

THE NATIVE CHESTNUT IS COMING BACK.

Native chestnuts are again being collected in the woods of Pennsylvania from young sprouts that have come up since the chestnut blight swept through the forests of the State, according to information received from various foresters in the Department of Forests and Waters.

This fall John Aughanbaugh, research forester attached to the Pennsylvania Forest Research Institute at Mont Alto, collected more than a quart of nuts from Snowy Mountain in Franklin county. Foresters consider this unusual because of the difficulty of finding sprouts large enough to bear nuts.

Other chestnut stands are being combed for sprouts or seedlings that show indications of blight resisting qualities inasmuch as pathologists admit that there is some chance of resistance being developed naturally.

Nuts gathered by Aughanbaugh are being carefully planted in various State forests.

The chestnut blight is a bark disease of Asiatic origin brought into this country on nursery stock imported from Europe.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Forest Research Institute are co-operating in experiments to determine the possibility of again growing chestnut for timber.

WHY Title of "Dan" Was Given to Cupid

"Dan" is an old title of honor equivalent to lord, master or sir. It is related to the Spanish "don" and like that title is probably derived from Latin "dominus," lord.

Dan Chaucer, well of English undefiled, On Fame's eternal headroll worthy to be filed.

In Roman mythology Cupid, the son of Mercury and Venus, is the god of love and is identified with the Greek Eros. The name is derived from Latin "cupido," meaning desire, passion or love.

This whimpled, whining, purblind, This wayward boy; This scolor-junior, giant-dwarf, Dan Cupid.

—Pathfinder Magazine.

Why Falling Cat Can Always Land in Safety

That the cat always falls upon its feet is generally known, but the how and why of it was recently made the subject of a lecture by an English scientist.

Why Coxe's "March" Mr. Coxe's good roads bill was introduced in congress in 1892.

TO RETIRE OLD AND INEFFICIENT TEACHERS

Move to retire inefficient old teachers and employ training school graduates was made at the final meeting of the Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Pittsburgh.

Why Human Hair Differs The contour of the hair is circular, oval or flattened.

Why Honey is Good Food Honey is one of the best of the high energy-producing foods.

Why Keep Heat From Rubber Hard rubber will last in the weather much longer than soft rubber.

Why Goatskin for Bags Water is carried, in the Indian army, in leather bags made of goatskin.

Why Ball Bounces A ball bounces because the force with which it strikes the ground flattens it on one side.

Why Lath Shadows Show The lines on a ceiling are caused by dust-laden air passing up through the plaster and leaving a deposit over the spaces between the laths.

Why "Veterinarians" The word "veterinarian" is Latin in derivation. Veterinarius means of or pertaining to a beast of burden.

Writer Absolves Nero; Emperor Fought Flames

Arthur Weigall, the historian, has knocked into a cocked hat the notion that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

According to Mr. Weigall in his fine and scholarly volume on Nero, this gentleman when the fire broke out was at his country estate.

When, however, it got out near his own magnificent home with its great collection of art treasures and he saw it was doomed, he stood on the river bank in front of the house and sang a funeral dirge.

Thus do our notions crumble one by one before the onslaught of truth! —Albert E. Wiggam in International-Cosmopolitan.

Body of Cortes Rests in Mexico City Church

The Mexican government announced not long ago that it is in possession of documents proving definitely that the remains of Hernando Cortes, Spanish conqueror of Mexico, are in the central altar of the church of Jesus Nazareno in Mexico City.

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Sausages as Tithes

In the town of Demen, Germany, it seems, the church is entitled to receive 130 pounds of a certain kind of sausage, known as Mettwurst every year from the local tithe-payers.

Castle of Sleeping Beauty

The ancestral castle of the counts of Eltz is one of the finest in Germany, resting high on a precipitous rock, with cloud-piercing tower and rimmed with dark green woods.

Holyrood Now Obscured

The somber walls of Holyrood palace, Edinburgh, have lost remembrance of the grandeur of its former days, yet it holds some of the most glamorous and the saddest memories of Mary Queen of Scots.

"Uttering and Publishing"

This legal phrase is most generally used in connection with the circulation of counterfeit money, forged notes, etc. Bouvier's Law Dictionary states that "to utter" in criminal law is to offer or to publish; also that "to publish" means primarily to make known.

FARM NOTES

A classified advertisement in your local newspaper is a short cut from your farm to the consumer.

It is unsafe to hold back pullets by limiting feed when production starts. It seems wiser to feed such birds liberally so they can maintain weight while laying.

Much of the dead chestnut standing for years in the woods is becoming more and more useless for posts or other timber.

Comparatively little equipment is needed for handling beef cattle, say State College livestock specialists.

Silage is a splendid roughage for sheep, but it should not be fed when frozen or moldy.

A good farm record book accurately kept will enable a farmer really to know his business.

Boxes of leaf mold, rich garden soil, and sand can be placed in the basement now for use next spring when planting seeds in crates and boxes.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 to 12:15 special farm and garden programs are broadcast from WPSC, the radio station owned and operated at 1230 kilocycles by the Pennsylvania State College.

Where garbage is available in considerable amounts, it can be used as a feed for hogs with some success.

The danger in feeding garbage is in having some injurious substance present such as glass, paper, soap, sawdust, etc., or in exposing the hogs to hog cholera.

All of the eggs from the Dale Willard farm, Vermlin county, Ill., go to a select trade in Chicago, and bring from 10 cents to 15 cents a dozen more than Mr. Willard could obtain on the local market.

Hens that are kept up until noon seem to develop the habit of laying in the forenoon, said Mr. Willard.

Common warts on cattle, though sometimes considered of minor importance, reduce the value of affected hides from slightly to as much as 25 per cent—sometimes more.

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775 Minus 135 Leaves 640

In our issue of Sept. 4th we made appeal to 775 of our subscribers who were in arrears at that time.

Since then 135 have responded, and to them we make grateful acknowledgment of their promptness in coming to relief of the financial strain we are under.

We are still hoping that the remaining 640 are not going to fail us.

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