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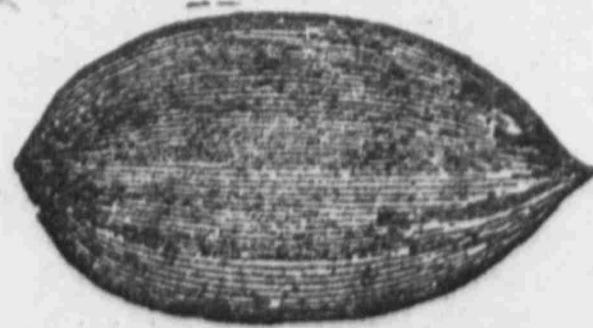
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Ockerman had left Owosso with a team of horses and a sleigh. He returned with a horse, a cow, a buggy and \$200 in cash. Despite such experiences they say the farmer's life is a lonely one and that he doesn't have any fun!—Detroit News.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREES.

Method of Planting Always Secures a Bountiful Supply.

Christmas comes but once a year and the Germans try to make the most of it. Of the 6,000,000 families of the Kaiser's empire it is said that 5,500,000 purchase Christmas trees. The trees usually are spruce, which grows in all parts of Germany. The planting and the cutting of trees is all under control of the Government officials, and it is thought that there is not now an evergreen growing in Germany that was not artificially planted.

In the initial stage the young plants are set in rows about four feet apart, with the plants one foot apart in the row. As the trees develop they gradually are thinned. When one foot high many are transplanted into pots and form miniature Christmas trees. But for this Yuletide market the forest plantings would have to be made further apart or the trees cut out in thinning while small ones would have to be thrown away. This thinning is continuous until the trees have attained a size suitable for sawing purposes.

The thinnings are used for fork and hoe handles, grapevine stakes, hop poles, bean poles, scaffolding, etc. The owner therefore does not have to await the maturity of his forest before realizing an income from it. In the economy of cultivating a forest every twig is saved, and even the leaves are raked up and sold. Old people and children find useful employment in doing such light and easy work and adding to the family income.—Chicago Tribune.

A Philadelphia physician claims that the lactic acid tablets now so much used for intestinal disorders are also helpful in the treatment of catarrh and other affections of the throat, ear and nasal passages.

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