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LIGHTS of NEW YORK — By WALTER TRUMBULL

Practically anyone can go to bed, but not everyone can go to sleep. For this there are various remedies. All depends upon the form of wakefulness from which a person suffers. I know a man who is kept awake by any light. He happened to get a room in a hotel where a street light shone through the window. Knowing that his wife sometimes slept with a stocking over her eyes, he tried the scheme with a sock. Apparently, he didn't know the trick of adjusting it, as it constantly slipped down over his nose and mouth, threatening to smother him. Finally, he remade the bed so that he lay with his head away from the window. This was a pretty good idea, except for the fact that he had a stiff neck in the morning from twisting about to see whether the light was still there.

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Another man I know can't stand noises; at least, city noises are a source of irritation to him. When he lies down to sleep he finds himself counting trucks and automobiles which roll by. Somebody told him about some wax things which you put in your ears and he thought the problem was solved. The next time he came in from the country he prepared for a peaceful night in town by getting some of the wax plugs and inserting them. The rest of the night he lay awake, straining his ears to discover whether he could hear through the wax.

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There is a friend of mine who lives next to an armory. In the regiment to which the armory belonged was a man who evidently had ambitions to become a bugler. After everything was over on drill nights and the others had gone home, he would remain and practice bugle calls. Perhaps at eleven o'clock, he would blow tattoo for a while, which was fair enough, but around midnight he would start in on reveille, or boots and saddles. Later still, he might blow the mess call. Now the listener to whom I refer is a man who retires and rises early, but he had no desire to boot and saddle at 1 a. m. And as for the mess call, his doctor refuses to permit him to eat at night. The result is that a good, hard-working fellow with music in his soul may never become an expert bugler, merely through lack of practice.

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Some persons are like that. They have no appreciation of honest effort. A side street in New York was being excavated, as all streets are. Some time in the early hours a workman with a lantern climbed down into the trench and began to beat cheerily with a hammer on a piece of metal. Henry W. Longfellow would have appreciated such industry. He might have been inspired to write something else along the line of "The Village Blacksmith." But the fellow who did hear the musical notes was no poet, but only a retired for the night business man. Securing three electric light bulbs, he hurled them in quick succession from a seventh-story window, so that they struck what was left of the street in the immediate vicinity of the worker. If you ever have dropped an electric light bulb on a hard surface from any height, you know what happened. The cheerful worker got out of that excavation in one jump and made the first 100 yards in record time. To his dying day, he probably will believe that some one was shooting at him.

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Golfer's and bridge player's insomnia are among the commonest forms of the malady. The golfer plays each shot over; the bridge player each hand. Between dark and daylight, some most remarkable drives are made and every finesse is successful. About the only cure I know for this form of wakefulness is chloroform.

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But there is the old, reliable method of inducing slumber. First you must relax all your muscles and your jaw. Then you must close your eyes and vision a great, green meadow, divided by a hedge. Now it is necessary to fill the meadow with sheep and start them jumping over the hedge. As they go over, you count them, one by one. After you have counted a million, it may be well, for the sake of variety, to switch to goats.

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Informal Greeting

Recently I attended a movie with my wife, who stood at one side in the lobby while I bought the tickets. Being in a hurry and having quite a lot of change to put in my pocket I rushed up to "my wife" and exclaimed, "Here, hon, shake a leg and help me out."

Hearing a giggle I looked and saw that "my wife" was a strange woman. Needless to say I was in a greater hurry than before.—Chicago Tribune.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

(BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN)

TURKEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The first of the monthly meetings of turkey growers was held at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, September 25th, Mrs. Harry T. Williams presided. Attendance was good didscussions lively.

Since the main effort of the association centers round marketing, the discussions were in line. Preliminary figures indicate fewer birds in Kent but not in the nearby territory. Fewer birds in the west are assured. Birds, due to later hatching than usual, will be ready for Thanksgiving in fewer numbers than usual. Due to lack of supply, prices for good quality birds should be better than last year. Probably the price at Thanksgiving will be relatively higher this year, while the Christmas market maybe lower.

Connection wth a natonal distributor of meats is pending. This may develop and supply a splendid outlet at top prices for many birds. Graded-dressed birds would be required.

The Turkey Tour was discussed also an inter-county turkey show. The advantages of each were discussed. Those present voted to drop the tour in favor of the show. The Extension Service will exert its agencies to assist the growers to stage a creditable and worth while show. Entertaining and educational programs are comtemplated for a two day show. Time-place-speakers-program, details are under way but not decided. Meantime the effective marketing of the commercial turkey crop is receiving much attention.

Save Show Corn At Husking

The logical time to secure corn for the shows is at husking time. The idea is to save out all the best type ears as husking is done. From a large number of ears so saved it is usually possible to select a creditable show sample.

The International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago just after Thanksgiving time and the State Corn Show in Baltimore next January are fine opportunities to advertise Kent County agriculture. The Extension Service is ready to assist corn growers in selecting show corn and in showing it. The first step however is to save as many good ears as possible of approved type for the kind. Dry carefully and well. Then the sample maybe selected with assurance as to its quality and appeal.

High Moisture Content In Corn Lessens Sales Value

Many people selling corn are disappointed over the grading and sales price of the corn. Often the reason for low grade and price in too mucn moisture and too much damaged corn.

Some of the trouble, often all of it, could be overcome if more care were used in toring corn. Corn husked and thrown on the ground draws dampness or moisture rains add to it. This excess moisture fosters heating and damage while crib drying. The better quality corn that goes with good care in storing and curing justifies the effort to crib corn as soon as it is husked. Dry corn is lighter to handle-haul and freight than damp corn.

Sheep Need Stomach Worm Treatment

Sheep and lambs especially need frequent treatments for stomach worm control. These internal parasites cause runty lambs cause losses, retard sales, weaken vitality and in general are an unnecessary tav on sheep-growing.

The Copper sulphate treatment or drench is inexpensive and easy to administer. Commercial Capsules are effective easier to give but more expensive. Plan now to treat the flock some rainy day when other work permits. Be ready such days will come more wool, more lambs, better prices follow.

Records of Performance Measure Effiency of Stock

The hog has well been called the "Mortgage lifter." It is an efficient user of feeds usually. However Science in the effort to increase profits for farmers has discovered that there is a big variation in the ability of blood lines of swine to produce large litters which gain rapidly, economically and have a high percentage of valuable cuts of meat per carcass.

Subjecting swine to this close scrutiny will result in decided improvement in swine in all of the above points. The breeders will make use of the information and will develop more profitable, because more economical and efficient, hogs.

Poultrymen are likewise introducing Record of Production methods into their flocks as a more efficient measuring stick than old time records. Hens have to prove their ability to produce profitably or make way for the birds that will do so. Sentiment has little place in the poultry business.

Dairymen, for 25 years, have had a somewhat similar yardstock to measure their dairy herds. I refer to the Dairy Herd Impovement Association. Through membership in such associations, dairymen may put their dairying on a business basis. It locates the unprofitable as well as the profitable cow. It reveals the value of the milk, feed cost, returns over and above feed cost. It measures the ability of the sire to transmit increased production. It guides the feeding practice. No dairymen can afford not to measure his cows in this economical and profitable manner.

Smut Treatment Of Seed Wheat Pays

As a means of increasing yield and quality of wheat, the Copper Carbonate Dust treatment of seed wheat is a matter of dollars and cents importance. A ten cent per bushel cut on the sales price of wheat, that is barely a profitable crop at best, is a poor way to make money. The merit of the test is widely acknowledged. The machines for treating are available also the dust.

In drilling treated seed, you may find it does not feed quite so freely as untreated seed. To overcome this point, if necessary set your drill to sow one more peck per acre than you unusally sow. Checking amount of seed used per acre will reveal the need if it exists.

Another precaution that may prevent trouble is to turn the feed shafts with a wrench, after standing over night or after wet weather, to free the feed wheeler. This will lessen the strain on the drill and may prevent damage to the gears or shafts when drilling is resumed.

Fall Plowing of Tomato Fields Strongly Urged

Growers who are planning to put in tomatoes next year should at this time seriously consider the advisability of plowing the land now which they expect to plant in that crop next spring, according to H. A. Hunter specialist in canning crops for the University of Maryland Extension Service. This will greatly aid in reducing the losses from leaf blight which did considerable damage in the State this year.

This recommendation is sound, whether the land was in tomatoes the past year or not, it is declared. Investigations have shown that the leaf blight spot diseases are widely distributed and occur on a number of different plants. They live through the winter on diseased tomato plants, on the dead stems of a good many weeds, and on the plant organic matter of almost any description that is left above the surface of the ground. On the other hand, it has been proved that if all dead vegetation is plowed under to a reasonable depth and the soil permitted to lie in this condiion during the greater part of the winter, the organisms of the disease will be destroyed. While the disease spreads easily from plant to plant and from field in one season the fall plowing practice eliminates much early infection. Hence, the more thorough the job of turning vegetation under, the better will be the control.

Aside from the benefit of reducing loss from leaf blights, fall or winter plowing is considered a good measure because it gets the soil in an excellent cultural condition for the crop. This advantage alone, Mr. Hunter points out, is probably worth the added expense which might be incurred.

Tomato seed beds that are to be used again next spring should also be plowed carefully this fall or winter to turn under the dead plant refuse. If this material is left on the surface of the ground until next spring, plant bed infection may occur. Diseases are then carried to the field with the seedlings and cause much greater losses than infections which occur later in the field.

Doorkeeper Witness to 50 Years U. S. History

Washington.—Eye-witness to a half century of diplomatic history is Edward Augustine Savoy, famed colored messenger of the State department, who has just completed 50 years of service as diplomatic doorkeeper for secretaries of state from Hamilton Fish to Edward Stimson.

Next month Eddie will be obliged, officially, to leave his job. But Secretary Stimson, who last year got the civil service commission to grant Eddie a 12-month extension, has promised him he can stay around the State department "as long as I have anything to do with it."

Eddie knows all the diplomats at Washington; and they all like him. When Sir Esme Howard, former British ambassador, retired last year he sent Eddie an autographed photograph of himself in full diplomatic dress.

When the Japanese delegation to the London naval conference visited the State department they were so impressed with Eddie they sent a diamond and platinum pin. Japanese Ambassador Debuchi made the presentation himself.

Eddie's every sentence is history. Casually he refers to Sir Edward Thornton and is a little disgusted that he has to explain that Sir Edward was the foreign minister to this country whom Great Britain elevated to the rank of ambassador. He speaks of "the war," but he means the Spanish-American war.

Can Read 5 Miles Away by Novel Searchlight

London.—There is news of the invention of an entirely novel searchlight which throws a beam of light so intense that a newspaper can be read by it at night at a distance of five miles.

The searchlight is the invention of W. H. Pennow, and one of its most astonishing features is that it is able to keep the lamp's rays in a narrow pencil of light. The beam of ordinary searchlights diverge so much that even when lamps of enormous candle power are used their ranges are comparatively short. The Pennow beam is focused much more sharply; at a mile it produces a spot of light only twelve feet in diameter. The searchlight has been designed chiefly to help aviators in night flying, but it has many other uses.

Large Cut in Sailings Marks Ocean Shipping

Washington.—Wholesale cancellations of sailings on the part of every line interested in the North Atlantic trade has been the most outstanding recent development in the British passenger shipping world, according to British trade reports received in the Commerce department from its London office.

About 40 scheduled departures have been struck from the calendars as a result of falling off of travel consequent upon the reduction in incomes of those who normally could afford luxury voyages. The curtailment has affected Southampton, Liverpool, and London, the principal ports concerned.

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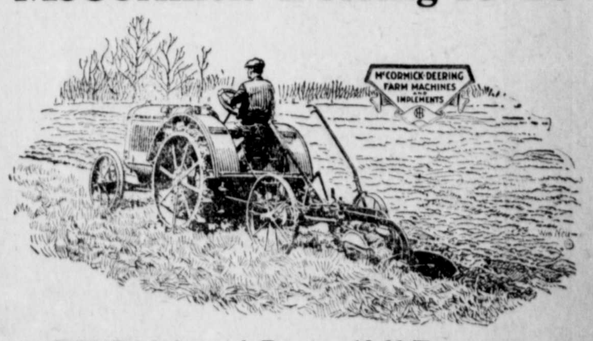
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