

## AGRICULTURE.

**RENOVATING WORN-OUT LAND.**—No good farmer will allow his fields to become exhausted by excessive cropping but will adopt timely measures for keeping up their fertility; but should they become reduced under bad management, the question of renovating is one of the very first importance. If the farmer has an abundance of good dressing, the question is easy of solution; but where large areas are to be restored the manure heap is likely to fail, and some other plan must be adopted. The choice, in such a case, lies between green manuring and sheep. Land whose fertility has become quite low will produce a decent crop of clover by the aid of a liberal application of plaster, and this clover, when ploughed under, acts wonderfully in restoring the lost fertility of the soil. Buckwheat will flourish upon soil too poor for corn or wheat, and next to clover, is perhaps the best crop for green manuring. Both should be turned under when in full bloom. The value of sheep for restoring run-out grass lands is too well known to require anything more than simple mention. It has been successfully practiced for generations, and yet there are many farmers who complain of run-out lands, who keep no sheep at all. Aside from their value in restoring worn-out lands to fertility, there is no stock the farmer can keep that pays so well, and that so many farmers do not keep them is a wonder. We asked one farmer the question the other day, and his reply was that his fences were too poor. In other words, it would require a little labor to repair his fences.

**THINNING FRUIT.**—Skillful fruit growers have long been in the practice of thinning the young fruit on overbearing trees, both for the good of the fruit that remains, and to prevent exhaustion of the trees, and we have often had occasion to urge the importance of the practice, which in addition to the advantages already mentioned, saves much labor in hand-picking afterwards numerous imperfect specimens, and much time in assorting after they are gathered. Before, or by the time they are an inch in diameter, the finest specimens may be seen for leaving, as the smaller and poorer ones are taken out. Some valuable hints on this subject were given at the last winter meeting of the Western New York Horticultural Society. W. C. Barry said they could not get good exhibition pears without thinning the clusters. They used a pole with a notch in one end, which enabled the operator to twist them off rapidly. E. Moody, in speaking of the Northern Spy, which is so often defective on crowded trees, said it would become very profitable when we make up our minds to thin it thoroughly, and that if we would take off in time from three-fourths to seven-eighths, we would get nearly as much in measure, and twice the price of any other apple we grow. Maj. Brooks thought the Spy could be best thinned by cutting out crowded branches. Mr. Vick said no one had any business to grow apples who would not thin them.

**HUNGARIAN GRASS OR MILLET** can be grown on soil as bad as well as anywhere else. After taking off a crop of hay, turn the soil over flat, spread on and harrow in some special fertilizer. Put in these at the rate of one bushel to the acre, bushing it in and rolling the land. If the ground is seeded by the middle of July, a fair crop can be cut by the middle of September. There are many wide awake farmers who adopt the above practice every year.

The three following processes may be laid down as the foundation of all good farming: First, by draining, to get rid of all the superfluous water. Second, to return to the land through the medium of manure made upon the place, if possible, the fertility of the soil which has been taken away by cropping. Third, to destroy all weeds, that they may not feed upon that fertility of the soil which the plants require.

**SULPHUR FOR ROUP.**—Roup will sometimes yield to the following treatment: Open the affected fowl's beak with a tube, which may be formed of paper, blow half a teaspoonful of sulphur down the throat. Three applications have been known to cure.

## A BOSS TIME.

A boy entered the Fremont Police Station on a run Sunday night and requested the presence of an officer to quell a disturbance in a house on the upper end of Beaubien street. When the officer reached the house he found about twenty people assembled to witness a marriage, but a former lover of the bride had refused to let the ceremony proceed. The father took the officer through into the kitchen and explained.

"The objector and objections have happily been removed and the marriage ceremony performed. Sorry to have troubled you, but you shall partake of thirteen different kinds of refreshment."

"What was the trouble?"  
"Well not much. My daughter was engaged to a teamster, but they got into a quarrel and declared it off. Then she was engaged to a bricklayer, but he lied to her, and they broke it up. Then she was engaged to a milkman, and they were expecting to be married, when along came this young man. He is a cooper, and so am I. I saw how nice it would be for us to cooperate, he using my shop and I using his tools, and so I persuaded Mary to have him."

"And the milkman kicked?"  
"Yes. He raised a great row about it, but he finally submitted."

"How?"  
"Come this way!"

The father led the officer into the back yard, and the old lover, was then discovered, tied neck and heels, and pushed into an empty hoghead, with the big family dog standing guard over him. The prisoner was terribly indignant, threatening to clean out the crowd, and he rested a moment on the high back fence to observe.

"As for you, old pig-leg, I'll lay for you! If I ever catch you, I'll mash every bone in your body!"

"Dear me! but how unreasonable!" sighed the father as he rubbed his hands. "The young man does not seem to realize the benefits of a co-oper partnership. The capacity of my shop will now be doubled, business will be rushed, and I shall board the bridal couple for \$8 per week, cash every Saturday. Reuben must get over this unreasonableness or I shall refuse to take him of help. But come in and kiss the bride and help us celebrate over the auspicious occasion."

The officer found opportunity to ask Mary if it was a happy match for her, and she answered:  
"Well, dad's boss here. He said I might as well marry a cooper as a milkman, and I didn't want to flunk on the old man. Sort o' boss time isn't it?"

## DOMESTIC.

**HOME MADE BREAD.**—Two distinct methods produce good results; both are given below, with personal preference for the quickest: To make the yeast—boil two ounces of hops in four quarts of water for a half-hour, strain, cool the liquid until lukewarm, add half a pound of brown sugar, two teaspoonfuls of salt, and gradually stir in one pound of flour; let this mixture ferment four days in a temperature of about 98 deg. Fahrenheit, stirring it whenever it rises to a foam. On the third day add to it three pounds of potatoes boiled and mashed, on the fourth day strain and bottle it and keep it in a cool place. To make bread: Put seven pounds of flour in a deep bowl, make a hollow in the center and put into it one quart of lukewarm water, and use as much of it as is necessary to make a rather soft dough, mixing it well with the hands until it is smooth and shining then stretch a little flour under and over it, cover the bowl with a thick folded towel, and set to rise five hours in a temperature of 98 deg. when it has risen knead it for 15 minutes, divide it into four loaves, place them in separate pans, and let the loaves stand where the dough has been until they have swollen to double their first size; prick each one three times with a fork, and bake them one hour in a moderate oven, taking care not to burn them. In winter be sure to keep the bread dish well covered so that it may rise properly.

**PREVENTION OF DIPHTHERIA.**—To prevent diphtheria, then, and so finally exterminate it, every man, woman and child throughout our land and the world should be brought to obey the laws of life and health. Parents should regularly feed, properly bathe and duly restrain all children before they come to the years of understanding and accountability. This advice would do much. A late prominent physician of Paris estimated that 3,000 children had died in that city during the thirty years of his practice there from short sleeves, short pants and other kindred imprudences in the dressing of children. And I am fully convinced that as large a proportion are sacrificed, in towns at least, in this country from the same cause—all for a wicked fashion. And from a careful observation in this country and abroad, I am confident that at least as many more are carried off by improper food and irregular eating, than by the wearing of pointed shoes and other unwholesome and indigestible trash that no child or other person should eat.

**PHOTOGRAPH DETECTIVES.**—A contrivance called the Detective Camera was lately brought out in London. Its purpose is to enable a person to take photographs of any desired subject, without anybody but himself being cognizant of the operation. In outward appearance it resembles a square case, and can be disguised as a portmanteau, a shoe-black's box, or even a book. The operator places it upon the ground, or holds it under his arm, the pressure of a pneumatic ball opening or closing the hidden lens at the required moment. Several scenes have been thus secured, which bear evidence that the model has no idea that their images were being so stolen.

**COOKING BY ELECTRICITY.**—As a matter of fact, electric current is well adapted to produce heat as it is to produce light, and just as electricity will, in all probability, be made to yield the principal artificial light of the future, so will it doubtless be applied to household heating. The same machines which light the house by night will heat and cook by day, besides performing other duties, such as driving a coffee mill or a sewing machine.

**ALMOND COOKIES** are very nice. This rule will make a large quantity, and may of course be varied to suit your need: Two pounds of butter, three pounds of sugar, one pound of almonds blanched and chopped, cut in halves or pounded, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of saleratus, one cup of boiling water, one lemon, one dozen eggs, knead in flour enough to make the dough as stiff as cookie dough should be, roll and cut in fancy shapes, and after they are in the tins sprinkle the almonds thickly over them.

**CHOCOLATE PUDDING.**—Scald together a quart of milk and three ounces of grated chocolate. Set it away until cold and then add the beaten yolks of five eggs and a cup of sugar. Bake about twenty-five minutes. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, spread over the top of the pudding and brown them slightly in the oven. This pudding should be served very cold.

**TELEPHONE ALARMS.**—The Belgium Telephone Company have made arrangements so that any of the subscribers leaving work any evening may be awakened at any hour the next morning by means of a powerful alarm.

**AIR CLOCKS.**—There is an effort making in England, to test the system of compressed air clocks, which have been introduced into Paris, and of which long descriptions with pictorial illustrations have appeared in scientific and mechanical journals. Ten stations are proposed for the British metropolis.

**WHIPPED POTATOES.**—Whip boiled potatoes to creamy lightness with a fork; beat in butter, milk, pepper and salt; at last the frothy white of an egg; toss irregularly upon a dish, set in the oven two minutes to reheat but do not let it cool.

**BEAN SALAD.**—Put some lima beans, potatoes and beets (a boiled tender) on ice, and a short time before serving cut the potatoes and beets into rather thin slices, add the beans and dress with oil, pepper, salt and vinegar. Garnish with a few watercresses.

**HOUSEKEEPERS** will find that zinc may be secured with great economy of time and strength by using either glycerine or creosote mixed with a little diluted sulphuric acid.

**GLUE** frequently cracks because of the dryness of the air in rooms warmed by stoves. An Austrian paper recommends the addition of a little chloride of calcium to glue to prevent this.

**CHAPPING OF THE HANDS**, which is one of the most disagreeable inconveniences of cold weather, can be easily prevented by rubbing the hands with powdered starch.

**BAR SOAP**, when bought, should be cut in square pieces and put in a dry place. It lasts better after shrinking.

**ALL fish skin** should be washed, dried thoroughly, cut in small bits and put in a box or paper bag to use in settling coffee.

**WHENEVER** the sauce boils from the sides of the pan you may know the flour or corn starch is done.

**MANY** do not know that eggs readily acquire the flavor of the substances in which they are preserved.

**In icing cakes**, dip the knife frequently into cold water.

## HUMOROUS.

A MAN read a newspaper article upon the duty and necessity of making wills. It told of the evils and embarrassments which frequently follow a neglect of this important thing, and he was so impressed by it that he at once decided to make a will. The article produced a deep effect upon this man at once. The thought of making a will had never entered his head before, and he was on the down hill side of life, too. He turned it over and over in his mind. True, he was in good health then, but he did not know what might happen. Men in perfect health, apparently, had been known to drop down dead. Yet he shrank from making a will. It looked too much like winking up one's worldly affairs for the final jump into eternity. But the thought haunted him. He couldn't sleep at nights on account of it. He was sorry that he knew anything about wills and regretted that he had ever read the article. After growing nervous and thin and pale over the matter, he finally screwed himself up to the determination that he would make his will, when he discovered that he hadn't anything to will and never had. He felt better.

(Pittsburgh Catholic.)  
Their statements endorsed.

A strong statement unqualifiedly endorsed must induce confidence. In this connection we note the following from Dr. Louis Bock & Son, Sheboygan, Wis.: We have been handling St. Jacob's Oil and are pleased with the large demand. Hardly a day goes by without hearing from some one or another of our patrons having used it with entire satisfaction, saying it is the best thing they ever tried, and we join them in so saying.

A CONSUMPTIVE LOOKING MAN, lame and feeble, and carrying a pint bottle full of something, halted a pedestrian in the street the other day, and said: "I found this bottle in the corner there, and I wish you'd tell me what's in it." The other took it, removed the cork, and sniffed in a full breath. The next instant he staggered against the wall, clawing the air and choking and gasping, and it was a full minute before he blurted out: "Why, you idiot; that's hush-burn!" "Well, I'm perfectly willing to take your word for it without extra insults," observed the invalid, in an injured voice. He took his bottle and walked off, and the man who had been abused without the least excuse.

MAN is a noble creature. He will come down town and expend a quarter at a barber shop for shaving and perfumery. He will spend as much, or more, on a game of billiards, get his boots blackened, buy a quarter's worth of cigars, a plug of tobacco, and a glass of beer. He carries home a little paper bucket of ice cream, and helps to eat it. The creature shows that he is ready to deny himself, and that he never forgets his darling little wife.

(Boston, Mass.) Cultivator.  
Mr. M. F. Morse, Westboro', Mass., mentions to us the gratifying information, that St. Jacob's Oil relieved him of a very severe attack of sciatic Rheumatism and is an excellent thing.

MADAME X. asks her husband for a new dress. "But, bless my soul, dear, this is the fourth new dress you've wanted in two months." "Very well, very well; your heartlessness will kill me, and then you'll see if the new dress I'll want them—plain white with satin facings to match the lining of the coffin—won't cost a deal more!" "It may, my love, but it will be cheaper in the long run—you'll never want another!"

"CAN a man see without eyes?" asked the Professor. "Yes, sir," was the prompt answer. "Pray, sir, how do you make that out?" cried an astonished Professor. "He can see with one, sir," replied the ready-witted youth, and the whole class applauded with delight at his triumph over metaphysics.

The Greatest Blessing  
A simple, pure, harmless remedy, that cures every time, and prevents disease by keeping the blood pure, stomach regular, kidneys and liver active, is the greatest blessing ever conferred upon man. Hop Bitters is that remedy, and its proprietors are being blessed by thousands who have been saved and cured by it. Will you try it?

"Doctor, what can I do to get rid of my biliousness?" asked a Camden inebriate of a plain-spoken doctor.  
"Quit drinking beer and whiskey."

"But if I quit I'll collapse right off, won't I?"  
"Certainly."

"It don't seem to me that it makes much difference there, if I keep on. My ailments as long as I live and if I quit I'll be bilious until I die."

"Peter, what are you saying to the boy?" said a schoolmaster. "He wanted to know if you take ten from seventeen how many will remain; and I took ten of his apples to show him and now he wants that I should give them back." "Well, why don't you do it then?" "Coz, sir, he would then forget how many is left."

"How are you, my old friend?"  
"A bit of a bright looking man, isn't he? I feel like a bright looking man, and can't eat, and my back so lame I can't work." "Why in the world don't you take Kidney-Wort? That's what I take when I'm out of sorts, and it always keeps me in perfect time. My doctor recommends it for all such troubles." Kidney-Wort is the sure cure for biliousness and constipation. Don't fail to try it.—LONG BRANCH NEWS.

A GENTLEMAN calling on a farmer, observed, "Mr. Jones your clock is quite right, is it?" "Well, you see, sir," said Mr. Jones "nobody don't understand much about that clock but me. When the hands of the clock stand at twelve then it strikes two, and then I know it's twenty minutes to seven."

A POLITICAL economist found a poor fellow who had been arraigned for stealing sheep, and looking at him with pitiful glance said philosophically, "You ought to have known that to deliberately steal a sheep is a great crime, which there is no earthly necessity to perpetrate. Why didn't you just buy the sheep and not pay for it? That would have simplified matters and saved you from prison."

THERE is but one real cure for baldness—CARB LIXE, a deodorized extract of petroleum, a natural Hair Restorer. As recently improved, CARB LIXE is free of any objection. The best hair dressing known.

"We gain by others' failures," said the lecturer. And the little man in the snuff-colored suit, who sat in the back row, rose right up to remark, "Perhaps you do, but blamed if I gain anything by 'em. No less than a dozen 'a failed this week, and they stuck me bad, every one." As the policeman carried him off, he was heard to remark about being allowed to pick a fellow up when he was lying that way.

## Vegetine.

### Prostrated From Weakness.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 5, 1879.  
MR. STEVENS—Dear Sir: I testify to the good effects of your medicine. For several years I was afflicted with a severe cough and weakness, and was perfectly prostrated; but after taking three bottles of your Vegetine, made from the Powder, I was entirely relieved.  
Very respectfully,  
MR. E. R. STREET,  
14 Gilmore Street.

### SKIN DISEASE CURED.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 4, 1879.  
Dear Sir: About six months ago I found my face and body covered with pimples. Vegetine was strongly recommended to me by a friend, and I procured some at a neighboring drug store. After using two bottles I must say I was entirely cured, and I can cheerfully recommend it as a Blood Purifier.  
M. LOWENSTEIN, 103 S. Caroline St.

### I AM CURED!

St. Louis, Mo., March 8, 1879.  
I have been suffering from Chronic Ulcerations of the leg for the last five years. About three months ago I was recommended to use Vegetine, and since using it, I am cured. I am never without Vegetine in the house.  
JOHN WAGNER.

Mr. Wagner is one of our old German citizens of St. Louis, and I have sold him Vegetine.  
H. H. VOGT.

### To Purify the Blood

BALTIMORE, Md., May 5, 1879.  
MR. STEVENS—Sir: I have used your Vegetine, and it is the best medicine out for driving away all impurities of the blood, removing boils, pimples and all other eruptions of the skin. I can recommend it to all my friends as a good thing to purify the blood. Yours respectfully,  
HENRY LEWIS,  
Old Town Hotel.

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## Given up by Doctors.

"Is it possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and at work, and cured by so simple a remedy?"  
"I assure you it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters; and only ten days ago his doctors gave him up and said he must die!"  
"Well a day! That is remarkable! I will go this day and get some for my poor George—I know hops are good."

A GENTLEMAN met a rather "uncertain" acquaintance in the post-office recently, when the latter said: "I'm a little short, and would like to ask you a conundrum." "Proceed," observed the gentleman.  
"Well," said the "short" man, "suppose you had \$10 in your pocket and I should ask you for \$5, how much would remain?" "Ten dollars," was the prompt answer.

REMEMBER!—The only perfect proprietary medicine as a "Blood Searcher" is that bearing the name of "Dr. Lindsey," which may be had from Druggists.

"Don't you think we ought to separate our husbands?" said a lady to her friend.  
"Do you not see how excited they have become? They are beginning to call each other 'ox' and 'ass' and all sorts of disagreeable things." "Oh, no," was the calm reply. "Let them go on; they have known each other for more than twenty years, and ought to know what they are talking about."

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A GENTLEMAN, recently about to pay his doctor's bill, said: "Well, doctor, as my little boy gave me the measles to all my neighbor's children, and as they were attended by you, I think you can afford, at the very least, to deduct ten per cent from the amount of my bill for the increase of business we gave you."

MYSTERY SOLVED.—The great secret of the wonderful success of VEGETINE, it strikes at the root of disease by purifying the blood, restoring the liver and kidneys to healthy action, invigorating the nervous system.

"I ONLY want to show you one thing more, Professor; I have invented a short way of boring mountains, which I think will prove valuable." "My dear sir," burst forth the wearied listener, "if you would only invent a short method of boring individuals, you would indeed confer a lasting benefit upon the race."

MANY ladies misinterpret their sufferings. Try a box of "Sellers' Liver Pills." Sold by all druggists.

JOHN goes to school and is distinguished among his comrades for his laziness. "In my class," he said before company "there are four of us, and I am the best." But seeing his father frown at him, hastily added: "Next to Louis, George and Andrew."

The Power of the Press.

It is surely the power of the press more surely shown than in the universal knowledge that has in less than a year been diffused throughout fifty millions of people of the wonderful curative properties of this simple remedy, Kidney-Wort. And the people from the Atlantic to the Pacific have shown their intelligence and their knowledge of what is in the name of a cure by sending in their orders for their household remedy for all diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels.—Herald.

From the Chase County "Leader."

COTTONWOOD, Chase Co., Kansas.  
"Anakasis" is the name of a File lately introduced in this section of the State upon the recommendation of those who have tried it, by W. W. Jones. William Hartson says he tried every remedy recommended, but "Anakasis" was the only one that effected a permanent cure.

Samples of "Anakasis" are sent free to all sufferers on application to "Anakasis" Depot,