

Consolidation of Harvester Plants Means the Continuation of Low Prices to Farmers.

The benefits that will undoubtedly result to farmers from the recent incorporation of the International Harvester Company, which took over the business of the five leading harvester manufacturers have probably not been considered by a large portion of the farming community.

The economical necessity of a consolidation of the interests of manufacturers and those of their farmer customers must be apparent to anyone who understands the present situation.

The increased and increasing cost of material, manufacturing and selling—the latter in consequence of extreme and bitter competition between manufacturers and their several selling agents—has made the business unprofitable.

The two alternatives left for the manufacturers were either the increasing of the prices of machines or the reduction of the cost of manufacture and sales. The latter could be accomplished by concentrating the business in one company, as could readily be seen by the fact that the new company was not a stock holding corporation, but a centering of mutual interests. There is no watered stock; the capitalization is conservative and represented by actual and tangible assets. There is no stock offered to the public, it having all been subscribed and paid for by the manufacturers and their customers.

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The International Harvester Company owns five of the largest harvester plants in the world. The plants are at Chicago, Deering, McCormick, Milwaukee and Plano—plants that have been producing nearly or quite 90 per cent. of the harvesting machines of the world.

It also owns timber and coal lands, blast furnaces and a steel plant; it has a new factory in process of construction in Canada.

It is believed that the cost of producing grain, grass and corn harvesting machines will be so reduced that the present low prices can be continued, and that consequently the results cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the farmer. It maintains the present prices of these machines means to continue and increase the development of the agriculture of the world, for no one cause has contributed or can contribute more to this development than the cheapness of machines for harvesting grain.



Uncle Sam's death that does look more comfortable to hold this kind of weather.

HOW KINGS PAY DOCTORS

Liberal Remuneration for Services Received by the Medical Attendants of the Coronation of King George V.

The coronation baronetcy conferred on Sir Frederick Treves will not be the great surgeon's only reward for his successful conveyance of the king "out of danger." For his four weeks' attendance at Sandringham and recovery of the king from typhoid fever in 1871 Sir William Russell received £10,000, as well as the dignity of baronet. Twice the amount was paid to Sir Morrell Mackenzie for his treatment of the late Emperor Frederick, and in addition he was presented with the order of the red eagle, says the London Chronicle.

The doctors who attended Queen Victoria in her last illness received 2,000 guineas each. But the record in medical history is held by the ancestor of the present lord mayor of London, Dr. Dillingham, who received for his journey to St. Petersburg and vaccination of Empress Catherine II: £10,000 as his fee, £5,000 for traveling expenses and also the title of baron and a life pension of £500 a year.

Sir Frederick Treves has certainly earned a generous reward for his skill. At little more than a moment's notice he placed his whole time at the king's service, and for at least seven days and nights he never went to bed, snatching sleep at Buckingham palace at odd moments. His daughter's wedding occurred during these critical days, and it was only when she herself drove to the palace and put the case before her father that he took a hurried half hour to attend the quiet ceremony.

The medical men who are attending the king are all attached to his majesty's household, and receive honoraries, salaries and other under nominal titles. For instance, Sir Thomas Barlow, as physician to the household, receives a small salary, while Sir Frederick Treves, as surgeon-in-chief, receives a larger one. Nor can they by reason of court usage send in a bill for services rendered. The king may, and he usually does, send the "honorary" a recompense of some sort, which compares more favorably with honorariums received from private patients.

The surgeons and physicians in the household, such as Sir Francis Yaking, Sir Thomas Barlow, Dr. Hewitt, Mr. Allingham and Mr. Frigg, are in receipt of salaries of £200 per year, and are expected to attend upon the king in the event of the royal household with further charge.

For instance, if a royal scullery maid so far rises above her station as to acquire the "honorary" title, she has the attention of the most skillful medical men in the household. A call from a private patient, worth perhaps £200, is held in less esteem than a summons from the royal scullery. If the wife of the master of the household or the mistress of the Chapel Royal, or the master of the household or the captain of the yeomen of the guard, wish it, they may have the advice of any of these "honorary" men, or of any of the "regular" ones.

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AMIABILITY A VICE.

A Trait of Our Nation That Is Said to Be the Bane of the American Republic.

Amiability is our national vice. We are a country contented. Satisfied with our own superiority, fancied or real, we have the sleek good humor which is not disturbed by fibres or sneers. Conceit has provoked contentment. The result is an amiable public. That aggregation of humanity which the politician speaks of as "the dear people" reverentially—in antelection times—is pleasant in speech and action, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Crowds are seldom cross.

The excursion company is a notable example. However much the excursionists may be delayed or disappointed, there is little grumbling. Even when they return late at night, tired, worn-out from the day of recreation, they grow good humoredly and are merry in their misery. Seldom does any assemblage of Americans degenerate into an angry company, and then only under the lash of passion at a crime or of heated advocacy of a party candidate. We get madder because of politics than from any other reason. The election of some far-off individual whom we never saw and in whose success nothing of importance to ourselves is involved stirs the dregs of discussion into a very ferment of furious strife. Political campaigns bring always the dog days of infuriated debate.

The vice of amiability is shown conspicuously in the behavior of the American audience. The audience has lost the right to hiss. So seldom does any auditor exercise this right that when some rude but honest fellow manifests his disapproval of actor or actress, his neighbor, looking for the reason, asks him why he is putting on that "hiss" and he replies, "I don't like it, but not hissing, huzzas, but not cries of disapproval. Our audience have" captured the right of criticism as meaning merely the right to compliment. We are glad to read criticism in the newspapers the next morning, but we object to having it expressed audibly at the time. Yet who can give sufficient reason why an audience may not express its disapproval as well as its commendation? Surely dislike may, as well be expressed as like. The average audience is too polite, too amiable, to do otherwise than applaud. If it cannot cheer it is silent.

THE SUMMER DROWNINGS.

Fate of Many "Land Lubbers" Who Put Off in Boats That They Can't Manage.

Drowning is becoming a popular form of death again, as it usually is at this season. The drowning of the summer has not been so common this year as last. Of the reason, no doubt, that the summer, being cool, has not invited folks to escape it by getting into cold water, and thereby getting cramps. This summer the drowners have been people who have gone down to the sea in boats, and in large companies, reports the Brooklyn Eagle.

They have not managed the boats with skill, and as a consequence have tipped over and split out. Not many people would care to drive a horse in busy streets when the horse was skittish and tried to climb up the sides of buildings whenever he saw a piece of paper blowing over the pavement or heard a trolley gong; most people would prefer not to steer an automobile through a park if they knew nothing about its mechanism, and almost nobody except a locomotive engineer would take the responsibility of piloting a train of cars down the Alleghenies.

Yet there are thousands who take friends and relatives off to sea in sloops and out upon lakes in row-boats, when they shouldn't, for they have had no training for the business. They do not know how to manage the boat in a squall; they have had no experience as to the amount of sail she will carry, they do not even know her build and depth of keel, they do not inform themselves as to tidal changes, and so try to sail home across the rocks.

Worthless as Servants, Mexican servants are said to be almost worthless, judged by the American standard of good service.

HE REMOVED THE BODY.

The Stage Villain Does a Little Bit of Original Work at a Critical Moment.

Many scenes "not down on the bills" are enacted on the stage of the theater and some of them are ludicrous in the extreme. One night in a sensational drama Mr. Spaulding, an English actor of considerable note, had to be shot at the end of the first act and to rise with much promptness "down stage." He was on a platform about twice the size of an ordinary billiard table, and being a youth of many inches, died so far forward that the curtain could not be lowered without leaving his legs exposed to view. "Pull your legs in!" hissed the hideously artistic stage manager from the wings. But the dead man was far too conscientious and realistic to play so vile a trick upon dramatic art—with both its capital—and so he placed a stiff. (As Mr. Spaulding afterward explained to the stage manager: "Dead men don't pull in their legs.")

The curtain might have been up now had it not been for the presence of mind of the "heavy man" who had previously done the deed, for he walked across the stage in a couple of strides—in spite of having already made good his final escape from justice—and contemplating the body for a moment with arms folded and one leg forward, after the fashion of the cardboard brigands of old, exclaimed: "Ha, ha! he is dead! But now to remove the body higher up, that suspicion may not rest on me!" Whereupon he lugged the murdered mariner up the stage a couple of yards—at the same time looking up to see that the curtain would clear the corpse's feet—and once more fled from the scene of the tragedy.

Rooming Business.

"That lobbyist seems to have a good deal of the 'long green' to blow," remarked the first cupbearer.

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