

WHY FOOD IS HIGHER MANY CIGARETTES IMPORTED. Made by Greek of Greek Tobasco.

DUE TO PRIDE AND VANITY OF CONSUMER.

Covernment Statistician Declares Even Common People Want Best of Everything and Pay for Fancy Packages.

Washington.-Pride and vanity on zather than in increase in the cost of xa's products or manufacture are the some Turkish and some Egyptian. the present high pric keetstuffs, according to Dr. Le Grand de census bureau.

people, common people if you will—insizt upon having the best of everything," said Dr. Powers. "The workimman insists upon the finest cuts every year. inf meats and he buys better meat. perhaps, than the salaried or profesisional man. He doesn't subscribe to the shinbone doctrine of Edward Atkinson. He has a feeling that he is as good as anybody else, and this feelbeg asserts itself in his purchases. That is vanity.

"You remember the time, perhaps, when a man who wanted to buy a threw his basket over his arr and went to the grocery after it. But the wen't carry a bundle now. His meat must be sent to him. That is . write

"It is safe to estimate that it costs Bre cents a steak for every cut that is selivered to the bouse. The same is true with other commodities of every is delivered to him by the grocer or

butther total the freight You may take any article you please," continued Dr. Powers, "and you will find that the margin between the manufacturer and consumer is constantly increasing. The middle. man or dealer, is the gainer, to a considerable degree, although he is not perceptible altogether for the high prices of foods. He must meet the mm-.mer's fancies, he must make his Shock Restores Aged Father of Girl goods look attractive and he must lay them at the door of the household. All of this costs money and of course the

consumer pays the freight "People want prepared breakfast framis now, where they used to be satisfled with oatmeal and mush; or posminis dishes or cakes made of flour Their costs anywhere from four dolhave to six dollars a barrel of 196 pounds, according to the price of of floor as of yore. They demand it in an omnibus, with his eyes shut. it is the form of prepared foods.

The flour that goes into a one week! to be. It probably costs eight he appeared complacent and contentor ten cents, where it should not cost ed. Then the story came out. mere than five or six. The higher the fancy package, demanded by the

People are spending money now Our prosperity depends upon spend ber If everybody hoarded what he mained, prosperity would cease We would fry in our own fat !

Court Passes on a "Gift."

Indianapolis, Ind. Merely telling an wher person to take any particular arucle or series of articles and "go to members of the Young Ladies" Misblazes" with it or them does not legal sion circle of the Pirst English Laths constitute a transference of prop eran church of Braddock, do solemnly erry rights. This was the opinion promise that we will not be parties to of the peace, who had been informed become too common in our society. that William Case had told his wife. This is a part of the pledge signed fydial to take their household goods by a number of young women of and go to blazes with them? I do Braddock at a meeting of the society sor believe that Care legally gave the The remainder of the pledge is to reguet's to his wife" said Justice Smook. | linquish the claim of a linen shower "Such a statement would hardly be should the pledge be broken. reparted as attending a gift." So. The society has lost 12 members reparted as of whether or not she within the last few months by re-

Washington.-A controversy which has been going on in Europe, and especially in England, as to the rival merits of Turkish and Egyptian cigarettes seems likely to be settled by a report of a disinterested but observant American consul.

They Are Called Egyptian.

Though the United States is the great cigarette-producing nation of the world, there are imported into this the part of the average individual country every year more than \$3,000,-000 worth of foreign made cigarettes,

Turkey is a large tobacco producing country, yielding 50,000 tons of tobac-Powers, agricultural statistician of co every year, and the Turks. It is well known, are a nation of smokers. "People nowadays-I mean average The amount of tobacco raised in Egypt is inconsiderable, and yet Egyptian cigarettes are imported into this country in considerable amounts

The explanation of the matter, as offered by the American consul in Athens, is simple. It seems that the Greek tobacco crop last year was the largest Greece ever harvested-about 200,000,000 pounds. A brand of Greek tobacco is used for Egoptian cigarettes.

Why, it is asked, Egyptian? - The answer is that Egyptian cirgarettes are made by Greeks because cigar ette paper is too expensive in Greece, where it is a government monopoly. Thus the business has gone over to Egypt. The most famous cigarette makers of Egypt are Greeks.

A very large business in cigarette making has been established in Alexday necessity. The man whose food andria, and it is in the hands of Greeks, who import their tobacco from their own country and in turn ship it to foreign countries. England and the United States being the chief market for the Egyptian cigarettes, which are, in fact, Greek cigarettes, those bearing the title Turkish being imported. from Turkey direct.

CURED BY ELOPEMENT NEWS.

Who Runs Away to Wed.

London -The elopement of a London girl has cured her elderly father of a painful nervous disorder, including agoraphóbla—which may be described, roughly, as a dread of open. and exposed places.

The specialist who tells the story in Lauret says that the man was wheat. But people don't buy barrels street, and could cross a bridge only in tancy packages, and sometimes get But, after some months, he entered the specialist's commulting-room apparently a changed man. "He said he wind package costs about a quarter had a dreadful shock; a terrible trouof a cent. The consumer pays much ble. His daughter had run away from were of course. The price for this home, and joined a lover. Sull, he did wee pound package is higher than it not look shocked. On the contrary,

"What I have come for is not to price to the consumer is the result of consult you about my health, but to tell you that this shock has completewidely spreading national vanity, and by cured me. I have not the slightest for their wif the fact that the article difficulty in going anywhere I like. I must be delivered, service that is de | ran go through wide streets, over the manded by the pride of the purchaser | bridges, across Trafalgar square, and even into the parks. The recovery melays and they are spending it fast, came to me suddenly, immediately after I had the dreadful shock?

FORM AN ANTI-ELOPING CLUB.

Young Women in Church Circle Pramise Not to Wed Secretly.

Pittsburg, Pa - "We the undersigned baseled down by W. C. Smock, justice lany elopements, such as have already

elected her husbands injunction as mantic marriages and elopements it withe furnishine and its destination, I was a law of the society that each the court decided that Mass Case was imember who married should be hommet existed to the disputed articles ared with a linen shower.

TOO MUCH POETRY WITH MENU.

Wicked Trick Played by Merry Damsels on Their Kind Hosts.

At one of the botels are two young men, continually booking for a good time, says the Mexican Herald. At the same hotel are two young ladies. school teachers, but who are not living up to the rules laid down for staid school teachers while they are on their vacation. The young men and the school teachers became acquainted and the young men tendered an invitation to dinner, which was duly accepted. As both young ladies are passably good looking, the young men anticipated an agreeable evening. Hardly had the four seated themselves at the dinner table when the young ladies started a discussion of the poets. The discussion ranged through the list from ancient to modern times, the young ladies doing all the talking, while the young men, being out of their element, supplied an occasional monosyllable to the conversation, and all their efforts to turn the conversation to other channels proved fruitless. One of their friends, happening to see the party, says that the male members presented a heart-breaking picture of distress. A few hours later they were discovered at a convenient bar and it took a good many drinks to revive them. Since then they have had many inquiries about poetry from sympathetic friends.

BOSTRICHES \$800 A PAIR.

Nevertheless, Raising Them Is Not a Get Rich Quick Scheme.

The ostrich business in the United States is fairly presperous, especially in the Salt river valley, Arizona, where 1.500 of the 2.200 ostriches in the country are owned.

This is a new line of animal industry for Americans and there is much to be learned. We have not thus far produced such fancy birds as have some of the more experienced breeders in South Africa, but the size seems to be increasing and the health of the birds is all that could be desired.

So far serious ostrich diseases have not troubled the. American raiser; even the so-called barring of feathers has not been observed. Ostriches need a hot, dry climate, such as is found in the southwest. The rainy portion of the south is far less desirable, although this is sometimes mentioned as suitable for ostrich rais-

Alfalfa pasture is also essential; an acre of alfalfa will carry four ostriches and, which is of far more importance, will keep them in good health. Our American ostriches' are now worth \$800 a pair at four years of age. No one should imagine that ostrich farming is a get rich quick scheme, for the birds are not ready for mating until they become four years old.—Country Life in America.

The Wrong Number.

Patrick, lately over, was working in the yards of a railroad. One day he happened to be in the yard office when the force was out. The telephone bell rang vigorously several times, and he at last decided it ought to be answered. He walked over to the instrument, took down the receiver and put his mouth to the transmitter, just as he had seen others do. "Hillo!" he called.

"Hello!" answered the voice at the other end of theline. "Is this eightsix-one-five-nine?"

"Aw, g'wan! Phwat d'ye tink Oi am a box car?"—Harper's Magazine.

Baths Limited.

Owners of country houses no longer hesitate to ask the co-operation of their guests when it seems necessary. In all the bathrooms of a paiace on the Hudson river, which entertains many visitors in the course of a year, says the Sun, there hangs this sign:

"Guests are kindly requested not to draw more than three inches of water into the tub."

Since the host of a famous house had the courage to put up this sign his neighbors have become equally frank in requesting their visitors to help them out.

Poisonous Caterpillars.

Several kinds of hairy caterpillars are known to have a poisonous effect on the human skin, notably the caterpillar of the processionary moth, so called because the caterpillars march in procession after their food. The scientist Reaumur found that this caterpillar's hairs caused him considerable suffering in the hands for some days and when he rubbed his eyes his *yeballs, too, were inflamed. Even approaching too near the nests of these caterpillars has caused painful awellings on the necks of certain persons, from the caterpillar hairs floated by the winds.

Echoes from the Past. Montezuma had offered the conquering Cortez a room full of gold and silver if he would go away and leave him in peaceful possession of his kingdom.

"Don't try any of your Monty games on me, old man," laughed Cortez. i, have to ask you for more mazuma. than that"

As this was the next hest thing to offering him a job as police inspector. the hapless monarch forbore to urge him any further, and died shortly aftprward substantially as narrated in the school histories.

Reading Through Sait.

In Said Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, a mass of crystalthe sait almost four miles long, said. to contain nearly \$0.000,000 tons, and o, he so clear that medium sized print can'be read with ease through a block "BONE AGE" ON THE PRAIRIES.

How Many Settlers Lived While Gatting Their Claims.

The pioneers of Kansas will never forget the "buffalo bone age." When central and southwestern Kansas were settled the prairie was strewn with buffalo bones. These were hard times in Kansas and the gathering of these bones enabled the early settlers to live while they were getting their claims broken out for the producing of crops.

Nine-tenths of the pioneers of that section of Kansas-and there weren't very many at that -had literally nothing but a team and a few household goods that they had hauled from the east in a single wagon, says the Kansas City Star. Of course there were no buffalo, for this was in the late '70s, but their bones arrewed the plains, and these bones were the only thing that had a commercial value and they were utilized. They were hauled in great wagonloads to the nearest railway, often from 60 to 100 miles away, and sold.

The horns were the more valuable and they went first, but the rest of the skeleton soon followed. There were no fortunes made by these early bone hunters, for a large load of buffalo bones brought only from five dollars to eight dollars at the railroad towns, but the proceeds from a load enabled the settler to buy a little flour. coffee and occasionally meat and lum-

CHINAMAN NEEDED THE RICE.

Sing Had Found a Whole Tribe of His Lost Cousins.

A Chinese cook in one of the homes across the bay from San Francisco was terribly worried about his cousing who were in the burning town Sing knew that Chinatown had been destroyed. He had tried to go across to rescue his realtives, but nobody was allowed to land.

He went about his duties with lagging footsteps and mournful face. For two days he ate nothing, and the sympathy of the entire family was extended to him in his trouble. At last o appeared one morning at breakfast

time with a face wreathed in -miles. "Me found cousins," he announced joyfully.

On being questioned he said that they were lodged in the two rooms which he rented for his own use in the lower part of the town. They were all well and he was "velly happy." He took 40 pounds of rice to them that they might not be hungry. "But, Sing, how many cousins have

you? Forty pounds seems a great-He smiled his charming, oriental smile and spread his hands, "Me

80 cousins."-Exchange.

"Big Tim" in a Baedecker.

o sane man enjoys keeping a diary and no modern man writes voluminous enough letters to cover all the items of a foreign tour. But there is a way of having an indelible record of the journeyings, day by day.

In your guide book, the faithful Baedecker or whatever, underline tha hotel you decide on, with the comment, "good," or "bad," or "fair" (Underline each castle, mansion, gallery, with the date, and short common! If

As for Instance, Blenheim Castle. Then in writing, "Angust 6, 1995., Met 'Big Tim' Sullivan in front of a Velasquez."-Alfred Henry Goodwin in the Travel Magazine.

Very Thin Critter.

Binks was hurrying across the station yard wrapped in thought and a heavy overcoat when his contemplative mood was brought to a sudden termination by a cab almost running over him. Cabby pulled his horse up with a jerk and gave his opinion in plain English about absent-minded people.

"Couldn't you see the bloomin' 'oss?" he asked, with a withering

"See it!" gasped Binks, looking contemptuously at the specimen between the shafts. Then he stepped on to the curb. "I didn't see your horse when I stood in front of him," said Binks, "but I can see something when I look at him sideways."-Tit-Bits.

in No Danger. Mrs. Minks (severely)-George, there is an account in the paper about a business man leaving his wife and running off with a pretty typewriter

Mr. Minks-Indeed. "Yes, and it's the third account of the kind I've seen this week."

"It does me. You have a pretty typewriter girl in your office." "No, we haven't. My partner eloped] with her last week."-N. Y. Weekly.

"That doesn't interest me."

Monument to Jules Verne. A monument to Jules Verne is to be erected at Amiens. The work will he executed by Albert Roze. When asked if such a monument was to be erected to the famous author of books for boys a member of the municipal

council replied "Surely * * * he is no longer here to be angry about it. So now we are able."-St Louis Republic.

Endless Expense.

"How about these dukes?" inquired Mr Struckile. "Are they purty expensive?" "You bet they are," aaswered Mr. Nuritch, who had bought one. "And you want to remember this, Hiram. The first cost is the smallest item."

Worth Trying. Be pleasant until 10 o'clock in the morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself -- Fra Elbertus.

ONE LANGUAGE FOR ALL

It Requires More Than One Tongue for the World's Speech.

No living language can become today the vehicle of intercourse for the whole civilized world, and it is absurd to look for such a thing, says McClure's. The acceptance of any language, were it English or French or Spanish, German or Dutch, Russian or Japanese, would immediately not only crush the pride of the other nations but would give to the favored people such an enormous advantage in the control of the political world and such immeasurable preference in the world's market that no healthy nation would consent to it before its downfall.

For that reason . . , the chances were never worse; the spirit of strentious, yet friendly rivalry between the nations in the markets of the world was never more wide awake, and the feeling of national honor was never purer and nobler. The more the hopes for international arbitration become realized, the more all nations of the world become sincere friends: the more they are eager and dught to be eager to keep clear their own individuality, together with their own rights and duties, their own successes and responsibilties. Andrew Carnegie's liberality may build a palace in The Hague in which a concert of the most enlightened nations speaks justice through its tribunal. But Andrew Carnegie has not the power to elevate his simplified spelling board in Madison avenue to the height of a tribunal far superior to any Hague court; a tribunal which shall decide that English ought to become the one international language because the English-speaking nations have "the most progressive civilization."

MEANINGS OF WORD CALIBER.

Either the Diameter of a Gun or Its Length Divided by Diameter.

There is surely no word in the nomenclature of guns, big and little, which has caused, and is causing, so much confusion in the lay mind as the word

The confusion arises chiefly from the use of the term in an adjectival sense to indicate length, as when we say a 50-caliber, 6-inch gun.

lery signifies essentially and at all

The word caliber as applied to artil-

times the diameter of the bore of a gun. A gun, then, of six-inch caliber is a gun whose bore is just six inches. For convenience, and because the power of a gun, when once its bore. has been decided upon, depends so greatly upon its length, artillerists are in the habit of defining the length of

the gun in terms of the caliber. The six inch rapid fire gun, as mounted on the latest ships of the havy, is a triffe under 25 feet in length, and is, therefore, known as a 50-caliber gun

ber is expressed in hundredths of an inch, as when we say a 22 caliber or 32-caliber pistol, meaning that the bore is 22 or 32 of an inch in diameter.—Scientific American.

Calling on the "Off," Night. The mean hang is upon the west-

"Ah." mused the young man in the shadows of 'he old , reb. "it is not my regular night for calling on Evangeline, but I'll just surprise her. I know she is in the hammock because I just heard her cough. I'll just creep up and hig and kiss her in the dark." He tiptord in the direction of the hammock. It was as dark as Egypt. Suddenly he extended his acms, em-

of him. But instead of the soft, fair cheek of Evangeline it was a coarse check of bristles. "Robbers!" shouted a basso voice, intermingled with femining screams. "Housebreakers!" "Porch climbers!"

braced and kissed the form in front

Far down the road a breathless young man halted to rest. "Great Jupiter!" he gasped. "Instead of kissing Evangeline I must

have kissed the other fellow. Bill Nye's "Red State." William Lightfoot Visscher of the Sam Houston company told some interesting stories of Bill Nye, of whom he was an intimate friend, at the Pledias club Sunday night, says the New York Press.

"I was on Lookout Mountain with

Bill at one time," he said, "gazing over the varrious states the guide declared could be seen from there.

"This," said the guide, "is Kentucky. There is Tennessee, and over yonder, if you look good, you can

see North Carolina." "'What?" interrupted Nye; 'North Carolina? Why, man, that can't be North Carolina. That state is purple and North Carolina is pink.' He took a small map from his pocket and pointed out North Carolina, which sure enough was printed pink. It has faded a little,' Nye added; 'it used to be red -the color Visscher and I painted it."

Tip in Advance.

A gentleman, who was in the habit of dining regularly at a certain restaurant, said to the darky waiter: "Frastus, instead of tipping you every day, I'm going to give you your tip in a lump sum at the end of the month." "Dat's all right, sah," replied the darky; "but I wondah if you would

mind payin' me in advance?" "Well, it's rather a strange request," remarked the patron. "How ever, here's a five-dollar bill for you. I suppose you are in want of the moner, or is it that you disthrust me?"

"Oh, no sah," smiled 'Rastus, slip ping the bill in his pocket, "only I'se leaving 'hyer to-day, sah' -- People'a Home Journal.

ALL CATS GIVEN SALUTE,

For 25 Years Soldiers in India Paid

Henors to Pussy. In Poons, at the government house

for more than a quarter of a century, every cat which passed out of the front door at dark was saluted by the sentry, who presented arms to the terrified pusay

It seems that in 1838 Sir Robert Grant, governor of Hombay, died in the government house, Poons, and on the evening of the day of his death a cat was seen to leave the house by the front door and to walk up and down a particular path precisely as the late governor had been used to do after sunset.

A Hindu sentry observed and reported this to the sepoys of his faith, and they laid the matter before a priest, who explained to them the mystery of the dogma of the transmigration of souls.

"In this cat," he said, "was reincarnated the soul of the decrased Gov. Grant, and it should, therefore, be treated with the military honors due to his excellency."

As, however the original sentry could not identify the particular cat he had seen on the evening of the day of Sir Robert's death, it was decided that every cat which ussed out of the main entrance after dark should be saluted as the avatar of his excellen-

Thus, for over a quarter of a century, every cat that passed out after sunset had military honors paid to it, not' by Hindu sentinels only, but -such is the infection of a superstition -by Mahommetan, native Christian and even Jewish soldiers. - South China Post.

NOT THE FATTED CALF.

This is a Different Parable But It Brought Desired Results.

A good story is told of a couple of farmers living a few miles apart. One day one called on the other, happening around at dinner time. The person called upon, by the way was rather a penurious old fellow. He sat at the table enjoying his dinner. The visitor diew toward the rable, expecting the old farmer to invite him to dine. The old farmer kept on

eating. "What's the news up your way. neighbor? No news, eh?" Presently a thought struck the visitor. "Well, yes, friend; I did hear of one item of news worth mention-

ing "Ha! what is it?" "Neighbor John has a cow that has five calves"

"Is that so? Good gracious! What in thunder does the fifth calf do when the others are feeling?"

"Why, he stands and looks on, just as I do: like a dumb fool." Mary, put on another plate." dean lost

point -- Judge's Magazine of Fun. Never Too Late to Learn.

It is strange that not one person in a thousand knows how to help a man on with his coat or a lady with her jacket. They all make the mistake of holding the garment too high, especially the last sleeve. They lift it so that a man nearly dislocates his arm reaching for to. The more futilels he grabs and claws and lurches for it the higher they hold it, until the wretched victim would have to get on a pair of stilts to find the arm

The proper way? Why, hold the coat so that the armholes are as low down as the man's waist -taking care to keep the skirt of the garment off the floor, of course. If there is any struggle to find the last armhole, drop it still lower, never raise it. Drop it until his hand slips into it naturally.

He Was Just Pilfering. Deacon Bosworth always meant well, even though he had a tendency to use words of whose meaning he was not always cognizant, says a writer in the Boston Herald. When the was sexton of the Baptist church at Putnam. Ct., he was seen coming out of the vestry, where he had been puttering around at odd jobs during

the day. Miss Fannie Asstin, who is now Mrs F. H. Hutzer, asked him what he had been doing all day in the church. The descen's reply, "Just pilfering around, miss, jus' pilfering around," was received with some sur-

He Knew Methusaleh.

A good story is told of a ministerwho preached a sermon on Methusaleh in a lunatic asylum. When he came to the place in his discourse where he stated that Methusaleh lived to be 900 years old, a man in the audience arose and told him in a very emphatic tone of voice that it was a lie. After the meeting the minister asked the man why he doubted the statement as to Methus mehs age.

"Why," he said, "I ought so know his age: Methusalch and I went to school together."

Needed Help. A ten-year-old street urchin, a prodenot of the tenement, was recently accused of stealing jam from a woman living in an adjoining house. When

brought to the children's court the child confessed, broke down and wept, The judge tooked at him pityingly. "My boy," he said, kindly, "how many times have you done th≛t?"

"Onet," was the reply. "Will you promise not to steal any more jam?"

"Yep," he muctered between his sobs, "if she'll keep her pantry door locked all the time."