

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Medical Hints.

BOILED FLOUR FOR INFANTS.—Take a pound of fine flour and tie it in a linen cloth as tight as possible; after frequently dipping in cold water, dredge the outside with flour till a crust is formed round it, which will prevent the water soaking into it while boiling. Then boil it until it becomes a hard, dry mass. Grate two or three spoonfuls of this and prepare it as you would arrowroot, for which it is an excellent substitute.

HEADACHE.—The administration of a brisk purgative, or a small dose of Epsom salts, twice a day, is a most effectual remedy for frontal headache when combined with a cathartic but not the bowels to regular, the morbid processes on which it depends seem to be checked, and the headache removed more effectively by nitrohydrochloric acid or by alkalies, given before meals. If the headache be immediately above the eyebrows the acid is best; if below, the alkalis are higher up, just where the hair begins, the alkalies appear to be more effectual. At the same time that the headache is removed, the feeling of sleepiness and weariness which frequently leads the patients to complain that they rise up more tired than they lie down, generally disappears.

CHILLY SLEEPING ROOMS.—An ergonomic idea seems to prevail in regard to the healthfulness of cold sleeping apartments. It is often asserted that they should be cold in order to be healthy. In alluding to this medical journal states that a moderate amount of heat is needed in winter time. There is no advantage in going to bed in a cold room, nor in sleeping in a cold room, nor in getting up and dressing in a cold room. Persons may survive it, may not live healthily by it. To have the chill taken off the air on going to bed, and when dressing, is comfortable and healthful. A room under forty-five degrees is a cold room for a sleeping apartment, and sleeping in an indoor atmosphere lower than that is always hurtful and positively pernicious, for the simple reason that such a temperature causes the carbonic acid gas of a sleeping apartment to condense and settle in the lower part of the room, where it is breathed into the lungs, with all its pernicious results.

Farm Hints.

A hog should never be fattened for food without being fed on charcoal to purify the meat. It is an assertion, that with a little salt and charcoal hogs would never be affected with cholera and trichinae.

In a portion of Denmark, where one-fifth of the land is cultivated to clover, the vitality of the seed is tested by placing a quantity on a knife blade, and heating it under a lighted candle. The good seed will pop open and pop off, while the worthless remains and carbonizes on the blade.

A Missourian farmer, while admitting the value of other grasses and clover, thinks red top is the best grass for summer pasturing. It is found that it will stand drought better than any other grass, it is well adapted to tenacious clay soils, and will thrive on wet lands better than most varieties.

E. S. Dyer, of Vermont, says he once raised thirty-two pounds of Early Rose potatoes from four ounces of seed, but he used manure extravagantly, spading it in.

How to Work.

The American Agricultural says: As order is kept by having a place for everything, and keeping everything in its place, so work succeeds best when it is rightly done, and at the right time. There is a best and a worst way of doing everything, and a best and a worst time for doing it. One who has well considered his season's work and has planned all that has to be done will go right; one labor will succeed another with regularity, and each will be well done. Every job should tell. There should be no making holes and filling them up again on a farm; no hand-work where machines can be used; no small weeds left to grow large; no manure kept waiting to be hauled or baked in the sun while crops are starving for it; no work done twice over; no cattle starved or allowed to suffer and fill, to be restored at a greater cost than they are worth; everything should be ahead, and work must be driven and not allowed to drive. The head must guide the hands always.

Household Hints.

TO REMOVE PIMPLES FROM CLOTHING.—Equal parts of turpentine and spirits of ammonia will take out the spots from any kind of clothing, no matter how old and dry and hard it may be. Saturate the spot with the liquid, perhaps two or three times, till the paint is soft, then wash out all with soap suds.

CORN CAKES WITHOUT EGGS.—Three cups of buttermilk, three of corn meal, one of wheat flour, one tablespoonful of salt, two of sugar, one level of soda; dissolve the soda in a little water, mix with the flour, stir all together; if the meal is too much to spread nicely, add more water.

GRAHAM MUFFINS.—Three plants of flour, half a teaspoon of sugar, the same of shortening, a teaspoonful of saleratus, two spoonfuls cream tartar, salt to taste; rub all together with the hands; moisten with cold water; bake in muffinings half an hour in a hot oven.

Drainy Homes.

Of all the dreary places deliver us from the dreary farm-houses which so many people call "home." Bars for a front gate, chimneys wallowing before the door; pig-pens overflowing with manure; rear; scraggy trees near the porch, or no trees at all; no flowering shrubs, no neatness, no trimness. And yet a lawn and trees, and a neat walk, a pleasant porch and a plain fence in front do not cost a great deal. They can be secured little by little at odd times, and the expense hardly felt. And if ever the time comes when it is best to sell, the fifty dollars so invested will often bring back five hundred. For the men are rare that have money to invest in farms who are insensible to pleasant surroundings and the inducement they offer to wife and children.

On the Stand.

A correspondent, describing the appearance of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher on the witness stand, says: "At times his deep bass intonation resounded over the court, then the emphatic voice quivered with pathos, then it trembled and broke with emotion; again, he mimicked the pompous theatricality of Tilton, and so he reproduced all the varied styles of the characters who appeared in their different modes. For an hour upon a scrap of paper and flung it on the floor to illustrate how Tilton had torn and dashed down the so-called confession of his wife. He fumbled in his pocket to show how Moulton once fumbled for a key. He crossed his arms to show how Mrs. Tilton lay in bed, and so on.

Fighting a Tarantula.

A dog is the hunter's usual companion but in tropical countries a sportsman finds use for cats, and seems, and for something beyond rat-catching, too. I had a pair of jet black, yellow eyed cats, twin brothers, of very large size, which followed me when I walked around my grounds, and they usually accompanied me when I hunted the Texas lizards on the adjacent mosquito prairie, or when I angled in my fishing boat on the Colorado river. They were very much attached to me, and commonly sat near or slept under my chair or table when I was reading or writing.

They possessed unusual intelligence, and I had taught them a variety of amusing tricks. They were as useful to me in my war upon the tarantulas, as a pointer that I had was in my contest with the snakes, although the spiders were not so numerous or dangerous as at Texapetrols.

One day I was sitting in a passage between two rooms of an unfinished house, upon which the carpenters were at work, carelessly leaning back against the wall, reading while the cats were lying near me, on the rock pavement which had not yet been laid. One of the cats sprang suddenly upon the pavement, then sprang blow upon the side of my knee, which attracted my notice slightly; but as they often did something of the sort to induce me to lay aside my book when they wished me to give them water, or play with them, I did not pay particular attention to it, and resumed my reading.

Soon one of them leaped three or four feet in the air, and struck me on the shoulder, and instantly the other sprang almost as high as my head, and knocked a large tarantula from the collar of my coat which fell heavily upon the pavement. It immediately "made believe" by facing the cats and raising its two fore legs at them, and threatening them with a display of its fangs.

I did not interfere with the fight, knowing that the cats understood how to cope with it. They quickly separated, and one confronted the enemy, while the other placed himself in the rear. When the spider made a furious but ineffectual spring at the one which faced it, the other behind gave it a sharp pat upon the head with his paw, which paralyzed it.

I then took it up with a pair of tongs, and placed it upon the top of a conical hill of the useful insectivorous yellow ant of western Texas, which is very different from the grazing ant, for which it is often mistaken by ignorant or unwary people, and which is a pest to horticulturists. The tarantula was soon covered with black lady caterpillars, and disappeared, with it in their subterranean vaults, when I suppose it was added to their winter stores.

A Pumpkin Story.

A Paris market gardener had a patch of pumpkin in his lot. He gave himself little heed about his pumpkins, seeing them thrive and swell day by day. Last September it occurred to him that the fruit must be nearly ripe, and at early morning he went to examine. The first pumpkin startled him; some hand as patient as malignity had inscribed upon it the initials of M. Bernard, the gardener, was, in fact, something which no gentleman would desire to see. During the pumpkin's tender age of innocence had these words been traced, and they had grown with its growth, retailing their columnar larger and larger every day. M. Bernard turned up another, and found the same inscription. Every pumpkin in the plot bore his label. Furious, the market gardener sought his enemy and served him with a summons. The case came on for trial, but there was a want of proof. One of the witnesses cited, after listening attentively to the evidence of M. Bernard, exclaimed innocently: "Why, it was I who scratched the pumpkins." Promptly he found himself in the dock. Counsel for the defense argued that there had been no publication of the label, such as is contemplated by the law. The court, however, like about and exclaimed: "The garden was proved to have been scratched about it, and the pumpkins had for months exposed their columns to any one who chanced to look at them. And so the engraver of vegetables was condemned to 240 fine.

A Matrimonial Agreement.

The following copy of an agreement, prepared in 1846, by a woman who wanted to live happily with her troublesome husband, is published in the Knoxville Press and Herald.

You do solemnly swear that you never will beat nor curse or abuse me without great provocation than I have given you; that you will not delude me from going to see my connections and neighbors when opportunity permits, nor them from coming to my amusement or assistance, in sickness nor health; that you will not be against going with me to meetings or for me to go on the same terms; that you will never throw up what has been passed in anger; that you will provide house room handy to water and stay there; that you will not write me out of the settlement without I am willing to go; that you will provide outlets to work on my land, and will not treat me with the hard bill, flout or wound my feelings as you have done, but perform the duties of husband, and try for a living in peace on all sides.

A Spell.

This spelling school furore has been of great help to at least one Detroit. He has been counting a girl for three years past and hadn't the courage to speak his mind. As they were seated on the sofa the other night she referred to the spelling school excitement and added: "Matrimony is an awful long word to spell, isn't it?" He leaped over, grasped her hand, and the next morning he had arrangements made to be married on the Fourth of July.

CORRECT.—When a man hands an editor an article for publication, and asks him to "fix it up" because he "wrote it in a hurry" and "hadn't time to revise it," you may know that he commended the article directly after supper, and wrestled with it until midnight, rewriting it fourteen times, destroying all five of foolscap, and "blessed" his pen every two minutes. That's the way they generally write an article when they are "in a hurry" and have "no time to revise it."

The keeper of a Paris restaurant went into his cellar, where he had a moment's vertigo and fainted, and before he was discovered he was half eaten up by rats.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Items of Interest From Home and Abroad. The New York court of appeals has announced the rules governing the admission of attorneys at law that furnish to the supreme court other satisfactory evidence of fitness, character, and qualifications under this rule.

The Republican elected their tickets in Leavenworth and Topeka, Kansas. The report, ending with March, shows that the rate of mortality of the white population of Washington, D. C., was 19 3/4-100 per 1,000 per annum, while the mortality of the colored population was nearly four per 1,000 for the same period.

Hor Sigl, editor of the ultra-montane Forest of Munich, who was recently sentenced to imprisonment for publishing an article insulting to Prince Bismarck, has been arrested by the Austrian authorities on the application of the German government.

Michael Sullivan was hanged at New Brunswick, N. J., for the murder of Daniel Talmadge, an old man seventy-two years of age. The murderer secured his victim's last will and confession and died with little evident pain.

Nine buildings were destroyed by fire at Greenville, N. C., and several persons were badly injured by the conflagration. Every building in the village, from the schoolhouse to the barn, was reduced to a mass of smoking ruins.

An engagement has taken place between government troops and the Carlists near Tolosa, the latter being defeated with a loss of one hundred killed.

Theodore Thomas, of Thomas' orchestra, than whom there is no higher musical authority in the world, says there are no other cabinet or parlor organs equal to those made by the Mason Hamlin Organ Co., and that musicians agree with him in this opinion.

DEIPHERIA.—This fatal disease appears to have been successfully combated by Dr. Thomas Pringley, of England, by the local application of tincture of iodine, to the strength of forty-eight grains to the ounce, to every part of the throat covered by the membrane at least once in twenty-four hours; and if the lymph be twinned, the inhalation of iodine vapor mixed with steam.

WELL DONE.—A foolish person in the gallery of the California Theatre, San Francisco, the other evening, created a panic by crying "Fire!" A bright light shining in at the windows added to the terror caused. The doorkeeper barred his doors, and shouted: "There's no danger! the fire is only a gas! I stand back!" and at length quelled the excitement.

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Spilkins and the Grangers.

Some two months ago Mr. and Mrs. Spilkins, at the close of one of their weekly Masonic conversations, agreed to make a compromise, which was that they should both join the Grangers, Spilkins, however, with that gallantry for which he is so distinguished, and as he said, to prove his good faith in the matter, proposed that Mrs. S. should join first, and that he would be enabled in turn to participate in his initiation. His wife jumped at the idea, but stipulated, that if it might be, she would have her husband through alone, Mrs. Spilkins, who he had married, she would like to have her husband, she would like to have her husband, she would like to have her husband, she would like to have her husband.

A HINT TO THE WORKING MAN.—A man with a family, however poor he may be, ought to be enabled to save his health and strength in every way possible. He has no right to allow the mother of his children to wear her life out toiling with her needles to clothe her family, or to buy the Wilson sewing machine, the best machine for family sewing and manufacturing purposes.

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Imports and Exports.

Previous to the war the exports of the United States had, as a normal state of things, exceeded her imports, the excess on this account during the ten years between 1851 and 1860 having amounted to an average sum of \$6,000,000 annually. After the war the balance was largely the other way—the imports were in excess of the exports. In the five years, 1865-1870, inclusive, the excess amounted to an average of \$44,000,000 annually, while in 1872 it grew to \$116,000,000.

SAVED LITIGATION.—"I have come," said a Scotch farmer to a neighbor who was just saying, "I have come to settle about that bit of land." "Settle?" cried the old wrangler; "how will you settle? Your father couldn't settle, and your grandfather couldn't settle, and the 'Hiteen' couldn't settle, and how will you settle?" "Oh," said the rival claimant, "I'll let you have it altogether." "But I'll not take it," cried the stout old litigator, and returned to his farm resolutely to the wall.

HARD ON CHICAGO.—A St. Louis paper says: "The Mayor of Chicago has been in jail at last. That a man should be slandered almost everything and every body of pure and good repute for years, and at last be sent to jail for what he said about a Chicago grand jury, reminds us forcibly of one of those terrible episodes of which we often read, but of which a man who has gone through a dozen such unmercifully at last kicked to death by a mule or killed by a falling tree.

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