FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

The Use of Paris Green.

The danger resulting from the use of the paris green for destroying potato bug; exists only from carelessness in handling it, when, if it is breathed or permitted to penetrate sores or wounds upon the skin, some trouble may ensue. So far, although the poison has been used for several years, and thousands of tons have passed through farmers' hands, there has been no single case of the accidental poisoning of any person by it reported. Neither are the pota toes at all affected injuriously by the poison. It is insoluble and cannot enter into the substance of the plant, and it is not until it is used at the excessive rate of nine hundred pounds per acre that it has been found to interfere ia the slightest degree with any vegetation. As but four pounds per acre is necessary for an extreme case of urgence when the beetles are very numerous, the ap prehension of danger to the crop is to tally unwarranted. Years after it has been largely used without any ill effect, and in spite of its palpable absurdity. the statement was made by a Washing-ton professor that the potatoes might absorb the poison and be unfit for consumption. The question has been now finally set at rest by the most positive proofs through experiment by most careful and really scientific men that the absorption of the poison by the crop so as to do any injury to it is impossible. All fears upon this score are groundless. We would urge upon every reader the duty of using every effort to destroy that pest, the potato bug, and not only this, but every insect pest that troubles the farmers. By neglect their numbers are increased enormously, until human ef-forts seem unavailing. Through perse-verance success would be certain, and freedom from future ravages assured. Our natural allies, which, although harmless, are made the victims of an unsparing warfare, the crows, skunks, and nearly every bird that flies, should be spar-d and encouraged to assist us in this work. The amount saved that is now lost would be incalculable, and the ly bear rudely painted with berry juice farmer would be relieved of an immense burden.-New York Times.

Winter Cultivation of Pointoes. of California. The subject of winter cultivation of Another revolutionary device was the potatoes is exciting much interest in the rattlesnake, an American product of agricultural circles of Europe, and the successful experiments of M. Telliez, ed on the flag of Commodore Esek who first suggested the cultivation on a Hopkins, who commanded the fleet of appears in the *Revue Horticole*. The general plan is analogous to t at adopted in other summer vegetables, only that the sowing or planting is done in the with thirteen stripes, red and white, antumn, so as to get the potatoes very early in spring, by taking precautions to protect them from the cold during the ed, however, Washington had hoisted at winter. The whole operation, as recom-mended, may be described in a few "Grand Union" flag, a banner in which Pick out healthy potatoes of the blended crosses of St. George and medium size of the sort required soon St. Andrew were retained in the union, after they have been dug up; keep them while the thirteen stripes typified the in a comparatively cold and well venti-lated place, so that their spronting may battle of Bunker hill, it is said, the pine lated place, so that their spronting may be delayed as long as possible; plant tree figured in a white square in the red "station numbers," because their stathem out about August (or thereabouts, cross of St. George, which filled the according to circumstances) in well pre- upper corner next the staff; the field of parel soi, taking care not to damage the buds. The usual attention in the case modifications of the various emblems of ordinary potato growing is required; already in use among the colonies. The keep the earth clean and loose, so that beaver of New York had its place in the stalks may develop well, and make ensigns of the first armed ships which as much tuber as possible before winter sailed out of this harbor. Not until sets in. When the earliest cold is ex. June 14, 1777, did our national flag assets in. When the earliest cold is ex-pected, scatter a thin light covering of straw over the stalks, increasing it in proportion as needed, so as to shield the tabers from the cold. These will then go on making bulk. By this needed, it is cald potatoes may he it would be an of the results of their proportion is needed. These will the tabers from the cold is ex-then go on making bulk. By this is and the tabers from the cold is ex-then go on making bulk. By this is trunched in the cold is ex-provided to the results of the results of their is trunched. The country had been det is a even May-precisely the time when old pear. The Congress ordered that "the potatoes have lost their goodness, and flag of the thirteen United States be teries. Among the men who became of his search, he showed great signs of the new ones are still scarce, unripe and thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; dear. Planting Trees in the Fall. Planting Trees in the Fall. The question as to whether spring or lation." At first the stars were arfall is the better season for planting has rauged in a circle; subsequently, when been much discussed, and the conclusion additional States entered the reached has generally been that, in Congress formally increased the number western New York and similar climates, one is about as good as the other. My the form of one large star. In 1818 it experience with hardy fruit and deciduous ornamental trees is in favor of star should be added to the constellafall. It is true that we have an occasional severe winter, when fall planted trees suffer, but these are of rare occurronce. Last fall, quite late, after the hurry of the season was all over, I plantel several hundred dwarf pear trees. After planting, the earth was drawn up around the base, say six or more inches above the level of the ground, to give protection to the roots and stiffen the tree against the force of the wind. May 22 I had the earth around the trees removed to the ground level, and find of the Centennial grounds, a corre-vigorous new roots, three to five inches spondent says, it should be stated that length, spreading in all directions from the quince stock. The tops are also tion where there are no gates than where pushing rapidly, and in the whole planting of three hundred trees there is not a failure. It is easy to see what an advantage these have over those planted this planting it often happens that a long period of cold weather and drying winds son opens, or a dry and warm period comes before the roots have acquired such adverse influence they either die or linger along feebly all summer. We old river road, four. must take some risk in planting at any season, but, on the whole, I think the chances are in favor of the fall for hardy deciduous trees .-- P. Barry, in Rural Home.

THE STARS AND STRIPES. the Fing of the United States.-The First Flag and the Last one--Thirty-eight Stars.

revalence of Policy Playing-Methods and History of the Swindle-The Principal Dealers.

GAMBLING OF THE POOR.

The pine tree was early adopted as the Policy gambling, which has become so extensive in New York city that hun-dreds of dealers—191 of whom are provincial emblem of that community from which the States of Massachusette and Maine were subsequently erected. It appeared on the shillings and sixpennown to the police-are engaged in it, is still carried on with entire immunity. The practice of some of the captains of police has been to send one of their men ined by Massachusetts in 1652, and when Maine was divorced from the Bay State, in 1820, the pine tree was pic-tured on her escutcheon and gave its lressed in citizen's clothes to the reputed policy dealers, the officer to pur-chase a ticket and then to arrest the man name to the new State. When the New England colonists began to chafe under the rule of Great Britain, one of the first symptoms of growing rebellion was an aversion for the "meteor flag of Eng-land." Massachusetts not only led in who sold it. This system had its serious drawbacks. The magistrate before whom the dealer was brought told the officer that in his estimation it was a small piece of business for a member of the revolt against British oppression, the police force to be engaged in. The dealer was often able to detect the debut she furnished the vessels that were to bear a flag which should, in some feetective either through a friend's inforble but determined sort, express hostili-ty to the mother country. The pine tree flag of the sturdy little commonwealth, mation or by his own observation. The most discouraging drawback is the late order forbidding police officers to enter so far as we know, was the first which braved the ire of Great Britain. Long a public place for the purpose of mak-ing an arrest in citizen's clothes. Anbefore the time of the Declaration our other system has been lately adopted in bold privateers flew the pine tree flag. hopes of breaking up the pernicious practice of gambling. Private persons have been engaged by the captains of police to purchase policy tickets and Early, too, the Carolinians, possibly accepting the suggestion made by the Northern pine, adopted the palmetto as their ensign of sovereignty. But the first Republican flag in the South was one designed by Col. William Moultrie, then make complaint, but owing to the lack of funds to pay these persons for their services the system has not been of Charleston. It was of blue, with a pushed with much vigor. It is hoped white crescent in the upper corner, next by the captains that an appropriation the staff. This flag waved on the defen-ses of Charleston, and when Fort Sulli will be made from the police fund for this purpose. van, afterward Moultrie, was bombard-Policy gambling was invented by petty

ed by the British, June 28, 1776, the dealers in lottery tickets, to ensuare the crescent flag floated above the palmetto logs of the east bastion. In the early poor. It is founded on the regular drawings of lotteries made in other years of the Revolution, the Southern States, and the vender is himself the palm waved at the head of gallant South Carolinian regiments, strugg ing where the fight was thickest. In time, as we banker. For instance, out of seventy five numbers put in the lottery wheel, twelve are drawn out. The poor, who out of their meager earnings cannot know, the palmetto was transferred to the State shield, just as the pine tree afford to purchase an expensive ticket, became the symbol of Maine, and as, go to a dealer in policy and bet him ten, twenty cents, or a dollar (for the scale many years after, the lone star of Texas was blazoned on the coat of arms of that can be enlarged or reduced at pleasure) State, and as, in like manner, the grizagainst five times the amount that six or any other specified number will be on the white banner of the Sonora valley adventurers in 1846, eventually bethe offer, notes it on his book, and gives came the "totem" of the young State the player a memorandum of the bet

> called "policy slips." If the chosen number comes out and the dealer is "hit," he loses the amount of the wager min s the amount paid for the slip, which is the bet of the player. banker holds "the stakes," and there are six chances to one against the player. If, more sanguine in his disposition, the player wishes to take a greater risk in the hope of a greater return, he bets his cents or his dollars that No. 6 will not only be among those drawn, but will be in a certain station, say the third, fourth or last one drawn from the wheel. By this system the chances against the player are enhanced immensely, and the banker promises a return of sixty for one if the player wins. tion in the slip is indicated, and the sys tem first mentioned is called playing "day numbers," because it is sufficient for the player if his numbers are any

where in the day's drawings. Policy players have invented "horses," "gigs, "whips," "saddles," and "cross gigs," but these are elaborate combinations

East River Bridge.

It is estimated that it will take about two weeks longer to get the masonry for the East river bridge between New York gives the following interesting reminand Brooklyn in readiness, and that by the end of the month the derricks will be raised, and a part of the necessary ma-chinery erected upon the tops of the piers. A temporary footbridge will be thrown cross the river about two hundred feet above the water. Upon this the work-men will pass back and forth, suspending and arranging the parts of emporary bridge which will precede the final superstructure, and looking very much like spiders upon a single thread, weaving a tremendous web. When the cables are stretched they will be fastened to the main piers and continued to the anchorage piers, where they will be made fast to immense chains built into the masonry. These chains are in themselves marvels of construction. They are called chains because composed of links, but each link is nearly fifteen feet long, three by nine inches square, and there are from eight to ten of them lying parallel and side by side in each chain, bolted one to another. There are four such chains, having in all 856 links or bars, the total weight of iron was the best dressed man of his time.

being 1,000,000 pounds in each anchorage pier. Each one of these piers covers six city lots, and contains nearly 30,000 cubic yards of solid masoury In all the piers the blocks of granite are laid with narrow spaces between them which are filled with concrete well beaten down, leaving no cavities, and forming a mass of matter which, when the concrete has bardene i, is as remarkable for its solidity as its size. The engineer thinks that the bridge can be completed in three or four years.

Senatorial Opinions on Lotteries.

Mr. Hamlin said in the United States Senate that all lotteries, even if they were legalized by State law, were nothing more than legalized gambling. Mr. West (Rep.), of Louisiana, said they had a lottery law in Louisiana. He was opposed to it, and always had been, but he did not thiak Congress had among those drawn. The banker takes the power to deny mail facilities to lotteries

Mr. Logan (Rep.), of Illinois, spoke upon a slip of paper until the drawing in favor of prohibiting lottery advertiseof the lottery, upon which rests the de-cision of the wager. These bits of paper are ments or circulars being transmitted through the mails. The New York lotteries were great frauds, and so were those of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Whyte said they had had no lotteries in Baltimore since 1859. Mr. Logan said he would as soon le-

galize a faro bank as a lottery office, Mr. Maxey (Dem.), of Texas, also op posed lotteries, and said he regarded them as a curse. He believed in bring-

ing the strong hand of the law down upon them. Mr. Whyte had always set his face

against lotteries, and was on the first committee in the Legislature of his State which made a move to break them Mr. Logan thought that all men who

made money in lottery schemes were no better than gamblers.

A Dog Commits Suicide.

Casper Usinger, living in the western part of New York, owned a large dog, part bloodhound and part terrier. About six weeks ago Mr. Usinger was taken sick and died. During his sickness the dog showed great uneasiness, and often walked from the bed to the door, as if to make its master understand that it wished to have him accompany it out method, it is said, potatoes may be gathered from January and February (or even earlier) up to March, April, or even May—precisely the time when old potatoes have bert the domination must disappear. The Congress ordered that "the After the death of Mr. Usindoors. most notorious in this business were Ba- distress, often whining and acting as if the Simmons brothers, the most exten-sive dealers in the city. The immense profits and the rapidly accumulating instrument while she saw him going toward the railroad. She followed him, but only got there in time to see the poor brute lay himself on the track and be cut in two by a westward bound express train. It is supposed by every one in the vicinity that the dog's affections were so great for its master that it could not survive his death, and therefore willfully terminated its existence by committing suicide.

Washington's Appearance.

Miss Jane Stuart, in an interesting article in the July number of Scribner, iscence in connection with the " Gilbert Stuart Portraits of Washington:" once heard my father, in private conver-sation with Washington Allston, give his candid opinion of General Washington's appearance. He said that his figure was by no means good, that his shoulders were high and narrow, and his hands and feet remarkably large. He had " aldermanic proportions," and this defect was increased by the form of the vest of that day. But with all these drawbacks, his appearance was singu larly fine. I have heard my mother say that the first time she saw him, he entered the hall door as she passed from the entry to the parlor, and that she thought him the most superb looking person she had ever seen. He was then dressed in black velvet, with white lace ruffles, etc., exactly as Stuart's pictures represented him." No man better than Washington knew the advantage gained by being well dressed. Indeed, he had fondness for fine clothes, and on the higher social as well as public occasions

London Beauties.

It is no slight work which the beauties of London have to perform, a cor-respondent writes. As I heard one say to another the other night, on a crowd-ed staircase, where people had been waiting for half an hour unable to get either up or down: "We have to go to a reception and a ball yet, and this is our third party to night." To drag around from house to house like this, night after night, requires a constitution of cast iron, and most of these fair damsets seem to have it. The first rose of the year is not a more beautiful object than some of these girls, with their perfect forms and complexions as fresh and clear as the daylight. They are begin-ning life without an auxiety or a care, and imagine that they will meet with nothing much worse on the road than a dull party or stupid partner ; but we old stagers, who have trudged on a good way ahead, know very well the kind of entertainment which will presently be spread out before them. It seems to me that the crop of these beautics is more

abundant than ever this year.

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and sit on each end until he is defunct. Animals possessed of sufficient tails are suspended by them, inciting them to revolve rapidly until similarly inanimate. The meat is said to be greatly improved by this process.

Liver and Blood Diseases.

By R. V. Pierce, M. D., anthor of "The Peo

ple's Common Sense Medical Adviser." A healthy liver secretes each day about two A healthy liver secretes each day about two and one-half pounds of bile, which contains a great amount of waste material taken from the blood. When the liver becomes torpid or congested it fails to eliminate this vast amount of noxicus substance, which, therefore, re-mains to poison the blood, and be conveyed to every part of the system. What must be the condition of the blood when it is receiving and of poison? Nature tries to work off this poison through other channels and organized, bill through other channels and organs -th) kid neys, lungs, skin, etc., but these organs be



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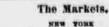
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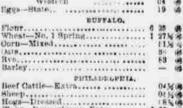
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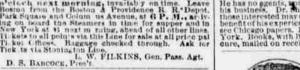
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Another Case.

The sad story is told in the New York Herald of another poor woman who has suffered wrong at the hands of a sewing machine company. She paid fifty dollars in installments on a machine sold to her for sixty-five dollars, and probably costing the manufacturers not more than fifteen to twenty dollars. Her machine was taken away on a temporary stoppage of the installments, and when afterward she offered the fifteen dollars balance was told she should pay in addition six dollars and a quarter for "re-moving the machine." As this was out of her power she has neither seen machine nor money since. If this is not extortion from the poor we should like to see a definition of the term.

The Ruling Passion.

A bet made by a celebrated gambler nearly a century ago deserves to be recorded for its singularity. After a run of ill luck with Lord Lorn, he jumped up suddenly, and seizing a large punch bowl that stood near, said, addressing his lordship: "For once I'll have one bet where I have an equal chance of winning! Odd or even for 15,000 guineas." "Odd," replied the peer, guineas. with the utmost composure. Dash went the punch bowl against the wall, and the pieces being counted, unfortunately

ruined man.

Union, was ordered by Congress that a new tion on the fourth of July next sacceeding the admission of a new State. Colorado, therefore, gives us the thirtyeighth star in our azure July 4, 1877 one hundred years after the formal adoption of the flag of the Union.

The Centennial Gates.

As strangers have been much puzzled as to what line of cars to take in order to be landed near one of the entrances protect them. would be more difficult to find a secthere are many. At the eastern end of the Main building will be found sixteen

gates, extending from corner to corner. Near the ceater of the same structure spring, even under the most favorable are eight more and at the west end sixcircumstances for the latter. In spring teen. West of the Centennial bank, on Elm avenue, are four gates ; at the junctare of Elm and Centennial avenue, follows the planting, and the trees get sixteen; at the center of Machinery hall, seriously dried before the growing sea- four; near Fifty second street, four; on four; near Fifty-second street, four; on George's hill, two; on the Belmont drive, four ; at the Glen entrance, two ; vigo enough to sustain the tree; under at Horticultural hall, four ; Landsdowne valley, six ; Memorial hall, six ; on the

Our Children's Country,

Ex-Gov. Bonham, of South Carolina, was the last speaker at the centennial

anniversary of Fort Moultrie. He said: If there was a man who went into the war with his whole spirit, I was the man. [Cheers.] We gave you the best tight we had [lond cheering], and when the war was ended I feel assured you regarded us as a foe worthy of your steel, and we can assure you we I venregarded you in the same light. ture to say that never before in the annals of history has the Anglo-Saxon race been engaged in such a war. It was not your country alone, it was our country. It is our country and shall be our children's and our children's children's country. [Applause.]

A Question of Law.

A curious question of law arises out of the loss of the City of Waco, in Gal-veston bay, in November, 1875. A husband and wife named Rogers were among the ill fated passengers, and the heirs of both are contesting a claim to a sum of money left in bank by Mrs. Rogers. The case turns on the question : Which died first, the husband or the wife? If the former, then her next of kin can claim the money. If the latter, then her husband became her heirat-law, and his next of kin has the best claim. It is a difficult matter to settle this case under the circumstances.

The English navy had in commission for the young hero of the experiment, there proved an odd one, and he was a carrying 1,689 guns, with 25,156 officers

the penalties of the statute against lotthat the union be thirteen stars, white in ker, Judah, Webber, Cole, Petty, and some one was going to whip him. the Simmons brothers, the most extenortunes which these dealers were securing aroused the cupidity of a horde of speculators. Entired by the facilities which policy playing offered for the gratification of their passion for gambling, new players became infatuated and were drawn into the net, and at the present time it embraces within its fatal influences, in addition to thousands of the poor white population, nearly all the colored people. The results are read-ily perceived. The deluded victims,

unable to satisfy their desire for gambling from their legitimate earnings, begin pilfering from their employers. Step by step they sink deeper into crime and are ruined, while the promoters of their guilt appear in courts and main-'ain lawyers to defend and officials to

The Bo ton Forger.

Winslow, the Boston forger, was released from confinement i London. Winslow's son, who was in attendance, flew to his mother to communicate the news. Mrs. Winslow consequently was the first to bear intelligence to her imprisoned, unhappy husband. Winslow. when told of the result in his cell, exhibited no signs whatever of any great Naturally enough his escape from joy. trial and sentence could not but please him, and it did ; but a moment's glance at his future will show to anybody how wretchedly the outlook loomed before him, : "I am an outcast from home. I have no money and no friends in England ; no work, and here I am with my family upon my hands." And he spoke truly, for he stepped from his cell almost a pariah. While waiting the receipt of the order he conversed with his wife and one of the Boston officers, and shortly before three o'clock the order for his release was officially communicated to him. He then took his clothes, and, after bidding good-bye to the officers of the house of detention and heartily thankink them for the kindness that they had shown him during his confinement, he walked out free-just four months to a day and an hour from his He says, in talking with commitment. him, that it is his most earnest desire to return to Boston, if there is any way by which he could obtain a nolle prosequi. He says his only desire is to be allowed

in Massachusetts to work out his debts and in time pay all his creditors. A report that has occasionally drifted about of accomplices is, Winslow says, "entirely false. No man, woman or child was in any way mixed up with my forgeries. I am alone responsible for all my Boston transactions."

It is a blessed thing to live in a land of plenty, if you have plenty of land. They went fishing. She looked lan-guidly at him and said : "I wish the

fish would bite at your hook. If I was a fish I would."

Henry V. belts are the latest feminine In 1860 the country had \$214,000,000 on the first of October last 241 ships, carrying 1,689 guns, with 25,156 officers and men, 2,721 boys and 6,053 marines.

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The Story of John Gilpin.

Lady Austin one evening told Cowper the story of "John Gilpin," which, as told by her, tickled his fancy so much that he was kept awake by fits of laugh-ing during a great part of the night after hearing it, and must needs turn it into a ballad when he got up. Mrs. Unwin's son sent it to the Public Advertiser, where it appeared without an author's name. John Henderson, an actor from Bath, who took the London playgoers by storm in 1777, as Shylock, Hamlet and Falstaff, was then giving readings at the Freemasons' tavern. He had succeeded almost to Garrick's His feeling was so true, his fame. voice so flexible, that Mrs. Siddons and John Kemble often went to hear him

rea . Henderson, finding "John Gil-pin" in print, but not yet famous, chose it for recitation. Mrs. Siddons heard it with delight, and in the spring of 1785 its success was the event of the season. It was reprinted in many forms and talked of in all circles; prints of " John Gilpin " were familiar in shop windows; and Cowper, who was finishing the " Task," felt that his more serious work would be helped if it were published

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