WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Officers Named for Imaginary Army

WASHINGTON.—An army that does not exist is being officered by the war department in obedience to the mandate of congress. Fifty and more men versed in the profession of arms are already on the eligible list for commissions in this army. Three new boards of army officers, composed of seasoned colonels, experienced majors, captains and first and second lieutenants, were recently named to pass upon the qualifications of other candidates ambitious to direct imaginary military forces.

Artemus Ward's shoulder strap company of warriors, assembled to take part in the big family feud of 1861-5, had at least one private—the humorist himself, who was in command; but the army of the United States volunteers is to have none. Don Quixote armed with a big stick, his head protected by a "Malbrino helmet," mounted on his charger, "Rosinante," and followed by the faithful Sancho Panza was a more real, more tangible and more formidable force than the ghostly army of United States volunteers. It's a joker in the Dick militia bill, enacted into law by congress on May 27, 1908.

The Dick bill originally provided for an actual army of United States volunteers similar to the volunteers who enlisted for the Spanish-American war after state organizations were found to be troublesome.

The bill also provided for a separate section for an eligible list from which officers were to be commissioned when the army of United States volunteers, subject only to the will of the commander-in-chief of the armies of the United States, might be called into being in a condition of war.

The section providing for the volunteer army was stricken from the bill in the course of a legislative wrangle over the privilege of the states to organize volunteers. The authority creating the army was thus destroyed, but the contingent section bringing into existence the list of eligibles for the army's commissioned offiicers was not disturbed. The bill thus passed congress, disembodying the army but providing officers for it. That is why the war department is now qualifying men as eligibles.

Postal Clerks Ask Right to Organize

EMPLOYEES of the postal service, particularly the men employed in the railway mail branch, are making a determined fight for legislation under which they may organize and affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, is supporting the movement.

Many men formerly in the postal service, but who were let out because they were active in encouraging employees of the service to organize, have told the committee of the wrongs which they assert are done the employees. In a general way, the grievance of the employees is that men are frequently dismissed for purely political reasons, men let out of the service have no recourse.

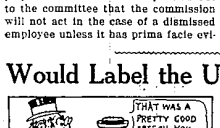
It is pointed out that the postoffice department now forbids the individual employee from laying any complaint he may have before his senator or member of congress. The civil service commission has come in for much criticism because it has not taken more interest in cases of dismissed employees. Witnesses have pointed out to the committee that the commission will not act in the case of a dismissed employee unless it has prima facie evi-

dence that the dismissal was because of politics. It is next to impossible, say the dismissed employees who have testified, to prove that men were removed from the service through political influence.

Some of the new members of the house who have become much interested in the grievances of the postal employees believe a remedy of some sort will be found in the committee on civil service.

The whole subject is likely to hold the attention of congress throughout this special session and perhaps throughout the regular session. The committee on expenditures in the postoffice department has been authorized by the house to make an investigation of the postoffice department, and it, too, will go into this question as to whether the employees of the different branches of the service are being properly treated.

Would Label the Unspoken "Speeches"



REPRESENTATIVES VICTOR MURDOCK, insurgent Republican, of Kansas; Swager Sherley of Kentucky and Frank Clark of Florida, both Democrats, have been fighting to have every unspoken "speech" printed in the Congressional Record labeled something like this: "Not delivered in the house of representatives."

These men believe that the Record, as it now leaves the press, perpetrates a fraud on the reader every time it declares that Congressman —— delivered the following speech on such a date, when all Congressman —— did was to get permission to insert in its columns a carefully prepared manuscript intended for the consumption of his constituents, at the expense of the United States government.

"It is the only honest way," declared Murdock to the correspondent. "The Record, under the present system, is not a true report of the proceedings of the house. It may well be that an article of value, prepared by a member of congress, should be printed in the Record, but it should be so designated.

"But to my mind the greatest end that would be attained under this system would be the shortening of speeches in congress and the restoration of debate to a plane it once occupied.

"The first result of labeling things in the record by their right names would be the abandoning of the present abuse by individual representatives. When a man's constituents begin to ask him, 'Did you really deliver this speech, or did you just have it printed?' he will quit the practice.

"Congress could not possibly afford the time that would be necessary for the delivery of all the speeches that appear in the Record. Therefore, speeches will have to be shortened, and they ought to be. No man needs an hour in congress to explain an idea. Half an hour, and usually less, ought to be enough for any man."

Auto-Suggestion Way of Keeping Cool

A WILTED representative, John J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the house appropriations committee, is the first distinguished convert to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley's theory with respect to the effect of auto-suggestion on the temperature of the body. Mr. Fitzgerald sat at his desk all through a sizzling, sweltering day, wearing a smile of perfect peace. His coat was buttoned tightly, the collar of it turned up around his neck, and every now and then he shivered with unseasonable delight.

Right in front of Mr. Fitzgerald a large person with bushy black whiskers lay on his stomach on a snowbank squinting through a transit or some other funny looking instrument of that sort. To his right another large person, clad in furs, sat on a cake of ice and scribbled busily in a notebook. In the middle distance three Eskimo dogs fought over a dead fish. In the background dozens of stately ice barges floated round casually.

"I'm certainly happy that I found this painting of the 'Farthest North' of the Greely expedition," said Mr. Fitzgerald, referring to the enormous canvas in front of him, which, mas-

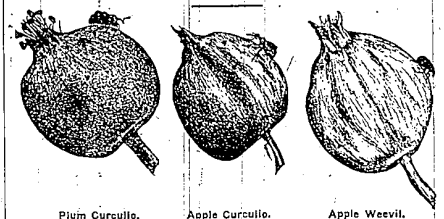
sively framed, covered most of the west wall of the big appropriations committee's room. "Dr. Wiley is right when he says this worrying about the heat is largely the result of one's mental attitude. I've been sitting here looking at this picture for an hour and I am thinking of resuming my winter flannels. I wish I could carry it around with me."

Chairman Fitzgerald found the painting in the house "discard" room. The illusion is helped along by a battery of electric fans arranged on either side of the picture, which makes it appear as if cooling breezes from the very 'pole itself were sweeping through the room.

"This auto-suggesting business is fine," Mr. Fitzgerald remarked to a visitor. "I'm going to install a picture of the burning of Rome in my home next winter and see how much I can save on coal bills."

DESTRUCTIVE PLUM CURCULIO ATTACKS CULTIVATED FRUITS

Insect Is Distributed Over Practically All of United States East of Rocky Mountains and Has Been Rightfully Designated as Most Injurious of All Insect Enemies of Orchardists in Every Section.



Plum Curculio. Apple Curculio. Apple Weevil.

(By FRED E. BROOKS, West Virginia University Agricultural Experiment Station.)

The plum curculio is a snout beetle about one-fifth of an inch long. Its color is a mixture of black, brown and white, with the darker shades greatly predominating. On the back are several prominent humps which give the insect a roughened appearance and make it difficult to distinguish while on the tree from the bark or from a dry bud. It is armed with a curved snout one-third as long as the body.

The insect is a native of this country and is distributed over practically all the United States east of the Rocky mountains. Before orchards were planted within its range it undoubtedly fed and bred on wild plums, crab apples and hawthorns, but with the settlement of the country it turned its attention more to cultivated fruits, although it continues to breed on the wild, native varieties. It attacks plums, peaches, nectarines, apricots, cherries, apples, crab apples, pears, quinces and hawthorns, and has even been reported as breeding on persimmons. On account of the usual abundance of the insect and the great variety of valuable fruits which it attacks, there is little doubt but that it has been rightfully designated as the most destructive of all the insect enemies of the orchardist in this section of the country.

It injures the fruit by puncturing holes through the skin with its snout both for the purpose of feeding and egg-laying. The feeding punctures may be made in apples at almost any time during the summer, but the egg punctures are made mostly while the apples are small. These wounds, and the subsequent feeding of the larvae which hatch from the eggs, cause the fruit to become dwarfed in size, lopsided, knotty and otherwise misshapen.

The injuries done by the plum curculio are not so easily prevented as are those of some other insects, and yet there are a number of methods that can be used against them with a very satisfactory measure of success. In dealing with the insect on apples by far the most effective means of preventing loss is spraying with one of the arsenical poisons, such as paris green, or, preferably, arsenate of lead. Even where spraying is practiced, however, it is a good plan to use in connection with the operation some of the other measures suggested here, if the best possible results are to be obtained.

The apple curculio has been confused often with the plum curculio, but in reality it is quite distinct from that species in both appearance and habits. The apple curculio is more reddish-brown in color, the form is more robust and on the back are four prominent humps, the front two of which are much larger than any of the humps on the back of the plum curculio. The snout of the apple curculio is almost as long as the rest of the body, or three times the length of that of the other species. The snout is carried projecting forward, instead of hanging down like an elephant's trunk, as is the case with the plum curculio.

In attacking the fruit the apple curculio bores through the skin, in a manner similar to that of the other species, but after the puncture is completed and the egg laid, only an indistinct speck is left on the surface to mark the place of injury, whereas the plum curculio makes the conspicuous crescent-shaped mark. A glance at the insects or at their work is sufficient to enable anyone, who is at all well acquainted with the species, to distinguish between the two.

Where the apple curculio becomes troublesome care should be taken that no thickets of wild crab or hawthorn are allowed to remain as breeding places near the orchards. Such thickets may produce thousands of the beetles and when the wild fruit becomes insufficient for the great number of beetles they may seek places to feed and oviposit in cultivated orchards.

The jarring method, as recommended for the plum curculio, is effective when used against this species. Spraying with poisons is likely to be beneficial, but it is probable that not as many of the beetles will be killed by the operation, as in the case of the plum curculio, for the reason that in feeding they consume little of the exposed surface to which the poison is applied.

POPULAR FEED FOR POULTRY

Most Common Method of Chicken World Is to Supply Wet Mash of Some Sort to Fowls Once During Day.

(By C. E. BROWN.)

The most common method of feeding throughout the poultry world today is to give a wet mash of some sort to the fowls once a day; whole grain being fed in the morning and evening. Some people prefer to feed the mash warm, and some cold, and some feed it in the morning, some in the middle of the day and others give it for the evening meal. Our preference is to feed it at noon for the reason that we want to make the hens scratch in the early morning for the whole grain in the litter to keep themselves warm and when in the middle of the day it is warmer and the hens naturally want a rest, we give them the mash. The chief objection to the evening mash is that a full crop of it will not last them during the long winter nights so well as whole grain, as it is so often composed of such a bulky mixture. Care should be exercised in not over-feeding on the wet mash. The hens should not have more than they will eat up clean in ten minutes.

A good mash for the farmer is as follows:

Equal parts of finely-ground corn, oats, bran or shorts, mixed with about ten per cent. of cooked meat, green cut bone of beef scraps. These foods are mixed up dry and then thoroughly mixed with about one-third their bulk of steeped clover leaves or finely cut clover which has previously been scalded by pouring hot water on it and covering it with a sack. The clover should be steeped about twelve hours before using. Another method and one of the best we have tried is to take a mixture of 200 pounds bran, 100 pounds shorts, 100 pounds ground corn, 100 pounds ground oats, 100 pounds beef scraps and ten pounds of charcoal. Slightly moisten this with water when feeding to the fowls, but never make it sloppy.

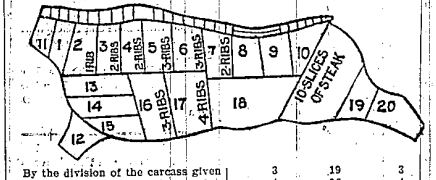
Milk-Fed Chickens.

Milk-fed chicken, which is the finest meat in the poultry line, is allowed no exercise whatever. It is kept in a close coop, where it has barely room to turn around, and is never allowed to leave it except when it goes to the guillotine.

Incubator Chicks.

It has been pretty well proven that an incubator chick, if it has been properly incubated and gets the right kind of food and treatment afterward, is just as thrifty as his forty-second cousin who was hatched and raised by a hen.

20-SHARE BEEF RING CHART



By the division of the carcass given in the table herewith each member gets a roast, a boil and a slice of steak, the numbers as indicated below going together:

Roast.	Boil	Steak.
1	14	1
2	13	2
3	19	3
4	16	4
5	17	5
6	18	6
7	15	7
8	12	8
9	20	9
10	11	10

BUNCHING HIS HARD LUCK

Sufferer From Toothache Summoned Philosophy to His Aid During Period of Trouble.

"Philosophers are not all dead yet," said the dentist. "I met one this morning who knocked me out of two hours' work on a day when I have nothing to do anyhow, and will make me work overtime tomorrow, when I shall be crowded with engagements. He was howling with a toothache.

"'Better come around and have it attended to,' I said.

"'Can't do it today,' he said, 'I'm too busy.'

"'But you can't work when you are crazy with the toothache?' I argued.

"'Oh, yes I can,' said he. 'There are half a dozen other things I want done to me that hurt pretty bad, and if I have them done when my tooth is on the rampage they won't seem so bad, because one hurt will neutralize the other. I always take advantage of a toothache to dispatch those disagreeable jobs.'

"Maybe not many people could stand that kind of philosophy, but apparently that man is going to get away with it."

THE IDEA.

Peggy—Didn't the lawyer know you were an actress?

Kitty—Gracious, no! He offered to get my divorce without any publicity.

That Might Be Inducement.

It was during a hot spell and on the hottest night of the week that a South side teacher took a number of her little charges for a car ride. In the public square they piled out and were marched to the telescope set up by a man who vends peeps at the heavenly bodies at so much per peep. The children were told that they might look at the moon, a little lecture accompanying the lesson that the moon was a cold body.

"Teacher," spoke up one little South sider, "when you look through the glass, does your face get cold?"—Cleveland Leader.

What Was She Wearing?

The new fireman was telling his wife about the fire.

"It broke out at midnight in the Von Biffers' house on the avenue," he said, "and just as we got there Miss Von Biffer came stumbling out of the flames and smoke carrying her little niece all wrapped up in her arms. It was the bravest act I ever saw."

"What was she wearing?" inquired the fireman's wife.

Ungracious Drops.

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Bella—Well, all her friends threw cold water on the bridegroom.

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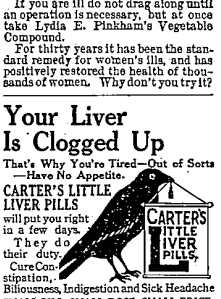

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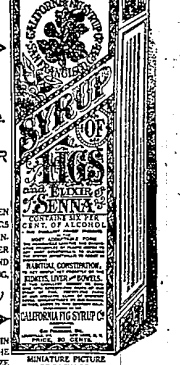

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