

Rural Economy.

OLD FRUIT TREES RENOVATED.

There were old apple trees in profusion, with nearly a hundred pear trees of vigorous growth, but utterly neglected, and reported as yielding small crops of indifferent fruit.

and drive them back again to their wild vegetation on which they have heretofore subsisted, and thus save our cultivated grapes from the serious injury they are now threatening them."

WEEDING POTATOES WITH SHEEP.

It may not be known to farmers in general that it is a common practice in some of the extensive potato-growing districts to turn flocks of sheep into the potato fields for the purpose of eating down the weeds.

DWARF APPLE TREES.

The culture of dwarf apple trees (i. e., worked on the paradise stock) is yet very limited in our country, and it is only within a few years that they have attracted any attention; but as they become better known, and their real value appreciated, they will, we are sure, be considered as indispensable as the pear.

MIXING POTATOES.

We met with a farmer last week, whom we know to be very successful in his agricultural operations, but who has some notions of his own about farming.

Scientific.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

(Continued.)

ORIGIN OF SOLAR HEAT.

The next paper was "On the Origin of the Solar Heat," by Prof. Peirce. He spoke of the various theories framed to account for the maintenance of the sun's heat.

VARIOUS PAPERS.

Prof. Whitney, of Yale College, read the first paper on "Grounds of Analogy between Linguistic Science and the Physical Sciences."

mere human invention, but a development wrought by the changing needs and advancing knowledge of the races of men. A prolonged and lively discussion followed the reading of this paper, in which the effort was to make out that linguistic science has a physical department.

The Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, of New York, was then invited to sit with the Academy, and present any papers he might have to offer.

ECONOMIC APPLICATION OF SOUND.

Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute, then offered a paper "On Sound in its Economic Applications." He gave an account of the organization of the Light-house Board of this country.

THE FISHES OF THE AMAZON.

Prof. Agassiz next spoke "On the Geographical Distribution of the Fishes in the Waters of the Amazon." He found, when he went there, that about 150 species had been described.

these rivers is twenty-seven degrees centigrade, and the range only five degrees centigrade. It would be hard to find a basin of such equable temperature.

He had spread his assistants about so that he was sure of the fact, but he could not yet go beyond it. Every prominent type of the ocean had its type among these same Chromids.

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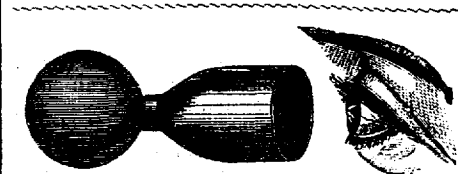
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