

FARM NOTES.

The California russet, the potato commanding the highest price in the Philadelphia market the past winter, has its name from its peculiar color of deep russet brown.

Do not omit late cucumbers for pickling. The seed may be planted this month or in July.

Every time a rain comes the crab grass will get a start. When very young it can be easily destroyed with a rake or weeder.

In mid-summer the sheep grub causes much suffering to sheep. The animals huddle together, with their noses to the ground for protection against the gad fly.

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The most important work given the strawberry crop is during the first year, as it is then that the plants prepare for production during the following spring.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Bows in the hair have become so common that they are considered out of style by the ultra smart.

There is a diversity of opinion regarding drinking at meals. Some assert that the practice is injurious, as it dilutes the gastric juice.

What is more becoming to a young and pretty face than a lace fichu? The newest styles in these are of softest muslin and lace.

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Dr. Frank H. Hamilton summed up the art of getting health and keeping it as follows: "The best thing for the insides of a man is the outside of a horse."

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Threatened War With China.

Commander Kempff Appeals for More Men Before Proceeding to Peking—International Complications Threatening, and a Dangerous Outlook Ahead for American Interest and American Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The very serious Chinese situation, as reported by Minister Conger, Admiral Kempff and the press dispatches, engrossed much of the attention of the President, Secretary Hay and Secretary Long to-day.

The Navy Department to-day received the following cablegram from Admiral Kempff at Tong Ku:

"Secretary of the Navy—In case all communication with Peking is cut we will not be able to go alone. If other nations go, we will join them to relieve Americans, pending instructions. The situation is serious. A battalion of marines from Manila has been urgently requested. Answer."

ANOTHER SHIP AND 100 MARINES. Admiral Kempff also reports the arrival of the Monocacy at Taku. Upon the receipt of the above Secretary Long sent the following cablegram to Admiral Remy, at Manila:

"Send by the Solace immediately, with all dispatch, to Kempff, 100 marines, arranging, if practicable, that after landing the Solace shall continue her homeward voyage as previously ordered."

MAY BE AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS. It is felt that China is in such a ferment that an international crisis, beyond the mob uprisings confined to a restricted area, may be precipitated at any moment.

Effect of the Uprising in China. Former Consul at Tien-Tsin Thinks It Will Undo all Missionary Work in China.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—E. T. Shephard, for eight years American Consul at Tien-Tsin, and who was present during the massacre of Christians in 1875, said to-day that in his opinion the present situation in China is more grave for Christianity than any previous crisis. He said:

"The uprising of the Boxers means the destruction of all that has been accomplished by the Christian church in China for the past sixty years. In fact, it means more. During these long years the missionaries have done much in planting the seed for civilization and they have made many converts. The latter are being slaughtered by hundreds by the Boxers. As a result of this massacre the Chinese will abandon all Christian beliefs, and it will perhaps take half a century to again win them back into the Christian churches. The Chinese are a very timid people and when they realize that a strong party is gaining influence and power they rush like children to it."

Where Cape Nome Is. Cape Nome is situated on the shore of Bering Sea at the mouth of Snake river, Seward Peninsula, central-western Alaska, U. S. A., 65 degrees north latitude and 166 degrees west longitude, and by the ocean route, distant from its base of supply, Seattle, some 2,700 miles.

Some Freak Plants. There is a plant in Jamaica called the life plant, because it seems almost impossible to kill it.

Hauling Promptly Done. "How the Roxmans do draw the long bow. Don't they make you smile when they brag about their ancestral halls?"

The endowment fund made by Stephen Girard for the institution which provides for the education of fatherless boys, and which bears the name of Girard College, has increased from \$5,000,000 to \$28,000,000, and the income of the college is now \$1,000,000 a year.

On a tombstone in an old New England churchyard there is an epitaph which never fails to bring a smile to the face of the reader: "To the memory of Ann Sophia and Julia Hattie, his two wives, this stone is erected by their grateful widower, James B. Rollins. They made home pleasant."

The Goat—I warn you, about 10 tonight the maid is going to elope with the milkman.

The Watchdog—Indeed! How do you know this? The Goat—I have inside information. I swallowed his note.

Fay: "Mrs Ayers talks of going to Alaska this summer." May: "Goodness! What's her idea in that?"

Fay: "Her husband has promised to give her a sealskin sash on her birthday, which falls on the third of June."

It was the first time Dorothy had seen a street sprinkler. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed with wide open eyes, "just see what that man's got on his wagon to keep the boys from riding on behind!"

Why He Kept Quiet About It.

David Harum was a good horse trader, but a recent transaction in horse flesh, which was made by a well known Memphisian, shows that there are others who know how to get the long end of a horse trade.

Several weeks ago this Memphis man saw a fine buggy horse which he thought he wanted. He located the owner and asked the price. "One fifty," was the reply. After looking the animal over closely and trying her speed he concluded it was a good trade and without more ado wrote a check for the amount.

"Well," said Memphisian, "I gave one fifty, but I'll let you have her for one sixty-five."

The prospective owner looked the animal over and concluded he had a bargain. He paid over the money and took the mare. When the animal was unharnessed the first thing she did was to run against a post, and then by way of emphasizing the fact that she was blind fell over a barrel.

"Well, I'll tell you," said the colonel; "that fellow who sold her to me didn't tell me about it, and I just concluded that he didn't want it known."

Brakeman's Horrible Accident. William Sweeds, whose home was at Burlingame, a small town near Williamsport, was injured so badly by the cars at Milton Friday night that he died soon after.

Matter of Doubt. Dix—I want to congratulate you. Mix—On what? Dix—I understand you are the father of a fine boy. Mix—Oh, that was about three months ago.

Dix—But it is a matter of congratulation just the same, isn't it? Mix—I don't know about that. I only got about 15 minutes' sleep last night.

"Johnnie, how would you divide 13 apples among 14 boys?" "Make 'em into apple sauce, sir."

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