It was spring in the country. "How's sentiment out here?" asked a visiting politician.

"Still going strong," answered a farmer. "There were eight cars parked in my lane last night."

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Increase In Rabies In Foxes Threat to Humans and Animals

Because of a continuing epidemic of rabies in Central New York State, with similar, though less severe outbreaks in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Assemblyman Harold C. Ostertag, chairman of New York's Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation, has summoned an interstate conference of legislators and technical experts from the three states and from the Federal government. The conference, sponsored jointly with the Council of State Governments, and scheduled to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, next Wednesday, December 15, will seek to develop interstate machinery to check the spread of the disease.

While the conferees will be concerned in part with checking rabies in dogs, it's the little foxes to which most of their discussions will be devoted. In the past four years foxes have become the chief spreaders of rabies in New York State, more than 800 rabid foxes having been found since mid-1945. Interstate reports indicate, moreover, that rabid foxes are a plague throughtout the Appalachian region from New York to Florida. Not only have many children and adults been bitten by them as well as by rabid dogs, but in the past four years, New York State farmers have reported the destruction of approximately one thousand cattle, valued at a quarter of a million dollars, because of their depredations.

The current epidemic, the most severe ever recorded in New York State, first appeared in Chenango county and has now spread to 20 other counties. Intensive dog vaccination programs have sharply reduced the incidence of the disease among dogs, but the incidence in foxes continues to rise.

Bright Pupil

A class of boys had been studying physiology, and one day the master told them to write a composition on "The Spine."

Among the many papers sent in was the following: "The spine is a bunch of bones that runs up and down the back and holds the ribs. The skull sits on one end and I sit on the other."

Placing the Blame

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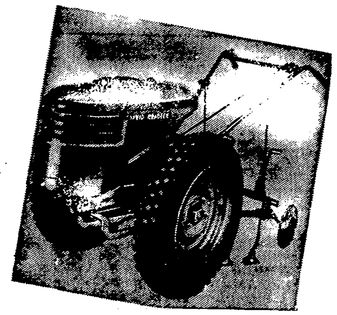

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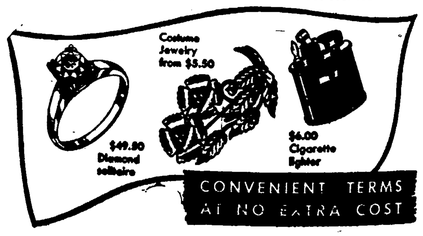

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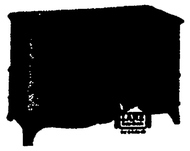

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Salt Sense

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A mixture of salt and soda, lightly dampened, is the best thing to remove yellow stains from enameled oven doors—Salt and turpentine will clean the bath tub and sink without scratching the surface.—When a flower vase is stained and has a bad odor, soak it in salt water.—Soiled handkerchiefs may be soaked in salt solution before washing.—If you soak perspiration stains in salt water before washing, all traces of odor will be eliminated.

Don't Blame the Potato

Potatoes are plentiful this year and you would be wise to serve them frequently. Which brings up the old myth that potatoes are fattening.

Potatoes aren't fattening in themselves. A serving of potatoes has about the same number of calories as a serving of peas. But when you smother them with rich, fat gravy, or spread them with large pats of butter, you are "putting on the pounds."

So—go easy on the extras, but don't shun the potato itself. It offers excellent food values at budget-balancing prices.

Smother the Flavor

If you don't like the flavor of the fat! saved from lamb roasts and chops, combine it with onions or mixed vegetables in soup. Or, it is particularly good as shortening in the crust for meat pie, spice cake, gingerbread or other highly flavored cakes and cookies.

Charm Can Be Yours

John Robert Powers, the famous model agent, says: "If you have charm, you don't need anything else (beauty included); and if you don't have charm, it doesn't matter what else you have."

Here is the Powers recipe for acquiring that indefinable but highly desirable attribute:

1.—Make the most of your hair and face.

2.—Strive for good posture and physical condition.

3.—Achieve grace in motion as well as in repose.

4.—Learn how to dress to suit your face, figure and complexion.

5.—Be able to speak in a well-modulated unaffected voice.

6.—Develop your mind as a vehicle of self-expression and attraction.

Mr. Powers adds that, despite the billions women will spend this year in search for beauty, they won't acquire that elusive quality called charm, [illegible] distinguished [illegible] tive fashion.

The implication are [illegible] that every woman [illegible] charm—if she works at it.

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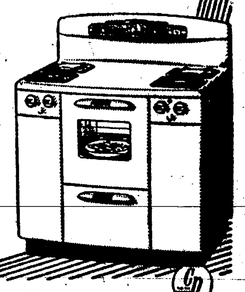

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