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HAS INCREASED 44 PER CENT. IN LAST TEN YEARS.

Meat Has Gone Up 50 Per Cent. in These Years—Farm Products Higher—Drugs as a Rule Lower.

Chicago.—It costs more to live, anywhere in the United States, than it did ten years ago.

On the other hand, coffee is cheaper on the Chicago retail market than it was a decade ago.

Meat has gone up scandalously—in fact, 50 per cent. in three years.

The government figures show a higher price on the whole in 358 commodities that enter largely into the living of all the people.

For farm products, taken as a whole, the increase was greatest—namely, 10.9 per cent.

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not high this year in the grocery line. In many commodities the prices are 10 per cent. lower than they were in 1907.

A leading clothier says that clothes are higher than in the last two years and that this should not be.

Cotton is no higher, yet the manufacturers are in combination to maintain high prices.

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APPETITE AND THE EMOTIONS

Why Shouldn't One Eat, Even If Very Happy or Very Sad?

The following really happened on board a pleasure steamer in the Kyles of Bute.

"Isn't it heavenly, George?" she murmured. "I feel thrilled all over me."

Then without a pause, as if still carried away by the inspiration of the moment: "Dearest, if there are any left, I think I would like a chocolate."

No good reason exists why spiritual emotions should not make one hungry.

"I believe I was dying for something all the time," she finally confessed; "but I was afraid to ask, lest people would believe me to be less unhappy than I really am."

HAT BROKE UP THE CONCERT. Remarkable Headgear Responsible for Spilling Performance.

A story has reached this country of a hat which spoiled an afternoon performance at a small French playhouse.

In this she was successful. The hat looked like a good-sized umbrella covered with flowers, ribbons and birds.

The storm broke loose and the laughter at last grew so terrific that the curtains were lowered to give the spectators an opportunity of regaining their composure.

"Of all my sea experiences," said the captain, "this was the strangest."

"We were carrying," he said, "a lot of troop horses. A dreadful storm overtook us, and for two days we wallowed in the trough of a heavy sea."

They went overboard in the morning. As soon as they saw that they were abandoned they turned and began to swim bravely after us.

"The captain smiled sadly. "And I still seem to have," he said, "all those deaths on my conscience."

There are men who make their living by being pilgrims—by performing, over and over again, the difficult pilgrimage to Mecca.

No Mahometan, no matter how good his life, can be sure of going to heaven unless he makes the long pilgrimage.

They are called proxy pilgrims. An Americanizing influence.

If any proof is needed that baseball tends to promote good citizenship among newly-arrived immigrants, just keep your ears open when at a rattling good game and hear the international routing."

Children's Bad Teeth. Governments, the world over, are coming to realize that it is their duty to look after school children's teeth.

The late Bishop Potter was of the mind that Clara Morris was the witliest woman on the stage.

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DECRIES THE PERPETUAL GRIN

Writer Takes Issue with Man Who Says "Keep a-Smiling."

A favorite motto with many people in these latter days, when the whole some gospel of cheerfulness is being preached so extensively, is, "Keep a-smiling."

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QUEER ENGLISH MILK WAGONS

Gorgeous Floats with Brass Churns and Ben Hur Drivers.

In English towns, a Canadian visitor declares in the Queen, the foreigner runs out to the pavement just to see that glorious chariot called a milk float.

Then the English milkman who comes on foot, with a modern yoke on his shoulders, and swinging at each side a brass-bound tin pail.

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TREASURE PROTECTED BY MUD.

Effort to Be Made to Reach Stored Riches in India.

A good story of hidden treasure comes from India on the authority of the late tutor to the heir apparent of Bhopal.

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