# Health and Cleanliness.

No disense ever vet made its appearance that was not the result of a violation of one or more of nature's laws; and one of these laws very frequently disregarded is that demanding cleanliness. We may obey sanitary laws to the letter as regards outward cleanliness by ablutions, and yet be unclean in what we cut or drink. In these latter cases, we are to a great extent the victims of cirsumstances over which we have no control, and often over which no person has, ulthough man's rapacity and greed for money is frequently manifest here. As the result of uncleanliness in what we drink, we may almost positively attri-bute the annual scourge of typhoid fever, which comes, to a greater or less degree, overy autumn, and leaves behind it mourning everywhere. The health commissioner of New York city has been at considerable pains to collect evidence about this disease, and the facts he presents are appalling. We may gain some idea of the vast harvest of sickness and death which this reaper annually gath-ers from the fact that between 100,000 and 150,000 people annually suffer from this disease in England alone. It will be remembered that Prince Albert fell a victim to it, and recently the heir-apparent was prostrated under its remorseless So much for its extent and virugrasp. Now a few words as to its cause. ence. The health commission has investigated the disease thoroughly, and says, though it has long been enveloped in obscurity, it is now well known among the most intelligent medical men that it is one of the so-called "filth diseases" of modern sanitary writers. Its most ordinary exciting cause is air, or drinking water befouled with excremental matters. \_ It is also quite certain that a person suffering from this fever may himself infect the air of his room or the water which receives his excreta with germs of the disease, so as to transmit it to others. A single case may thus be the fruitful source of a widespread epidemic. To illustrate this the commissioner gives several illustrations. In a small German settlement in the upper part of New York city, there was a severe outbreak of dysentery and typhoid fever. A physician, called to attend some of the cases, set to work to find out the cause. On inquiry as to the water supply, he was directed to a spring on low ground in the midst of the settlement, so situated as to receive surface drainage. The water was pure and sparkling to the sight and taste, and was loudly praised by the owner of the spring. A quantity put in a bottle and allowed to stand a few hours century been allowed to remain empty. threw down a thick sediment of most offensive matter, which, on being tested, the rental value of the property being was found to be as purely excrement as if it had been taken from a privy. The in Stamford street, at the corner of Hatpeople ceased to use this water, and the field street, which was formerly let for pidemic ceased at once. While visiting at a house in an interior village, noted than forty years. The various premises

gular breaking out of the disease. On visiting the locality, the house was found situated on an elevation, and all its sur- port that a 'ghost' had been seen walkroundings were admirably arranged for ing about some of the rooms. Their statement that there had not been a case of sickness in the honse for twelve years. But he soon unravelled the riddle. He large fortune, and he, through a mere found that a few weeks before the fever whim, determined not to let any portion appeared the pump in the well broke, and the farmer, being driven with work, neglected to have it repaired. Meantime the servant brought the water from a spring at the foot of the hill, which obeyed, and at the death of his widow soon became low, owing to the drought.

from this source the family were supplied

notes, it was found that the young adventurer had already seen a great deal more of that city than Mr. Dallas had, although for some time a resident there. The introduction to the Emperor took place in this manner. The young man wrote a note to the Emperor acquainting him with the strong desire he had for a private interview, and mentioned his particular purpose. Soon after this he was waited on by a person who asked him if he was the American gentleman who desired to see the Emperor. "I am," was the answer. "Come, then, with me, and your wish shall be gratified." The American was conducted into a small room in the palace, the Emperor's cabinet, probably, where sat a middle-aged gentleman who asked the same question, and being answered in the af-firmative, said, "I am the Emperor." The conversation proceeded, but the Emperor not finding himself over-fluent in English, said to the young man, "Come with me and I will present you to the Empress, who speaks English much better than I;" and taking him into another room introduced him to the family circle. The American and the Empress were soon engaged in an animated conit dies. versation. "You have no servants in America," said the Empress. "Pardon me, we have many," was the reply. "Yes, but you do not call them by that name; you call them help." "Ah!" said the Yankee, shaking his finger at her Imperial Majesty, "You have been reading Mrs. Trolloppe." "So she has," interrupted the Emperor, and they all laughed in chorus. Meantime the acorn was not forgotten, but duly delivered the young man was afterwards allowed free access to the imperial family circle, was provided with an intelligent guide in a military uniform, who was to show him everything worth seeing in St. Petersburg, and was afterwards sent at the exactly. imperial expense to travel post through the empire wherever his curiosity might

lead him. The acorn, it seems, was duly to parts of Germany in which milch planted and germinated and became a cows are harnessed to wagons, and retree. In token of the truth of this, if we quired to work like oxen, I was curious may receive the words of the Boston o see what was the effect of such habits Traceller as authentic, some leaves and a of labor upon the lacteal system, and its little twig from it are deposited in the outward manifestation. Continued from cabinet of the Boston Historical Society. generation to generation, such treatment would naturally show its results in a

## "Haunted Houses" in London.

modification of the organizations for giving milk, and the visible marks of the A London paper says : "A great deal same. This I found actually to be the of curiosity has been excited for a long case in all of this class of animals which period in reference to a number of large came under my observation. None of them had well-developed udders, or large ouses in Stamford street (Blackfriars) Snowhill, Newington, and other parts milk veins, and in no single case did I find a good milk mirror, or escutcheon. On the contrary, the mirrors were invaand suffered to get into a ruinous state, riably imperfect, exceedingly defective ones. This great beauty in a milch cow. and sure sign of the possession of great dairy qualities, was well nigh bred out of the animals, and in the place of it they had acquired a good degree of the physical strength and beery look of £100 per annum, has been empty more for its healthfulness, he was interested in the history of what seemed to be a sin-houses, and crowds have collected occa-tending to corroborate the doctrine of sionally round them, particularly the Guinon respecting the mirror, or eshouses in Stamford street, upon the recutcheon, as a visible sign of dairy capacity. I believe his views in the main to be correct, and to be of great impor-One could readily believe the real history appears to be this: The tance to all persons interested in breedproperty originally belonged to a soliciing the improved races of cattle. I have ter named Reed, a man possessed of a in my herd of Jerseys a family of females, numbering nine, and embracing three generations of cattle, each one of of this property. He died some five and the animals having been sired by a different bull, with a single exception, and twenty years ago, leaving, it is said, strict injunctions to his widow to carry each one of which possesses a perfect milk mirror. It is a family of superior milkers and butter-makers; and the same injunctions were given to the full mirror seems to be so well estab-He then resorted to a small brook, and daughter, until her death, which took lished that no change of bulls can breed place a short time ago rather suddenly. it out of them .- Cor. Country Gentleman.

## AGRICULTURAL.

# Pure Water.

The value of pure water as a sanitary agent cannot be well over estimated. Especially should great care be bestowed AGE OF A Cow .- The age of a cow is known by the teeth and horns. This animal is furnished with eight cutting upon the selection of the water that is teeth in the lower jaw; at the age of ten months the two middlemost of these fall while in many cases really excellent waout, and are replaced by others that are ter is readily accessible, it is also the not so white, but broader; at the age of ease that much of the water that finds sixteen months, the two next milk-white its way into our hodies is very unfit for teeth fall out likewise, and others come that purpose.

The great cvil in the case of most kinds of water is the presence of organic up in their room ; thus, at the end of every six months, the creature loses and gains, till at the age of three years all matter; in other words, dead and decay-the cutting teeth are renewed, and then ing animal and vegetable matter has ing animal and vegetable matter has they are long, pretty white, and equal; but in proportion as the animal advances found its way into it. In the country, where the supply of water is obtained from a spring bubbling from a hill-side, in years, they become irregular and black, their inequalities become smooth-er, and the animal less capable of chew-ing its food. Thus, the cow often deand constantly changing, this difficulty does not prevail to any great extent. But in thickly peopled districts, where wells are sunk beneath the surface, we clines from this single cause ; for, as it is obliged to eat a great deal to support often find find water so impure that it life, and as the smoothness of the teeth

produces disease. This is especially the case where wells makes the difficulty of chewing great, a sufficient quantity of food cannot be supnd cesspools are in proximity to each plied to the stomach. Thus, the poor animal sinks in the midst of plenty, and other. It is a generally received idea that after water has been filtered through every year grows leaner and leaner till a thick layer of soil it becomes purified from all organic matter, and that this is

The horns are another and surer methtrue to a certain extent there can be no od of determining the animal's age. At doubt. But it often happens that liquids three years old, a very slight external highly charged with organic matter will flow through fissures in the ground for a ford's Liver Invigorator.-A purely Vegetable Cathartic and Tonic-for Dyspepsia, Constipation, Debility, Sickshell coating falls off the places where the horns are about rising. At four years of age the cow has small, pointed, much of their impurities. neat, smooth horns, thickest near the

Alderman Mechi tells us that after a heavy application of liquid manure to his fields the drains that are situated head; at five the horns become larger, and are marked around with the former year's growth. Thus, while the animal three or four feet below the surface alcontinues to live, the horns continue to ways discharge large volumes of highly colored liquid. If this be the case under lengthen, and every year a new ring is added to the root; so that, allowing circumstances that would seem to afford three years before their appearance, and the very best conditions for perfect filtrathen reckoning the number of rings, we tion, what must be the result where the have, in both together, the animal's age distance that the sewerage has to pass is not very great, and where it constantly the other oils in market.

flows through the same fissures or channels. THE MILK MIRROR .- In a recent visit

their

# The Clerk's Story.

When I used to tend store at Syracuse the old man came around one day, and said he-

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One night Jonah woke me up with-" By Jo, old fellow, if you think that re's got cotton in it I'll bring down the sheep it was cut from and make him own his own wool. 'Twon't wear out, either; wore a pair of pants of that stuff five cears, and they are as good now as when I first put them on. Take it at thirty cents and I'll say you don't owe me anything. Eh, too dear? Well, call it twenty-eight cents. What d'ye say? Shall I tear it ? All right, it's a bargain.'

I could feel Jonah's hand playing bout the bed clothes for an instant, then rip tear went something or other, and I hid my head under the blankets, perfectly convulsed with laughter, and sure that Jonah had tore the best sheet from top to bottom. When I awoke the next orning I found that the back of my

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### An Acorn Become a Tree.

When the Russian Grand Duke Alexis was in Boston, visiting the rooms of the "Historical Society, and was about to de-part, Admiral Possiet, who was with him, took from his pocket, as the Boston Traveller reports, a small envelope and handed it to Mr. Winthrop, observing that it might, perhaps, be thought of sufficient interest to entitle it to appear in the Society's cabinet. The envelope was opened and disclosed three oak leaves and a little twig. An inscription in Russian explained that these were from an oak tree in St. Petersburg, which grew from an acorn planted by the Emperor of Russia, who received it from George Summer, who took it from an oak overshadowing the tomb of Washington, at Mount Vernon. This circumstance may recall to the memory of a few of our readers the anecdote which the late George Dallas, our minister at St. Petersburg some twenty-five or thirty years since, used to tell of the acorn and its bearer.

Mr. Dallas was called upon, as he related, by a young American, who said that he desired much to see the Emperor of Russia, as he had brought an acorn, the fruit of a tree growing by the tomb of Washington, which he wished to present him. Mr. Dallas said he could not possibly undertake to obtain for him a private audience from the Emperor with so little occasion for it. "Well," said the young man, "I am determined to him at any rate." "Have a care," 800 replied Mr. Dallas, "or you may get yourself into an unpleasant scrape. If you do, I will not undertake to help you out of it." "I shall see him at all events," was the young man's answer, and he took his leave. Shortly afterwards Mr. Dallas met him in company with a man wearing a military uniform. "Well," said the young man, "I have seen the Emperor." "Yes, and have got into difficulty; you are under arrest I see; you remember what I said about difficulty is solution in the set of the castle is solution. That there in the edge of Leominster. That buildin' there" (the castle) "is Squire Jones's solutions of the set of the helping you out of any scrape you might get yourself into." "Oh, you mean that man; why, he is my officer." "Your officer." "Yes, he is the officer whom the Emperor directed to go with me and show me anything that I might like to Nashua in particular found an excellent see in St. Petersburg." On comparing | carriage and sign painter.

relation to the property will, in all probability, now be changed, and the state will be put to some useful purpose. The habits of the deceased lady were most penurious. She resided in one of the houses in Stamford street, her only establishment consisting of one old woman; and the residence of the 'old miser,' as she was generally termed, could easily be recognized by its dirty and dilapidated appearance. Periodically the two old women would make a visit to the other houses in the street the time chosen being generally evening. With lantern in hand they would go through the different rooms of the large and ruinous buildings, and these visits gave rise, no doubt, to the 'ghost' runors that were rife, and were the cause of the crowds assembling to see the light gleaming from the windows. Almost immediately after the death became known it appears that\_persons claiming to be the heirs-at-law of the deceased took possession of the house where she resided, and among the strange rumors that are afloat in reference to the subject is one that a sum of money amounting to nearly £20,000 was found hoarded in different parts of the house, and con-

cealed in all manner of out-of-the-way places. At first it was rumored that the deceased had died without making a and its kindred parsuits, in utility, is the will, but it has since been stated that a limit of human intelligence." testimentary document has been discov-ered. It will, perhaps, be reccollected that a few years ago some persons took forcible possession of one of the houses in Stamford street, and set up some claim to the property; but it was shown that they had no legal title, and they were forcibly ejected by order of a magistrate. Since then the whole of the property has remained in the same condition as before."

THE PAINTER'S QUIETUS .- An agtist in Nashua, N. H., not long ago, was doing his best at a sunset on the Rhine. A magnificent old castle occupied a prominent position in the picture, behind which, it is supposed, the glorious orb of day had just disappeared, giving the rocks, hills and dales that picturesque twilight which is so much admired by lovers of nature. As its rays fell upon the placid sheen of the Rhine its reflections sparkled like molten silver. The artist surveyed his work in general outline, in blending and shading, laid down his pallet and brush, and was congratulating himself on the success of his masterpiece, when a counryman, who, unnoticed, had been reviewing the picture from behind, remarked, with a measured

tone: "Well, I swan, that looks nat'ral." " Ah, indeed !" replied the artist, looking at the speaker, who certainly had on the other side of the wall. Imagin not the appearance of having travelled a great distance beyond the barnyard. Do you recognize it?" "Recognize it? I guess I do. Been

(the shimmering Rhine) "is the soap-suds that comes from it."

There was an artist's studio to rent next day, and Raphæl lost a talented fol-

GENTLEMEN FARMERS.-A correspon-dent of the New York Farmers' Club makes this spirited and truthful defence of his order. He says: "The ambition to be a 'gentleman,' with no knowledge of the true meaning of the term, is taking from the farm those who should m ke our best farmers, and it is leading thousands of our young men to their ruin in our towns and citics. I am a poor man, a farmer, and, I hope, a gen-tleman. Fifteen years of my life was passed in the 'classic atmosphere' of a printing office, and before the war I published a paper. I have lived much in towns and citics, and know something of culture and refinement. I maintain that there is no better place in the world for a gentleman than on a farm. All the appliances of culture a gentleman needs desire are within his reach. There is no such thing as being 'forced into associations and companionships' outside of one's own home; and there is no labor connected with a farm which can at all degrade or demoralize a man of culture and refinement, providing he owns the land he tills. To all I would say, adopt farming if your tastes or inclinations lead this way. It always was 'the most respectable of vocations,' and the only limit to the development of it

FRUIT GARDEN.—Pruning of fruit trees, when required, should be pro-ceeded with at favorable opportunities. We write when required, for in our climate more injury is done by the knife than by the neglect to use it. Goose-berries, for instance, are usually ruined

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ing some one had called to him, he cried 'Here," and turned his ear-trumpet in the direction of the wall. The milkman, in his hurry, took the trumpet for the servant's pail, and delivered a quart

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