FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

The Potato and Its Bequirements.

It is very generally conceded that a clover soil is admirably adapted to the growth of a potato crop, producing tu-bors of excellent flavor and those least liable to disease. A slightly sandy soil, inclining to be dry rather than wet, furnishes potatoes of good quality. A cal-carcous soil produces a fair grade of tubers and generally a sure crop. Big crops of potatoes can be grown on low mucky land provided it is properly drained, but the presence of a large quantity of organic matter tells upon the quality of the roots. Heavy soils induce a watery insipidity of flavor, and render a dry, mealy product impossible. Wet land which has not been drained is,

render a dry, mealy product impossible. Wet land which has not been drained is, of course, wholly unfit for potato grow-ng. The ground for potatoes should be carefully prepared. The plan is to plow it deeply in the fall, lightly in the spring, turning under such manure as the soil lacks, and harrowing it until the earth is fine and mellow. Both hill and drill planting is practiced by successful culti-vators. Each method has its merits as well as advocates. Many farmers cling to the older practice of high hills be-cause they believe the tubers can be kept cause they believe the tubers can be kept dryer and warmer, and therefore less able to drought than in level culture. A Pennsylvania correspondent whose experiments have proven what the friends to drill planting claim—. e., larger yield per acre—complains of a corresponding increase of expense for cultivation. He contends where land is plenty that rows three feet apart and hills three feet distant in the rows, permitting horse cultivation both ways, is the most profitable method, the cost of growing the crop being thereby greatly reduced. The distance apart of both hills and drills varies according to the character of the land and the kind of potato planted. Growths with large tops rejuire a little more space, and under any circumstance there must be room enough for thorough culture. The usual rule regarding distances is hills three to three and a half feet apart each way; or plant in drills three to three and a half feet distant, with the seed one foot apart in the drill

The relative merits of whole or cut pointoies for seed agitated the agricul-tural mind at each recurring season. The general rule arising from the conflicting experiences of successful growers is, select for seed none but the best and when the tuber is cut leave enough bulk to insure sufficient sustenance to the young plant. A very common plan is cutting the potato in pieces containing tw) eyes

Successful culture depends largely-especially on old lands-on the liberal application of suitable fertilizers. Fine potatoes in goodly number cannot be produced without an abundant supply of proper food. The kind, amount and condition of the manure applied must vary greatly with the kind and condi-tion of the soil. Fresh barnyard manures are not advised, as they are liable to af-fect the flavor of the potatoes and induce an undue growth of tops at the expense of the roots. Undecomposed stable manure has, however, proved valuable in exceptional cases when applied broadcast and plowed under, as in heavy clay soils. Generally speaking, however, only well-rotted stable or barnyard manure should be used, and when the soil is naturally rich this is best omitted favor of other fertilizers, assalt, ashes and gypsum. A dressing of salt and unleached ashes applied in the growing season acts not only as a fertilizer but a preventive of the grub prevalent in richly-manured lands. Bone dust also greatly benefits a potato soil. The value wood ashes to the potato crop cannot be too highly estimated.

The cultivation of the potato should be thorough, from the time the vines appear above the ground until they begin to bloom, when it should cease, begin to bloom, when it should cease, be-yond removing any weeds that may make an appearance. The economy in labor gained by using the plow for hoed crops is so well understood that it is not necessary to spend words in its favor. The practice of sprouting potatoes for and he could seek the seclusion of his seed in hot-beds or baskets and trays set in some warm place is increasing in localities where early potatoes are liable to be overtaken by late spring frosts. This practice advances the crop about one fortnight.-New York World.

SHEPHERD COWLEY IN PRISON.

A Minister's Experience as a Convict on Binckwell's Island. Rev. Edward Cowley, who was sen-tenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island for ill-using and starving the children un-der his charge in the Shepherd's Fold, a New York charitable institution, is now undergoing his punishment. A New York paper gives the following graphic account of his first day's experience as a convict

Arrived at the penitentiary, the party adjourned to the inner office, where the prisoner was introduced to Warden Fox, who, in response to his earnest

rules. Do your work well, and don't give your keeper an opportunity to crit-icise you. That's my advice to you." The warden added that if he had a mechanical turn he might find something to do in the blacksmith shop or the shoe shop. "Yes," said Cowley, earshoe shop. "Yes," said Cowley, an nestly, with the tears standing in his ey.s, "I want to work as hard as I ey.s, "I want to work as hard as I

ing At 1:30 o'clock the ex-shepherd gave up his hopes of a stay and resigned himself to the hands of the prison barber. His glossy iron-gray beard and whiskers, which have been his pride ber. during the twenty-five years of his min-istry, were cut off short, and his chin shaved and trimmed till it was as smooth as a Dutch cheese. He was stripped of his clothing, placed in one of the three bath tubs ranged along the wall, and hot water turned on till the rooms were filled with a cloud of steam. After a refreshing bath he dressed himself, and, putting on a clean shirt and striped trousers, stepped upon the scales in his bare feet and was weighed, touching the beam at exactly 137 pounds. Then he mounted a measuring machine provided with a crossbar and post marked off in inches. The crosspiece was adjusted over the shepherd's gray hairs by a fellow convict, who sang out to the recording clerk, "Five feet two and one-half inches," which was duly entered in the prison books as

a part of the description. After this ceremony was completed he was dressed in prison garb, and then taken to the shoe shop. Mr. Cowiey was introduced to the foreman of the shop, who consigned him to the care of an instructor, who in turn set him to an instructor, who in turn set him to work cutting out leather for the soles of the shoes. He was given a bench in the front row, near the middle window and under the eye of the keeper. Be-tore going, Mr. Ambrose enjoined the keeper to mark for punishment any prisoner who insulted or taunted the new comer in any manner. After the officers had left Mr. Cowley found some difficulty in cutting the soles, and was accordingly provided with a punch, and instructed to punch holes in the leather. It was a strange sight, the bare-headed, pallid-faced man, bending down pa-tiently and resignedly to his unaccustomed task, handling his tools with the clumsiness of a beginner, and yet working away with the determination to do the best he could and give his keepers as little cause of complaint as possible. At 5:30 o'clock the men quit work and marched in lock st p to dinner. Mr. Cowley came the last but four in the shoe shop division, and found great

The Best Mare in the World.

From the earliest period of racing history no animal that ever trod the turf has achieved such a record of the turf has achieved such a record as that of the Hungarian mare Kinesem, whose racing career has not been dimmed with a single defeat.

Kincsem is a chestnut mare, now six years of age, and was sired by Cambus-can out of Water Nymph, by Cots-wold, grandam Mermaid, by Mel-bourne. Cambuscan was raced in England at two and three years old, being then the property of the Earl of Stam-ford. He was a first-rate two-year-old performer, but did not do much in the coloring and and the state of the performer.

ollowing year, and was eventually sold to the Hungarian government. Water Nymph was bred in Hungary, and pur-chased for a mere bagatelle by Mr. Blascovitz, for whom she bred Kincsem, and it is needless to say how little that gentleman thought what a bonanza he was purchasing when he invested for the first time in blood stock. This gen-tleman is a merchant in Buda-Pesth, tieman is a merchant in Buda-Festh, and farms a few acres near the city, his horses being trained by Mr. Hesp, who has a public training stable in that vicinity. Mr. Hesp is a Yorkshire-man by birth, and learned the rudi-ments of his profession under John Scott, who was known far and wide in two failes on the Winser of the North State turf circles as the Wizard of the North. The writer was introduced to Mr. Hesp at Frankfurt last August, the day

writer can safely assert that this mare mare, standing about fifteen hands three inches, but on going up to her withers he found she was sixteen hands one inche and made in proportion. With a long, lean head, wide throttle and powerful neck, well set on to sloping shoulders, no fault could be found with her forehand. Her depth through the girth is immense, and her back is as level as a billiard table. The muscular power of her thighs and gaskins is immense, and the couplings are in propor-tion, showing clearly where she gets that propelling power that has borne her owner's colors first past the post in fiftyowner's colors hist past the post in fifty-four consecutive races. Her action when extended is perfection and her stride immense, the way she tucks her hind legs under her being a treat to witness. Her temper, too, is perfect, but having been pampered since she was a baby, the mare has naturally a few whims and peculiarities. She is very particu-her about the water she drinks. On one occasion she flatly refused to drink the

occasion she flatly refused to drink the water brought to her, and a cart was sent some miles to a neighboring town to fetch her some of a different kind, which she was graciously pleased to approve of. Mr. Hesp always takes his own hay and oats with him when he leaves home, in case of being unable to find provender to suit her ladyship. In one race as a two-year-old she was

standing when the flag fell, losing fifty yards, but that did not help her opponents at all. At two years old she won ten races;

three years old, seventeen; four years old, fifteen; and five years old, tweive-making fifty-four in all up to this year. There is hardly a sire of note in the English stud book that she does not trace back to. Cold weather or hot, hard tracks or

mud, come all alike to her, and traveling in cars on the eve of a race never diminis her wonderful powers. She is rightly named Kinesem, which, literally interpreted, means darling.— New York Sportsman.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF EMPIRE.

The Progress Made by Russia Since the Present Czar's Accession to the Throne -- An Interesting Summary.

Referring to the recent twenty-fifth anniversary of the Czar Alexander's acession to the throne of Russia, a New

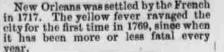
York paper says: The opening of the reign which has just completed its twenty-fifth year was the gloomiest period of Russian history ; the gloomiest period of Russian history; but it was also the most profitable. "We owe gratitude," says the Moscow Gasette, "even to England herself, for her blows shattered the pernicious sys-tem that was destroying us, opened our eyes to the real state of our internal strength, and cleared the way for all the reforms now in progress." This is no exaggeration. Russia has made more real process since the second of Alexreal progress since the accession of Alex-ander II. than during the whole preced-ing century. In 1865 she had only 419 miles of railway; she has now upward of 10,000. In 1865 only three cities in the whole complexe ris St. Dura has no whole empire-viz., St. Petersburg, Moscow and Odessa-were even tolerabiy paved or lighted; whereas, now every leading provincial town is well off in both respects, and the new St. Petersburg gas company is one of the most flourishing in the empire. In 1855 the total number of factories in European Russia was 17,536, representing a yearly value of 350,000,000 rubles, (\$262,500,previous to Kinesem's fiftleth victory, and was taken to the mare's stable, the present reign-23,721 factories were and was taken to the mare's stable, where she was enjoying her evening feed. Having seen racehorses in all quarters of the globe, including Gladi-ateur, Blair Athol, Lord Clifden, Long-fellow, Harry Bassett, Monarchist, Duke of Magenta, Wheel of Fortune and many other high-class racehorses, the minimum set of the state many other high-class racehorses, the state of legal system of that day, carried on ac-cording to the obsolete forms of mediaval law, were almost too monstrous for belief; whereas, now trial by jury, introduced in 1863, is a national institu-

outshines them all. As she stood in the box, munching her corn, a first glance made her out to be a long, low years, whereas it is now limited to years, whereas it is now limited to seven. Various crucl and degrading seven. punishments, than in constant use in the imperial army, are now almost abol-ished, only one man having "run the gantlet" in St. Petersburg since 1861. The 23,000,000 peasants who were slaves n 1855 are now freemen, and not a few of them have become land-owners or thriving merchants. Even in actual territory, Russia has gained consider-able. In Europe she has acquired Southern Bessarabia. In Asia Minor she has annexed part of Northern Armenia. In Central Asia she has won territory as large as France, while her Siberian frontier has been advanced nearly a 1,000 miles at the expense of China, and the important island of Saghalin, extorted from Japan. But, apart from all this, Russia has

achieved a step which will go far to supply her greatest want. She has formed, not indeed a substantial middle class, but that which will be the germ of such a class, and which is expanding every year. This is the one thing lack-ing to insure the stability of the empire. Of the 55,000,000 inhabitants contained by Russia proper in 1861, 29,000,000 were free peasants and 23,000,000 serfs, leaving only 1,000.000 nobles, 4,000,000 burgesses, and 650,000 priests to form the

counterbalancing minority. The eman-cipation of that year, by destroying the power of the noblity, while that of the people was still non-existent, placed Russia in the position of a state with its upper class gone, its lower class not yet come and no middle class at all. The same sluggish ignorance which makes the Russian "mujik" proof against the whispers of disaffection, renders him absolutely useless to the political life of his country. What is wanted is a reasoning, not a reasonless, obedience. Russia's safety lies in the creation of a class of practical and well-to do men o ousiness, for whom order implies prosperity, and disorder absolute ruin. The existence of such a class in France made the commotion of 1830 short and com-paratively bloodless, rendered abortive

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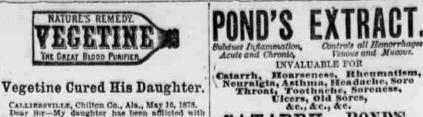
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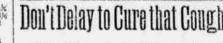
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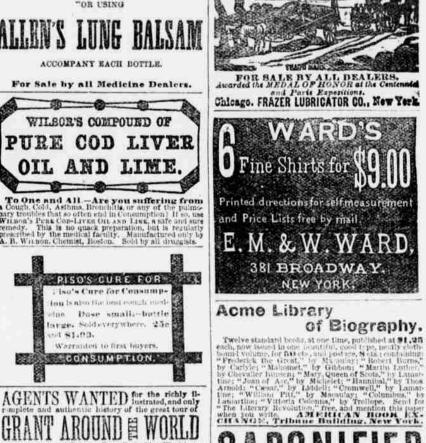
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HAVANA BUTTER -- One and a half cupfals white sugar, whites of three eggs, yolk of ore; grated rind and juice of a lemon and a half, or two small ones. Cook over a slow fire twenty minutes, stirring all the while. Very nice for tarts or to be eaten as preserves.

MASHED POTATOES - BROWNED. - Whip light with milk, butter and salt; pile upon a greased pie dish and brown in a good oven; slip to a hot dish by the aid of your cake turner.

the tongue one hour; pare and cut into thick slices; roll them in flour and fry in dripping five minutes: put the tongues into a sauce-pan; add sliced onion, thyme and parsley; cover with a cupful of your soup or other gravy; simmer row canvas cot which fills it. On Sunhalf an hour, covered tightly; take up days he will sit under the same pulpit the tongues and keep them warm ; strain from which he preached to the prisoners the gravy, thicken, put in four or five nine years ago. He is the first regularly thin slices of lemon from which the ordained white clergyman that ever peel has been taken; boil one minute, served a term on the island. and pour over the fricassee.

BROWN BREAD .- One cupful of In-dian meal, one cupful of flour, one cupful of molasses, two cupful of nour, she cup-ful of molasses, two cupfuls of Graham meal, three cupfuls of water, one tea-spoonful saleratus, also a little salt. Steam three hours. It is quite thin before steaming.

STEWED APPLES. - Make a clear syrup of half a pound of sugar to one pint of water. Skim it; peel and core the ap-selves. Every Russian is sensible that apples.

About Boiling Eggs.

There is an objection to the common way of boiling eggs which people do not understand. It is this: The white, undor three minutes' rapid cooking, be-comes tough and indigestible, while the yolk is left out. When properly cooked sooner or later nature is sure to assert other food. This result may be obtained by putting the eggs into a dish with a having the center, or yolk, harder than the white, and the egg tastes as much richer and nicer as a fresh egg is nicer than a stale egg; no person will want to eat them boiled after trying this method once.

Five newspaper men got into an ele-vator in Rochester, N. Y., and allowed the rope to be cut when they were at the fourth story. The car fell like lightening to the cellar of the building, where it was received by a patent air-cushion, and so skillfully checked that eggs on it were not broken nor water spilled from

lar in that city on the 17th, 18th and 19th of August, upon the occasion of the triennial conclave of the grand encamp-

and he could seek the seclusion of his cell. In closing the door at the worl of ample fortune, he had many crochets command his "greenness" was again observable, and he was in danger of be-was fond of discussing. He took a

difficulty in keeping step with his fel-lows. At times he would almost fall

besit values of the way in danger of be-ing marked for tardiness, until the con-vict ahead of him—a stalwart, good-natured youth stepped to his relief and showed him how to close the grating. Deputy Warden Ambrosc, who personally saw the shepherd safely into his cell for the night, says the other prisonthe fact that a considerable number were Whip light with milk, butter and salt;
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n a good oven; slip to a hot dish by the did of your cake turner.
FRICASSEE OF CALF'S TONGUE.—Boil

Mass., he ran away to sea when he was only ten, and served on board a privateersman during the war of 1812. He took part in a number of minor engagements; witnessed the fight between the Boxer and Enterprise off the coast of Maine, and, having been wounded,

The Source of Nihilism.

Russia is not the only European country in which the traveler feels that he is under a constant system of espion-age. It is disagreeable even to a pass

water. Skim it; peel and core the ap-ples, without injuring the shape. Let them be in cold water till the syrup is his own master nor able to act freely. ready; to which add the juice of a He is liable to be reported on, and a lemon, and the peel, cut very fine. record is kept of his conduct and ten-Stew the apples in the syrup till quite done. Quarters of oranges may be boiled in the same syrup instead of petually watched and tracked like a

wild animal, and the Russian cheracter is peculiarly liable to be worked into

excitement by it. There is silence and gloom about the people whom one meets in public in Russian cities,

own master, or that he can make his own career. In this gloom and sense of restraint men brood over their grievances; the more educated compare their condition with what they read of the life of other European countries, and it is no wonder if the weaker or more unscrupulous among them are incited to and so skillfully checked that eggs on it were not broken nor water spilled from glasses standing on the floor of the car. Chicago expects 20,000 Knights Temp-

horrible crimes is sufficiently accounted for by the operation of the influences we have described on this fanatical temperament.-London Times.

Row They Tried to Kill a Play.

A writer n London Society says : The A writer in London Society says: The upper galle y used to be allotted gratis to the servants of the gentlamen in the boxes. When James Townley's farce, "High Life Below Stairs," was first produced in Edinburg, the indignation of the gentlemen's servants was un-bounded. They were furious at this olderer and couries of their acquainted as he with the subject, on which he was always voluble. The signal service bureau report never pleased him. He always declared that the men who made it did not underlever and caustic satire of their own affectations, and, after meeting in solemn conclave, resolved, with an impu-dence which throws all the impertinence stand their business, and that they were continually blundering in their predicof nineteenth-century flunkeyism into the shade, that the piece should not be performed again. Accordingly upon the second night of its being announced in the bills as a part of the entertainment, tions. He had long been a weather tions. He had long been a weather prophet, and a number of lucky guesses had so filled him with self-confidence and egotism that he was impatient of any opposition. One of his favorite speeches was: "What I don't know about weather isn't worth knowing." Born in the ancient town of Salem, Mass he can away to see when he was Mr. Love, one of the managers, came upon the stage and read a letter containing the most violent threats, both against the actors and the house, if the manage-ment should dare to put the piece upon the boards again. Notwithstanding this audacious attempt at terrorism, the curtain rose on "High Life Below Stairs." The farce had no sooner begun than a solid phalanx of footmen made an attack upon the stage. In vain their masters roared at them to stand back and leave the stage. The "liveried menials" flatly refused. The masters drew their swords and rushed at them. drew a pension from the private navy fund. He was, it is said, the last pri-vateer pensioner, having survived all his fellows. Theology was one of his specialties, and he had written and published at his own expense several works thereon. He did not belong to any seet, having so many opinions and rush did it was sect, having so many opinions and be-liefs of his own. Nearly everybody knew him in Pittsburg and liked him, given and received, that the gentlemen proved victorious and drove the serv-ants from the field. Whether they were for his eccentricity did not prevent him from being interesting. all discharged by their masters or not, I am unable to say; but, at any rate, they forfeited their right to free admission to

joying the play.

Women and Theft.

The Czar and the Victims of the Winter Palace Explosion.

In the church of the military hospital, at St. Petersburg, a requiem mass was celebrated in memory of the soldiers celebrated in memory of the soldiers killed by the recent explosion in the Winter palace: Side by side stood the ten plain white coffins. Toward the close of the requiem the emperor ar-rived, accompanied by the czarewitch and the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Serge. During the singing of the "Eternal Memory" the czar tell on his knees. Then he summoned to him the officers who were an duty in the palace officers who were on duty in the palace on the fatal day, thanked them warmly, for their loyal fulfilment of their duties, cover, as a tin pail, and then pouring upon them boiling water, two quarts or more to a dozen of eggs, and cover and set them away from the stove for fifteen minutes. The heat of the water cooks the eggs slowly and evenly and suffi-ciently, and to a jelly-like consistency, having the center, or yolk, harder than the white and the agg tastes as much

think that you need look far. A lady may do with impunity what a gentle-man would never dream of doing, and Gourso, Prince Imerctensky, General Gourso, Prince Imerctensky, General Zouroff, and a large number of generals, officers and soldiers. This is the first instance on record of the bodies of pri-rate soldiers being saving to the more she knows it. A man care not gossip, for if he does, and any one is injured thereby, punishment is swift, sure and severe But to gossip is the privilege of the lady, and she is never called to acvate soldiers being carried to the grave by officers of the highest rank. The first coffin was borne by Prince Souvoroffcount. So with this older and graver sin. Suppose, for instance, it was posi-tively known that a rich and aristo-Rimniksky, Count Verontzoff-Dashkoff, two generals and two colonels. All the coffins were decorated with wreaths sent by the Grand Duchess Alexandra Josephovna. The bodies of the ten sol-diers were buried in one grave, over which will soon be erected a monument.

-Paris Golos.

tively known that a fich and aristo-cratic dame had deliberately stolen one of those rings, what would be the re-sult? Nothing, of course. The affair would be hushed up. But suppose it was a gentleman; well, he would be ruined forever—as much as if he was caught hicking a pocket in a crowd caught picking a pocket in a crowd,

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