

Rural Economy.

AMONG THE STONES.

In passing through the country how much we see that needs improvement... how much that, with a little outlay of time and means, could be made convenient, tasteful and beneficial...

Probably a majority of the fires in dwellings throughout the country originate in the careless or rather criminal manner in which ashes are deposited in and around them...

The cellar, instead of being a "hole in the ground" without form, should have a cement bottom, be nicely laid up with a mortar wall, well drained with stone or tile...

THE RURAL ASPECT OF VILLAGES. We often wonder at the negligence and indifference of the citizens of many of our most thriving villages towards all work tending to add to the public convenience...

village and its surroundings productive of pain and regret to a refined and correct taste, instead of pleasure and satisfaction. If, from a neighboring eminence, one takes a bird's-eye view of many of our villages...

A rural town should be empowered in deciduous trees; its broad smooth streets should be shady avenues lined with rows of majestic elms, umbrageous lindens, stately tulips, or beautiful maples...

These are some of the means by which the rural attractions of our villages might be improved. Each, however, has its peculiar points of beauty. Combined and persistent effort is most wanting to produce the best results in the future...

TO PRESERVE GREEN GAGES

The following recipe appears to be a good one: Pick and prick all the plums; put them in a preserving pan with cold water enough to cover them; let them remain on the fire until the water simmers well...

Scientific.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

(Continued.)

STATURE OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

Dr. B. A. Gould was next in order with a paper on the "Stature of the American Soldiers." Mr. Gould apologized for lack of complete preparations, as he had not expected to read to-day. He had here the results as to the stature of 1,000,000 men...

NATURAL SCIENCE AMONG THE JEWS. These people, at the very remote epoch, emerged from a country highly civilized, but sunk in the superstitions of nature-worship. They invaded and mingled with tribes whose superstitions were even more debased, silly, and foul than those of the Egyptians from whom they escaped...

satisfactory, is that the early life on ship-board hinders growth. The highest stature found was 6 feet 10 inches. The men were measured over 6 feet 4, numbered several hundred. He had convinced himself that these tall men did not wear as well as the shorter by a great deal...

Maize, 68.6; Vermont, 68.1; New Hampshire, 67.9; Massachusetts, 67.5; Rhode Island, 67.5; Connecticut, 67.5; New York, 67.5; Pennsylvania, 67.3; Ohio, 67.6; Indiana, 68.7; Michigan, 67.8; Wisconsin, 67.7; Iowa, 68.9; Louisiana, 67.3; Minnesota, 68.3; Missouri, 68.5; Kansas, 66.8; average all, '68, which disposes of many things said in disparagement of American soldiers...

The Adjutant-General of Iowa was very reluctant to have the record in his office examined, because he did not wish to have the soldiers from his State appear at a disadvantage, and no muster-rolls of the first and tallest troops had been kept. "Those were men worth looking at," he said.

Prof. Agassiz thought that smaller men would cause the navy. He said that it took time to produce large frames, and that the West was a limestone region. Dr. Gould said that the limestone theory could not account for the difference in height between the New England States...

BAROMETRICAL MEASUREMENT AT DIFFERENT HOURS OF THE DAY.

Prof. Guyot presented a paper "On the influence of the hour of the day on the heights obtained by barometrical measurement." He said that the barometrical method of measuring mountains had been found altogether the best, but went on to show the drawbacks and uncertainties to which it was exposed, and especially to set forth one source of error and the necessity of correction depending on the hour of the day at which observation was made...

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