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Milking-time. "I tell you, Kate, that Lovejoy cov Is worth her weight in gold; She gives a good eight quarts o' milk, And isn't yet five year old.

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"I see young White a-comin' now;

He wants her. I know that. Be careful, girl, you're spillin' it ! An' save some for the cat.

"Good' evenin', Richard, step right in;" "I guess I couldn't, sir,

I've just come down"-"I know it, Dick, You've took a shine to her.

"She's kind an' gentle as a lamb, Jest where I go she follers; And though it's chesp I'll let her go; She's your'n for thirty dollars.

"You'll know her clear across the farm, By them two milk white stars: You needn't drive her home at night But jest le' down the bars.

"Then, when you've own'd her, say a month And learnt her, as it were, I'll bet-why, what's the matter, Dick ?" "Taint her I want .- it's-her !"

"What? not the girl ! well, I'll be bless'd !-There, Kate, don't drop that pan. You've took me mightily aback, But then a man's a man.

"She's your'n, my boy, but one word more; Kate's gentle as a dove; She'll foller you the whole world round, For nothin' else but love.

"But never try to drive the lass; Her natur's like her ma's. Tre allus found it worked the best. To jest le' down the bars.'

-Philip Morse in Scribner

Grandmother's Story.

This war was in 1812, and, although I was a very little girl, I remember many things about it very distinctly. Our father at that time lived in the little town of Hampden, on the Penobscot river, in Maine, and one beautiful morn-ing in September a neighbor burst into the house as we sat at breakfast, informing us with breathless haste that a fleet of English war ships was coming up the river and making for our wharf, where was moored for .safe-keeping a prize that some of our cruisers had taken a short time before. For a moment not a word was spoken.

My father glanced irresolutely about him at the dear, childish faces that looked up into his in silent terror; but a feeble wail from the adjoining bedroom decided him immediately, and he said

decided him immediately, and he said firmly, though with quivering lips: "We can not leave them," and he nodded toward the bedroom; "so we'll stay and face the worst together. Don't cry, Dolly," and he laid his hard hand caressingly upon the head of my little sister. "Englishmen are but men after all, and I don't think that there's any danger of their troubling helpless women danger of their troubling helpless women and children.

At that instant the sound of a gun

kinds presented themselves to the now that be loved to show her-of the old reassured housekeepers. Aunt Debby Scottish nome where his little Janet wandered over the heathery moors, and tound time to mold and sait her butter, while our eldest sister prepared supper, and little Dolly was sent to the barn to feed the cosset lamb, whose hungry bleat had not, for a wonder, betrayed its whereabouts to the mutton hungry marauders, who had unceremoniously appropriated whatever they cared for in that line. As abe opened the door, the little girl

Appropriated whatever they cared for in that line. As she opened the door, the little girl heard something—a rustle, then a half-suppressed groan, that made her shrink back, trembling all over; and turning her face toward the house, she debated the question of meeting the sly jokes of her brothers on her cowardice, or going boldly into the now dusky barn. The piteous bleating of her pet decided her, and timidly she opened the great barn doors, and slipped in, holding her breath as she tripped across the wide floor slip-pery with hay seed to the corner where, behind a pile of unhusked corn, poor Clover all day kept her hungry vigil. "Poor Clover I" crooned the child, set-ting down her basin of thickened milk

ting down her basin of thickened milk "I'm real sorry nobody thought of you; but we've had awful thieves round here to-day, lammie !" and she patted the animal's woolly coat in her pretty, confi-dential fashion.

She laid her curly head lovingly against the lamb's side, forgetful for the moment of every thing, but the safety of her pet, when suddenly a low voice close to her ear said, in a bantering tone that was not at all calculated in itself to inspire terror: "Hoot, lassie !"

Dolly started, and screamed aloud in her fright, but the sight of the honest, good-natured face looking out at her from behind the corn rick reassured her somewhat, and still clinging to her lamb, she asked, timidly: "Who are you? and what are you

here for ?" The man pointed to his sleeve, all stained and discolored with blood.

"A bullet has gane clean through my arm," he said, with the indifference of one habituated to hardship and suffer-ing; but the little girl's face grew sud-

denly pitiful. "Let me run and get Doctor Rogers to do it up!" she exclaimed; but the soldier laid a detaining hand upon her arm. "Nae leech for me," he said.

naething but a flesh wound, after a', an' a' I want is a strip o' auld linen an' a bowl o' water; I can mak' shift to dress it my ainsel'. But, my bonnie lassie," iowering his voice, and glancing appre-hensively toward the door, "where are

hensively toward the door, "where are the marines, noo?" "They've all gone off to Bangor," was the glad reply. "There ain't one of 'em left here now." The wounded soldier mused for a moment, and then he said, gently: "I has a wee lassie o' my ain at home, about your age, an' 't wad be a sair blow to her to ken that her daddy cam' to his death in this far off land. My wound maun has time to heal, an' will ye noo, for little Janet's sake, gie me a hidin'-place amang the barley riggs up yon?" "If father be willin," began Dolly; but the soldier shook his head deci-

that he loved to show her-of the old Scottish nome where his little Janet wandered over the heathery moors, and hunted for the "laverock's" nest be-neath the grass and daisies of the small meadow beyond, or fished for minnows in the "wimplin' burn" that ran close to the cottage; and long before the last glimpse of the enemy's sails had faded away into the blue horizon, Sandy Mac-Olintock had become as much a part of the little maiden's life as if he had been brought up under the same roof. There was a natural affinity between the

was a natural affinity between the thoughtful child and the child-hearted that man made long acquaintanceship en-tirely unnecessary between the two so far as a perfect understanding was con-

far as a perfect understanding was con-cerned. Friday evening the "class" met at my father's, for in those days it was cus-tomary to assemble at the dwelling of the "class-leader" instead of at the church; and just before the opening of the meeting, the door opened, and in walked a tall, sandy-haired man in his shirt sleeves, but with a sailor's trousers and hat, while one of his arms was sup-ported by a rude sling improvised out of what seemed an old calico apron. Everybody stared in utter astonish-

Everybody stared in uter astonish-ment, and only Aunt Debby had the presence of mind to offer the stranger a chair, which he accepted; and dropping his head in a devotional attitude, re-

mained silent while the opening prayer was made, a hymn sung, and the differ-ent members of the "class" proceeded, as they were called upon in turn by their leader, to give an account of their re-ligious experiences during the past week. When all had finished, my father turned to the stranger and said, with

something of embarrassment: "You are a stranger to us all sir; but it may be that we serve the same Mas

In a moment Sandy Mac Clintock was upon his feet, and with tears of joy run-ning down his bronzed cheeks, poured forth his long pent up religious feelings in a flood of eloquence that carried every one with him

every one with him.

"I'm nae langer a stranger in a strange countrie," he cried. "Brithers an' sisters are ye all, the night, roond God's ain hearthstane."

ain hearthstane." Snuggled into a corner, Dolly listened, scarcely daring to breathe; and when, at the close of the meeting, all crowded about the stranger, bidding him wel-come among them, she was astounded at the explanation that he seemed ready, even anxious to give of his presence there:

here: "I was aye impressed into the service an' as my heart was nae in the wark, I tuik the time to rid mysel' o' it a'."

Nobody's hand-shake was more cor-dial than Aunt Debby's; and when, after peace was declared, and our canny Scot, having settled down as a thriity farmer

and useful citizen, was desirous of a mistress to preside over his comfortable home and superintend the domestic edu-cation of little Janet, he made certain matrimonial proposals to Aunt Debby, which that worthy spinster had not the

can do.

A Good Liquid Manure.

A Baltimore florist sends the Boston Journal of Chemistry the following for-mula for a liquid manure for flowers. The materials may be had at any black-

The materials may be had at any black-smith shop: "Put one bushel of the clippings from horses" hoofs into a barrel, and fill it up with water. Let it stand for a week, when it is ready for use. Apply it with a watering pot. All bedding plants can be watered with this liquid every other day, if they are pot-bound; newly-re-potted plants should be watered once a week until they have plenty of working roots to take up the manure. It will also be found excellent for hard-wooded plants if used once or twice a week. plants if used once or twice a week. Two or three weeks after the plants have been watered with the manure, the have been watered with the mannre, the foliage generally changes from green to a golden yellow, moving from the stem down to the point of the leaf, which, however, lasts only for a few weeks. When it changes to a dark glossy green. Plants under this watering grow very strong; the flowers are very large and bright in color. Plants thus treated can be been week and the beauty with the function of the stem of the stem of the leaf, which, however, lasts only for a few weeks. Plants under this watering grow very strong; the flowers are very large and bright in color. Plants thus treated can be beauty who are the world, and diminishes their chances of the world, and diminishes their chances bright in color. Plants thus treated can be kept in very small pots for a long time without being transplanted. This is especially advantageous to the mar ket gardener, who can sell his plants in three or four inch pots, while he would have to shift them into five and six inch if he used rich soil alone. Flowers wat-ered with this liquid manure will bring transfer five ner cant, more then other.

twenty-five per cent. more than other-wise; besides, being in small pots, they are lighter, can be packed closer, and are easier to be handled. The fertilizer are easier to be handled. The fertilizer is not a stimulant, but a plant food, and plants that are watered with it, if plant-ed out, will continue growing and kept in good growth, which cannot be said of guano. It is as powerful as guano, as quick in action, and more lasting. "It will not do the slightest harm to the follower more than the limit as the start of

"It will not do the slightest harm to the foliage; most other liquid manures spoil the foliage when they come in con-tact with it. It forms no crust on the pots or soil. It is cheaper than any other good fertilizer which is used in liquid form. The chips need be renewed or replaced only twice a year, while the water can be withdrawn every day. I filled a barrel last October, using all the water it holds every day, and I shall not find it necessary to menw the chips be-

find it necessary to renew the chips be-fore May or June. When liquid guano it used too strong, it will cause the plants to drop all their leaves. This liquid manure will not, even if used once or twice a day for a short time."

Gather the Best for Seed.

Two very important but widely differ-Two very important but whely differ-ent theories are entertained by the farm-ers of the United States in regard to the influence of domestication or cultivation of plants. One is that the natural result of cultivation is degeneration, and those who uphold it point to every failure of an oid variety as more more result.

of an old variety as proof, never credit-ing poor, worn-out soils, or neglect in cultivation, as having any influence be-yond hastening the time when the sort

heart to say nay to; and as roguish Dolly remarked, his being an "Amele-kite" didn't seem to trouble her a bit. yond hastening the time when the sort under consideration would never fail. A flagration can be checked by quick and

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TIMELY TOPICS. Germany has a Colorado beetle scare, occasioned by the discovery of some live specimens, in an invoice of American

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the mill.

It takes three days to get a check cashed at a Turkish bank, and the money is then worth only sixty cents on the

Age.

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Age. "It is hard to grow old gracefully," some authority tells us, and when we see the stremuous efforts made by many to resist the incursions of time, we readily agree to the proposition. But it is like fighting against the stars in their courses, and perhaps the struggle only renders the ravages of years more apparent. People are constantly grow-ing old, and yet no one seems to get used to it. Doubtless we ought to accept every change age brings as an incident of the journey merely, as we accept the changes of the seasons, tak-ing part in the pleasures peculiar to

accept the changes of the seasons, tak-ing part in the pleasures peculiar to each without hankering unwisely for those beyond reach and unseasonable. Wrinkles should not appall or gray hairs afflict, nor the loss of bloom sadden, since we would not barter our experi-

of obtaining a livelihood; others, who have been used to being merely orna-mental, to being admired and compli-mented upon the very charms of which mented upon the very charms of which age divests us, can not endure its ap-proach with equanimity, rebel against being supplanted by younger people, against being laid on the shell like a book that had outgrown its interest, and they endeavor to repel it by a thousand arts and cosmetics. They are afraid to grow old, and fear is always ungraceful. But has age no advantages, no comeli-ness, no attractions? Has not the old person weathered many a dangerous

into a dyke of water. The animal then jumped on the child, and lay on him in the water until life was extinct. The largest flour mill in the world is now being built at Niagara Falls. Its capacity will be about 1,200 barrels per day. The building, including elevator, is 250 feet long and five stories high, and is arched over the railroad which passes under the center, and connects with all the reads for the purpose of ac-

ness, no attractions? Has not the old person weathered many a dangerous point? Has she not survived many a vanity, many a heart-acite? Has she not learned to live from day to day, to find pleasures in trifles, to suffer with-out whining? Has she not the monop-oly of giving advice? Is not her con-versation as interesting as a historical romance? Could any other make the past defile before us as in a magic mirpast defile before us as in a magic mir-ror? Who can tell us so faithfully as

she of the manners and customs of fifty years ago-how the hair was worn, the gown cut? Is she not an encyclopedia of the details which go to make up history? Does any one clow or contra-dict her, or tell her that her problems dict her, or tell her that her problems are all unproved, and her enthu iasms only unripeness? No precious possi-bilities keep her restless. She is ac-quainted with youth no less than with age, and claims the advantage of having seen them both, near at hand and in per-spective. Her work is done and har-vested: and though she may regret the

The prime source of temptation is re-moved, for he does not feel thirst. The remedy has proved successful in every instance that has come under my knowledge. Cremons, an Italian painter of repute, has just died at Milan under extraordin-

How to Act in Case of Fire.

the most coreless, not to say dirty, habits and in order to save time he discarded the use of the palette, which he deemed unnecessary and troublesome. He was In case of fire, it is well to know bewont, therefore, to spread his colors on the palm of his left hand and on his

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Items of Interest. Carpenters do counter-fitting.

Volcances are not over five miles deep. The first duty on T-Don't forget to ross it.

A long-headed man is not apt to be lead-long.

Water spouts seldom last longer than thirty minutes.

What can pass before the sun withous naking a shadow ?-The wind.

A small flat bug has appeared in Massachusetts, which is armed with "a sword, or point about a quarter of an inch in length, with which it stabs the potato bug, killing him in a short time." What kind of tracing-paper does nan use when retracing his steps?

The entire sea-coast line of the globe mounts to about 136,000 miles.

Although animals cannot speak, where often heard of moose-stalking.

A New York physician has made the discovery that "not one person in three has legs of equal length, and that the number of left legs longer than they need be is nearly double that of the right," Why is a dishonest bankrupt like an honest poor man? Because they fail to get rich.

If your foot is asleep, do not be alarmed; the poet tells us that the soul is not dead that slumbers.

Probably the oldest minister in the world is Rev. Dr. Ingram, of Unst, in Shetland, off the coast of Scotland. Dr. Punctuation was first used in lit-erature in 1520. Before that time Ingram was 102. years of age, in April last, and enjoys comparatively good wordsandsentenceswereputtogether like this.

The power which the toad has of in-flating his body is a power of defense, to prevent the possibility of his being swallowed by snakes. The exports of iron and steel and manufactures of iron and steel from the

United States for 1877 were valued at \$16,659,675. During the year 1876 the exports of iron and steel amounted to \$11, 794,743. A bullock, the property of a farmer near Peterborough, in England, tossed a boy six years old, who was teasing it, into a dyke of water. The animal then immed on the child and lay on him in A single spot seen upon its surface has been estimated to extend over 77,000 miles in diameter, and a cluster of spots have been estimated to include an area of 3,780,000 miles.

AT FORTY YEARS. AT FORTY YEARS. Flying, flying fast— Ah, whither have they fled ? Velvet check, and dewy lip, And golden head, Rose, and bloom, and tlush, Star-eyes, and bird-song's gush— A cloud on airs Elysian Flying, flying past : Ah, lovely, fleeting vision, Too lovely to last !

Drearily the waves Of the Dark River flow, Sad their under-tone on all The winds that blow. Rose, and bloom, and blush, Star-eyes, and bird-song's gusl When lids are full of tears The heart no longer graves. The heart no longer craves ; For, after forty years, We only tread through graves !

Fashion Notes.

The small round turban is again worn y young ladies.

Slender gold finger-rings bearing tiny coins are among the latest novelties. The oval neck which is replacing the pompadour, is called the Agnes Sorel. The soft willow feathers tipped with old are intended only for young ladies' hats.

Ties, with three very flat bows on the instep, are the prettiest shoe for street

to the door we could see the stately fleet sailing slowly up the river in the gray morning light, looking, to our childish imaginations, like huge birds of prey ready to swoop down at any instant upon our helpless little town.

As the troops landed and marched up to meet the militia, that were still at some little distance, a fog arose, envelwi' safety. oping them in ten minutes so complete-ly, that a man could not see his way a yard before him.

"It's the pillar o' cloud," sobbed frightened Aunt Debby; "but I du wish the Lord 'd let the bright side shine on them militiamen of ourn."

But the fog was as thick for American as for British, although, owing to their superior knowledge of the locality, the former were much surer of their position than strangers upon the soil could be. And here occurred the unlucky blunder that gave our enemies the advantage that they could not otherwise have had. Just as the British troops were defiling past our house, some our men, who were utterly untrained, mere raw recruits hurriedly gathered together for the emergency, commenced an irregular fire upon the enemy, and when their commander ordered them to desist until the lifting of the fog should enable them to aim with some accuracy, they fell into disorder at the first volley fired in return, broke ranks, and actually took to their heels without

stopping to fire a second gun. In a few hours the British had taken possession of our little town, disporting themselves very much like a pack of mischievous boys out on a "time," They entered all the houses, unceremo-niously ordering the frightened housewives to cook the best for them that their larders afforded, a d if they didn't happen to fancy a dish, disposing of it give 'im bread; if he was thirsty, I'd on the hearth in the shape of smashed give 'im drink; an' then-I'd jest hand crockery, much to its owner's chagrin, for earthen dishes were a luxury in tho days, and a broken one was not easily replaced. They slyly pulled the bung from the farmer's cider barrel, and drunk his majesty's health in rum that his enemies were forced to pay for; and now and then they frightened some anxious mamma pretending to a great fancy for a chicken of her featherless brood, and insisting upon taking him on board ship as i promising recruit in his majesty's service.

The frightened people enjoyed these little pleasantries very much as the frogs enjoyed that stoning match that

we read about in the old spelling book; but a hush of horror fell upon man, woman and child, when the only two soldiers, who were killed by the unskillfully aimed guns of our troops, were buried by their comrades in a shallow trench that they compelled a man to dig in a corner of his door-yard, wrapped in a table-cloth that they took from the

table, and laid away. At last, as the afternoon waned, they her father threatened to kill Clover, who, marched away on the Bangor road, for he declared, ate as much milk as all the the purpose of visiting that then insigthe purpose of visiting that then insig-nificant town, and exploring localities in which they evidently felt all the curios-ity and interest of curiosity and interest of strangers and foreign-

hours that the child spent out of doors, where, nobody could tell, unless the wounded soldier from his hiding-place The good people, relieved of their presence, took time to draw a long breath and congratulate themselves upon coming off so much easier than they had eared, while neglected duties of all wounded soldier from his hiding-place in the barn had chosen to solve the rid-dle of the little Samaritan's disappear-ance. There was a wonderful charm to the home-bred child in those pictures ble, but his intrinsic merit,

but the soldier shook his head deci **Bavarian Superstitions.** sively.

A large proportion of the Bavarian Na, na, I'll trust nane but yersel' peasantry, unfortunately, entertain the superstitious notion that fire kindled by A bit o' bannock noo an' then, wi' draught frae auld crummie doon there lightning is not to be extinguished. in the byre, will keep me alive for the next few days, till I can show my heid When such an accident happens they are discouraged, and do scarcely any thing to check the progress of the

Dolly's tender heart was touched, and flames. A funeral must never pass she consented to the arrangement, not through a tilled field, not even in win only procuring the bandages and water ter, though it might considerably shortthat the soldier had asked for, but a big en the way. The peasant is fully per-suaded that a field through which a funbowl of bread and milk that, in the ex-

eitement and bustle indoors, she had eral has passed becomes barren. Except and no difficulty in abstracting unno on extraordinary occasions, no funerals are allowed on Mondays and Fridays. A ticed from the pantry; and when he was comfortably ensconced in a warm corner peasant who is in search of a wife never of the upper mow, she thoughtfully provided him with horse blankets and a tattered old comfortable that had somegoes, except on a Thursday or Sunday, into the house where he expects to make his choice. The bride and bridegroom are times served as a sleigh robe for the not to give their bare hand to anybody

boys in their winter evening rides. on the day of their marriage excepto each other at the altar, otherwise they "May the Faither o' Mercies bless you, my bairnie," was the whispered benediction of the grateful man as he are threatened with poverty during the whole course of their union. It is also beneviction of the graterin man as he received these welcome proofs of her benevolent good will; and all that eve-ning the child pondered upon the in-compatibility between her soldier's words and his profession. "Father," she asked, at length, "do a very bad sign if, when the bride re-turns from church, she finds anybody on the threshold of her door. When a young girl finds a leaf of trefoil divided into four instead of three parts, it is a sign that she will be married within a

ou s'pose any of these soldiers from the year; at all events, she carefully preships can be good men ?" serves this leaf to her wedding day. "They're jest like the Amelekites, Christmas Eve the countrymen are ac broke in Aunt Debby, sternly. "Ain't you a leetle hard, Debby customed to frequently drive out in sledges. They think that this will cause

seein' the men are only doin' what their hemp to be more abundant and higher. They do not fail to visit the ale house, and to drick heartily the same evening; being convinced that this is the way to make them look well till the they're obleeged ter do." Aunt Debby's gray head bristled de

fiantly. "I don't believe in makin' friends following Christmas. They never de-stroy crickets by fire, being persuaded that those which escape will destroy their linen and clothes. When a peasant with unrighteousness," she said, with an air of uncompromising severity. "If one o' them Britishers was hungry, 1'd "Tf give 'im bread; if he was thirsty, loses his way in the wood after sunset he avoids calling any person to show im over to the anthorities ter hang or shoot as they see fit." him the way, being convinced that in any such case the evil spirit of the forest

With a child's unquestioning confidence in the wisdom of her elders, frightened little Dolly took it for grant would cause him to plunge still deepen into its recesses. ed that death would be the penalty is

her wounded soldier should be found, and every doubt that she had ever felt The Sauce of Hunger. There is no such sauce for giving relish to food as the sauce of hunger. The late Amos Lawrence was compelled by a disease of the stomach to eat simple

ed once for all. In spite of Aunt Deb-by's denunciation, she felt sure that this food, and that in small quantities. soldier was no "Amelekite," and she pair of small scales stood upon his made up her mind that, let come what would, she would stand by him to the writing-desk in his private library. this he weighed his food, that he might not overload his stomach. He was al-The days slipped by, and the British ships, after cruising about in the river and doing all the harm that they could

not overload his stomach. He was al-ways hungry, and always enjoyed his food. Writing to Dr. Hopkins, then president of Williams College, he thus describes his delight in the small amount of simple food he was permitted to eat: "If your young folks want to know the meaning of minutenession to know to the American shipping, set sail one for the American snipping, set sail one fine morning, and disappeared down the bay, greatly to the joy of the inhabi-tants of the towns upon the shore. Poor little Dolly just now was having a hard time of it. Aunt Debby accused

the meaning of epicureanism, tell them to take some bits of coarse bread (one ounce and a little more), soak them in three gills of coarse meal gruel, and her of idleness and inattention, while make their dinner of them and nothing else, beginning very hungry, and leaving off more hungry. The food is delicious, and such as no modern episureanism can equal."

It is the temper of a blade that must be the proof of a good sword, and not the gilding of the hilt or the richness of the scabbard, so it is not his grandeur and

much smaller number of agriculturists, but probably more intelligent, hold that in which a person should be cool and universal progression is a natural law, and that degeneration is but the result is which a perfect command of himself, it is which a perfect command of himself, it

from London on the Midland Railway,

of ignorance and neglect. We believe the destruction of life and property. that the latter is the more reasonable of the two theories, as in accordance with where it is; the second, to consider the what is known of the origin and present chances of distinguishing it. Of course

condition of the various fruits, grain, and other cultivated plants. Therefore, we advise the selection of the best of everything for seed, not only because it fire with the means at hand, before the Statistics furnished by the commis sioner of internal revenue show that during the year 1877 nearly 59,000,000 is important that the present standard fire-engine arrives on the scene. First, should be maintained, but that a still then, do not be alarmed on account of gallons of spirits, 9,902,353 barrels of fire-engine arrives on the scene. First, ale, beer and porter, and 5,723,000 galfurther advance be made whenever and ions of imported wines, were manufac further advance be made whenever and wherever possible. The farmer who deal of smoke before the fire has made tured and withdrawn for consumption in the United States. The number of liquor-dealers who paid tax was 166,000, much progress. Remember that one can pass through smoke by keeping his desires to produce better wheat next year than this, will not wait until all the present crop is harvested and put in a head near the floor or by aveloping its bin, good and bad together, before in a wet woollen cloth. On entering a and it is estimated that the amount of money annually expended in the United States by consumers is nearly \$596,000,-000. This is at the rate of about fifteen selecting his seed for the next crop; but room to fight a fire single handed, keep the door closed behind if possible. A pail of water and a tin dipper in the hands of a resolute person can be made he will pick out the best acre or more, and preserve it separately for the purlollars to every man, woman and child n the country. pose named.

It is seldom that a field of grain of any considerable extent is uniformly to work a miracle at the beginning. If the fire has progressed too far to admit of this course and it is necessary to degood. There will be good spots, and very poor ones, and it is easy to gather the best and keep it for seed, while the pend entirely on outside help, then see to it that every door and window is poorest goes to the mill. The same should be done with all kinds of grain, closed. By this means it may be possi-ble to confine the fire to one room as well as fruits and vegetables that are raised from seed. By selection there is a possibility of further progression, and Every person who stops at a hotel should take special pains before retiring to note the location of the stairways, so that in case of an alarm he can find his way out, ot otherwise; and a man who once begins to practice it will not only learn even though the halls are filled with to observe, but will eventually become a Never leave a room where smoke. much better and more careful cultivator. there is an alarm of fire without first In fact, he will soon become imbued securing a wet towel, or, if possible, a wet sponge or piece of woollen cloth through which to breathe. If escape by with progressive ideas, and learn that it is just as easy and more profitable to go ahead than to lag behind.-New York Sun.

An English Experimental Farm. The famous English experimental farm of Rothamsted, one thousand fertile acres in Hertfordshire, twenty-five miles

United States Medals.

from London on the Midland Railway, is described by Professor Silliman, who has recently visited it. John Bennet Lawes inherited the property in 1834, a fine old English estate, with its park of oaks and ancient mansion, and for nearly half a century, in company with Dr. J. H. Gilbert and a large corps of assist-ants, Mr. Lawes has devoted himself to agricultural chemistry on a large scale. There are eighty-six medals in all belonging to the national history of the United States, seventy-nine of which dangerous reefs. It is a peculiarity of these reefs that they are so precipitous were struck by order of Congress, and in medals are of very rare artistic merit, Of the eighty six, seventeen belong to the period of the revolution, twenty-seven to the war of 1812, four to the agricultural chemistry on a large scale; he has also set apart a fund of £100,000 and a section of land for the continuance seven to the war of 1812, four to the most perfect in the world. The light Mexican war, and two to the late war will be visible in clear weather about of these investigations after he is gone, between the States-one of the two haveighteen nautical miles, and is composed The purpose is to discover what crops are best for different soils, what fertilng been given to Gen. Grant, and the of both glass and metallic reflectors. other to the late Mr. Vanderbilt in reizers will best assist their growth, and to experiment on such a scale, both as to area and time, that the fundamental cognition of his gift of a vessel to the government. Five medals only have been given by vote of Congress to forarea and time, that the fundamental principles of farming may be made as plain and sure as those of any other business. In 1855 Mr, Lawes was pre-sented with a laboratory by public sub-scription, and there Dr. Gilbert and a considerable staff of assistants have been eigners, namely, one in the year of 1779 to Lieut. Col. de Fleury, a French offi-cer, for gallant conduct in the Battle of Stony Point; one in the year of 1858 to Dr. Frederick Rose, a British naval surgeon, for a deed of kindness to the strange to you when you mow the size of the winter rings. They are simply enormous. The thumb ring-for they wore them there-was often four inches sick men on an American man-of-war; and three in the year 1866 to Captains Creighton, Low and Stouffer, who went

> It has been calculated that about 100. 000 boatmen are employed on the canals of England and Wales, that 70,000 wo-men live in them, and the children found afloat make up a total population of nearly half a million. No women or children are allowed to live in sense

acre. On unmanured land the farm yields fourteen bushels of wheat to the children are allowed to live in canal

wear. bare chest. The other day while stand -Silver jewelry still continues in favor, ing at his easel he was seized with strong convulsions, and expired after forty-eight hours' agony. The doctors attrib-ute his death to the absorption into the and the finest of filigree work can be found.

with all the roads for the purpose of ac-commodating the freight to and from

A letter-writer in the New York Sun,

gives an enquiring correspondent this simple remedy for drunkenness: "About half an hour, or earlier before breakfast let him partake of an orange or two. After a time they have a peculiar and re-markable effect on an empty stomach

markable effect on an empty stomach. The patient thenceforth abhors strong

drink, because it tastes nauseous to him.

ary circumstances. He was a man of

of women doing the work of 'longshore-

men on the wharves of St. John's, New-

Sammer Rings,

one that

sweat,

Unable to support a gem of weight."

Passementerie and all flat trimmings system of poisons used in painting. are much in vogue for trimming dresses and paletots.

> Plaid dresses in those Scotch patterns combining a great deal of green and blue, with a touch of yellow or red, are much worn; they are trimmed with gold cord, and have vests of white or buff, with gold buttons.

Wide leather belts are very fashionable with all styles of dresses; these have attached to them the small bag, the chatelaine on which hangs the fan, and the small portemonnaie containing just change enough to be of service, whether one is shopping, or at church, or passing toll-gates. In England these belts and their accompaniments are called "passe-partouts." It is an odd spectacle to witness scores

Light colored percale dresses for young ladies, or muslins of any description, are made dressy by having foundland. When the time arrives for square-neck openings filled in with fine West Indies, and elsewhere, to take aboard their cargoes of salt cod, herring, etc., files of buxom females, with tucked-up gowns, bared arms, and coarse broembroidery or lace. A more satisfactory way is to make a square collarette, finished with ruffle of lace which is adustable, and that can be worn with any tress. Very tiny bows of narrow ribbon gans, may be seen along the wharves, carrying flat barrows of fish to and fro. of the shade of the dresses are used to asten the collarette. Each barrow has four handles, and is

Prince and Sovereign.

Dr. Ruppaner, the well-known German-American, and president of the Goethe Club, of New York, was the hero of an adventure in Paris recently that attracted much attention from those who saw it. He had hailed a cab, and as he was about to step in he was surprised to see another man entering at the opposite side. Dr. Ruppaner de-manded of the driver which of the two had hailed him first, and the driver deof Fowey Rocks, on the northeast ex-tremity of the Florida Reefs. It is three miles from land, and completes one ided in favor of the New Yorker. He chain of similar structures around those then politely requested the stranger to descend, but the latter answered:

"I am Prince ----," giving a known name. Dr. Rupanner replied:

"You are a prince, but I am a sovereign-a citizen of the United States;" and without much more ado he gently took the prince by the collar of his coat and set him down quietly upon the sidewalk. The prince went in search of another carriage, and the "sovereign" rode off in triumph.

Something New.

Something New. "Got anything new?" inquired a Chi-cago reporter of a city official, in the City Hall, one morning, recently. "I should say I had," was the reply, as the official clasped his hands to his face and rushed off as if in agony. "What is it?" anxionsly inquired the reporter, following up his man. "Oh, please don't bother me just now, sir." pleaded The ancient Romans had both summer and winter rings. That will not seem so don't bother me just now, sir," please the functionary as how, sir," pleaded the functionary, as be tore around the the functionary, as be tore around the hall. "I guess you better let me have it," urged the item vulture. "I wish to heaven I could," muttered the official. "Yes, yes, do; what is it?" said the newspaper fiend, gaining hope. "Well, if you must know, I suppose you must," said the victim, as he buried his juws in his hands assin: "I'll tell you what in diameter. The side intended to go next to the hand was an inch thick, and the other side at least three inches. One can easily see that fingers full of rings like that would be rather uncomfortable in warm weather, whatever they were in cold. One of their writers sings of some his hands again; "I'll tell you what I've got new." "What is it?" "I've got the neuralgia!" And the ungrateful "Charged with light summer rings, his fingers reporter, having learned what it was, said that he did no! want it.

constructed so as to send a blae of light along the whole horizon of the ocean. It is estimated that this struc-ture will last three or four hundred years.

to the aid of an American vessel and

saved the lives of about five hundred persons.

considerable staff of assistants have been at work ever since, superintending ex-periments, making and applying ma-nures, and analyzing soils and crops. Thirteen acres of wheat have been under experiment in plats for thirty-five years, and grass, oats, postoes and other crops nearly as long. The results of this long and careful investigation have establish-ed that barnyard manure can only carry the production of hay to a limit about half the maximum that can be reached with mineral manures alone, which have produced five and a half tons to the acre. On unmanured land the farm

boats in either Scotland or Ireland.

borne by two women. They perform the same labor as men at this business, but their pay is inferior. Women also go on the "summer voyage" to Labra-dor, and act generally in the capacities of "splitters," "salters," and "headers." the stairs is cut off seek an outside window and stay there till help comes. Above all things be cool and have your wits about you. Your presence of mind gone, all is lost. One of the largest and most expensive light-houses ever erected by the United States is now in process of construction