MUSKRAT FARM IS DOING GREAT

Down on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is to be found one of the strangest farms in the United States

Muskrats are the crop taken from this farm and the "farmer" is none other than J. Clifton Green, brother, in-law of John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. This farm is but a short distance from the big Raskob estate, "Pioneer Point," where Green's sister, Mrs. Raskob, superintends the operation of a large farm property.

J. Clifton Green, better known as "Clif" to those who know him well is not in this business for his health.

"No, indeed," says he. "I'm in this to make money and am trying to do it in a business like fashion. I expect to make more money on muskrats than from any other single crop. You know I have trapped all through this part of the country for a number of years and know a little about it."

Mr. Green owns Heathworth Farms, on Island Creek, a tributary to the Chester River, between Church Hill and Centreville, in Queen Anne's county. This farm totals about 1,000 acres, of which 400 acres is marshland and it is on this section that the trapping operations are carried on so extensively.

The season in Maryland opens January 1 and extends to March 15. The opening day netted 109 muskrats and the first ten days netted well over 500. The hides are skinned at the farm and are being held there for disposition in either New York or Baltimore markets later in the season for about $1.25 apiece. The meat known as marsh rabbit, is sold locally to butchers and store-keepers and finds a ready market.

This is the second year for trapping this marsh, but only a very small portion of it was used last year to determine the possibility of working the entire tract. Mr. Green and five other experienced trappers do the work. Roy Payne, boss farmer, one of this sextette of trappers was born on the very farm which he now is employed and which he owned until he sold it to the present owner.

Trapping depends upon the tide conditions, because the trappers are able to get on the marsh only at low tide, when they take out their catch from the traps and reset them to again be visited n the next low tide. Each man has a section and looks after 204 traps. A number of traps are held in reserve in the event that a good trap site is seen.

In addition to the muskrat traps hawks and owls traps are also set because they, with buzzards have to be watched, for as soon as a muskrat is seen in a trap, they go after it and when they are through the value of the hide usually has been destroyed. High man each day is given a cash prize and there are numerous other prizes to keep up interest,

The trappers are employed on the farm in Summer time and the trapping in Winter time enables them to be profitably employed the year round. Harry Elborn, Wm. Elborn and Otis Elborn, three brothers, Payne, already mentioned and Edgar Stoneman and the trappers in addition to the owner.

One muskrat already caught this season was 29 inches long from tip of his nose to the end of his tail and weighed five pounds. The white muskrats were caught the first day of this season. This is a very unusual record, for the boss farmer in his entire life has seen but two white ones trapped. The muskrats run about 40 per cent black.

Mr. Green conceived the idea of making the muskrats build their little houses where he wanted them. He had his own ideas as to how this could be done. He tried it out on one section and you now can see 19 houses forming a perfect G the first letter of Mr. Green's last name.

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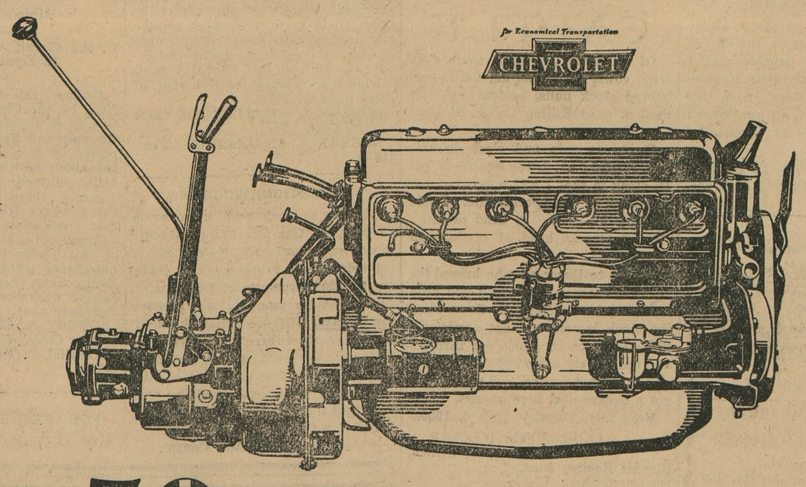

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GOOD MARKET FOR CORNSTALKS

The humble, lowly cornstalk is eventually coming into its place, and is now valued at $10 a ton by a large corporation which will soon begin the manufacture of wallboard. This will mean a market for a part of the farm crop that hitherto was worse than waste material, for its disposal involved more or less work and cost. The price, it is announced, will allow the farmers $7 a ton above the cost of bailing and delivery. It is possible to construct factories in various sections of the corn-growing areas so that the haulding or freightage will be light.

There is also reported to be a company ready to begin the manufacture of news print paper from the stalk of the corn plants, and if the process is perfected to meet the expectations of its inventors it will serve the double aim of sparing the forests that are being laid low by paper manufacturers and will furnish a further market for the waste of grain farms.

Perhaps with the demand for corn stalks well established, they may prove a more profitable crop than many others grown on the farms, and maize possibly could be raised with profit without regard to the grain, unless indeed the farmers became "corn fodder minded" and planted large acreages and overstocked the market. However, the new opening for the products of the farmer is encouraging in promises of making a profit from a useless substance.

A campaign is under way to save the petrified forests of Arizona. This thing of throwing an unextinguished cigarette around in a petrified forest must stop.

By No Means

When a man's temper is bad, says an eastern psychologist, he should banish the household gloom by telling a joke. What usually happens when a man's temper is bad is that his wife tells him he is a joke. But this doesn't flood the home with sunshine as much as might be expected.—Detroit News.

Key's Furniture in Gallery

The National gallery at Washington has a valuable collection of Colonial furniture, once the property of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and his family. The property, which includes a number of portraits of historical interest, had been in the possession of his granddaughter, by whose will the property was left to the gallery.—Providence Journal.

HOW TO COOK 3 GOOD MEALS

New Project For Women Of The County Announced.

A series of demonstrations in preparing and serving meals and the use of pattern recipes and labor-saving equipment is announced by Miss Helen Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent for Kent County. These demonstrations are part of a new project which Miss Schellinger is launching in the county and the exact dates and places at which they will be held will be announced as soon as arrangements are complete.

Among the things that will receive attention in this new project are the factors which influence the amount of time and energy spent in cooking, such as organization of work, types of utensils used, convenience of the kitchen mastery of a good recipe and knowledge of how to vary it, and other practical problems of this nature.

The aim, according to Miss Schellinger, is to take as much of the monotony and guess work out of the preparing and serving of "Three meals a day" as is possible, and at the same time, find ways of accomplishing the task with greater satisfaction and less expenditure of time and energy. Since this project deals in the most practical way with tasks that make up much of the routine in women's work, she feels certain that it will appeal very strongly to the home makers of the county and that a large number of them will take advantage of the unusual opportunity which it offers.

Products prepared by those entering the project will be judged and in that way they will be able to determine how nearly standard their products are, their defects, if any, and the cause, and how to remedy them. It is emphasized that the aim is to assist home makers in mastering a few simple principles in cooking, so that they can apply them in the preparation of various foods. Attention will also be given to the making of menus that fulfil the requirements of good health for the family, and their variation for different occasions and conditions.

Prolific Author

Alexander Dumas the elder, author of "The Count of Monte Cristo," is supposed to have been the most prolific writer who ever lived. He told Napoleon III that he had written some 1,200 volumes. One set of his works which purports to be "complete" contains 277 volumes.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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BIG SURPRISE OF LITTLE BETTY

"MOTHER'S coming Christmas," said Gertrude entering her circle in the great department store. "Fine" said Mina replenishing spool cases. "I'm going out to Uncle Matt's—can taste turkey and mince pie right now." "Bill and I are invited to Charlie's. They're having a swell party," said Hattie sorting dress shields.

Betty ran the comb through the wavy hair of the dummy thoughtfully and applied a hair curler. Resolutely she snapped the rubber band into place. Betty was a stranger. Her room was comfortable, her salary sufficient, but companionship she had not found. Holiday planning was entirely apart from her. She decided with the snap of that rubber band that there would be a place in the Christmas cheer—somewhere—for her.

Gertrude noticed the change in Betty. "She's getting human," she whispered, then "What's his name, Sunshine?" she teased, approaching that familiarity which appertains to those they like. "You'd be surprised," Betty laughed.

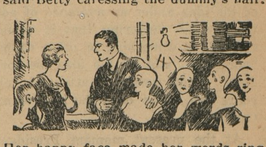
On the street car she found her inspiration. "Masquerade Ice Carnival," the handbill read, "North River at Beaver Bend, Benefit for Crippled Children, Christmas eve at 8 p. m."

Betty's fingers were busy every night with her costume. White fur trimmed the bright red jersey. Golden-haired Betty knew what to wear.

Christmas eve found her radiant and happy, enjoying her favorite sport. Masked, she did not seem alone. Suddenly they began changing partners. Betty found herself skating first with one man, then another. They enjoyed her easy glide and graceful turns. A kiltie-clad Scotchman seemed always ready to take her hand when another let it go. "Aren't you tired?" he asked; "let's have lunch." It had not occurred to her to be tired—her skates were Cinderella slippers. The Scotchman's request was like the midnight bell. This stranger must not know she was alone and to accept his invitation would be to invite discovery. "I must find my friends," she prevaricated, skating swiftly away. Having obtained her wrap from the checkroom she found a sleigh "for hire" instead of a pumpkin chariot and sped home over the crispy snow.

Betty chided and excused herself for her unfinished fun and the sudden dismissal of her delightful skating partner: "I didn't dare. I couldn't bear to have him know I came alone." Happy reflections filled her Christmas day.

Next morning in the store girls were relating experiences while putting their stock in order. "Well, Sunshine, did he come?" asked Gertrude folding the covercloth. "Of course he did," said Betty caressing the dummy's hair.



Her happy face made her words ring true.

Across the aisle stood the department manager curiously studying the group. As he approached the counter each girl busily sought her own section. He chipped a flake of wax from the dummy's ear and said, "Miss Betty, I think there's a better head in the stockroom. Come, let us see."

Betty followed him down long aisles between rows and rows of boxes, silently. She trembled. On a table were heads—brown, blonde, red, black. Betty studied them critically.

"Why did you run away last night?" The voice sounded strange and uncanny as the dummies looked. Betty started, "Oh, I—what do you mean?" "Just that," he said: "I don't believe you knew I was the Scotchman."

"Why, I never dreamed it," she laughed.

"Then, won't you go with me to the ice rink tonight? I love to skate with you, Betty. I do enjoy skating. Then perhaps you'll tell me why you ran away."

Betty laughed happily and promised.

Back to the main floor they went, forgetful of the badly needed head. "Where's the new doll, Sunshine?" said Hattie. "There wasn't any—that is—that would do." Betty was thinking more of skating than of marcelled dummies that day and soon another girl had the demonstration.

The girls in the circle did not know what became of Betty until one day she came down the aisle chatting gayly with her husband, the department manager.

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Twin Curses

Covetousness, like jealousy when it has taken root, never leaves a man but with his life.—Thomas Hughes.

Lake of Vast Depth

In the heart of Ingleborough, one of the highest peaks of the Pennine range, a subterranean lake of tremendous depth has been discovered. It lies 600 feet below the surface and is 300 yards long. So far, it has been impossible to find its depth. Plumb lines have been dropped from a raft, but none touched the bottom.

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