

# FLOUR

24 lb. Bag ..... \$1.30

## 98 lb. Bags

5 CROWN ..... \$4.75

SNOW WHITE .. \$4.80

5 ROSES ..... \$4.80

PURITY ..... \$4.85

## Oatmeal

20 lb Bag ..... 90c.

90 lb. Bag ..... \$3.35

## Matches

5 BOXES FOR 50c.

## Corn

2 TINS FOR 25c.

## Corn Syrup

10 lb. Pail ..... 75c.

5 lb. Tin ..... 40c.

2 lb. Tin ..... 19c.

## Cake and

## Biscuits

5-6 lb. Box

CREAM SODAS

13c lb.

5-8 lb. Box

MARITIME MIXED

18c lb.

5-8 lb. Box

PICTOU MIXED

18c lb.

VILLAGE CAKE

2 lbs for 25 cents.

20 lb. Box, 11c lb.

## Starch

Laundry Mixed .. 10c lb

Corn Starch ... 10c pkg.

Linit ..... 9c pkg.

Acme Gloss

13c, 2 for 25c.

Celluloid Starch

13c, 2 for 25c.

## Perfect Seal

## Jars

1 DOZ. PINTS .... \$1.50

1 DOZ. QUARTS... \$1.85

1 DOZ. 1/2 GAL. ... \$2.60

## Pat. Medicines

AT CUT PRICES

# YERXA

# GROCERY

# CO.

2 STORES

York St. Queen St.

## SOME QUESTIONS WHICH THE WEATHER MAN IS ASKED; ALL STILL PLACE RELIANCE IN HIM

(Duff Gilford in New York Herald-Tribune.)

A Syracuse pastor regulates the attendance in his church and saves money by keeping in touch with the weather man. Every Saturday morning he calls upon him for the weather forecast. If a storm or very fine weather is predicted for Sunday, the minister, to overbalance the discomfort of getting wet or the lure of golf, advertises that an especially attractive program is in store for members. But if the weather is expected to be neither rainy nor golf alluring—in other words, good enough for church—he knows religion will be popular and doesn't bother to advertise.

The weather man has replaced the oracle at Delphi in importance. The ice cream manufacturer consults him in summer about the quantity of his output, the coal dealer importunes him in winter that rush orders may be handled. He prevents the canning company from ordering more cans if the weather will damage the tomato crop. He saves the dealer of split redwood products, stored in the forest, many dollars in insurance by announcing a rainy season during which there is no fire loss. His special forecasts of wind direction and velocity have been used in extinguishing a fire in a coal mine, and his warnings to beekeepers have saved the honey makers from dangerous exposure.

Should he breathe a word about an impending cold wave, greenhouses will close, boilers will be fired, plumbing will be protected, gasoline engines will be drained, work in concrete will be stopped, railway cars will be heated and oysters will be stocked up. In the country beans and grapes will be picked at once, tobacco and unmatred corn will be cut, potatoes digging will be suspended and ice-men will rub their hands gleefully as they postpone cutting.

Should he mutter something about rain, raisins will be stacked and covered, alfalfa hay will be baled, newly laid cement will be shielded, railroad companies will guard against washouts, physicians will argue with tonsillitis victims and deserted dentists will get out their plate work. One word from him and the world is in a flurry. It scurries away like a flock of frightened squirrels to save its nuts.

### In Every Pie.

The weather man has a finger in every pie. In fact, it is the entire lunch supply at the high school in Davenport, Iowa. On uncertain mornings the manager of the cafeteria there telephones to the weather man to ascertain what will happen about noon. If he prognosticates rain she empties the larder, knowing that many of the pupils will be deferred from going home for lunch.

In Iowa and Illinois the forecaster keeps an eye on the Canadian border. No, he is not drinking with his eyes. He is merely watching for a cold spell, with snow, in Manitoba and Minnesota, for that will drive the wild ducks southward. He can then notify the sportsmen to depart for their camps down the river and near the lakes. Without his aid they might wait in their camps for weeks before they heard a single quack.

### Another Appeal.

When a hydroplane was forced, because of lack of fuel, to land in the Gulf recently, naval officials appealed to the weather man at New Orleans before starting their search. Although the plane landed eighteen miles from Burrwood, La., they knew the wind had carried it. Scrutinizing his charts, the weather man divulged that north-east winds of twelve miles an hour one day and twelve to twenty-four miles an hour the next, drove the plane south-west, but that swells from the hurricane in the eastern Gulf carried it west, hence it would be west-south-west of the landing point. It was.

It may be remembered how the British dirigible R-34 stole from its resting place on Long Island in the black of midnight some years ago to avoid disaster. The foreboding appearance of the weather map had prompted the weather man to send a rush message to the commander. By the next morning Long Island was harried by a gale and atmospheric conditions that would have meant danger to an unprotected airship on a flying field, but R-34 was flying home with a most genial wind as its escort.

For failing to heed the weather man a Kansas City automobilist lost the sympathy of the judge and the price of a fine. Called to court for speeding, he explained that he had gone to call for his wife and daughter at the theatre with extra wraps. When they had left home the weather was mild, but ten minutes before the close of the

performance a cold wave had set in. Surely the judge could appreciate his desire to protect his family? The judge could. He was even pleased with this specimen of a husband—so different from the others brought before him—when the defendant added: "It was imperative that I go, your honor, for I had advised my wife and daughter to disregard the weather report, which predicted the sudden drop in temperature."

"That's different," said the judge. "You had to speed because you refused to listen to the weather man. Ten dollars."

### Made a Saving.

A tete-a-tete between an officer of the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex., and the weather man, is saving the government \$5,000 a year. Formerly tarpaulins were used all the year round to protect the great stacks of hay from rain. The objection to this method was the mutilation of the tarpaulins by the strong spring winds. Now that the weather man has revealed, by a study of his records, that the average rainfall for February, March, April and May is less than half an inch, the hay can safely be left uncovered during these months.

Relying on the weather man, the officials of the flour mills at Williston, N. D., succeeded in killing an incursion of moths without the expense of chemical insecticides. Instead of closing the mill and "gassing" the moths and eggs, the usual treatment of these visitors, the company requested the weather man to notify them when a temperature of minus 20 degrees was expected for at least several hours. Then, by extinguishing the fires and opening doors and windows, they would freeze the moths. The weather man's signal for the slaughter preceded a drop to minus 30 degrees that night, with minus 17 degrees the highest temperature on the following day. The moths undoubtedly appreciated the fire in their subsequent abode.

### Too Far Ahead.

Within five minutes the weather man may be supplicated by would-be murderers—of moths and rats—and prospective brides. After a girl gets a proposal she deserts the gypsy for the weather man.

"What will it do on June 15?" she asks sweetly, as a March wind roars without. "There is to be a wedding in our family."

The weather man immediately harbors suspicions, but, much as he would like to be of assistance, he explains that he doesn't forecast three months in advance. The young woman is taken aback. Never has she been so disappointed since learning there was no Santa Claus.

"Call me up June 13," he suggests. "Perhaps I can help you then."

"But what can I do then?" she asks.

"Get awnings, if necessary."

Despite the above rejoinder and the multitude of his disagreeable predictions, it is a misconception to suppose the weather man is hard-boiled. He worries about the weather more than we think. It is not pleasant to be the bearer of bad things today than when Cleopatra's slave brought the news of Antony's marriage. In fact, disappointing baseball fans and women of fashion is such a strain that in Washington, where the forecasts are made for the eastern half of the country, one weather man relieves the other at the end of each month.

### Not Always a Cinch.

"I look serene and rested now," said Forecaster R. H. Weightman, "but that's because Mr. Mitchell is forecasting this month. It isn't always a cinch to analyze the weather map, which often assumes a poker face. All indications may point to a snowfall, but a rise of three degrees in temperature would convert it into rain. Now, what shall we tell the public, the 'yes' or 'no' demanding public?"

"Or suppose a few dark circles on the coast of Georgia portend a hurricane. Shall we warn the people to leave the lowlands and then, if nothing happens, have them say: 'We'll never listen to him again. He's just like the boy and the wolf.' Or shall we take the risk of not warning them?"

Not only the map, but sometimes a letter will put the forecaster "under the weather."

"The date of my marriage has been set for August 10," writes one woman, "and I beseech you to tell me whether it will rain on that day. You see, my husband-to-be is very superstitious and says he will not be married on a rainy day, and I am afraid that if it should rain on that day he might decide not to be married at all. Please be sure to tell me the facts, as this is a matter of real importance to me."

Should August 10 be rainy the

Weather Man's conscience can hardly be clear.

Nor is he particularly elated when, having announced showers, a storm ensues and he is called to the telephone to hear:

"You're a fine forecaster, you are! Showers, eh? Was there more water when Noah built the ark? Do you know what you did?"

The forecaster waits breathlessly. Was there another flood?

"You spoiled our parade," continues the accuser. "Our banners, our floats, our costumes!"

### The Rush Hour.

The strain of forecasting may be realized by a visit to the Washington Weather Bureau during the morning and evening "rush hour." It is not a trick way of scanning the sky. The sky plays as unimportant a part here as it does in the subway rush hour in New York. The forecaster gets all his information through the weather maps, plotted from telegraphed reports. These messages come from 200 observation centers throughout the country, on wires set apart for the use of the Weather Bureau.

Within an hour and a quarter all the reports are in. Written in a special code, designed for brevity and accuracy, they must be translated for the map plotters. During the translation no sound is audible save the translator's voice. "York eff— sanguine faints cause," he reads, which means New York, barometric pressure 30.04 inches, temperature 36 degrees, northwest, partly cloudy, minimum temperature—40 degrees, velocity of wind 32 miles, trace of precipitation, 4 cirrocumulus clouds from northwest.

After studying the maps the forecaster dictates his conclusions. They are telegraphed to 1,600 principal distributing points, from which they are further disseminated by telephone, telegraph, radiograph, radiophone and mail. The addresses reached daily by mail number 90,000 and the telephone subscribers, 5,500,000. The local Weather Man makes special applications of the data from Washington.

These methods are criticized by various weather experts or prophets, as they sign themselves, who, without charts and instruments, not only predict but control the weather. Most of these experts want jobs.

Some are merely prompted by concern for the country, for example the Texas woman who sent a night letter to counteract floods. Recipes for preventing tornadoes and earthquakes fill a fat file in the Weather Bureau. The Bible is frequently given as proof of man's power over the weather.

"Why can't we do what Moses did?" asks one writer.

"I predict," writes another, "that man is going to discover his power over the elements of the air as he has done over disease, and will not be completely at their mercy. Jesus healed the sick and commanded the storm."

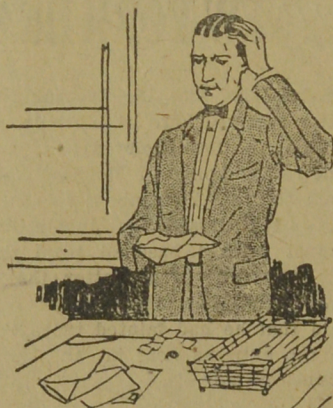
One writer, however, discourages all methods of forecasting. "The weather is God's business," he says.

Anybody who bears Copernicus or Newton a grudge appeals to the Weather Bureau. The tides, the sun spots and the earth's orbit are accounted for in the files. An Oklahoma lawyer attempts to prove that vegetable life is affected by the moon. If the moon were made only to give light by night, he asks, why, then, is it so unfaithful?

Other questions which wend their way here are fortunately not so difficult to answer. A builder of incubators with an order for a shipment to Arizona inquires about the humidity and temperature there, that he may equip his products accordingly. In dry climates, for example, an incubator must be provided with more water.

A London merchant is interested in weather conditions in Georgia, inasmuch as they affect the cotton crop. If favorable, he knows the crop will be plentiful and delays buying until late in the season if unfavorable, he buys immediately before the prices leap.

## BLUNDERS



### WHY IS THIS WRONG?

It is unwise to guess the weight of a letter to determine the amount of postage required. Such guessing often results in "Postage Due," which may cause delay in delivery, and, in the case of business letters, often results in a dissatisfied customer.

# FEEDS

Corn Meal, Cracked Corn, Whole Corn, Bran Shorts, Middlings, Feed Flour, Oat Chop, Oat Feed, Feed Wheat, Scratch Feed, Best Western Oats, Crushed Oats

At Lowest Market Rates.

## G. W. HODGE

**PALMER'S**  
Moose Head Brand  
Hunting & Fishing Boots

For generations hunters and fishermen all over the continent have appreciated the utter dependability, honest materials and sterling construction of these time-tested boots.

Through bush, streams and the roughest going, these sturdy yet flexible boots will ensure your entire foot comfort. And their wear is proverbial.

Knee High, waterproof with noiseless Flexible Sewed-on Sole of heaviest oil-tanned leather.

Hand made to your individual measure.

Send for Catalogue, showing our complete line.

A Boot For Every Purpose

**JOHN PALMER CO., LIMITED**  
FREDERICTON, N. B.

WE HAVE IN STOCK OUR SPRING AND SUMMER SUITINGS OF GRANITES AND SPORTEX TWEEDS, ENGLISH WORSTEDS AND GUARANTEED BLUES AND GREY SERGES. Also a nice line of SPRING O'COATINGS. English and American Style plates. PRICES RANGE FROM \$35.00 TO \$65.00.

## WALKER BROS.

Queen St. Fredericton

## Anglers, Attention!

SALMON ANGLING SEASON IS NOW OPEN.

IN anticipation of this we have imported from England a complete stock of angling equipment from the best and largest fishing tackle manufacturers in the world. It consists of Salmon and Trout Rods, Reels, Lines, Leaders, Fly Boxes, Leader Boxes, Flies, Spinners, etc. Our Flies were selected by experienced anglers and are especially adapted to New Brunswick waters.

We have some astonishing bargains in two Handed Salmon Rods, also Reels and Lines.

If you are in need of a Pair of Hip Boots for the fishing season we can supply them at the Right Price.

Buy Your Fishing Outfit From Fishermen.

## CURRIE BROTHERS

CALL ON US FOR BARGAINS