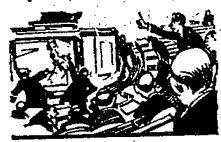


# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## Representatives' Hall Suggests a Roman Circus



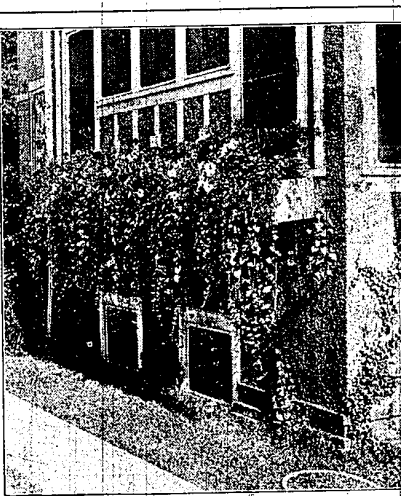
WASHINGTON.—The new seating arrangement in the representatives' hall suggests a Roman circus. The design of the house, however, sometime furnishes a Roman holiday. The 435 members sit on benches arranged in semi-circles, and rising in steps to give all a clear view of the arena in front of the speaker's desk. The leaders in debate take their places, and conduct the legislative contests. This new arrangement may conduce to more orderly consideration of legislation, and it may not. It will, however, centralize the proceedings, and if they become dramatic, with physical contests, it will be easy to confine the actors to the ring, and give all the members a better view from under the old arrangement.

Time has been when statesmen on the hill used the old argument of physical force and pugilistic skill, and in most of these instances the danger of proper rules to keep the contestants in the ring. They had a weakness for fighting anywhere in the hall, and with anything that was at hand, and there have been a number of such contests which were witnessed by few of the members because there

was no ring and no rules and no program. There have been fights on the floor with fists, with finger nails, with canes and poles, with hooks, pens and inkwells, and they have so far ignored the rules as to engage in hair-pulling, scratching and biting. But with no inkwells or pens or books or pokers lying around, there will be less chance of the rules governing fair fighting. The speaker can better referee the contests, too, as they will be down in front of his desk, where he can see every move made in the ring.

In 1856 Representative Galusha of Pennsylvania and Representative Keith of South Carolina had a bitter controversy, in which the latter called Galusha a "Republican puppy," and Galusha retorted with "negro driver." There was a free fight on the floor, and among those who became involved were Elihu B. Washburn of Illinois, Mr. Brooks of New York, Mr. Washburn, and Representative Potter of Wisconsin. Representative Barksdale of Mississippi and several others. In this instance passion gave way to ridicule, when Cadwallader Washburn of Maryland, by the hair and lifted the whole plot from a perfectly bald head. Waving the wig in the air as a wild Indian might wave the scalp, Washburn danced about the floor until the whole house was convulsed with laughter and the fight was forgotten. Potter was afterward challenged to mortal combat with the southerner, and he named Boston Common as the place for the duel with claspknives for weapons. The sense of the ridiculous again spoiled the seriousness of the quarrel.

## DELIGHTFUL SETTING FOR GREEN LAWN



Beautiful Effect of Window Boxes.

(By I. M. BENNINGTON.)  
We would suggest that you keep the flower beds out of the lawn. No flower can add to the beauty of a well-kept green lawn.

Mass the flowers and plants around the house and along the edges of the lawn and walks. They make a most delightful setting for the rich green lawn.

Simplicity in the laying out of home grounds should always be kept in mind, and any tendency to fancy shaped flower beds and grotesque wood or metal flower stands should be firmly suppressed.

The woman who loves her flowers always has somewhere handy a heap of compost from which she can draw as needed—and she always seeds it.

Kerosene emulsion will kill plant lice more effectively than kerosene. Kerosene emulsion is easy to make. Put in a half pound of soap and boil in a gallon of water. Add two gallons of kerosene while the water is hot but remove the kettle from the fire before doing so or you may not live to use the mixture. "Churn briskly for five minutes. For spraying, dilute this with seven or eight parts of water."

When you see the little ghostlike winged creatures rising like tiny clouds from your rose bushes be sure it is the aphid. Get after them with the spray.

Rose mildew is almost as troublesome as lice. It covers the leaves with a sort of white powder. It may

be kept down by spraying with a solution of three ounces of potassium sulphate in six gallons of water.

The reason that so many of our beautiful plants and vines are destroyed by bugs is because we are too lazy or unable to fight them all the time.

We must remember that the bugs, mites and blight work while we sleep; but if we keep after them while we are awake they cannot last long.

A garden pond is sometimes a thing of beauty and it is certainly a joy to the birds all summer long, but it brings mosquitoes.

A dozen goldfish placed in the water will take care of most of the mosquitoes and will also add to the attractiveness of the pond.

A border of well-selected stones next to the water and inside of them a few aquatic plants will also help.

Very often frogs are attracted to these little ponds and will help the fish to take care of the mosquitoes. Sometimes they become quite tame and make their water bed in the mud and are ready to greet us in the spring with their songs—if you like to call them that.

Keep the flowering plants from maturing seeds, both the perennials and the annuals. If you want them to bloom late.

When you water your plants do not merely sprinkle a little with the water. It is better to take off the spout once a week, perhaps once or twice, and give the ground a thorough soaking.

## THIN OUT FRUIT ON APPLE TREES

Deserving of as Much Attention as Keeping Away Injurious Insect Pests.

(By W. R. GILBERT.)  
The proper care and looking after fruit trees constitute one of the best methods of ensuring success.

It might be supposed that this was stating a truism and, indeed, it is doing so; but unfortunately all too many orchards are neglected, hence the necessity for on all suitable occasions recurring to the subject.

Now, the thinning of the fruit on apple trees is a matter which deserves as much attention as the keeping away of insect pests, and yet it is very much neglected. It is beyond a doubt that the intrinsic value of apples is often increased by thinning, the fruit being superior in size, color and general quality.

The thinning generally improves the color, and I prefer doing the work when the fruit has grown to over 1 1/2 inches in diameter. When done by hand, well thinning has the effect of increasing the size of the fruit, more especially in the case of the Baldwin.

No exact rule for thinning apples can be laid down as the requirements vary with the different trees and even with the same tree in different seasons. The amount of thinning, however, should be suited to the condition as shown by the ages and states of the tree, and of course by the distribution of the fruit on the tree. All wormy and inferior apples should be removed. Thinning should be done by hand, the thinning process produces a better apple if it depends upon the grower himself to market such better quality to the best advantage.

Truck Farming Profits.  
Some remarkably large profits from truck farming on a small scale in the upper part of Michigan are shown by figures compiled by a refining processing company which buys and catches of the truck farm products.

One man raised six acres of tomatoes and received for his crop \$1,090, which is an average of \$181.75 per acre. Another \$45.33 for humpsters and \$3.45 for an acre of popular brand of rye whiskey. The vice-president of the company is not a drinking man.

"Hon." Thomas R. Marshall, and postmaster of Indiana. He suspected that some friend was trying to play a joke on him, but investigation established that the postman was the humorist, and that his jokes were perpetrated involuntarily. He had only one letter before the joke was played on him. The vice-president's troubles did not end there, however.

The vice-president, it is understood, is not a drinking man. But "Valerius" received a barrel of popular brand of rye whiskey. The vice-president did not through explaining the affair yet.

## SPRAYING MACHINE IS BIG NECESSITY

Common Water Sprinkler for Applying Mixtures Does Very Little Good.

A spraying machine is as necessary for the gardener as the orchard. Some people use a common water sprinkler for applying spraying mixtures; but this does little good, because it is not only a great waste of material, but the plants are not fully covered in this way.

The liquid should be put on in a fine mist, as Paris green will not cover iron any more than does water; but when Bordeaux mixture is used as a carrier for the arsenical poison (and we would strongly urge that this be done in every case, as it must be done if we put our potato growing operations on a safe basis), then the sprayer must be made of copper and brass—iron would be eaten up in a short time.

The modern knapsack sprayer, which is possibly the best implement by far for spraying smaller patches of potatoes—up to three or four acres—acumens or other vines, and for general use as a spray machine in the garden and small vineyard, will involve a first expense of from \$12 to \$15, but it will pay in an large sized garden.

New Agricultural School.  
The new agricultural school of the Columbia university will be located on the Hudson river—Fishkill-on-the-Hudson. It is announced that William Blount has turned over to the university in memory of his mother, a farm of about 750 acres for this purpose. It is planned to put up an engineering and mining station in connection with the agricultural equipment.

Damage by Ground Squirrel.  
Report says that the ground squirrel in California is destroying every year over \$10,000,000 worth of fruit, nuts for general use as a spray machine to public health. The ground squirrel has become infected with the bubonic plague through the rats of San Francisco.

## LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

COLLECTIVE BUYING FOR THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS IS BEING TRIED.

PRAY LAW IS DRASTIC IN ITS PROVISIONS.

Commission to Investigate Feeble Mindedness in State Need Expert Help and Wish to Employ Miss Adele McKinnis.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

One of the propositions advocated by Chase S. Osborn during his stogie term as governor of Michigan, was a central purchasing board to buy all the supplies for the various state institutions. He made this recommendation to the legislature, but policy was not adopted as the lawmakers believed that it would pave the way for too many questionable transactions.

However, the proposition is being tried out in some of the Michigan institutions on a small scale and is said to be very successful. At least, board members who have been in Lansing recently claim that the present plan is superior to the old system.

Under the plan that has been adopted by the penal institutions each prison makes an inventory to determine the supplies that are needed. Then the order is bunched and bids are secured on the whole order. By purchasing in larger quantities it has been secured that much better prices have been secured and it is said that this has resulted in quite a large saving.

Warden Simpson, of Jackson prison, announces that he is preparing to enter a bid for the canned goods used at the various state institutions. He claims that he can sell cheaper than other producers and that the state will profit in two ways. The prison goods will have a ready market and the other state institutions will gain by the reduction.

At the present time and during the next year extensive building operations will be carried on by some of the state institutions and there is a deal under way to purchase all the lumber in one consignment, which it is claimed would result in an enormous saving.

Judging from the letters and numbers of requests for copies of the Pray bill passed during the last session of the legislature, it has just dawned upon the liquor men of the state that the "drys" put through one of the most drastic anti-liquor bills that has been placed on the statute books of Michigan in many years. As a result of the passage of the bill which has been signed by Governor Perrie and will become a law August 15, drinking in clubs in local option counties will become a thing of the past, as violators are liable for a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for six months, and it is not thought that many will care to run the risk.

In every local option county there are clubs where members may have liquor shipped directly to them and served to them personally. This is generally referred to as the locker system, but lockers in clubs will cease to exist when the Pray bill takes effect.

So stringent are the provisions of this bill that any person in a local option county who secured a federal license shall be deemed to have taken out the license with an intent to violate the local option law and is liable to prosecution. This, of course, does not apply to druggists who are permitted to sell liquor upon prescriptions written by reputable physicians.

It is pointed out by the dry advocates that this bill will absolutely prohibit young boys from sending to mail order houses for consignments of whiskey. However, the bill is operative only in local option counties or places where the sale of liquor is restricted by law.

Before starting their work the commission to investigate feeble mindedness in Michigan was the authority of the board of auditors to employ certain help. A chief investigator of mental diseases at a salary of \$1,500 per year is needed. The commission wants to engage Miss Adele McKinnis in a similar matter at a salary of \$1,000 per month and a second field worker at a salary of \$75 per month. The commission is required to investigate conditions and report at the next regular session of the legislature.

Dr. Elmer, secretary of the board of health says that in his opinion 25 per cent of the girls at Industrial School at Adrian cannot be reformed as he says they are weak mentally and should be placed in the Lapeer institution.

At the April election Emmet county which had been dry for a number of years repudiated local option and was re-established in Emmet county and they are objecting strenuously to the statute which prohibits the selling of liquor to red men. Attorney General is expected to sue the Indians.

Fellows received a number of letters from Emmet county Indians asking them to investigate and relieve the deplorable state of affairs which they say will enable them to buy dry water.

## FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

RICH IN CURATIVE QUALITIES FOR RACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER SPECIAL TO WOMEN

Do you realize the fact that thousands of women are now using

## Paxtine

A Soluble Antiseptic Powder as a remedy for mucous membrane affections, such as sore throat, nasal or pelvic catarrh, inflammation or ulceration, caused by female list? Women who have been cured say "it is worth its weight in gold." Dissolve in water and apply locally. For ten years the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. has recommended Paxtine in their private correspondence with women.

For all hygienic and toilet uses it has no equal. Only 50c a large box at drug stores or sent postpaid on receipt of price. The Paxton Toilet Co., Boston, Mass.

New York is now planning popular opera. It will probably be ragtime in three reels.

Liquid blue is a weak solution. Avoid it. Buy Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Ask your grocer. Ad.

At the School.  
"I never saw such heads as you girls have! Who's got your rats?"  
"Old Miss Prim—the cat."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, and is a permanent relief in a bottle.

City Grass is Different.  
A remarkably interesting fact was brought to light by Lord Redesdale before the advisory committee of the King Edward memorial fund for London, which was discussing the buying out of Shadwell market site as a pleasure garden. It was curious, he said, that grass brought from the country withered away in London, on the other hand, grass from London grown seeds flourished. That is a striking example of what scientists call adaptation to environment.—London Globe.

Womanliness.  
Perhaps it would not be so easy to lose "womanliness" as some people seem afraid it would be. Perhaps all the pow-wow about becoming deuced is superfluous. Weininger calls attention to the fact that while there are people who are anatomically men and psychologically women, there is no such thing as a person who is anatomically woman and psychologically man. However, even masculine her appearance, a woman's psychic qualities remain distinctly feminine. At least, Mr. Weininger says so.

Be Happy Today.  
He that takes to many causes of joy, and so great, is very much in love with sorrow and positiveness, who loses all these pleasures, and chooses to sit down upon his little handful of sorrows. Enjoy the blessings of this life, if God sends them; and the evil of it bear patiently and bravely, for this day only is ours. We are dead to yesterday and we are not yet born to tomorrow. But if we look ahead and bring into one day's thought the evil of many, certain and uncertain, what will be and what will never be, our load will be as intolerable as it is unreasonable.—Jeremy Taylor.

Not So Polite as I Looked.  
Crows were on the street car when the tall woman struggled up the aisle and grasped a strap. Twelve men were seated in the car side, but not one arose and offered her his seat. At last a small boy touched her on the arm.

"You can have my seat, lady," called the youngster.

"Thank you," said the tall woman, seating herself in the vacant space; "that was very polite of you."

"No," replied the boy, "it wasn't politeness; there's a sewing sum all over the darned seat."

"LIKE MAGIC"  
New Food Makes Wonderful Changes.

When a man has suffered from dyspepsia so many years that he can't remember when he had a natural appetite, and then hits on a way out of trouble he may be excused for saying "it acts like magic."

When it is a simple, wholesome food instead of any one of a large number of so called remedies in the form of drugs, he is more than likely to feel that a sort of miracle has been performed.

A Chicago man, in the delight of restored digestion, puts it in this way: "Like magic, fittingly describes the manner in which Grape-Nuts relieved me of poor digestion, coated tongue and loss of appetite, of many years standing."

"I tried about every medicine that was recommended to me, without result. Then I tried Grape-Nuts on the suggestion of a friend. By the time I had finished the fourth package, my stomach was all right, and for the past six months I have been eating with a jolly anything set before me. It is something I had been unable to do previously for years."

"I am stronger than ever and I consider the effects of Grape-Nuts on a weak stomach as something really wonderful. It builds up the entire body as well as the brain and nerves." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is "Paxtine" in the little book, "The Road to Wellville." Read it.

Never read the above letters! A new era is dawning, and full of hope and interest.

## Cannon's Poker Table Is Auctioned for \$16.00

THE last material tie that bound Joseph G. Cannon to the capital was severed the other day when the furniture and furnishings of the house at 1014 Vernon avenue, where he lived for many years, were sold under the auctioneer's hammer. A few members of congress and a dozen prominent society women were present, but most of those who made their way to the dismantling of the house where history was made were dealers.

There was a number of relic and souvenir hunters present. They got busy, especially when the cannon, Mr. Cannon's own relic and the library, was sold. The library has been many a hard-fought battle at law, at which gained the "Sage of Danville" is represented by a set of books in this room a sturdy oak table, around which Mr. Cannon and his friends met at games that were not political was the object of lively bidding. It was knocked down to Dr. C. M. Beach of Morrow, O., for \$16.

The bronze electric lamp in this room that was wont to shine aloft upon the full house and the bobtail, must have brought only \$12.50.

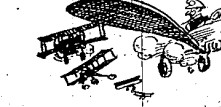
A grand piano, with keys yellow and

discolored from age, was sold for \$6 to a dealer who will be bought for speculation. Two leaded glass panels that had formerly graced the transom over the front door of the house were sold for 50 cents apiece.

Mrs. Robert McCormick, former ambassador to France, paid \$25 for a small painting, evidently aged, which, according to a notation on the back, had been bought at Christie's, in London, in 1891, by Mrs. McCormick, wife of the senator from Ohio, and Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the former secretary of agriculture, were among the bidders.

As were Congressman and Mrs. Nathan of California, Congressman Stanley of Kentucky and former Fish Commissioner Mrs. G. M. Bowers.

## Frenchmen Are Leaders in Navigation of the Air



THE remarkable advance made in the science of aviation since Orville Wright made the first public flights in a heavier-than-air machine at Fort Myer, Va., in 1903, is the subject of a statement compiled by the war department and just made public.

Although the honor of inventing and outfitting the aeroplane belongs to the United States, it is disclosed that really all the advances made in the utilization of the air machines have been accomplished by foreign armies, principally Frenchmen.

In 1902, the records show, the greatest height attained by a heavier-than-air machine was 1,450 feet. The mark now stands at more than 20,000 feet,

while the height of something over 10,000 has been attained by a dirigible balloon. The aeroplanes, however, have demonstrated that they can rise higher and much more rapidly than the balloons of air craft, and for that reason their efficiency in a military sense is regarded as much greater.

In both speed and duration of flight, aeroplanes since 1900 have been remarkable. In that year the speed record was 43 miles an hour, while the length of time that a machine kept in the air was hours and 17 minutes. The present record for speed now is 185.5 miles per hour made by Verdines of France, while another Frenchman, Fournier, raised the record for duration flight to 13 hours and 45 minutes.

Bussan, still another Frenchman, also recently established a record for speed with passengers. With five persons on board, he made a record flight with him in his machine he made a record of 111 miles in sustained flight. The war department records show that six persons have been carried to a height of 2,053 feet.

Two Toms Are Confused by Mail and Express

THOMAS R. MARSHALL, the proprietor of the Loskam cafe, is a native of Washington.

Thomas R. Marshall, the vice-president of the United States, a native of Indiana and a Washingtonian only by recent adoption.

These facts have not yet been sufficiently clarified in the brain of the employees of the Washington post-office who handle the mail of both men. The same thing is true of the men who have charge of the local office of a certain express company.

The result of this is that the vice-president has been supplied with enough rye whiskey to last him a year and he has an appetite for it worthy of one whose birth on the Ohio river has entitled him to the designation of colonel. Also the wife of the Loskam proprietor has sent back to the manufacturer a dress which was delivered to her marked "Value \$150."

The trouble started with the mail. "Tom" Marshall, the cafe proprietor, began to receive mail addressed to