going. They had talked nothing else for a week, and it had seemed to them that the day would never come.

But it had, and at an early hour the boys trooped off to High street, to see the wagons and hear the music, and nearly all our wild flowers are dried up. sides and set in warm oven to harden.

The old elephant could not be hidden in a cage, and the boys all voted him help, but generally as soon as the plants the greatest wonder of all, with his big get well in blossom, the mower spoils dapping ears and swinging trunk.

One little fellow in Eastwood could not go—little Hans a German boy. He had heard such stories from the big boys that he was nearly wild to see an had heard such stories from the big boys that he was nearly wild to see an had been journals several years ago, and continued experience has strengthened that conclusion. That elephant.

But Hans's mother thought he was too small to go without her, and she not a shade of doubt but that a well could not leave her work; so, after a cultivated acre of this plant would give sufficiently thick, ad a little flour; if few very salt tears, the little boy brightened up and concluded to make the best of it.

after dinner, for his mother gave him a perennial, it costs double what the othpretzel and let him borrow her big wooden spoon. So he sallied forth into the street in front of the house and be. valuable plant for bees, known as the gan to dig a well

when he spied two tumble-bugs coming in sand, is a wonderful bloomer and honey-producer, but the honey from it up out of a hole close by. Breaking lacks the fine flavor of that collected off a bit of his lunch, he dropped it from the first-named plants. right in their path, and they at once seized it and began to roll it home.

Hans laid down the spoon and cake to watch them. He sat down flat on the ground, seeing how one bug would roll the load almost over with his front feet, and then, turning round, would push with his hind ones till he was tired, when the other would take his

Hans thought it was very funny, and watched them till, just as they were ready for one last push, which would he was holding his breath to see it plunge, a black cloud seemed to pass over the sun, and looking up, the terricreature with flapping ears, standing right over him!

With one scream and two bounds, he landed on the top of a high board fence. drop to the ground in fright, for there stood Mr. Elephant looking gravely at

whether he came to watch tumble-bugs or let a little boy have a look at him who could not go to the circus, for just

Mr. Elephant was acquainted with sume he found it a tough morsel), and was off in a burry.

It was of no use. In a few minutes he was captured, and with one man on his back and the other leading him, and a troop of boys following him at a the circus tent again to finish the per-formance. rate of about a gallon to forty heads, putting it in the center. I did this

Hans's mother, quietly sewing in her kitchen, was not a little astonished when her son burst in with, "O moder! the effant came to see me, he did; and he shtept on one of mine bugs, and pick up mine pretzel mit his tail. Can I have anuder 9

And this is the true story of 'How Hans saw the Elephant.'

An Eccentric Buke.

The "Great Duke of Bridgewaterquantity of snuff loose in his waistcoat pocket, whence he would pull out huge pinches and thrust it up his nose. He had no leve for the ornamental, and would allow no flower-gardens on his estate. Once, on his return from a long visit, he found some flowers which had been planted during his absence. Whipping off their heads, he ordered them to be rooted up immediately. He was economical, sometimes parsimonious, yet when Pitt called upon the country for contributions to carry on the war against Napoleon, the Duke subscribed one hundred thousand pounds. His kindness to his miners and to others who served him exhibited itself in providing them with comfortable houses, schools for their children, and shops and markets where they might purchase at reasonable rates. One of the orders to the superintendent of his coal mine was, that whenever the supply was deficient, those who came with wheelbarrows, baskets, and aprons, should be served. The buyers with carts and wagons must wait until the supply became abundant.

On one occasion, the Duke, while by a man who had just filled his sack with coals:

"Heigh! mester!" said the man. come, gi'e me a lift ur' this sack o' coal

Without hesitating, the Duke gave the "lift," and the man trudged off. "Don' yo know who's that you've been speaking tull?" asked a friend

running up to him. "Naw; who is he?" "Why it's the Duke his sen."

"The Duke!" exclaimed the man. dropping the coals. "Hey! what'll he do at me? Maun a goo an' ax his par-

The man started back, but the Duke had disappeared.

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AGRICULTURE.

BEES AND HONEY PLANTS .- I had the boys at Eastwood, for a circus was two hundred colonies of hybrid bees last autumn, and I have not lost more than six. The winter having been unusually cool, bees have not been out as much as usual and consequently losses have been less. Our bee season commences in February and continues till near December, giving us a long working season, when we take care to age. In September we usually have the greatest drought of the season and get glimpses whenever they could of the animals in cages.

During this dry season if nothing is prepared by cultivation for pasturage, the bees get scarcely enough to subsist upon. Our lucerne meadows give great all the prospects of honey from that In all my experience with bees, I find Mignonette the most valuaplant blooms early and continues to blossom till nipped by frost. I have abundant employment for 500 colonies. Sweet clover comes next to Miguouettee in value for bees. There is little doubt but that this plant will yield honey He almost forgot his disappointment faster than Mignonette, but being a er does that biossoms annually and is self-seeding after having once been started. There is still another very 'American bee plant' that was intro-He had just begun to eat his pretzel duced into the east in 1858. It grows

BARNYARD AND ARTIFICIAL FERTILIzers .- In a recent address in England gether and then break in eight eggs on chemistry in its relations to agriculture, Mr. J. B Lawes submitted the following general conclusions arrived at by experiments. That a mineral superphosphate of lime has given a considerable increase in each crop of a rotation, although used without any other manure for a period of thirty years. That in consequence of grains containing large quantities of nitrogen and phosphoric acid and small quantities of potash, manures containing soluble phosphoric acid and soluble nitrosend their load down into the hole, and | gen, as ammonia or nitro acid, are especially applicable to these crops. That where crops containing large quantities of potash, such as roots, potatoes, and hay, are sold off the farm, manures fied child saw not a cloud, but a great | containing potash, such as purchased dungs, appear to be more suitable. That although potash, phosphoric acid, and nitrogen are the chief manure ingredients in farmyard dung, in the manure from artificial foods, and in It 's the greatest wonder he did not artificial manures, still the differences in form in which these substances are met with greatly affect their value; the present method of analyzing manure does not properly recognize these dis-Hans did not have time to ask him tinctions, and the valuations founded upon these analyses are altogether false and erroneous.

CULTURE OF CABBAGE. -Since the adthen two men came along with red caps on their heads and long spears in their one has been at a loss to know what to do lo raise a few cabbages. Some have tried one thing and some have tried them, so, without waiting to say good-Last year I set about three hundred and bye to the little boy perched on the thirty-five plants, and picked off the fence, he picked up the rest of the worms by hand as they came, for about pretzel with the end of his trunk (I pre- two weeks which took some two hours each day. This seemed to be too much work, and as I have a well of soft water near by, I took a five-pail kettle, set it near the well, put into it a pint of soft soap and the same of salt, and then filled it up with water. I let this stand till the water was warmed by the sun, and then after stirring it up well, safe distance, he was marched back to took my water-pot and applied it at the every day and the result was I had the nicest and hardest cabbages that were ever raised. I had no trouble to get ten cents per head although cabbage was very cheap here. Some make a practice of buying their plants, but I would not give one cent per hundred unless I knew what I was getting.

Some years ago I was detained in returning home by a bread in the railroad. requiring a detour of some twenty miles. In order to make this I hired a buggy and driver. But the horse proved a most aggravating balker. He balked when there was no possible reathe epithet was given him for originat- son or occasion for it. When we were ing canals in England-was careless in at a certain point striving in vain to set his dress. He used to carry a large the beast going, either by the argument of persuasion or blows, an Adams express wagon came along. The driver jumped off his seat, took the whip and gently touched the animal under the belly, back and near the foreleg, and immediately the horse went on his way. We tried it repeatedly afterwards, and always with success.

> To DESTROY BURDOCKS .- The burdock is a biennial and produces seed the second summer, after which the plant dies, Allow them to make a full growth, getting nearly ripe; then cut. gather together before the seed is dry enough to shell out in handling and burn. If cut before fully developed, cheated nature persistently exerts herself in the reproduction of burdocks, throwing out shoots as often as destroyed and will set with seed until frost ends the struggle; whereas if allowed to mature the first crop they die easily. This plan, if followed two years, will leave but few plants.

"PICKLED" SEED-CORN.-It cannot be too widely known that seed-corn can be effectually 'pickled' without risk to rooks and other birds, and with saving to the farmer. The following is the recipe: For a sack of corn (four bushels) take half a pint of gas tar, one pound of vitrol, and one gallon of hot water; pour the liquid well mixed, standing at the coal-yard, was accosted over the seed with a common wateringpot twelve hours before sowing. If seed-corn of any kind is thus treated rooks will not touch it, for they, as well as other birds, appear to have a great dislike to the tar. The expense of crow keepers is also by this plan avoided.

PASTURE IN SPRING. - Great care should be exercised in making the change from hay to grass diet. A good plan is to turn cattle into a home pasture for a few hours a day for two or three weeks, feeding also hay; they will thus be prepared for living on grass alone, and having become accustomed by moderate exercise to walking, they will drive more readily.

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POMESTIC.

CHOCOLATE ICING FOR CAKES .- Put into a shallow pan two ounces of chocolate, and place it where it will melt gradually, but not scorch; when melted stir in three tablespoonfuls of milk or cream, and one of water; mix all well together, and add one scant teacupful of sugar; boil about five minutes, and while hot, and when the cakes are nearly cold, spread some evenly over keep a succession of flowers for pastur- the surface of one of the cakes; put a second one on top, alternating the mixture and cakes, then cover top and In making these most palatable cakes, "chocolate eclairs," the receipt just given will be found satisfactory.

LENTIL SOUP .- Take a pint and a half of lentil, pick thoroughly and let soak over night; take them out and put them on to boil in three quarts of cold water, without salt; slice six potatoes, and put celery, and boil for one hour longer; before serving, brown some cubes of bread, and put in the plates; if not

too thick, a little water. CEMENT FOR BASEMENT WALLS .- TO make a dry coating for basement walls, take fifty pounds pitch, thirty pounds resin, six pounds English red and twelve pounds brick dust. Boil these ingredients and mix them thoroughly; then add about one-fourth the volume of oil of turpentine, or enough to flow easily, so that a thin coating may be laid on with a whitewash or paint brush. Walls thus coated are proof against dampness.

SUGAR Tops .-- Two pounds pulverized sugar, one pound of butter; mix toand work fine; one and a half ounces hartshorn; roll fine and dissolve in one pint of sweet milk; four and threefourths pounds of flour; flavor to taste, roll out, was a over with milk, put on sugar, then bake. Do not imagine there is a mistake because I use no soda or baking powder. All bakers use hartshorn instead.

GREEN PEA SOUP .- Boil until tender one pint of shelled peas in just water enough to cook them; remove from the fire and mash very fine; then mix thoroughly with two pints of sweet milk, strain through a sieve and return to the fire. Season with butter, pepper and salt to suit the taste, and, when it boils, serve with crackers the same as oyster soup. String beans can be prepared in the same manner.

RICE PUDDING WITHOUT EGGS .- A little less than one teacup of rice in one quart of rich milk. Add one teacup of ngar, one-half teaspoon of salt and a httle grated nutmeg. Bake two hours, or until the rice is soft. The pudding should be stirred frequently while boiling to prevent the top from burning.
More milk can be added if the pudding seems too dry while baking. Best eaten

A FOOL ONCE MORE .- "For ten years my wife was confined to her bed with such a complication of ailments that no doctor could tell what was the matter or cure her, and I used up a small fortune in humbug stuff. Six months ago I saw a U. S. flag with Hop Bitters on it, and I thought I would be a fool once more. I tried it, but my folly proved to be wisdom. Two bottles cured her, she is now as well and strong as any man's wife, and it cost me only two dollars. Such folly pays .- H. W., Detroit, Mich.

CABBAGE WORMS .- Hot water thrown upon the plants will kill the cabbage worm. Be careful that it is not hot enough to scald the cabbages. A market gardener who grows cabbage on a large scale recommends a mixture of twenty parts of superphosphate of lime, one part of carbolic powder and three parts of fresh air slaked lime, a small handful of which should be scattered over each head.

be brought to a head by warm poultices of camomile flowers or boiled white lily root, or onion root by fomentation with hot water, or by stimulating plasters. When ripe they should be destroyed by a needle or a lancet, but this should not be attempted until they are fully proved.

To PICKLE BEANS .- Prepare them the same as to cook for table; that is, string and break between each bean, wash, put on to boil, cook until they begin to burst open, take off and cool them, then salt as to use fresh, pack away in a stone jar or nice tub and add tolerable weight; then prepare a weak brine and pour over; cover, and in a few weeks they will be sour.

MOCK TURTLE SOUP .- Put on beef and boil very tender; take out, chop fine, and put back to boil. Put potatoes, mace, cloves, cinnamon, parsley, thyme, spice, celery seed and ten hardbrandy and wine.

COCOANUT CARE. - One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, three cups of flour, whites of four eggs.one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoonful soda, one-half small cocoanut, stirred in at the last.

BAKED SMALL FISH .- Open the fish, wash, wipe perfectly dry, and rub over with salt; lay in a dripping-pan with a little butter and water, and bake thirty minutes in a hot oven.

He Wanted a Coffin.

A Teutonic triend of ours, whose wife had just died, went to the undertaker's to get the necessary coffin. "How much is dem coffin dings!" in-

quired the man from Germany. "Two hundred dollars," said the undertaker. "Two hundred tollars!" repeated the Dutchman. "Dot's more as I've got."

"Well, that's my price," said the undertaker. "You don't got some second-handed coffins, aint it?" asked the Teuton. The man of coffins explained it to

him that he never used them over

again. "What! never?" said our friend. "Well hardly ever," exclaimed the undertaker.

"What! never? well hardly never most never seldom always. "What kind of language is dose?" said the Dutchman in a rage, and then he added, "I guess I vait dill dimes get a leedle petter," and he departed without his coffin.

HUMOROUS.

DIDN'T HAVE A PAIR .- Two of the sporting fraternity, recently became engaged in a game of poker with a big, raw-boned, green-looking stranger, and, as sometimes will happen when professionals are playing, the stranger found himself looking at four queens, while Smith had four kings and Jones calmly regarded four aces-the best The betting was pretty lively, and finally the stranger called for a "sight," as all his money was up, and said he had four queens. Smith said, "No good-I've got four

kings. The thunder you have!" velled the stranger, and let fly his right fist, about the size of a peck of walnuts, plump between Smith's eyes, knocking him across the room. "What have you got?" sneered the

stranger to Jones. With a glance at that big fist, Jones hastened to reply, "Oh, I haven't got anything: I was only bluffing," and the stranger rakel in the "pot," and, as he departed, he was heard to mutter: "You can't wring in any cold decks on

HONORED AND BLESSED. - When a board of eminent physicians and chemists announced the discovery that by combining some well known valuable remedies, the most wonderful medicine was produced, which would cure such a wide range of diseases that most all other remedies could be dispensed with, many were sceptical; but proof of its merits by actual trial has dispelled all doubt, and to-day the discoverers of that great medicine, Hop Bitters, are honored and blessed by all as benefac-

HE strolled into the conservatory where she was clipping a rosebud and a few little sprigs to adorn his buttonhole. "Oh, Charles! isn't that a lovely rose? Just admire it's beautiful color, said she. "And am I not admiring its beautiful culler?" and as his arm quietly crept around her waist, there was the rosiest hue flushed across her face, and-well, you would have been next to ecstasy if you had been a look-

A GENTLEMAN having mounted, for the first time, a pair of eye-glasses, an old friend remarked: "So you have come to eye-glasses at last?" "Well, yes I put them on occasionally," was the reply. "Eyes beginning to fail you, eh?" "No, not at all. My eyes are just as good as they were when I was a boy, but I don't think the light is quite as good."

A MAN intruded into an Irishman's shanty some time ago. "What do you want?" asked Pat. "Nothing," was the visitor's reply. "Then you'll find it in the jug beyant where the whisky

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Safety from Lightning.

It is never too soon to go into the house when a storm is rising. When the clouds are fully charged with electricity they are most dangerous, and TREATMENT OF BOILS .- Boils should this fluid obeys a subtle attraction which acts at great distances and in all directions. A woman told me of a bolt which came down her mother's chimney from a rising cloud when the sun was shining overhead. N. P. Willis writes of a young girl killed while passing under a telegraph wire on the brow of a hill, while she was hurrying home before a storm. People should not be foolhardy about sitting on porches or by open windows, whether the storm is hard or not. Mild showers often carry a single charge which falls with deadly effect. It may or it may not be fatal to stay out; it is safe to be in the house with the windows and doors shut. The dry air in a house is a readier conductor of lightning than the damp air outside, and a draught of air invites it. A hot fire in a chimney attracts it, so to speak, and it is prudent boiled eggs; pepper and salt to your for tho who would be sure of safety taste. Thicken with flour and add to use erosene or gas stoves in summer for tho who would be sure of safety and avoid heating the chimneys of the house. People are very ignorant or reckless about lightning. I have seen a girl of eighteen crying with fear of lightning, and running every other moment to the window to see if the storm was not abating, unconscious that she was putting herself in danger. If every one would hurry to shelter as soon as a storm cloud was half way up the sky, when certain it was coming nearer, if they would shut the doors and windows, and keep away from them atterward, and from bell wires, stovepipes, mantels, chimney breasts, heaters and mirrors, with their silvered backs which carry electricity, and keep away from lightning rods and their vicinity, and from metal water spouts with good rods on their houses, they might dismiss the fear of lightning from their minds, so far as it is a thing of reason and not of im pression.

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