

REVOLUTION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

A New Way Has Been Found
To Manufacture Linens
In America.

NEW MARKET FOR FARMERS

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE INDUSTRY WILL ADD MILLIONS TO THE IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES OF THE COUNTRY.

Another revolution, textile experts say, is due to occur in the fabric making industry of the United States. Heretofore, owing to the high cost of labor in America, it has been impossible to manufacture our linens at home. American farmers raise millions of tons of flax, but only for the seed. The straw from which linen is made is burned.

Now a Massachusetts inventor has perfected a method of transforming flax straw into linen fiber that is commercially practicable under the labor conditions prevailing in the United States. From sixteen to thirty weeks are required by old world methods to accomplish what the process now controlled by the Oxford Linen Mills performs in twelve hours.

The initial process of linen making abroad is to weight down the flax straw in water until the woody "shives" is rotted away from the fiber. The "scratching" and combing of the straw that follow are done by hand. All of this work can now be done in twelve hours by machines which loosen the fiber from the straw and prepare it for the chemical baths that remove the gums and oils and bleach the fiber ready for spinning. At a recent demonstration for the benefit of representatives of the press and others especially interested these chemical processes were actually accomplished in a space of thirty-five minutes.

The best of the European methods secures about 170 pounds of fiber from a thousand pounds of straw and sacrifices the seed crop. By the Mudge process 250 pounds of fiber are obtained from the same amount of straw after the seed has been saved. The new process also preserves the shive for paper making and the tow, which has many profitable uses, including the manufacture of surgical bandages, machinery waste, etc.

Now Burn Millions of Tons of Flax.
A late bulletin of the department of agriculture says that "millions of tons of straw are burned every year, most of which in quality and length for the production of fiber far exceeds the average straw from which the Russian peasant makes the fiber which chiefly supplies the linen fabrics of the world. Not only is a new market now opened up for the farmer, but for the first time linens can be turned out on a commercially profitable basis, and in Massachusetts and Vermont mills are already being equipped to produce linens made in America."

Eventually the \$22,000,000 a year that we now send abroad for linen will be kept at home, and linens need not any longer be a luxury. The Oxford processes provide means for utilizing a raw material which costs less than one-third as much as cotton, but which in the finished product sells for many times as much.

Even without the present tariff on linens they could not be manufactured by old world methods in successful competition with the new process, and the establishment of the industry here begins with a prospect of adding enormously to the total of cotton fabric production, now valued at half a billion dollars a year.

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"Mystery Girl" Has Been Provided for Secretly By New York Banker, Acting for Her Father.

Gladys Hoffman, the beautiful "mystery girl" of Vineland, N. J., who has been provided for secretly by a banker, G. B. Hard, of New York, whose photograph also appears. Since the mother of Gladys committed suicide, it is known that her father was a New Yorker of great wealth and prominence. His name has been carefully concealed. Mr. Hard, who is President of the Chatham National Bank, was the medium of support for Mrs. Hoffman for many years. He says he acted as the financial agent of another man who died recently. Gladys will be well provided for.



RETURNS TO HIS CHILDHOOD HOME

**E. M. Douthitt, a Prominent
Singing Evangelist, Ab-
sent Thirty Years.**

ORGANIZED 1877 GLEE CLUB

IT IS A SINGULAR AND UNUSUAL
FACT THAT ALL OF CLUB'S
TWELVE MEMBERS ARE STILL
LIVING.

Greensfork, Ind., Jan. 1.—The return to Greensfork of E. M. Douthitt, or "Eph" as he is better known by all who knew him, after an absence of nearly thirty years, brings to light the story of an interesting and successful career. When a young man and yet at home he decided to become a Sunday school worker, and, driven by the field for such in his own community was limited, he drifted away and organized relatives later that he had located in the state of Texas. Possessed with a remarkable voice he rapidly forged to the front as a "singing evangelist" and for nineteen years has traveled through the states of Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri and California, engaged in such work. He has also, in the meantime, become a voice and song writer of national note. While here he visited with his cousin, J. H. Chapman and also the notes of his brother-in-law, J. T. Chapman.

Mr. Douthitt was the organizer of the "Old Band and Glee Club" of 1877 and it is rather unusual that they are all still living. There were twelve in number and are as follows: Henry Horney, E. M. Douthitt, Hartfield, Lute Osborn, Walter Gunckel, Maine Brazer, Mike Rager, Nini Snyder, Mrs. Nicholson, Dandy Doyle, Will Gunckel, and Ed Osborn. He dedicated the following verse to his cousin, J. H. Chapman, to commemorate of his return:

"I'm Coming Back Again."

I am coming back to the old home, "Chat!"

If but for a night and a day:

To greet the boys of my old Glee Club
And to hear the old band play.

For I've wandered far from the old
place, "Chat!"

Twenty years have rolled by slow;
Since I left the scenes of Greensfork.

And the friends I used to know.

So call the old band together, "Chat!"

Those that there remain.

And all line up at the old depot.

To meet me at the train,
For I'm coming back to the old home,

"Chat!"

If but for a night and a day:

To greet the boys of my old Glee club
And to hear the old band play.

For I'm coming back to the old home,

"Chat!"

Mr. Douthitt leaves for his home

Thursday.

SELECT DEPOSITORY.

Trustees of Hagerstown Select Home Banks.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 1.—The news comes from a visit of a week to relatives at

the home of Mrs. Samuel Linsley.

Earl Steele is employed in a telegraph office at Sam Linsley, New Mex.

Mrs. Aaron Napier has returned

from a visit of a week to relatives at

the home of the corporation of Hagerstown.

Liberty.

CENTERVILLE, IND.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson

and their son, John, visited the

home of Mrs. Samuel Linsley.

Earl Steele is employed in a tele-

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