

OYSTER SHELL TAX UPHELD

The U. S. Supreme Court this week upheld the Maryland oyster shell tax law as a proper exercise of the taxing function of the State. The decision, which was unanimous, was written by Justice James C. McReynolds.

This settles any question of the constitutionality of the Maryland law and means victory for Swenson Earle Conservation Commissioner, in the fight he has waged for more than two years for the rehabilitation of depleted oyster bars in the Chesapeake Bay by means of reshelling.

Case Brought By Packers

The case came before the court on an appeal from the ruling of the Maryland Court of Appeals upholding the action of the Circuit Court in Baltimore in refusing to issue a mandamus against Mr. Earle, ordering him to issue a license to packers declining to agree to turn over ten per cent. of the shells from oysters shucked by them.

Ivy L. Leonard and Thomas B. Leonard, trading as I. L. Leonard & Co., brought the proceedings against Mr. Earle. The packing company was supported by the organized oyster packers of the Eastern Shore, who wished to test the law passed by the 1927 Legislature.

Refused To Sign Agreement

Under this law, before a packer could obtain a license to do business he was required to pay a fee of \$25 annually and to sign an agreement, in the form of a contract between him and the State, that he would give to the Conservation Commissioner ten per cent. of the shells from oysters shucked by him or the equivalent of the market value of these shells.

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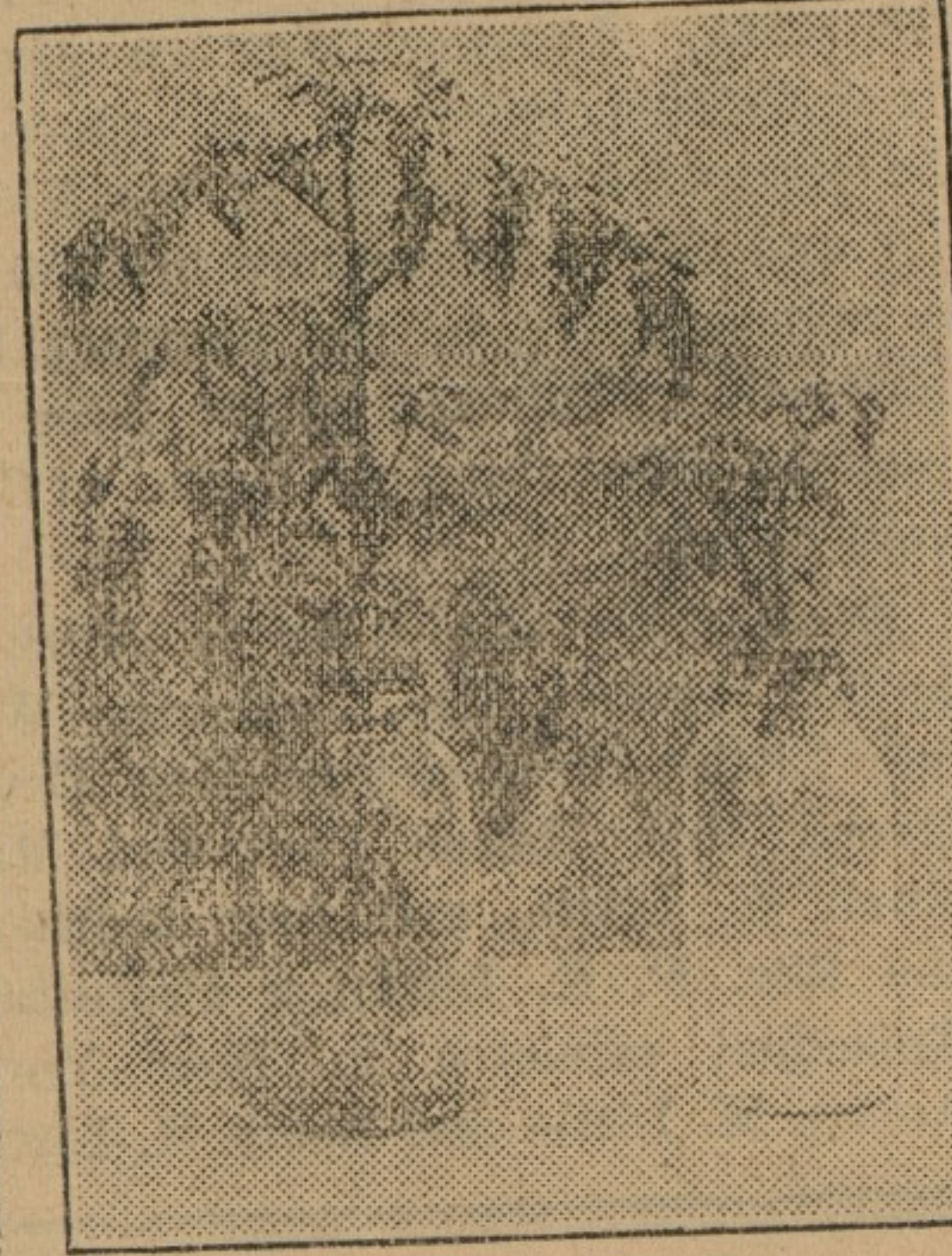
A doctor says that keeping the hands perfectly still has the effect of soothing the nerves. Keeping the tongue perfectly still has the effect of soothing other people's.

STUDIES NEEDS OF PLANT LIFE

University of Maryland Learns Fertilizer Requirements by Feeding Plants Growing in Clear Water

The soil is the logical place to grow tomato plants, or so the majority of farmers have long believed, and yet at the University of Maryland Experiment Station Dr. Earl S. Johnston is growing big healthy plants in clear water, in glass jars with no sand or soil for their roots. This is so decidedly unusual as to seem improbable and yet it is comparatively simple, for plant foods must be in solution before the plant can absorb them.

By this process of growing plants in water solutions Dr. Johnston expects to help the farmer immeasurably. He can find out just what chemicals are necessary to the plant's health and just what a lack of them will do. The water is distilled so that all chemical impurities are removed. Then, by adding all the essential plant food



The plant on the left had air forced to its roots while that on the right was sealed so that no air could reach its root system.

elements except calcium, for example, it is easy to tell just what symptoms a calciumless diet for the plant will develop. This, in fact, was one of the experiments tried out at the University of Maryland. The result was that inside of a week the growing point of the plant wilted and died while the plants grew to only half the size of normal ones grown with calcium included in their diet.

Mother's Cook Book

Talk happiness! Not now and then, but every Blessed day. Even if you don't believe The half of what You say: There is no room here for him Who whines as on his Way he goes: Remember, son, the world is Sad enough without Your woes. —Anon.

SEASONABLE FOOD

THIS is the season when we enjoy the succulent oyster. Try this one:

Creamed Oysters. Clean one pint of oysters, heat to the boiling point in their own liquor. Cook three table-spoonfuls of butter and two of flour together, then add one cupful of thin cream. Add the oysters, salt and cayenne to taste. One beaten egg yolk and serve on toast or crackers. Add two table-spoonfuls of mushrooms.

Veal a la King. Trim off the fat from two pounds of veal and cut into inch cubes. Brown lightly in one-fourth of a cupful of butter; add water to cover well. Add six medium sized carrots, two medium sized onions cut fine, one sweet green pepper, one bayleaf, four cloves and cook all together until the meat is tender. Keep the liquid to about a pint. Add one quart of sweet cream which has been heated to the scalding point, one can of mushrooms and one can of sifted peas. Season to taste with salt and paprika, then serve over chow mein noodles, using two cans.

Luncheon Dish. Place well drained sardines on a chilled platter and surround with a wreath of parsley or water cress. Cut radishes in the form of small tulips and arrange in the cress. At the ends of the platter place sections of lemon. Serve very cold.

Home Made Ice Cream Soda. Place balls of vanilla ice cream in glasses. Pour over iced bottled cream soda. Stir slightly and serve immediately.

Poor Man's Pudding. Take six cupfuls of milk, one-half cupful of rice, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt and one-half teaspoonful of nutmeg and one-half cupful of raisins. Put all together in a buttered pan in a moderate oven and bake slowly for two hours. Serve hot or cold.

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Wonder how a governor of Oklahoma amuses himself between impeachments?

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First Use of Coal
The value of coal does not seem to have been known to the ancients, nor is it known at what time it began to be used for fuel. Some say that it was used by the ancient Britons; at all events, it was an article of household consumption, to some extent, during the Anglo-Saxon period as early as A. D. 832.

Friml—Why is smoking forbidden here?

Himmel—On account of the powder factory.

Friml—But the factory was destroyed by an explosion.

Himmel—I know, but the sign wasn't.

Mrs. Methusalem sighed wearily. "This servant question is getting on my nerves," she said.

"Well, what's the trouble now," asked Mr. Methusalem.

"Our cook has just left us—that makes the 746th servant in the last 600 years."

Piggly—I hear they're going to import sparrows to kill worms. Don't you think sparrows are worse than worms?

Wigley—I don't know; I never had sparrows.

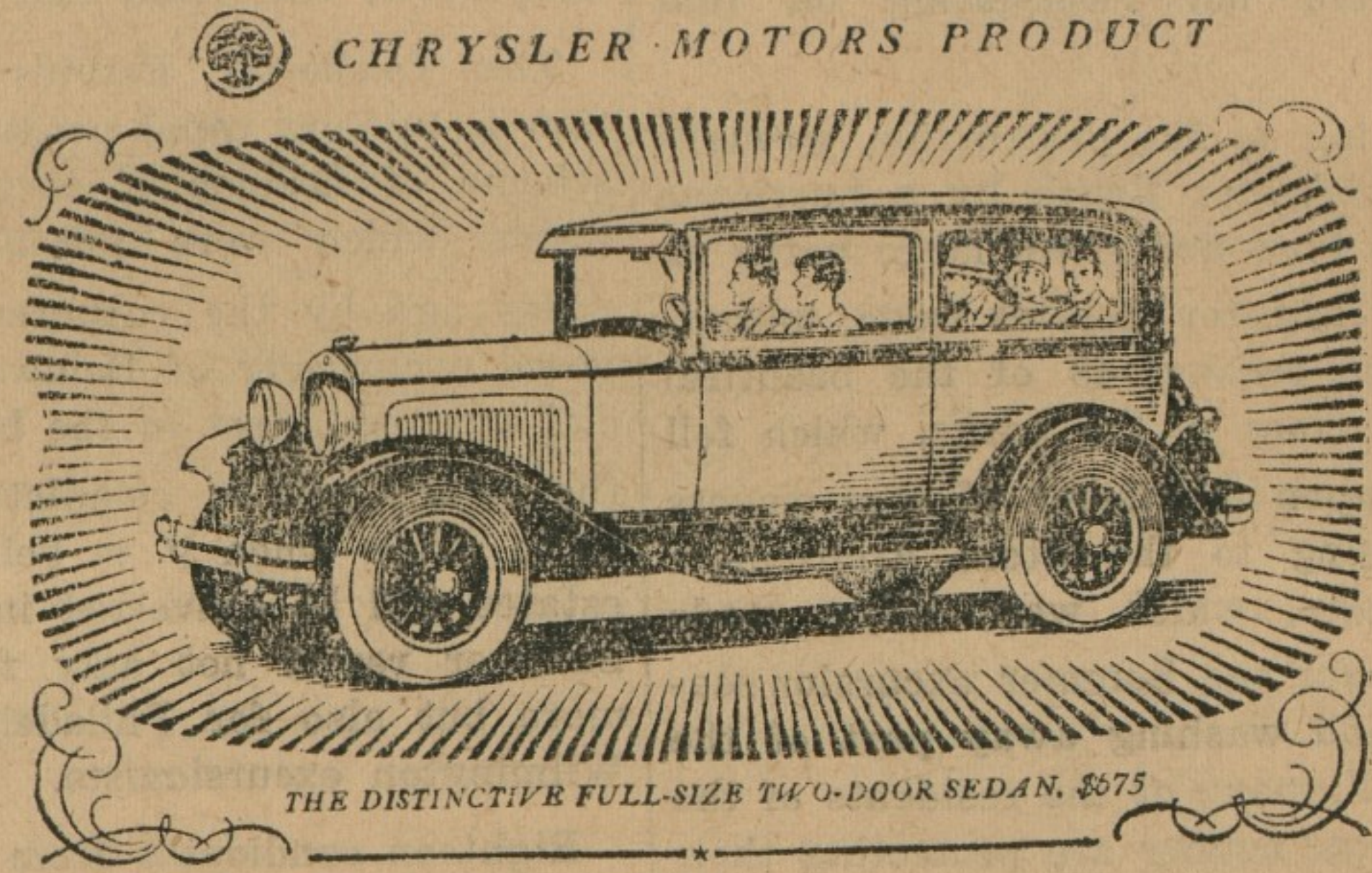
MUSKRATS IN 47 STATES

The widest ranging wild animals on the North American continent, are the muskrat and the raccoon, according to The Farm Journal. Each is found in 47 States of the Union. The muskrat, for some strange reason, is not native in Florida, while the raccoon chooses to avoid Montana.

The automobile has brought former distant places closer and closer together, including car house and the poorhouse.

Moron—I've got a dandy idea for a magazine poem.

Moroff—You don't need it, for a magazine poem.



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