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GOOD SUMMER: Being exceptionally hard pressed this week for material to fill this
READING :
-----: troublesome sheet, we refer our readers to the current issue of
Science wherein appears the second part of Dr. R. H. True's discussion on "The Economic Status of Scientific Men and Women." This contribution will make exceptionally entertaining summer reading because it gets down to a review of the salary situation and gives a comparison of salaries received by university and agricultural college staffs and the remuneration paid for positions demanding similar attainments in the U. S. Army and Navy, the U. S. Civil Service, and in industry. For those who are trying to discover where the money is coming from for the summer vacation or for the winter coal bill or the hundred and one other things that affect the "economic status" of the scientist, there may be some degree of comfort in discovering from Dr. True's enumeration that the commissioned personnel of the Army and Navy are struggling with exactly the same problems, except that those in the service can look forward to retirement on three-fourths pay. The agricultural college scale is appreciably lower than that paid for professional and scientific services rendered to the national government at Washington, the latter also providing a small retirement allowance. For all of the above groups, however, salaries are very much lower than those paid in industrial enterprises for all positions above the rank of "wage-earners". It would seem from an examination of the figures given for salaries paid to agricultural college faculties that the scale in New York State compares quite favorably with the average maximum for the twenty colleges included in the survey, while we would seem to enjoy a distinct advantage over the so-called "Average normal" salaries paid in similar institutions.

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MISS MACKENZIE: Miss Janet Mackenzie of Waterloo, Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs.
ON VISIT HERE:
-----: Hucker. Miss Mackenzie spent several months in Geneva a few years ago and has many friends among the Station and town folks.

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INSPECT DUST : Mr. Stewart and Mr. Gloyer made a trip to Medina yesterday to make
INJURY :
-----: a survey of injury to fruit trees in that territory reported to be due from a nearby factory.

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THE PRICE ON: Word has been received from the Comptroller's office in Albany that a
THE PEA BOOK: price of \$2.50 has been set on "The Peas of New York", the first part
-----: of Volume I of "The Vegetables of New York", recently delivered by
the State printer.

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VISIT : Mrs. Barsony, Dr. Dorner, and Mr. Hansen visited Niagara Falls over
NIAGARA : the week-end, and among other things witnessed initiation exercises
-----: on an Indian reservation near the Falls. Dr. Dorner is spending a few
days at the Station after which he will return to Bennington, N. Y., where he plans
to spend most of the summer in a Swiss cheese factory.

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VISITS : Miss Hoefle spent the week-end with Miss West in Rochester where the
MISS WEST : latter is now assistant to Dr. Baynes-Jones in the city health labora-
-----: tory at the University of Rochester.

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AMONG THOSE : Those reported on vacation at this time include Miss Sperry; Mr. Stree-
ON VACATION : ter, who has joined his family in Maine; and Mr. Parrott, who is en-
-----: tertaining his brother, Philip, and two daughters from Kansas City,
Mo.

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GLASSWARE : L. F. Nafis and wife of Chicago visited the Station last week, spend-
MAKER HERE : ing considerable time with members of the Dairy and Bacteriological
-----: Divisions. Mr. Nafis is a well-known manufacturer of dairy glass-
ware and supplies, particularly the material used in the Babcock butter fat test. All
glassware used for this purpose in this State, as well as that used in bacteriological
testing of milk, must meet certain standards and is tested in the Dairy Laboratory
here before going to the milk plant.

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NEVER TOO HOT: No, this is not a boost for California but is a reflection of an opin-
OR TOO COLD : ion expressed in a recent communication from Dr. Van Slyke to Mr.
-----: Clark regarding the weather in Honolulu. "As we receive word from
time to time of the trying winter and spring and of the still more
trying heat waves of summer," writes Dr. Van Slyke, "we are doubly glad to be here,
where no extreme of temperatures ever occur and where one can be perfectly comforta-
ble and happy. We continue to enjoy life here and never feel that we are out of the
world, even if we are 2,000 miles from the U. S. mainland. If I began to write of
the many delights of life here, I would have to write a book." All of which would
seem to project still further into the future the eventual return of the Van Slykes
to Geneva and its wide variety of climates.

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SPEAKING OF: "All this part of the country needs to become the garden spot of the
CLIMATE : world," said the real estate promoter, "is good people and water."
-----: "Huh!" replied the prospect, "that's all hell needs."

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ON 1000- : Dr. Horsfall started out yesterday with Dr. Whetzel of the College of
MILE TRIP : Agriculture on an automobile trip through northern New York to make
-----: an inspection of important vegetable and canning crop regions of that
territory. They expect to cover about 1,000 miles of State highways before they
return home.

TAME DUCK

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AND JUST BY :
WAY OF FILLER: "There are two tame ducks in our back yard,
-----: Dabbling in mud and trying hard
To get their share, and maybe more,
Of the overflowing barnyard store,
Satisfied with the task they're at,
Of eating and sleeping and getting fat.

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But whenever the free wild ducks go by
In a long line streaming down the sky,
They cock a quizzical, puzzled eye
And flap their wings and try to fly.

- 3 -

I think my soul is a tame old
Dabbling around in barnyard muck, duck,
Fat and lazy, with useless wings,
But at times, when the North wind sings
And the wild ones hurtle overhead,
It remembers something lost and dead,
and cocks a wary, bewildered eye,
And makes a feeble attempt to fly.
It's fairly content with the state it's
in,
But it isn't the duck it might have been.