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To the American People:

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over $3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of $1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in wages, materials, etc., on these orders $522,831, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract might make us liable for penalties amounting to $678,016

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In Effect Monday, September 11, 1916

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 9, Light St. Wharf, Tuesday and Saturday 11 A. M., weather and tide permitting, for the following points: Rock Hall, Queenstown, Bogles, Cliffs, *Ashland, Quaker Neck, Booker's, *Riverside, Rolph's, *Piney Grove, arrive at Chestertown about 5 30 P. M.
*Stop on Signal.
Returning, steamer leaves Chestertown for Baltimore, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8.00 A. M., weather and tide permitting, stopping at the above landings, arriving in Baltimore about 2 P.M

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 9, Light St., weather and tide permitting, Wednesdays at 6 00 P. M., stopping at: *Cliffs, *Quaker Neck, *Booker's, *Riverside, *Rolph's, *Piney Grove, Chestertown, *Deep Landing, Crumpton.
*Stop on Signal
Returning, steamer will leave Crumpton, weather and tide permitting, for Baltimore, Thursday at 2.00 P. M., Chestertown 5.00 P. M., stopping at the above landings.

This time-table shows the times at which steamers may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several wharves, but their arrivals or departures at the times stated is not guaranteed, nor does the Company held itself responsible for any delay or any consequences arising therefrom.

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Why Elephants Fear Mice.

It seems almost incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able to frighten an elephant almost out of his senses, yet one little mouse in the hay on which they are feeding will stampede an entire herd. In the elephants' native land there are little animals known as chacanas, which feed on a small sour berry of which elephants are very fond.

They live in settlements, something after the manner of prairie dogs, under the berry bushes, and sometimes, when feeding, the elephants trample upon the little towns, and the chacanas in their fright frequently run up the tubes of the elephants' trunks.

Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh, and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh, and inflammation and death are the result. In captivity, therefore, the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when they see a mouse and show signs of great fear.

More Labor Than You Thought.

To write a single letter of the alphabet, it is roughly estimated, requires from 200,000 to 300,000 distinct processes, all of which are controlled and directed by the mind. To make the letter O, for instance, takes but a second, yet if all the mental processes involved had to be performed consciously years would be consumed in the performance. First, the making of the O is willed in the brain, setting in motion the activities of thousands of cells in the hearing areas, the seeing areas, the speech motor areas and the muscular motor areas. Hundreds of nerve threads connecting these cells with various cells and nerve threads in the brain are set to work to organize the movement, while other nerve centers attend to the business of furnishing the requisite amount of blood. As a result, the spinal centers are actuated, and finally the smaller nerves in the fingers direct the forming of the O.

Discovering a Star.

Long had he worshipped her at a distance, but his shyness prevented him from proposing.

Then one evening, for the sweet sake of charity, a theatrical performance took place in which the charmer was leading lady and more adorable than ever. Afterward the shy admirer drew near, his love made valiant by the sight of her beauty.

"You are the star of the evening," he said as they stood alone in a corner.

"You are the first to tell me so," said the damsel, with a happy blush.

"Then," he retorted promptly, "may I claim my reward as an astronomer?"

The lady looked puzzled.

"What reward?" she asked.

"Why, the right to give my name to the star I have discovered," said the young man, speaking boldly at last.—Chicago News.

The King's Way.

It was characteristic of the late King Edward VII. that he never showed too much or too little courtesy, but just enough to maintain his reputation of being the most gracious gentleman of Europe. Some years ago, according to the author of "The People's King," his majesty visited Aberdeen and knighted the lord provost. At the luncheon which followed the king sat next to Mrs. Lyon, the wife of the lord provost, and noticed on the table the card denoting her place.

"I must alter this," the king said, smiling on the lady.

With his pencil he effaced the word Mrs. and in its place substituted Lady and graciously handed the card to her newly made ladyship.

Family Harmony.

"I am very easy on my shoes," said the stout lady complacently. "Look at this pair. I've worn them three years, and they're still as good as new. I'm easy on clothes too. There's my tweed—just as fresh as the day I bought it, seven years ago. And hats, gloves, stockings—in fact, I'm easy on everything."

"Except father, eh?" said her daughter quietly, without looking up from her book.

That Settled It.

She—You remind me so much of my brother. He—Indeed! In what way? She—Well, Harry seems awfully fond of me, yet he never offers to kiss me.

After that it was quite unnecessary for her to ring in any of her relatives.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Early Astronomy.

Anaxagoras, a distinguished Athenian, in 525 B. C. taught that the sun was not a deity, but an inanimate fiery mass. He also suggested that the moon shone by reflected light and correctly explained solar and lunar eclipses.

Masked Balls.

Henry VIII. introduced the bal masque into England. As this form of amusement gradually spread the people began to hire halls and charge admission fees, and the routs of the court were imitated by the orgies of the mob.

Postal Savings Banks.

All the money the postal savings banks receive they immediately redeposit in national reserve banks and so keep it in circulation instead of allowing it to remain hoarded and hidden.

Of all our infirmities, vanity is the dearest to us. A man will starve his other vices to keep that alive.—Franklin.

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County Demonstration Agents Do Valuable Work In Organization Of Such Associations.

College Park, Md., Feb. 1.—The rapid growth in the organization of cow testing associations in dairy sections of Maryland during the past year has been an important part of dairy extension work. In co-operation with G. E. Wolcott, dairy extension specialist, county demonstration agents are carrying on an active campaign in the organization of cow testing associations out of which in many instances milk producers associations are developing. The records kept by these associations working in co-operation with the county demonstration agents have made it possible for the dairy farmer in Maryland to place his business on a more profitable basis and demand an increase based on accurate figures regarding the cost of producing his milk and maintaining his herd.

In Montgomery county an association representing 565 cows, distributed through 19 herds was organized last spring, and is now being followed by a second organization to meet the needs of the dairymen who could not be included in the first association. Similar developments are being reported in other milk producing counties and are proving most beneficial in welding the dairy interests and in making a better grade of product possible. Dairymen are realizing more and more that their demands for higher prices must be supported by facts tending to show that they are producing milk as economically as is consistent with reasonable sanitary requirements. The cow testing association and the County Demonstration Agent are opening the way to more efficient milk production and fairer returns. The dairyman who is not a member of a cow testing association has no one but himself to thank for poor returns for his capital and labor if he has not read the Agricultural Experiment Station bulletin on Cow Testing Associations, consulted his County Demonstration Agent, and urged his neighbors to join with him in forming a local association.

The Successful Beekeeper.

College Park, Md., Feb. 1.—In a recent correspondence course on bee keeping issued by the State College of Agriculture, the writer, E. N. Cory, says of beekeeping in Maryland, "More bees should be kept in the State, but only those persons willing to care for and manage them properly should think of taking up this profitable line of farming.

Bees demand a great amount of study, thought and sympathetic care in their successful management. The qualifications, therefore, of the beekeeper, who would be successful, should be considered with great care."

"In the first place, studious habits are essential. Though the literature of beekeeping is a vast storehouse of information about the life processes of the bee, the underlying causes of many of the activities of the colonies are little understood. Study of bees, themselves, and the literature pertaining to them are the cardinal points in successful beekeeping.

"Energy is the second qualification. Without a study, however, much energy may be wasted in unprofitable directions. The performance of the proper operations at the right time is of vast importance. Sometimes it may seem that a thing may be put off, but you may be sure that everything that is to be done in the apiary has a definite time for its accomplishment that will not admit of delay. Putting on supers a day too late may make a big difference in the amount of comb honey produced.

"Patience is another valuable attribute. Things are sure to go wrong at times. The honey flow may be bad for several years at a stretch. Patience therefore is of great importance

"Though these attributes are necessary, they may be developed one or all, by the mere association with the bees, the most energetic, patient and careful workers in the lower animal kingdom."

Prepare to keep an account of the year's business. Open an account book. Transcribe the farm inventory onto this book. Keep a daily account of receipts and disbursements. If time permits carry separate accounts with the more important phases of the farm operations, such as dairying, poultry products, hog raising and the like. Separate accounts should be carried with each farm laborer and with the neighbors and others with whom continuous transactions are made.—From Lessons in Elementary Agriculture, issued by the Maryland State College of Agriculture.

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SPECIAL NO. 1
Men's 69c Dress Shirts in all styles and sizes—don't miss them—choice, clean sweep price.... 9c.
Sold to those having purchased $5 or over.

SPECIAL NO. 2
300 Ladies' 75c Shirt Waists in all styles and sizes. This announcement alone should bring crowds at our store; sale price 5c
Sold only to those having purchased $5 or over

$3.00 Pure Silk Shirt Waists, in all colors; clean sweep price... $1.95
Men's $8.00 and $10.00 Fine Sample Suits, nearly all sizes. An elegant value; clean sweep price..... $6.95
Boys' $5.00 Mackinaw Coats, all styles and sizes; our clean sweep price..... $3.95
Large $1.50 Bed Comforts. Come quick if you want one—come quick; clean sweep price..... 95c
Large $2.00 Bed Blankets, in all colors; our special clean sweep price..... $1.19
Ladies' 69c Long Waisted Corsets, all sizes; clean sweep price..... 44c
Ladies' $1.25 Heavy Flannel Gowns, full cut, in all sizes; clean sweep price..... 88c
Men's $8.00 Heavy Mackinaw Coats, in all colors; clean sweep price..... $6.95
Every Ladies' Tailor-Made Suit must be sold in Ten Days, no matter what the loss may be.
Ladies' $12.50 and $15.00 Fine Tailored Suits in all colors, while they last, so come quick; clean sweep price..... $3.95
Ladies' $15.00 Fine Quality Tailored Suits, all silk lined, all colors and sizes; clean sweep price..... $9.95
Ladies' $12.00 and $15.00 Coats, in all this season's newest styles. You should see see these before buying anywhere, clean sweep price..... $9.95
Ladies' $4.00 and $5.00 Sample Skirts, nearly every style in this collection; clean sweep sale $2.95
Men's $18.00 and $20.00 Fine Hand-Tailored Suits, in all the new colorings. Don't fail to see them; clean sweep sale..... $12.95
Boys' and Girls' Overcoats and Cloaks' values up to $5.00, good assortment to select from; clean sweep price..... $2.95
Men's $3.00 Fine Cassimere Pants, many styles to select from; clean sweep price..... $1.95
69c Large Double Bed Sheats; clean sweep price..... 50c
Balance of our Men's and Boys' Suits must go at clean sweep prices. Don't buy before seeing OURS.
Extra Large Size $2 White Bed Spreads; clean sweep price.. $1.38
$1.50 Very Pretty Lace Curtains, 3 yds. long; clean sweep price.... 95c
Children's 35c Union Suits, fleece lined; clean sweep price..... 24c
Ladies' $1.50 New Style House Dresses, in all colors; clean sweep price..... $1.19
Men's 75c Negilee Shirts, all colors and sizes; clean sweep price..... 48c
19c Extra Heavy Children's Hose, double heel and toe, all sizes; clean sweep price..... 15c
Men's 69c and 75c Fancy Caps, all styles; clean sweep price 44c
Large 25c Bureau Scarfs and Lace Stams; special clean sweep price.. 9c
Every Man's Overcoat must be sold in Ten Days—nothing reserved. Its money saved for you.

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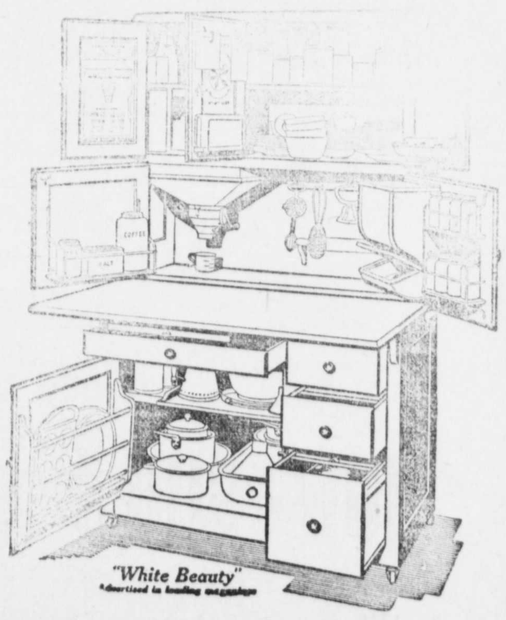

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A Nice Morris Chair, a Globe Wenricke Book Case (save your books), a Dressing Table, Chiffonier, or Princess Dresser, White or Brass Bedstead, good Couch, Ladies' Desk. Some nice Pictures, and don't forget a Hoosier Cabinet, Cedar Chest or Shirt Waist Box, Sewing Table, Buffet, China Closet, a nice Extension Table, Hall Rack or a nice Rug. Have a few left, Smith Axminster, 36x72, at $3.75.

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