#### Miscelaneous.

Temple of Agriculture at Pekin.

In the spring of every year the Chinese pay great honors to agriculture. The emperor proceeds to the park surrounding the Temple of Agriculture at Pekin, and in a plot of ground reserved for the purpose and in the presence of the grandees of the Empire, he guides, the imperial plow, and uses the seed planter, rake, &c. The implements are asked, and boys in the public school confide to each other the profession of their shoice. No one asks the girl what is to be itate the emperor in plots reserved for der and without aim.—Harper's Magazine them, using implements of a red color, and for March.

sowing millet, Afterward the emperor and attendant princes and officials proceed to the Temple of Agriculture, which is dedicated to Shin-Nung, or the "Divine Husbandman," the fabulous originator of the art. Here bullocks, swine, and sheep are offered in sacrifices, and prayers made to Shin-Nug and also to the god of the, land, the god of the grain, the god of the ocean, the god of the wind, the god of thunder, and the god of DR. PIERCE'S rair. They are also very particular to worship what is called the god of the year. In ancient times, this was the planet Jupiter. but at present the officers who advise and not for the emperor in these matters can-

onize what and whom they please. Similar plowing and worshiping are per formed by the leading mandarins near the south gates of all the principal cities of the empire; after which the mandarine mount a platform; and, calling around them the principal farmers of the vacinity exhort them to the proper discharge of their duties as husbandmen. At the close of the addresses, they present to each of the farmers who have been selected to receive them cerin presents or medals in the name of the emperor, in order to encourage and stimula'e them to diligence in their calling.

Apart from the idolatrous worship, this conduct of the emperor and his officials is very praiseworthy; but it is sad to know that while "God has not left himself with out witness among them in that he does good, and sends them rain and fruitful seasons, tilling their hearts with tood and gladness," they yet do not recognize his exis timee and beneficence, but give his glory to others and his praise to graven images,-Spirit of Mission.

#### Where Flowers Came From.

Some of our flowers came from lands of perpetual summer, some from countries of ice and snow, some from islands in the ocean. Three of our sweetest exotics came originally from Peru; the camelia was carried to England in 1739, and a few years afterward the heliotrope and mignonette. Several others came from the Cape of Good Hope; a very large calla was found in ditches there, and some of the most brilliant geraniums, or pelargoniums which are a spurious geranium. The verbena grows wild in Brazil; the marigold is an African flower, and numbers come from China and Japan. The little Daphne was carried to England by Captain Ross, from almost the farthest land he visited towards the north pole. Some of these are quite changed in form by cultivation; others have only become larger and brighter; while others, despite of all the care of florists and the shelter of hot-houses, fell far shor, of the beauty and fragrance of

Among improved ones is the dahlia. brought to Europe it was a very sin ple blossom, a single circle of dark petals surrounding a mass of yellow ones. Others with scarlet and orange petals, were soon after transplanted from Mexico, but still remained simple dowers. Long years of cuttivation in rich soil, with other arts of skillful florists, have changed it to what it now is-a round ball of beauty .- Riverside Maga

#### To Tell a Horse's Age.

Up to the period when a colt has a full set of teeth the peculiar character of them is a good indication of the age of the animal, After that age of the horse is indicated by the wearing down of the teeth.-When a colt is one year old he has cut twelve nippers and sixteen grinders.-During the second year the permanent teeth begin to appear and the nippers become worn. During the third year the milk or first teeth fall out and are replaced by permanent teeth, which are larger than the first ones. The grinders are also increased to six in each jaw. At five years the mouth is complete. After six years no reliance can be placed on the teeth as an indication of age, as it is obvious much depends on the manner of feeding the burse. If he is pastured to any extent the teeth become worn down sooner than if he had been fed on soft food .- N. Y.

#### Employment for Women.

The subject of the employment of women is as vital to the rich as to the poor. Mr Emerson's remark with regard to the regula tion of the body holds equally for the sor -he is rich, and would be well, let him live as if he were poor. We talk of the lazy poor because they are a burden to the community; are not the lazy rich, after all, the rottenness at the core? "Every woman, from the Queen on the throne to the little Pippa who passes every day to the filature. has her work to do and is responsible for the due performance of it. All service ranks the same with God. All are servants equally in His sight,"

What a picture would the life of the average woman of Fifth Avenue or Beacon St present to us if we should lay it down with out exaggeration on paper! Her school days over, it is her habit to walk into the breakfast-room at nine o'clock, just from her bed, her front hair twisted over pine or bits of silk. She lounges, reading the newspaper, chatting with others as purposeless as herself, warming her feet or gazing out of window, until eleven; then she retires to arrange her tollet for the evening, perhaps to examine clean clothes from the wash, o perform some other household duty-duties not to be omitted, but which the economics woman (one who has learned the value of time) would have completed before the day began; then she dresses for afternoon calland list in hand, descends to the lunch table. Here nearly another hour fades away before she begins her afternoon round, flitting from house to house cheerfully chatting of the Shaughram, 'Nilsson, Kellogg-of everything in short, which concerns the shows of life but careful as one walking over pitfalls to avoid every subject of vital interest either to herself or others. Then, the visits or drive ended, she burries home in time to dress for dinner, and go somewhere after ward, as if to exhaust to the last drop her own vital strength and the hours of the day, This little record is not overdrawn. With !

certain modifications, this is the substance of the life of wives and daughters of well-todo merchants in our cities. These days are varied by certain mornings given to music and others to painting. But how small the

and no inferior person can plow or sow the her employment, what she is preparing for. emperor's plot; when he is not able to come The days of her pleasant school life glide his part in left barren. The grain sown by by one after another; frequently no accurate the emperor is rice. The governor of the scholarship has been required of her; and the emperor is rice. The governor of the province and the mayor of the city then imthat the emperor in plots reserved for the mayor of the entry than and without aim.—Harper's Magazine

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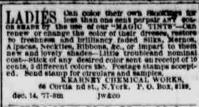
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"I was most severely afflicted with a hard, dry
cough with its usual accompaniment of night sweats
completely prostrating my hervous system, and producing such as
debilitated state of itealth that, after trying medical
aid to no purpose, I had given up all hopes of ever
recovering, as had also my friends. At this stage of
matters I was prevailed upon, through the influence
of a neighbor, to try Wistar's Baisam, though with
no belief whatever in its truly wonderful curstive
properties, and before using two bottles the effect
was almost magical. My cough entirely left me the
night sweats described me, hope once more elevated
my depressed spirits, and soon I had attained my
wonted strength and vigor. Thou has this Baisam,
as has often been remarked by persons conversant
with the above facts in this vicinity, literaily syntch. Wistar's Balsam

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RAIL ROAD TIME TABLES

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DHILADELPHA AND READING ROAD ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER

BAINS LEAVE RUPERT AS FOLLOWS (SUNDAY EXCEPTE For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsviii Camaqua, &c., 11,33 a. m. For Catawissa, 11,33 a. m. 5,47 and 7,56 p. m.

Leave Philadelphia, 8,15 a. m., Leave Reading, 11,30 a. m., Pottsville, 12,15 p. m. nd Tamaqua, 1,25 p. m.

Canandatgua . a.a5 p. m Rochester . . . 6.15 ... Niagara . . . 9 40 ... tenevo accommodation 11,1e a. m. arrive Williams Buffalo Express 7,15 a. m. arrive Buffalo 8,50 a. m

Elmira Mail 11.15 a.m., arrive Harristurg 1.50 p. m. Washington 10.50 " \* Baitimore 6.30 \*\*

\* Washington 8.30 \*\* ommodation 8.40 p. m. arrive Harris

(All daily except Sunday. Washington 10,35 " D. M. BOYD, Jr., General Passenger Agen

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