

GENTLE GROWTH.

A little seed within the earth. Peeped out to see what life was worth. And as it gazed it grew apace. And gazing said, "Till my life's race."

—J. A. C.

WHEN KILDARE SMILED.

The little, slimy, reeking town of San Marco, just barely on Uncle Sam's side of the Mexican border, was certainly a most sorrowful specimen of what a town should be—and so it appeared to Jackson, M. D., who sat smoking a pipe on his shaded veranda on a hot August afternoon.

ed, bald-pated, semi-human Medico. And he stuck to his little secret resolve—the Kildares and their hills saw him no more. But it hurt, and Jackson, M. D., could still feel the pain of it.

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The Dogs that May Reach the South Pole.

In the British attempt to reach the south pole, the important problem of transporting the supplies, instruments, and equipment across the Antarctic ice will be solved by the employment of Siberian dogs.

The principal and most intelligent member of the dog team becomes the leader, and the training of this animal receives special care, as the speed and guidance of the team are dependent upon him.

In a few months, when the pups are quite grown, such a team will perform heavier and more uniform work than any other. The dogs are harnessed in pairs to a long, thick central strap of strong seal-thong, serving the place of a whiffletree.

The cavalcade moved on, Jackson, M. D., sat in his saddle, watching the cavalcade, apparently unconscious of the figure of Tom Kildare until he could no longer distinguish it.

Visiting-cards are held to have originated with the Chinese, who, from the earliest times, have observed the greatest economy in their use.

The average person does not hear so much about attar of roses as formerly. The druggist may be able to drag out a small vial of it from the rear of a closet shelf, its quantity, perchance, reduced by half with the passing of years; but it is more than likely that he will have none at all in stock.

Some Uses for Cornstalks. Cornstalks, formerly almost a waste product, have been turned to account during recent years, and the farmer is enabled to get quite a profit per ton for them.

Every seventh year, so science teaches, the vitality of the body is at its lowest. It is then most liable to be attacked by disease and less able to fight off such an attack.

Give the Ducks a Chance.

If a man wishes to double his flock of sheep, he would not set out to encourage increase by slitting the weasands of his eyes before they had a chance to drop their lams; and killing egg-layers wild ducks on the way to their breeding grounds is just about as unprofitable, whatever the impulse that pulls the trigger.

Sparing ducks in the spring is something like putting money into a saving bank—you can get it later and more along with it. The argument put forth by certain classes of shooters that a dead duck is a dead duck, whether shot in the autumn or in the spring, is pointless, because the dead duck in the spring means destruction also to a dozen or more eggs which would have become ducks in the autumn had the fowl been allowed to make her way north unharmed.

The most remarkable use to which the sunflower has been put is in the construction of battle-ships. The stalk of the plant is very pithy, and even when compressed into blocks this pith is capable of absorbing a tremendous quantity of water.

For many years cod-liver oil has been extracted from a fish called the dogfish as well as from the famous codfish, and after it has been refined and in a measure decolorized it is very difficult to detect the difference, while the best medical authorities declare it to be as valuable as the pure codfish product.

During the past few months a new industry has been started in the Hawaiian Islands, where the sea swarms with sharks. These fish are caught and the oil is removed and put through a refining process that removes the rank taste and odor, making the product very similar to the very finest refined cod-liver oil.

There have been other cases of the bringing back of a long-lost body held for years in the close embrace of the ice. One of the first instances on record relates to the Hamel accident, which occurred in 1820.

To look well you must be well. When the large figure loses its roundness and the face its fairness, there is some disease at work which is robbing the body of its vitality. That disease will generally be found preying upon the delicate womanly organs. The surest way to look well, therefore, is to get well, and the sure way to get well is to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

—The soldier is the only wild animal that does not eat what he kills.