

Helping Our Neighbors.

That which stands out bright and shining above all the tragedy of the Italian earthquake is the world-wide and instant response to the need of the suffering survivors.

A parish priest in Ireland recently informed the department of agriculture at Washington that 12 farmers in his neighborhood having contributed a dollar apiece, he bought 12 good books on agriculture and horticulture, and thus established a small loan library which has done excellent service.

Investors in gold-mining securities will be interested to learn that an American lady computed not long ago that in the United States alone half a ton of pure gold, equivalent to \$500,000, is annually put as filling into the teeth of the living.

A steamer loaded with petroleum from the Standard Oil Company took fire in the harbor of Singapore, and when all attempts to extinguish the fire failed, the harbor agents appealed to the commander of the fortifications to sink the vessel.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson Gilman ought to rise to protest against the government's expected argument that when Mrs. Chan I. Ying, the pretty Chinese woman now being held by the authorities on the charge of being unlawfully in this country, left her husband she became a "laborer."

It makes a lot of difference where you're born. A theatrical manager was looking for a Cinderella with a foot tiny enough to fit the slipper.

In Spain about the only kind of plow in use is a primitive wooden affair with one handle and a tongue.

One out of every three girls in Minnesota is a wage-earner. By the way, what is the fare to Minnesota?

Value of Unionism Makes for Increased Efficiency

By JAMES DUNCAN, First Vice-President American Federation of Labor.

THE rightful possession of a trade union card is not in every instance evidence of an expert or superior workman, but in nearly every case, in a fairly well organized occupation, it is evidence of greater skill than is found among nonunion-workmen.

The claim of some employers, that the union wage rate reduces incentive to greater productivity, is as hollow as dead sea fruit, for when pressed for reasons, they unwittingly or unwillingly testify that the employer too often makes the minimum wage rate in an agreement the maximum wage rate of his establishment, and by paying that rate to extra skilled men, and where scarcity of work compels them to accept it, he then complains about having to pay the poorer workman a co-equal rate.

James Duncan

Giving Alms to Beggars

By WILLIAM H. VENN.

New York city is the beggars' mecca. There beggary is an art. The graduate from the metropolis needs no diploma—he bears the "marks."

Fools and Geniuses Happiest

By CESARE LOMBROSO, Ital an Anthropologist.

Although real happiness is a minus quality in the world, there is no doubt that it is felt by two classes of beings, namely, fools and geniuses.

AGED WOMAN DOES A LOOP THE LOOP STUNT

HAS RETURN TICKET FROM MI NOT, N. D., TO CHICAGO—FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS.

Minot, N. D.—Tollef Anderson, a young farmer residing in western Ward county, brought his aged mother to Minot a short time ago, bought her a ticket to Chicago and return, provided her with plenty of money and gave her explicit instructions about the journey and started her on a holiday visit to relatives who live in the big Illinois city.

The Railroad Man Bundled Her Into a Return Train to Minot.

HIT TWICE BY SAME TRAIN.

Man Lands on Track After First Jolt and Gets Another.

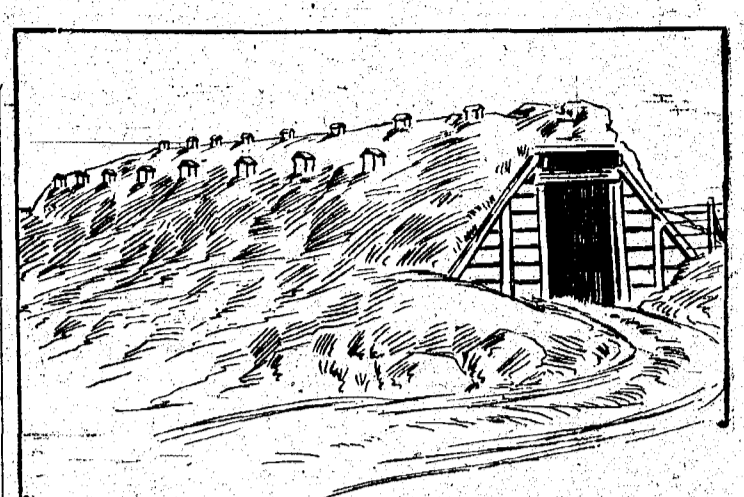
Hopateong, N. J.—William E. Coursen, who is laid up in his home in Succasunna, for a few days is puzzling his brains to decide whether the other day was his lucky or his unlucky day.

Light Intensity of Sky.

The light intensity of the moonless night sky is estimated by L. J. Lewipor at 0.001 of a candle foot; of moonlight, 0.014 of a candle-foot, and of daylight between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. from 2,000 to 8,000 candle-foot.

A COLORADO POTATO DUGOUT

It Is Really Only a Big Ditch Roofed Over.



Our illustration shows a form of storage used in Colorado for storing potatoes, or roots. It is a dugout, scraped out like a large ditch and then finished up like a cellar and roofed over.

FORAGE PLANTS AS SOIL IMPROVERS

By J. E. Northrup, Minnesota.

Millet grown on new land for hay is a soil improver; it helps to disintegrate the soil, shades the land and makes plant food available. Grown on old land for seed it exhausts the soil, consequently, puts little back and from this standpoint is a soil robber.

The manner in which forage crops are harvested is also a large factor in considering their value from a profit and loss standpoint. It is becoming more and more the custom in the northwest to turn sheep, cattle and swine into the fields to harvest the crop.

In many sections of the northwest field corn is becoming a standard crop, regardless of early or late frosts, because of the large quantity and superior quality of forage it yields.

Dwarf Essex rape has become a standard and almost indispensable forage crop in various sections of the northwest. Many tons of seed are annually sown with the small grains which make a splendid afterfeed on the stubble field.

Building Good Roads in the Country



An open ditch close to the roadway is a menace to the safety of loaded wagons that may have to turn out to allow each other to pass. In case of a runaway the final smashup is frequently brought about in the ditch.

