

"Mamma, what's a seal?" asked eight-year-old Mary, looking up from the paper, whose black headlines she was laboriously deciphering.

"A seal is a little animal that lives in the ocean. We use its fur for coats and wraps," was the enlightening answer of the parent.

Mary puckered her brow for some minutes, and again interrogated, "Mamma, will seals stop plagues?" referring perhaps to some of the Biblical narratives she had heard told in Sunday school.

"Stop plagues! Why, child, what are you talking about?" cried the mother in amazement.

"Why here it says, 'Red Cross Seals Stop White Plague,'" triumphantly holding up the paper.

Then mamma explained to her little girl that the Red Cross Seal is a tiny stamp-like sticker which is placed on the back of letters and packages coming from Santa Claus and others. Every seal costs a penny, and every penny goes to fight and cure consumption, which is the real name of the white plague, and which is an awful sickness. Mamma told her of a little girl in their own neighborhood who had consumption, but who was given a chance to get well because the people had bought Red Cross Seals.

Mary listened attentively, and finally touched by the closeness of the appeal, said, "Mamma, I think I'd rather have some of those seals than a new dolly."

HISTORY OF THE RED CROSS SEAL

Red Cross Christmas Seals date back

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Christmas Eve In Rural England

It was a brilliant moonlight night, but extremely cold. Our chaise whirled rapidly over the frozen ground. The postboy smacked his whip incessantly, and a part of the time his horses were on a gallop. "He knows where he is going," said my companion, laughing, "and is eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment, and good cheer of the servants' hall. My father is a devotee of the old school and prides himself on keeping up something of old English hospitality. He was always scrupulous in exacting our holidays and having us around him on family festivals. It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world, and I value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent can bestow."

The squire ushered us at once to the company, which was assembled in a large, old fashioned hall. It was composed of different branches of a numerous family connection. They were variously occupied, and a profusion of wooden horses, penny trumpets and tattered dolls about the floor showed traces of a little troop of fairy beings that had frolicked through a happy day.

While the mutual greetings were going on between Bracebridge and his relatives I had time to scan the apartment. The grate had been removed



THE DANCE WAS A MERRY ONE.

from the wide, overhanging fireplace to make way for a fire of wood, in the midst of which was an enormous log, glowing and blazing and sending forth a vast volume of light and heat. This, I understood, was the Yule log, which the squire was particular in having brought in and illumined on Christmas eve, according to ancient custom.

It was really delightful to see the old squire seated in his hereditary elbow chair by the hospitable fireside of his ancestors and looking around him like the sun of a system, beaming warmth and gladness to every heart. Even the very dog that lay stretched at his feet, as he lazily shifted his position and yawned, would look fondly up in his master's face, wag his tail against the floor and stretch himself again to sleep, sure of kindness and protection.

Supper was announced shortly after our arrival. It was served up in a spacious oaken chamber, the panels of which shone with wax and around which were several family portraits, decorated with holly and ivy. Besides the accustomed lights, two great wax tapers, called Christmas candles, wreathed with greens, were placed on a highly polished buffet among the family plate. The table was abundantly spread with substantial fare, but the squire made his supper of frumenty, a dish made of wheat cakes boiled in milk, with rich spices, being a standing dish in old times for Christmas eve. I was happy to find my old friend, minced pie, in the retinue of the feast.

The supper had disposed every one to gayety, and an old harper was summoned from the servants' hall. * * * The dance, like most dances after supper, was a merry one. Some of the older folk joined in it, and the squire himself figured down several couples with a partner with whom he affirmed he had danced at every Christmas for nearly half a century.

The party broke up for the night with the kind hearted old custom of shaking hands. As I passed through the hall on the way to my chamber the dying embers of the Yule log still sent forth a dusky glow, and had it not been the season when "no spirit dares stir abroad" I should have been half tempted to steal from my room at midnight and peep whether the fairies might not be at their revels about the hearth.

I had scarcely got into bed when a strain of music seemed to break forth in the air just below the window. I listened and found it proceeded from a band which I concluded to be the waits from some neighboring village. I drew aside the curtains to hear them more distinctly. The moonbeams fell through the upper part of the casement, partially lighting up the antiquated apartment. The sounds as they receded became more soft and aerial and seemed to accord with quiet and moonlight. I listened and listened. They became more and more tender and remote, and as they gradually died away my head sank upon the pillow, and I fell asleep.—Washington Irving.

THE MAHOGANY TREE

Christmas is here.
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little care we.
Little we fear
Weather without
Sheltered about
The mahogany tree.

Once on the boughs
Birds of rare plume
Sang in its bloom.
Night birds are we.
Here we carouse,
Singing like them,
Perched round the stem
Of the jolly old tree.



LAUGHTER AND WIT FLASHING SO FREE.

Here let us sport,
Boys, as we sit,
Laughter and wit
Flashing so free.
Life is but short.
When we are gone
Let them sing on
Round the old tree.

Evenings we knew
Happy as this.
Faces we miss
Pleasant to see.
Kind hearts and true,
Gentle and just,
Peace to your dust!
We sing round the tree.



DRINK, EVERY ONE.

Care, like a dun,
Lurks at the gate.
Let the dog wait.
Happy we'll be!
Drink, every one;
Pile up the coals,
Fill the red bowls,
Round the old tree.

Drain we the cup.
Friend, art afraid?
Spirits are laid
In the Red sea.
Mantle it up;
Empty it yet.
Let us forget
Round the old tree.

Sorrows, begone!
Life and its ills,
Duns and their bills,
Bid we to flee.
Come with the dawn,
Blue devil sprite;
Leave us tonight
Round the old tree.
—*William Makepeace Thackeray.*

Yuletide Proverbs.

The wise man begs to express much more than proverbial wishes that his entire clientele may enjoy the merriest of merry Christmases.

The universal spread of doldom and drumdom is infinitely preferable to that of the doldrums.

Our early days will not, indeed, come back, yet is Christmas an Indian summer evening to the venerable, a reviving reminiscence of youth.

"The mirror of all courtesy" should be polished on Christmas day.

"A royal train, believe me," is the reindeer equipage of good old St. Nick.

A Christmas motto:

His heart and hand both open and both free,
For what he has he gives, what things he shows,
Yet gives he not till judgment guide his bounty.

"Nature teaches beasts to know their friends," and why should they not share in the Christmas good will.

"Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge." Let us inwardly digest this truism with the Christmas cheer.

"Enough, with overmeasure," will probably characterize the Christmas possessions of a majority of us.

When does "jocund day stand tiptoe on the misty mountain tops" if not on merry Christmas?

A Christmas Daisy.



Christmas Superstitions.

There are many Christmas superstitions, long held as articles of faith, that are to be recalled. Among these are the beliefs that oxen kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas eve in adoration of the Nativity and for one hour have the power of speech. For that one hour, too, the lost spirits have rest. Judas sleeps, Herod ceases to clank his chains, the daughter of Herodias may pause in the dance, in which she is condemned to spin forever, and Pilate's ghost ceases its wanderings on Mount Pilatus. It used to be believed, too, that the sound of church bells could be heard wherever a church had stood, though no trace remain, and that on that pregnant night one sleeping in a manger would see his future in a vision.

Opportunity is something a chump waits for, while the wise guy runs to meet it.

The sky is always blue when looked at through a $20 bill.

Christmas on A Canalboat

"How are we going to spend Christmas?" exclaimed the good natured Mrs. Captain Boggs, seemingly a bit surprised at the question, for canalboat folk are sensitive of any criticism aimed in their direction.

"Why, we're going to spend the day just like other folk. Some think because we live on canalboats we don't have any comforts and eat like savages. My, but I'd a heap sight rather live down here than in a flat like my niece's. She's got six rooms, and they don't begin to be as big as mine.

"If you think there ain't room just look here," and Mrs. Boggs displayed the secrets of a suit of rooms, the ingenuity of the arrangement rivaling the den of the New York bachelor girl. Out of the main cabin, which served as living and dining room combined, two alcoves jutted, besides an infinitesimal corner dubbed the kitchen, but which was even tinier than the modern apartment house kitchenette.

While under ordinary circumstances the kitchen was part of the cabin proper, two doors at right angles to each other could be drawn out, which, meeting, formed a room by itself. A shiny coal stove or range quite filled the compartment, leaving just room before it in which to work, while above it every inch of wall space was utilized with pots and kettles and kitchen utensils of every sort.

A low cupboard opening into the hold contained more articles of kitchen use, as well as vegetables and canned goods. Bunks were displayed in the two other alcoves, which were in open view of the cabin. But from the recesses of the boat Mrs. Boggs pulled out a sliding door, which completely divided the space into two rooms, and when curtains were drawn into the cabin the occupants enjoyed all the privacy desired.

A big divan could be opened up at night into a roomy double bed, and another bunk, "just under the eaves," was sufficiently large to tuck two small youngsters away. Chests of drawers built in, wardrobes and cupboards in out of the way places supplied room for bedding, clothing and the boots and shoes of a family of children.

One of the biggest surprises in the boat, one which conveyed a hint that might be applied in small houses where room is at a premium, was the preserved fruit lockers.

"We all do up our own fruit," went on Mrs. Boggs. "You see, while we go up the canal we are in the country most of the time, and it is much cheaper to put up our own fruit than



"I'D A HEAP SIGHT RATHER LIVE DOWN HERE."

buy it in winter, and this is where we store it."

Going to the stairs up the companionway, she pulled out tiny drawers. Small knobs jutted out from the face of each step with which to open the drawers, while within there was quite room enough to allow pint fruit jars to stand upright.

A cold storage room was tucked away in the hold, into which a small door about two feet in height opened. The dining table was a folding affair which turned up against the wall of the cabin when not in use.

When some surprise was expressed at the presence of a sewing machine in the room Mrs. Boggs said: "Oh, that's nothing! Many of the boats have organs as well, and there is one fitted up with a porcelain bathtub. So, you see, we have some of the luxuries of city houses and plenty of good air and sunshine. A concert is to be given on one of the boats here New Year's eve, and if you should like to come down we'd be glad to have you and show you a bit of canalboat hospitality."

A Christmas Game.

The "chest" may be arranged in any way that will hide one of the players. The game is based on the old poem, "Mistletoe Bough:"

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall.
The holly branch shone on the old oak wall.
The baron's retainers were blithe and gay
A-keeping the Christmas holiday.

The "retainers" all form a ring about the "lover," who is blindfolded. The retainers sing:

Here we are so blithe and gay,
Keeping our Christmas holiday.
One will hide in the chest hereby.
To guess who it is you must surely try.

With that one of the "retainers" runs and hides in the improvised chest. The "lover" is led to it, and he may ask questions of the hidden one, who may reply by "Yes" or "No," disguising the voice. By these answers the "lover" must tell who the retainer is. If he fails he must try again. When he succeeds, the hidden person becomes the lover.

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This column edited by The Just Government League of Maryland. Headquarters corner of St. Paul and Pleasant streets, Baltimore, Md.

A verdict in favor of woman suffrage has already been delivered to the state of Washington, although Gov. Hay's proclamation putting in force the Constitutional Amendment adopted by the male voters at the election held November 8 was only issued on the 29th of that month. In Olympia a jury of five women—a sixth having been excused on account of illness attested by a physician's certificate—listened for several hours to evidence in a case between a milkman and street contractors, whose blasting had caused the horse of the farmer to run away. After being out an hour the women returned a verdict for the plaintiff and a newspaper correspondent writes from Olympia as follows: "According to attorneys here, this is the first time in Washington, if not in the United States, that a female jury, drawn from a venire of women only, has been selected to try a case. Judge Giles of the Justice Court, who presided, declared that the jury of women was far superior in every way to any jury that ever sat in his court."

As the praise is so high we give the names and occupations of the women. They are all persons whose prominence insures that they may easily be reached by letter. It is earnestly to be wished that some of the Maryland legislators who shouted so loudly on the floor of the House last winter against a bill giving tax-paying women the right to vote in the city of Baltimore could be induced by their constituents (unless their constituents intend to return men of a different stamp to the next Legislature) to communicate personally with some of these women. They are: Miss Jean McLeod, stenographer of Gov. M. E. Hay; Miss Mernice Sapp, Supreme Court stenographer; Mrs. J. M. Mowell, wife of a prominent physician; Mrs. Frank Blakeslee, wife of the Democratic candidate for the Legislature last November, and the Rev. Geneva Lake, one of the few ordained female ministers in Washington.

The men of Washington are just as much to be congratulated as the women on the change in the constitution of their State. They are no longer in the unwomanly position of a specially protected class, since whatever protection there is in the possession of the ballot has now been thrown round their women as well as themselves. The educational influence of the ballot has likewise ceased to be a monopoly. The hitherto sheltered sex has come out into the open, no longer insisting on barricading itself in primary and polling-place. All the representation and only part-payment of the taxes has ceased to be the slogan of the men of this great Pacific state, and, because chivalry is an accompaniment always of true manliness, it is not surprising to learn that the City Council of Seattle has passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking at polling places on election day.

The "Woman's Suffrage Party" of New York, whose chairman is Mrs. Chapman Catt, 2 West 86th St., has, for its object the attainment of woman suffrage in the state of New York within five years. To bring this to pass this new party exists. A result of its first year's work is an enrollment of tweny-five thousand members, whose number is growing rapidly. "Hundreds of women" said Mrs. Catt in summing up the work, "convinced that the methods employed by our party are practical and effective, are giving their time their strength, their thought, their lives to the attainment of our goal." Mrs. Richard Aldrich, treasurer of the party, reports that during the month of November more than $1.700 was contributed to the $10,000 campaign fund. Bravo New York.

In money it is not possible for Maryland to do things on the scale of New York. Perhaps it is not possible in numbers either. But in spirit and in courage the women of Maryland need not yield the first place to those of any other state. Can they not outstrip New York in placing their state on the roll of honor, next after Washington? Maryland, first in the East, sixth in the whole United States—no lower goal than this is worthy of the manliness of her men, the ambition of her women.

From various parts of the State, showing how wide-spread the interest is, essays in favor of woman suffrage have been sent in to the League, in competition for the prize of $25 offered several weeks ago. Because of the large number of arguments advanced, and the excellent manner in which each was developed in order to conform to the space requirement of 300 words, the following essay was awarded the prize.

"Should Women Vote?" is made the title of the winning essay and it reads as follows:

"Right can never produce wrong.

"Women should vote because it is right for them to do so.

"It is right:

"1. Because it is just. Woman is a parent of the nation. To deprive her of the ballot is as unjust as to deprive a mother of any voice in the government of her children.

2. Because this is a free country. Woman suffrage means the right to express an opinion by ballot. Woman should have the liberty of expressing an opinion, equally with man, by vote or otherwise, as to who shall make the laws to which she is answerable, often with life.

"3. Because taxation without representation is tyranny.

"4. Because mind and not masculinity should reign. 'The mind is the standard of the man.' Mind is sexless. In matters pertaining to religion and conscience all questions as to sex are eliminated. Mind should be the standard in civil government as well as in moral government.

"5. Because the ballot will enable woman to protect home and children. The many cases of non-support and desertion, low wages for women, the condition of women and children in factory and mine and mill laws in favor of man—these are proof that the chivalry of man can not always be trusted to protect women and children.

"6. Because God intends woman to be a helpmate to man. This is her mission in the world. Men so acknowledge her in the home in society, in church, in the business world. Why exclude her from State and national government only?

"In the beginning God said, 'Let them have dominion * * * male and female created He them, and blessed them and saith unto them * * * have dominion over every living thing—a proof that God intended man and woman equally to govern the world.

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HERE'S A TALL CORN STORY

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 7—Mrs. Benjamin Fahrney, of this city, received from her brother, Joseph M. Brewer, a prominent farmer of Abilene, Kan., formerly of Welsh Run, a photograph showing Mr. Brewer standing on a stepladder picking corn from stalks 16 feet tall. Few of the ears were lower to the ground than 10 feet, and many were higher.

Love laughs at everybody except the maiden's papa.

Nothing is so astonishing to us as another man's success.

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