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IN CASTLING about for the wherewithal to fill two pages of the NEWS we find almost complete unanimity among our several "correspondents" that the outstanding event of the week is Mr. Stewart's contribution of popcorn. Not since the days when he was gathering material for the famous popcorn bulletin has there been such an abundance of fragrant, fluffy popcorn as during the past week. The occasion for renewed activity with popcorn is the testing of the several popcorn varieties grown by Mr. Hall and Mr. Hawthorn in their variety testing work. Mr. Stewart has undertaken to discover any special varietal differences in the popping qualities of the different sorts. The cooperation of almost the entire staff in helping him arrive at a correct conclusion is almost touching, says Mr. Stewart, if it were not for the fact that the congestion in his laboratory becomes so great at times as almost to put a stop to activities. Some "experimental" popcorn has even found its way over to Jordan Hall for which we are duly grateful, and it is with real regret that we learn from Mr. Stewart that today's labors will about complete his observations for this season.

DR. BREED addressed the Lewis Street Home and School Club last night on the subject of the city milk supply and its inspection.

DR. CONN attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Biological Stains in Rochester yesterday.

DR. R. A. DUTCHER, head of the Department of Chemistry at Pennsylvania State College is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher.

DR. THATCHER and Dr. Carpenter attended the address of Dr. Willstätter of the University of Munich at Cornell last Monday.

MR. AND Mrs. Leon Streeter are receiving congratulations on the arrival last Sunday of Joyce Lincoln. Joyne and her mother are doing very nicely, thank you.

MR. VAN ESELTINE hopes to be able to move his family to Geneva within the next few days. They will occupy Dr. Hedrick's residence on Castle Street.

ONE OF the outstanding social events of the week was a luncheon for Miss Mary Darrow given last Monday by her associates in the Biology Building.

NEW white uniforms with shiny nickeled buttons have been received by the Dairy Department.

THE Station can boast of two prize-winning ad-writers in the persons of Miss Sperry and Miss Hogan, both of whom have carried off prizes in the Geneva TIMES ad-writing contests.

A GLASSES case found in the Library may be had by the owner by calling at the Editor's office.

DR. THATCHER and Dr. Dutcher expect to attend the sessions of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology which open for a three-day program tomorrow. Dr. Anderson is coming from New Haven to give a paper on "Lipoids of the Tubercle Bacilli" on Saturday morning.

THE STATION quoits team once more fell before their Acrehurst opponents last Monday evening. Captain Brown declined to make any statement when asked for an explanation of his team's behavior.

'TIS SAID there is nothing new under the sun, and now a dairy journal has recently come forth with the following bit of information about "dry skim milk" which is generally regarded as a rather modern development of the dairy industry:

In a new translation of the travels of Marco Polo, referring to various customs of the Tartars in 1298, Marco Polo says, "When the Service, that is the Military Service, is distant, they carry but little with them. They make a provision of milk thickened and dried to a state of paste, which is prepared in the following manner. They boil the milk and skim off the rich or creamy part as it rises to the top, put into a separate vessel as butter, for so long as that remains in, the milk will not become hard. The latter is then exposed to the sun until it dries. On going into the service, they carry with them about 10 pounds for each man and of this, one-half pound is put every morning in a leathern bottle with as much water as is thought necessary. By their motion in riding, the contents are violently shaken and a thin porridge is produced, on which they make their dinner."

MR. HARLAN brings in the following: Three messenger boys are in financial straits. Messenger No. 45 owes No. 98 three cents; No. 98 owes No. 74 two cents; and No. 74 in turn owes No. 45 two cents. No. 45 carries a message and receives a coin in return as a tip. This he paid on account to No. 98, and this one coin is made to square all accounts. What was the coin and how was settlement made? Ten minutes should be the outside limit on this problem to rate Grade A in a mental test, says Mr. Harlan.