THE POTATO.—It is supposed that the potato is indigenous, and confined to no particular part of the world. Mr. Darwin, for instance, found it wild in the Chonos archipelago. W. J. Hooker says that it is common at Valparaiso, where it grows abundantly on the sandy hills near the sea. In Peru and various other parts of South America it appears to be at home. It is a well known tact that it was to the colonists whom Sir Walter Releigh sent out, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, that we are indebted for our potatoes. Herrist, who went out with these colonists, and who wrote an account of his travels, makes what may, perhaps, be regarded as the earliest mention of the vegetable. Under the heading of "roots," he men tions what he calls the "openawk."
"These roots," he says, "are round, some large as walnuts, others much larger they grow on damp soils, many hanging together as if fixed on ropes; they are good food, either boiled or roasted." In early times the potato was considered by many to be poisonous and unhealthy, and was avoided as an article of diet, particularly by the very poor.

There are now 22 starch factories in full blast in Aroostook county. Me. of 40 acres devoted exclusively to potatces, and the crop has been known to yield as high as 400 bushels to the acre. The factories take both large and small, but the farmers plant the large variety principally, and potatoes weighing one pound and three-quarters are frequently seen in the bins.

BEEF .- Beef is better for food for working people than it is for those of sedentary habits. Beef is mostly muscle, muscle is nitrogenous, and nitrogen, when done with, is cast out through the kidneys. The kidneys are never so active in sedentary people as in manual laborers, especially those that work with their muscles continuously. People of quiet habits should hardly ever eat of beef more than once a day at most. Eating more, they are liable to incur trouble from the accummulation of .nitrogenous matters in the system. Sometimes the appetite will point out the course for individuals to pursue. It generally will, if it is not betrayed by too many condiments. Laborers are more likely to regulate themselves in this matter.

A RUN in a good clover stubble will be beneficial topigs. The yards should be kept as clean as possible, A quantity of copperas sprinkled about the pens will deodorize and disinfect the place very satisfactorily and cheaply. Young pigs should be pushed now if they are for early market. A rapid growth secured now is of the greatest importance. If the stock is not what is desired begin to improve it at once by securing a pure-blood boar of some good breed to use in the herd.

Railroad Travel Now and in the Past, Two additional fast express trains have recently been added to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company passenger service between Philadelphia and New York, both running through in two hours-the time made by several other fast trains already on the passenger schedule. When the old Camden and Amboy Line was opened to travel, forty years or so ago, the improvement upon the stage coaches which covered the distance in a long day—and this only under favorable circumstances-was very great; but it was not so great as the improvement upon the primitive railroading which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has effected within the past ten years. Some of us remember with feelings of misery the six or eight hours in the wretched little cars and in a slow going boat that the journey between these great cities involved, and yet we marveled not a little at what we then regarded as the greatest wonder of the age-a locomotive engine moving at the rate of twelve or fifteen miles an hour. The contrast is no greater between the stage coaches and these old time railway trains, than that between the Camden and Amboy service and the service of the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad of to-day. From the roadbed up, a complete revolution has been effected. Engines running at the rate of from fortyfive to sixty miles an hour; cars in which everything is provided for the comfort of the traveler; a system of telegraphic signaling that secures as absolute a degree of safety as human intelligence can devise and a passenger service of some forty trains a day-these are the main changes which forty years have effected and the practical which marked the abandonment of horse power and the introduction of steam. As traveling facilities have increased travel has increased proportionately. These forty trains which ply between the two cities every day carry backwards and forwards eight thousand or more passengers-more in a whole year.

DOMESTIC.

CHOICE GRASSES FOR DECORATION .-A bouquet or vase of properly dried decoration for the parlor in winter. The beauty of a grass depends largely upon the delicacy of its flower clusters ment in the panicle or "head," as a grasses, a long feathery plume of the pampas Grass may be chosen, and it is indeed a very pleasing object when preserved of its original shape and be gathered just as they are fully in flower, and hung up or spread out to dry in a place that is free from dust. If a grass is gathered after it is beginning to mature its seed, the floral parts will become brittle and soon fall o pieces, and fail to be the objects of what they would be if gathered when There are a number of native grasses collection. In general, it may be said that any grass that is attractive for its delicacy, grace, and color while growing in the field, will not be disap-

LIME IN THE TRA KETTLE .- Every good housewife knows that an iron kettle used for heating water that holds lime in solution, will in a short time expect to pay you for the boots." become coated with that substance. This being a poor conductor of heat, it affinity can be overcome by coating the inner surface of the vessel with a compound of tannie acid and iron. which is soluble in water and will not precipitate lime. This is easily done. Take a new tea kettle and put a handful of oak bark into it, all with water, and keep it boiling for three or four as the water boils away. The iron will get a jet black coat of tannite of iron and will be proof against lime. Care must be taken that the kettle does not boil dry and become heated to redness. A heat a little below that point will destroy the coating. It the lime can be fully removed from an old tea kettle, it can be coated in the same manner as a new one, but will require a longer time, and perhaps it will require a longer time, and perhaps it will be necessary to repeat the boiling two or three times.

TURNER'S CEMENT .- Melt one pound of resin in a pan over the fire, and, Each one of these factories requires when melted, add one-quarter of a from 1,500 to 2000 bushels of potatoes a pound of pitch. While these are boilday, and as they intend to run 90 days | ing add brick dust until, by dropping this season, the total quantity of pota- a little on a cold stone, you think it toes used will reach about 3,000,000 hard enough. In winter it may be bushels. The factories have been pay- necessary to add a little tallow. By ing 20 cents a bushel for the potatoes, means of this cement a piece of wood an unusually low figure, but even at may be fastened to the chuck, which this price the farmers of that section | will hold when cool: and when the would receive a revenue of \$600,000 work is finished t may be removed by a from this one source. Some have fields smart stroke with the tool. Any traces of the cement may be removed from the work by means of benzine.

> FANCY CREAMS .- Allow enough new milk to fill ten small cups; set it on to boil; and having mixed in half a pint of milk and two ounces; of grated chocolate, add it to the boiling milk. Just before it comes off the fire pour the yolks of six eggs beaten and mixed in a little milk, and half a pound of white sugar. When cool, mix in the beaten whites of the eggs, and a small quantity of vanilla boiled in milk. Fill the cups nearly full, place them in water and boil half an hour. Eat when

GINGER COOKIES .- One cupful of sugar, one cupful of butter, one egg, one-third cupful of molasses, one tablespoonful of saleratus. The materials to be mixed quite stiff, rolled thin and baked in a quick oven. Great care should be used, for the cookies must not brown, but nicely bake through. They must be removed from the dripper with a knife and laid on a paper to cool. After becoming cold they can be put in a jar and set in a dry store-room, or on a shelf in the

STEAM BOILER CEMENT .- Mix two parts of finely-powdered litharge with one part of very fine sand, and one part of quicklime which has been allowed to slake spontaneously by exposure to the air. This mixture may be kept for any length of time with out injuring. In using it a portion is mixed into paste with linseed oil, or, still better, boiled linseed oil. In this state it must be quickly applied, as it soon becomes hard.

SUBSTITUTE FOR APPLE SAUCE .-Moderately boil one pint of molasses from five to twenty minutes, then add three eggs thoroughly beaten, hastily stirring them in; continue to boil a few minutes with lemon or nutmeg.

PUMPKIN PIE.—Butter the pie plate and shake over some yellow Indian er himself. meal (this forms the paste;) to one quart of pumpkin add one cup of boiled milk, three eggs, or two eggs and one soda cracker rolled fine.

How Cows DRINK -- Although cows require a great deal of water, many of them are allowed to suffer for want of it, because their peculiar fastidiousness is not understood or regarded. If cows have to drink from any place other than a brook or river do not turn out more than two at a time. Many of our hired men expect a cow to drink like a horse, which they certainly do not. Lead a horse to the trough and he will drink immediately or not at all but a cow will usually stand and look. wet her lips and sip a mouthful half a dozen times before she begins to drink in good earnest. Some cows, however, will drink immediately. But in case of either cows or horses. proper care cannot be taken of them till their peculiarities are well understood; and whoever undertakes to make the most of his stock must make every individual one a special study. If cows are watered out of a pail it may be found that one animal will drink only from a certain pail and if a change is made it will be instantly detected. Few cows will eat hay that another has breathed upon. It is well to humor results are actually greater than those ing to supply the proper quantity and but are the flesh side of sheep skins. of plums; some were smashed, but the quality of rood.

The Largest Lathe .- The St. Chamond S eel Works, France, boast of having the largest lathe in the world. It was manufactured by Sir Joseph Whitworth & Co., of Lanchester, England, and than in old times made the same journey has just been set up in France for turn- and litharge have been added, will be less than a day. Price 25 cents. Sold ing 100-ion guns.

HUMOROUS.

A NICE-LOOKING young man with kid gloves and broad cloth stepped into and tastefully arranged grasses of the the St. Louis Dispensary the other day more graceful sorts, is a very pleasing and asked to be treated gratts for an affection of the ear. "Are you a pauper?" asked the doctor. "Pauper!" indignantly exclaimed the sleek visiand their graceful and orderly arrange- tor, "do I look like a pauper?" The doctor reminded him that the law protype of beauty among the larger vided only for treatment of paupers at the dispensary. The visitor answered: "I don't want you to insinuate that I am a pauper." "I will state further for your information," said the Doccolor. We must here enter a protest tor, "that the law positively prohibits against the violation of nature by dying the plumes of grasses any color kid glove," "Well, you know what you whatever. They, to our taste, cannot can do " answered kid glovey. The be improved upon by being colored a Doctor rejoined, "I know what you deep crimson and natural green un- can do," and jumped up, but the pleasant black, or any other color, deadhead was too quick for him, and Grasses for their greatest beauty should skipped out just in time not to be kick-

ed out. An honest Galveston shoemaker was see but one of his fashionable cus- ly secure retreat in a thunder-storm tomers seated at a table covered with in the form of a subterranean vault of all the delicacies of the season, includ- iron. He was probably led to this by just at the opening of the flowers. ing a large bottle of green seal and two thinking of a mode to keep out missiles, canvas-back ducks. Rushing in, the having no notion that a thin shell of that are worthy of a place in such a irate Galveston tradesman exclaimed, soft copper would have been quite as the boots you have got on, but you can emperors who, as Suetonius tells us, cles." The young man wiped his or descended into underground caves pointing when it is tastefully arranged | moustache, and looking around to see or cellars on the appearance of a thunin a whisper, "Don't be deceived by appearances. You must not lose confidence in me. I don't expect to pay from lightning, dangerous accidents for this little banquet any more than I

THE Judge came down to Cincinnati will of course take a longer time to one day, and the next morning early heat the water than when the kettle is he went into the librarian's room at new. Copper or tin vessels do not be- the Court House. He saw a little redcome coated with lime. The reason is headed man in his shirt-sleeves sweepthat iron has an affinity for lime. which | ing and dusting about, and, going up that from has an affinity for finite. Which ing and dusting about, and, going up the other metals have not. But this to him, asken him when the libarian it. A well-constructed reservoir full of water is not a good "earth" for a would be in. "At 9 o'clock, sir," was the answer. So some time after 9 the Judge came in again, and seeing the same little red-headed man, went up to him and asked if the librarian was great mischief has been done by forin then. "I am the librarian, sir," said getting this. the man. "Why," said the Judge, "I was in here before, and you said the hours, filling it up from time to time librarian would be in at 9 o'clock. How does this happen?" And the Judge was in a fair way to get angry. "Oh," said Myers, "then I was the janitor; now I am the librarian."

> Jones and Brown were talking lately of a young clergyman whose preaching they had heard that day. 'What do you think of him?" asked Brown? "I think," said Jones, he did better two years ago," "Why," said Brown, "he didn't preach then?" "True," said Jones, "that is what I circulation of water-consists of an ar-

Hamburg edging."

when he sits down on a chair and find stay bolts in the usual way.

THE greatest lover of the human race is a Toledo man. When he slips down he prefers to have a crowd see him, so they can have the fun of

who was exceedingly mild in his preaching, "He's a good man, but he always rakes with the teeth up." A MAN who said he spoke from ex-

An old farmer said of his pastor

perience lately declared that, in his opinion, "the worst thing out" is one's last match on a dark night. WOMAN-KIND is like cider-sweet

years.

from behind his nose and sing like other people." "Jack, what relation is that old gentleman I saw you with this morning!' "Oh, not much; he's married to my

grandparents' only daughter." Ir women are really angels, why

of climbing? An auctioneer should not be blamed for having the blues occasionally, as he is naturally a man of more (e) bid

A soldier having been wounded with a six-shooter, was taken to the

hospital, where he became a sick shoot-LADIES should beware of the man

cloven foot is apt to follow. "How sad!" exclaimed one blade o',

sad! We only meet to sever!" Young folks grow most when they are in love. It increases their sighs wonderfully.

Why is flattery like Cologne water? Because it is merely to be sniffed at, not swallowed.

When is a young lady like a musicbox? When she is full of airs.

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Protection from Lightning .- A knight of the olden time in full armor was probably as safe from the effects of a thunder-storm as if he had a lightningstrolling down the avenue, when, peer- rod continually beside him; and one of ing into a restaurant, what should he | the Roman emperors devised a perfect-"You haven't got money to pay me for effective as massive iron. But those afford to pay for all manner of delica- wore laurel crowns or seal-skin robes. that he was not overheard, responded der-storm, were not protected at all. Even in France where special attention is paid to the protection of buildings have occured where all proper precautions seemed to have been taken But on more careful examination it was usually found that some one essential element was wanting. The most common danger seems to lie in fancying that a lightning-rod is necessarily properly connected with the earth if it drops into a mass ci water. Far from lightning-rod. The better the stonework and the cement the less are they

Dolly Varden.

fitted for this special purpose, and

A character in Dickens "Barnaby Rudge," a locksmith's pretty daughter, the impresonation of good humor and blooming beauty. She undoubt-edly used Carboline, a deodorized extract of petroleum, the great natural hair renewer, as the abundance of fin glossy hair which hung down over her shoulders fully attested. Try it. Sole by all druggists.

An inproved construction of boilerswith a view to a perfect and natural rangement by which all of the tubes, together with the tube sheets, may be THE explanation given by an excited easily removed from the boller shell Celestial in Vicksburg: "Me playee for cleaning or repairs. To this end poker with Melican; alle same me the flues or tubes are placed vertically glette flo aces; me bette ten dolla, no- in a rectangular flue box, provided body clum in. Me gette thlee klings; with a rectangular flange, which is me bette five dolia, nobody clum in. bolted to a corresponding collar sur-Me gette flo flushee; me bette fifteen rounding an opening in the rear wall dolla, evly son of glun clum in. Me of the fire box; the rear end of the fluebox is riveted to the back head of the boiler shell by bolts. The joints at the Two ladies went to see Clara Morris. end of the flue-box are sufficently In one of the most affecting passages strong to withstand any strain that of the play, when the whole house was can be brought to bear upon them; and hushed in stillness, one lady who had the flame, smoke and products of combeen using her opera glass attentively bustion pass through the flue-box and remarked to the other: "Pooh! The around the flues, effecting rapid gentrimming on her dress is nothing but eration of steam. The circulation of the water and steam in the vertical tubes is natural and perfect. For NEVER does a man believe so strong- boilers carrying a very high pressure ly in the attraction of gravitation as the flue-box may be strengthened by

Workingmen.

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In boring for water in the Wimmera district, Victoria, recently, a tree was passed through for six feeet at a depth Chamois skins are not derived from of 250 feet, and the cup brought up the animal in such cases, while study- the chamois, as many people suppose, several fruit stones similar to the nuts and in a solution of sulphuric acid, seemed evident that there was a grove

> Time is money; emphatically so everywhere.

A Good Housewife.

The good housewife, when she is giving her house its spring renovating, should bear in mind that the dear inmates of her house are more precious than many houses, and that their systems need cleansing by purifying the blood, regulating the stomach and bowels to prevent and cure the diseases arising from spring malaria and miasma, and she must know that there is nothing that will do it so perfectly and surely as Hop Bitters, the purest and best of medicines .- Concord N. H Patriot.

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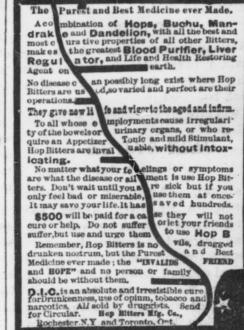
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