I'll tell you how it came about. The postmaster here resigned, and, with the aid of a graveyard recommendation, I succeeded him. It's nobody's business if I did rob the tombstones for names for my petition; and I can't see why the relatives of the defunct chaps won't quit throwing it up to a

Well, I wrote P. M. after my name. Mrs. Lipmuck embraced me with the tenderness of a she-bear when I rushed into the room waving my petition over my head; and my appointment brought sundry other hugs. I was a happy man.

Mrs. L. and I sat up till midnight writing my name with P. M. after it. O, it looked grandly! I wouldn't have swapped it for Pres., L. L. D., or A. B. The next day I entered upon the discharge of my duties.

Immediately upon his successor (which was me) being qualified, the ex-P. M. left, and I was left alone. The mail came, and I distributed it thus wise: My motto has always been "First come first served," and I acted upon it to the best of my knowledge. I gave a lasted, and then I commenced on the papers.
Wife said the thing would act like a

charm. Under the old regime some people never got a letter, while now the first person in the office, after the distribution of the mail, would get the biggest, fattest letter that came.

The idea was original, and I prided

myself on its invention. The Lipmuck brain was over fertile. The morning following "mail day" I

left my house for the post-office—the even the necessary amount to keep its attainment of long-cherished ambition. As I turned a corner I discovered two well-known citizens about to test the virtue in clenched hands.

I never wrote a letter to your wife," vociferated one.
"You lie" yelled the other; "your

letter yesterday was handed to me. My wife is in Birmingham, and wrote a sweet letter to you. Lipmuck's noble motto of 'First come first served' placed it in my hands." And a moment later at it they went.
I hurried on.

I had just entered the P. O. when a

woman rushed into the building.
"You villain!" she yelled, knocking my letter to Mag Fastongue, the bigtelling everywhere that I've been writing to a married man."

hair as I could a week ago. Scarcely had my persecutor left when a crowd rushed into the office. The Methodist preacher headed it. I think he swore as he crossed the thresh-

"Villain," he yelled, "you gave Bird Lyre one of my letters, and he's blowing everywhere that I've got a wife in New York and another in Maine." "Kill him! kill him!" yelled those

behind him. I saw a dozen fists and clubs nearing me, and I retreated.

would be executed.

I'm in another town.

served" stands at the goal of my late Rural New Yorker.

face, and, through my brief official career, nine men walk on crutches, and four women have spoiled faces. And I? Why, my cranium is hairless, and I dare not go back to Skull-

town on pain of death. My ambition is satisted now, and I

benzine in the world.

To Shave Scientifically.

"Always wipe your razor clean, and strop it before putting it away; and by grazing animals. Remember that a always put your shaving brush away potato field which gives but 100 bushels with the lather on it.

"The razor (being only a very fine saw) should be moved in a sloping or and to throw out the beard.

of a razor in stropping it soon rounds it; agent than it loses one year with pota-the pressure should be directed to the toes. back, which should never be raised from the strop. If you shave from heel to point of the razor, strop it from point to heel; but if you begin with the point

"If you only once put away your razor without stropping it, or other-wise perfectly cleaning the edge, you must no longer expect to shave well and easy, the soap and damp so soon rust the

fine teeth and edge.

"A piece of soft plate-leather should always be kept with razors, to wipe them with."

If it comes to a question of classical lore or bread and butter, most people the choice may seem; but there appears to be a man in Boone County, Ky., whose Latin, and other ancient erudition, while his family lives in want, or is supplied with necessaries by their neighbors. The man, himself, neglects all creature comforts for the sake of study. The gross and unappreciative people of Kentucky think him crazy.

there was an inexhaustible supply of water, at least in the kitchen. A house without water-works ought to be con-

### AGRICULTURAL.

BRAN FOR STOCK .- Again I say, save or procure a supply of bran and mid-dlings. In answer to an inquiry some time since in regard to the value of the manure from a ton of hay, I made the statement that experiment had demonstrated that the manure from bran was more valuable than that from the same amount of weight of any of our common cereals—hay, straw or vegetables. I will make a few remarks on the value of bran as food and medicine for stock. I know it is spoken of and recommended by many, but it is not held in that degree of estimation to which it is entitled, nor used in the place, nor in the manner, its qualities would be likely to render it

of the most value. If you will go to the trouble of examining a table of its chemical analysis, and compare it with other articles of feed in common use, you will perhaps be able to form some conclusions when, and in what quantity, it will be a valuable addition to the other feed being used, in order to make up some deficiency, or counterbalance some excess of ingredients in the other more common

articles of feed. It is an invaluable article for feeding young, growing animals, presenting the necessary ingredients for the growth and strengthening of the frame. Wherethe best of my knowledge. I gave a as, with too rich a feed, a great portion letter to each caller as long as they of it would pass off in the excrements, and the system become clogged with exassimilated for want of a proportionate amount of bone and muscle-forming sub-stance. And with it, you can obviate the necessity of going to the other extreme, as a great many do, and leave them on bulky feed which contains very little of either him or her, and of which the animal is not able to eat and digest sufficient to make much growth in either fat, blood or bones, and sometimes not

It is the very thing to bring up a poor animal into a sufficient condition for reeeiving richer feed.

It is the very thing to tone down the levered and clogged system, resulting fatty substances.

It will add tone and digestion to the weakened stomach, and vigor to the dull and stupid frame.

In the hands of a feeder who will pay of their system, and who will use some in 1872.—Chicago Tribune. judgment, it can be made to render as effectual service in the cure and prevenmy hat to the floor, and burying her tion of disease, as blue-mass and gruel eagle talons in my hair. "You gave soup in the hands of the medical profession. And like the gruel soupest old slanderer in town. And she's which, if it or something equivalent to it, was administered at the proper time, g to a married man."

Well, I now can't boast of as much cure or prevention, without the necessity of resorting to the use of the blue-massso bran can be made to check or prevent disease, and thus obviate the necessity of using powders, drenchings, etc., and thus divert the danger and debilitating ffects attending their use.

For those who cook their coarse feed, or who give a liberal allowance of roots, its use would not be so much required. But I write this for the masses of the people, who neither cook their feed, nor yet feed roots, and with whom its use is most neglected, who yearly ship their shipstuff, or feed it injudiciously to get "Hang the scoundrel ." eried the wo- it out of the road; leaving the young man; and I feared that the command animals to become stinted on coarse feed, ould be executed.

I went through the window, and now carbon, their fattening ones to become diseased, and their sickly ones to die, all whose motto ain't "First come first digestible ingredients of their feed.—Cor.

in our potato crop during the past 20 years," and made the following explana-

tion regarding the causes of the falling I have a field of potatoes upon my farm which I expect will yield 300 bushels to the acre, which may be regarded as an old-fashioned crop. I know that have discharged that motto, "First tubers and tops at least 400 pounds of this crop will remove from the soil in potash. I am also certain it will reost-office.

I wouldn't be a P. M. again for all the move 150 pounds of phosphoric acid. Now these amounts are very large, and great consumer of the two substances; and also, it shows that in order to re-As men continue to shave and to be store our potato fields to their former shaved (a practice which some regard as productive condition, we must supply to the acre requires at least 160 pounds of potash, but by allowing the tops to decay upon the field, 60 pounds of this is sawing direction, and held nearly flat to restored to the soil again, as that amount your face, care being taken to draw the is contained in them. A medium crop kin as tight as possible with the left of potatoes requires twice as much phoshand, so as to present an even surface, phoric acid as a medium crop of wheat, so that in two years with wheat, the "The practice of pressing on the edge land is deprived of no more of the

WATER IN THE HOUSE.-Let nobody be deterred from bringing water into his house by any fears of failure and perin shaving, then strop it from heel to plexity. You might just as well stop point. cause it is subject to derangement, as to refuse the circulation of water in the house because, now and then, a pipe overflows, and your frescoes are ruined. Good workmen will prevent gr any such accident, but if they cannot, give up your frescoes; do not give up your life blood. When I see the farmhouses, the dairies, the kitchens, whose only source of supply is the well in the yard, or the hogshead at the back door, and think how life would be lengthened would choose the latter, unworthy as and sweetened if all this heavy, and hard and slow water-bringing could be supplanted by the turn of a screw, I soul is above providing for the vulgar wonder that we do not manage to introduce it, somehow, into our marriage all his time in the study of Greek and contracts. What an increase of vital force would ensue; what a diminished demand for divorce; what a strengthening and up-building of the family bond, if a girl should refuse to marry until

sidered as incomplete as a house without doors, and as incomplete in the country as in the city.—Gail Hamilton.

### Chicago Since the Fire.

The effect of the fire upon the population has been much less than was expected, and much less than it would probably have been upon the population of any other city. In June, 1871, our population was 298,977, according to the national census. In October, over 100,-000 were driven from their homes, and many thousand of these were deprived of their ordinary means of employment. Nevertheless, the exodus which contin-ued for a few weeks has been compensated by the return of fugitives and by the new migration hither, and the close of the year saw Chicago with a population hardly reduced from what it was when the fire took place.

The greatest loss was in our manufactures; the want of machinery postponed the resumption of this branch of ness longer than others, but at this time nearly all branches of manufacture in operation here before the fire have been resumed, most of them on a scale of increased magnitude, while others formerly unknown have begun, and find themselves engaged in a prosperous and growing

The extent of the grain trade for 1871 shows how little the means of carrying on this business was impaired by the fire. Though six elevators, containing a million and a half bushels of grain, cess of fatty matter, which could not be and having a storage capacity of two millions and a half of bushels, were destroyed, the receipts of grain and their successful storage have been unprecedented. Never in the history of Chicago was there such an aggregate of grain in store as at the present time. The receipts of grain, including flour, for the year 1871, reached the aggregate of 83,-518,202 bushels, the highest figures of any previous year being in 1868, when they reached 69,680,233 bushels. The increase in live stock over previous years has also been great. The number of hogs packed during the season is 1,113,963, against 856,560 to same date of last year. Our receipts and shipments of lard, meats, seeds, wool, salt, and from colds, or an excess in feeding rich, lumber, and of nearly all other articles, were also largely in excess of last year. The foreign trade of the city has largely increased. The establishment of a direct line of propellers hence to Montreal, to connect with European steamers, was sufficient attention to the condition of his animals to detect any irregularities line of business promises great expansion

#### Insignificance of the Earth.

M. Reclus, a celebrated astronomical astronomer on some other planet exploring the immensity of space, this planet we inhabit, owing to its small size, might readily clude his intelligent view.

The sun is 1,255,000 times larger; and yet that enormous mass is only a speek
—a mere point, which seems lost amid eighteen millions of stars which are discoverable by instruments in the Milky

Way.
What an incomprehensible organ the human brain, to have ascertained such astounding facts, and demonstrated the

#### laws which govern universal nature! Pain and its Panacea.

While pain is a condition of humanity, every effort to ameliorate its intensity, or remove the predisposing cause, merits our warmest gratitude, our careful consideration, and its success our frank acknowledgment. There is a peculiarity about the sensation called pain which is of infinite service. It is a premoni-I'm an ex-P. M. now, and a chap whose motto ain't "First come first digestible ingredients of their feed.—Cor. let be removed white the cause exists. Remove the cause and the effect will cease, en-deavor to cover up the effect, and the cause will be intensified, the anguish temporarily con-My brief P. M.-ship has not been unproductive of results. That M. Expreacher has left his charge, and a New York woman is hunting him. Twenty-six divorces stare our next court in the and are retired as unworthy of public approval. There are others which time tries but to en-hance their value, to endorse and spread abroad their usefulness, and common humanabroad their usenthiess, and common numauity, the public, is a perpetual gainer by their extended popularity and expanded sales. Of these, perhaps, there are no such two notable instances as the Davis Pain-Killer and Allen's Luag Balsam. The Pain-Killer may be styled Cundurango bark hereafter, Messrs. Bliss, the mathematic, of medicine, for it never the mathematics of medicine, for it never makes a mistake, its mollifying influence pervades the system, and only one trial is requi-Now those amounts are very large, and serve to show that the potato plant is a nations of the earth admit its value, accept its faine, and benefit by its use. It is no flat-tery to compare it to the sovereign balm spoken of in the Holy Writ, for pain files from its presence, as night is dissipated by the rising sun. Externally, internally, and eternally it so celebrated an authority as Mr. Mechi:

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Editorial notices are so common that t is almost impossible for an editor to express his honest opinion of the merits of any article, without being suspected of interested motives. This fact, how-ever, shall not deter us from saying what we think of a new addition to the Materia Medica to which our attention has been recently directed. We refer to Dr. J. Walker's California Vinegar Bit-TERS, a remedy which is making its way into more families just now, than all the other advertised medicines put together. Its popularity, as far as we can judge, is not based on empty pretension. There seems to be no question about the potency of its tonic and alterative properties, while it possesses the great negative re-commendation of containing neither alcohol nor mineral poison. That it is a specific for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, and many complaints of nervous origin, we have reason to know : and we are assured on good authority that as a general invigorant, regulating and purifying medicine, it has no equal It is stated that its ingredients, (obtained from the wilds of California,) are new to the medical world; and its extraordinary effects certainly warrant the conclu sion that it is a compound of agents hitherto unknown. If popularity is any criterion, there can be no doubt of the efficiency of the VINEGAR BITTERS, for the sale of the article is immense and continually increasing.

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