

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 18, 1896.

FARM NOTES.

If trees are pruned properly while young the necessity of cutting large limbs will be avoided.

The first month of milking will decide the question of whether the heifer should be kept in the dairy or turned to the butchers' block.

The sheep can be made to attain a large size. At the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, twenty years ago, an Oxford Down ram was exhibited that weighed 225 pounds.

A sheep which sheds its wool is one which has impaired digestion. It is most common in sheep past their prime, when taken from pasture and put on dry, hard food.

An ambitious farmer, with ten acres of land, says Western Plowman, can make an excellent living with a combination of dairying, swine and poultry raising, and beekeeping.

There is never a time when corn stalks are quite so good as when they are first cut. Even when not exposed to rains there is a gradual drying up of their juices, or else a partial decomposition that makes them of less value.

American ivy, or Virginia creeper, has beautiful digitate leaves that become a rich crimson in autumn.

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This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Farming pays well as any other industry. Machinery has invaded the factory as well as the farm and made it possible to supply all demands.

Good beef cattle should not weigh less than 1600 pounds each, and as it is not difficult to make every animal in a herd weigh 2000 pounds the cause of lack of profit in cattle can be easily pointed out—inferior stock.

Good gardens and poor farms never keep company long. The growing of berries for family use is easily done. The growing of berries largely, and selling them in good market, requires considerable skill and a special business tact.

There is no better way to make manure soluble and quickly fitted to give its fertility than by salting it.

Milk is sure to absorb any odors with which it is brought in contact.

A ton of butter sold from the farm derives the soil of about 50 cents' worth of fertility, while a ton of wheat costs the farmer ten times that sum.

When a farmer sells an article that does not take a large proportion of fertility from the soil he is just as much the gainer as though he had gotten his price for the same, as the plant food in the soil is always prepared and stored in so much raw material for producing the next crop.

When a widow gets to heaven the first thing that she will ask is what the men angels like best to eat.

Tours to California.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific.

The Pennsylvania railroad company, recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, inaugurated a series of annual tours to California, running through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route.

For the season of 1897 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg, January 27th, February 24th, and March 27th.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the Garden of the Gods.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburg: First tour, \$310; second tour, \$350; third tour, \$210 round trip, and \$150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices or address George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia, 41-48-11.

More Precious Than Gold.

Gold is commonly considered the most valuable of metals, because it is the most precious metal produced in sufficient quantities for general use.

At the ordinary summer temperature of 86 degrees it becomes liquid like mercury, the latter becoming solid at 35 degrees below zero.

Germanium comes next in its cost. It is quoted at \$1,125 an ounce. Numerous other metals range down in price till palladium is reached. That is worth \$24 an ounce and is about equal in value to gold.

Most of these metals mentioned have no commercial value, but are curiosities of the laboratory, having been originally discovered by accident.

Iridium is used to some extent to make instruments that must not corrode. It is obtained from an extraordinary natural mixture of iridium, osmium, rhodium, platinum and ruthenium.

"Mamma," said little Mary, "what does amen mean?" "It means that you join in with what has been said, dearie—that you approve of and believe it."

"Oh, yes, I know," said the little girl. "It's the opposite to nit!" "He—'How is it that a woman never learns to sharpen a lead pencil?'" She—'She doesn't have to. There's always a man round.'"

Business Notice.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel Brickley deceased late of Howard borough, having been granted to the undersigned he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of the late Philip B. Burtch of Boggs township, Centre county, Pa., having been granted the undersigned they request all parties knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement and those having claims present same, properly authenticated, for payment.

TUBS, PAILS, WASH RUBBERS, BROOMS, BRUSHES, BASKETS, SECHLER & CO.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of F. F. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the court house, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on SATURDAY, DEC. 19th, 1896.

HARPER'S WEEKLY FOR ONE YEAR \$4.00. Postage Free to all subscribers in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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Prospectus.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE IN 1897. FICTION: THE MARTIAN, the new novel by Du Maurier, the eagerly expected successor to "The Tripoly" begun in October Number, 1896, with illustrations from the author's drawings.

AMERICAN FEATURES: THE MEXICO OF TO-DAY, a series by Charles F. Lummus, splendidly illustrated—the result of recent observations in Mexico undertaken for HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

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NEW NOVEL BY MARION CRAWFORD. author of "Mr. Isaacs," "Saracinesca," "Casa Braccio," etc., entitled, "A Rose of Yesterday," a story of modern life in Europe, with American characters, begins in November.

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