usual commotion on land or sea, each town, once dismissed a most dear and intimate acquaintance with a severe reprimand for trenching upon her ideas with regard to this belief. The subject of superstition was under discussion and a large circle of friends were present. This lady friend was ridiculing such belief as preposterous and ignorant, and it was commented upon adversely by several other members of the company. But the hostess was invulnerable to their attacks and humor town, once dismissed a most dear and better price. versely by several other members of the company. But the hostess was in vulnerable to their attacks and humor ous puns, and good naturedly rebutted them by several incidents which occurred which were in fresh recollection by all present, and incidentally mentioned her horror of a person looking over her shoulder while she was standing before a looking-glass. The evening wore on, and when the company was about to discrete the hostess are significant to reach the hostess was in rubbish scattered around making it difficult to reach the beautiful to reach the bouldings, clean the yards, put farm implements in sheds to save unnecessary repairs and have a place for everything and in its place. Company was the beautiful to reach the

parture. This occurred twenty years ago. They have never exahanged words since. By a strong coincidence of circumstances a month or so after-ward intelligence of the death of the only brother of the hostess, who was in India, was received.

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On the first day of the new year the negro is debarred the privilege of entering a white person's house, as their presence is regarded as an omen of bad luck throughout the entire year. Woe be to any person with a black skin who crosses the threshold of a white man's house on the first day of the new year. house on the first day of the new year. A negro man came near paying the penalty of his forgetfulness in this respect with his life. He started in the ed by the resolute and angry occupant who stood ready to receive him with a wood-ax. The frightened negro sud denly collected his senses, and, remen bering the day, turned to flee. As he did so the ax was hurled after him, and went whizzing over his head, the helve knocking off his hat.

There is to-day living in lower Delaware an old gentleman, once conspicu-ous in public life, who constantly keeps his gun charged with old-fashioned silver 8-cent pieces, who has an implicit belief in their virtue to destroy the power of negro conjurers when fired at them. There are several more who keep their revolvers loaded with the same metal for the same purpose. Why the annihilating qualities of silver are more superior to lead or gold they are unable to explain. Yet they are profoundly sincere in their belief that a volley of the jingling metal fired at, not into the body of a conjurer, will dissolve his mysterious power, and prevent him from committing harm.

Saperstition in the negro is proverbial. We can easily understand that the root from which springs his absurd ideas is ignorance. But why it should hold men and women of brilliant minds and of high social distinction in its grasp is a psychological question we

In some parts of Maryland the people will not have the house lock, a small green plant bearing a pink flow er, upon their premises. This plant blooms, according to their theory, but once in seven years, and should one of them be in or near the house at the t'me of blooming, when the tiny bud begins to develop someone will be tak en sick, and as it continues to expand they will grow worse, and when it has bloomed into the perfect flower they

Another superstition characteristic of this ostracised plant is that so long as anyone carries a leaf about with them adversity will be close at their

There are countless numbers of signs and omens of ill-luck, sickness, death disappointment, etc , that makes a curious and interesting category. The howling of a dog is a sure sign of death, and when throwing your shoes on the floor, should they turn upside down, the grim spectre will claim some member of the family ere the year has pass-ed. The dropping the dish-rag fore-tells the coming of a stranger; to meet a funeral on the street is an ill omen, and many will go squares out of their way to avoid meeting an approaching coriege; to go out of the house and forgetting some simple article, have to re turn for it presages disappointment, and you must sit down and cross your legs if you would dissolve the spell and e successful in your errand. and many other equally absurd notions are prevalent among the people of the lower peninsula, and it seems as though the advancing elements of enlightened civilization and intelligence will never be able to destroy them.

An unknown exchange pays this tribute to Winter: 'It snows and blows and stings your nose-makes

freezes up the river. The frost nips all, both great and small, this dismal.

And now please be kind and make up your mind to settle with the printer."

ADDRNMENT OF FARMER'S HOMES. ESSAY BY WINTHROP BRYFOGLE AT VARMERS INSTITUTE ON FRI-

DAY JAN. 13, 1888.

This work belongs to Horticulture and why should not Horticulture and Agriculture go hand in hand. Agriculture is to us as a foundation is to a souse while Horticulture is to us as its decorations. Man was placed in the Garden of Eden and to him was families where wealth and intelligence predominate, an implicit belief is placed in signs and tokens and what they por tend. They are sincere in this belief and will cite numerous instances where a mysterous knock upon the door, the startling rattling of a window sash when the air was calm and serene, or the dismal howling of a dog have been followed by "bad luck," to give apparent strength to it.

Among the white laboring classes superstition holds their minds with a wonderful power. Any strange phenomena in the heavens, any abnormal condition of the weather, or any unusual commotion on land or sea, each

novate these bomes and make them have their own special significance, and while they all exercise an undue influence upon the minds of these people, each one formulates his or her own opinion, and draw their own personal conclusions as to the probable sequence of these signs. A lady, venerable in years, prominent in society, living in full the significance, and residing in a Maryland town, once dismissed a most dear and town, once dismissed a most dear and better price.

about to disperse the hostess arose to arrange her hair before a small toilet horticulture be studied enough to declooking glass. Her friend came up behind her suddenly and peered over her shoulder. A remarkable tableau en sued. With blanched features the work without financial return, but hostess threw up her bands, and with a wild shriek fell swooning to the floor. The proper restoratives were resorted to, and when she recovered consciousness she arose to her feet, nervous and the same to the floor or some member of the family can spend from four to five hours of each week for the trimming and cleaning timorous. Pointing her finger at her heretofore bosom friend, she said in a firm, determined voice:

"We are friends no more," Go!"

Expostulations were utterly useless: she would listen to no explanation, and with a wounded heart and her face bathed in tears, the lady took her departure. This occurred twenty years

grow tall in our yards any more han to have cobwebs taking possess ion of our rooms in our dwellings. We occasionally see some queer individ-uals even now who remembers that his grandfather allowed grass to grow tall for food for his cattle and so he keeps on in the same old rut thinking it would almost be wicked to change the routine while in the house he may have costly furniture where none but the family admire. Would it not be better to do without the hay, cut from the yards, and make the outside correspond with the inside thereby tempting the passer by to admire our homes.

It is gratifying to know that people spect with his life. He started in the gate of a house and was advancing to-ward the door, when he was confront and he the conclude and appears confront make a perfect lawn but I will attempt to describe the one that takes the least labor and most inexpensive. We will and America has 155.757 miles; A-ia, take a yard where every thing is grown up with weeds, dock and planting as farmers yards generally are, also full of 308,093 miles. These figures show stones, tin cans and hollows. Give it a thorough cleaning, mow it with a common grass soythe, fill up the holes and make the surface level. After this t should be raked off so that the surace will be smooth and all stones removed for the action of the mower. If it be s small yard and where sod can may be no danger of settling to form hollow places. The sods should be cut the same thickness. When laying place edges neatly together and beat it down. If it is dry weather at the time of laying, the new lain sods should be drenched with water for a week or so.

If the yard is too large to be sodded and too much expense to dig it up give it a good coat of well rotted manure, sow it with a mixture of lawn grass seed and white clover twice in the summer. Mow it every week to keep the weeds from growing and to protect the grass as it grows. Many peo ple through ignorance or short sighted economy use the hay seeds taken from the hay mow If from good hay the seed principally will be timothy and red clover. All attempts to get a smooth lawn from such a source would be vain. During the winter a lawn should be covered with well rotted manure. In the spring rake it off, role it with a roller so that the surface will be smooth for the mower. If the ground is rolling terraces could be made which would add to the beauty

of the lawn. Now this yard with its beautiful carpet of green is an ornament to a home without anything else, but this yard can be laid out with flower of different designs according to the financial standing of the owner. All yards should have a direct walk from the gate to the house. This walk should be kept clean and free from grass. The edges should be trimmed once a month with an edging too which will keep the sides of the straight. Walks around the house

may have curves and angles to suit the taste of the owner. 'Tis not convenient for us all to own conservator les nor is it possible at all times for us to buy flowers and now the ques-tion how can we get flowers to adorn our yards? Nearly every lady of a home has plenty of flowers in her windows. She can tak cuttings from these plants and thereby grow enough to fill a nice flower bed to put through the yard or along the walks. Take a common plate or saucer, put sand in it to the depth of an inch or so, place the cuttings in close enough to each other, then water the sand till it is of the consistency of mud. Place on the window sill of the sitting room where it will be fully exposed to the sun but never shaded. One thing must be kept in mind, never allow

them to become dry; because exposed to the sun as they are, they will wilt very easily and all would then be lost. By this method you can grow nearly all plants that grow from cuttings and they will be more healthy than those that are forced in greenhouses. Be bealthy plants. If you have no flow-ers from which to get cuttings, you can grow annuals, plants which grow

from seeds, such as mignonette, sweet alyssum, asters, dummonds, phlox.

I sweet Williams, &c. These may be sown separately or two or three kinds may be sown in rows as early in spring as the ground can be worked. Each lady should get a catalogue containing a list of annuals seeds, it costs nothing simply the trouble of sending for them. From these catalogues selections can be made to form beautiful beds with little cost.

little cost. Where there is a will there is a way and I am sure if we economize in other directions a little, we will be able to and I am sure if we economize in other directions a little, we will be able to purchase a few things for the decoration of our yards. Yards may be decorated with evergreens such as Norway sprue, arbor vitae, Irish juniper, cedar, &c, planted through the lawn. If you cannot afford to buy trees, go to the woods and select trees of good shape of cedar or hemlock. Plant them and trim them in mound shape which will make them very thick and very pretty. Shrubbery of all kinds kept well trimmed will also add to the decoration of our yards: This is a simple way of beautifying our farm yards with little expense.

As the farmer of to-day does not make ten per cent. we do not care about spending much for ornamental plants or shrubbery but there is no excuse for not adorning in a simple way and I sincerely hope that the day will come when the farmer will take as much pride in adorning his home as he

much pride in adorning his home as tries to make farming a success.

They Fooied With Meanerism

WILD WESTERN STORY OF AMATEUR EXPERIMENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 .- There is said to be a young woman now lying in a trance at Alamo, Mich., from which only one man, whose whereabouts are unknown, can release her. According to the story, the people of Alamo have been amusing themselves with mesmer-ism this winter, and several persons have become quite proficient in the art. Among them was a young man, named Dwight T. Holmes, who seemed to be more successful than any of the others. On the evening of Jan. 9 Holmes and another young man were at the house of A. J. Rood, when Miss Kitty Rood of A. J. Rood, when Miss Kitty Rood and another young woman were there. Mesmerism was experimented with and Holmes succeeded in influencing Miss Rood so effectually that she fell into a faint on the floor. All efforts to re-vive her failed, and convinced that he had killed her, Holmes pledged the others to secreey and fled.

A doctor pronounced the young lady dead, and her funeral occurred Jan. 13. The body had been lowered into the grave, when the young woman who had been present at the m-smerism went into hysterics. When she revived she told about Holme's experiment. The people rushed to the cemetery and found the sexton just beginning to throw the clods upon the coffin. The casket was opened and doctors were summoned. They finally concluded that she was alive, but she has not awakened from her trance. Various doctors experimented upon her and doctors experimented upon her and doctors experimented upon her and without avail. The mesmerists then declared that only the person who put her into the trance could bring her out of it. Efforts are now being made to find Holmes, who has not been heard of since the night of his exploit.

Yesterday Detective Mahaffy, accompanied by Mr. Rood, came to Chicago in search of Holmes, who they had reason to believe was in hiding had reason to believe was in hiding

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Outting off his own Log-EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF SPARTAN

COURAGE TOLD OF A WOODMAN. A woodsman belonging to a little town in Wisconsin was caught white felling trees in a neighboring forest by a falling trunk, and one of his leg-was pinioned and hold as if in a vis just below the knee. The unfortunat man was alone, and too far from the nearest camp to make his voice heard. H s ax had been dashed from his hands and he could not reach it. Night wa-approaching and hungry wolves were commencing to howl about him. He recognized that to remain there was to die, and the prospect of becoming a helpless victim to wild beasts nerved helpless victim to wild beasts nerved him to desperation. Removing his suspenders, and binding them as tightly as possible about his imprisoned leg he inserted the blade of his jack-knife at the knee, cut away his clothing and flesh, severed the joint and raised himself from the deathly trainleaving the lower limb as the ghastly surfaces of his coal determination. evidence of his cool determination He managed to crawl to his ax, with

which he cut a sapling and made a rough crutch. With its aid he made, his way slowly to camp, nearly four miles distant, frequently lying down in the snow for rest. It was a long and very painful journey, and he hibbled into camp just as his strength was about to give out. Medical attendance was secured, and the self-amputation was given proper dressing. The man is still alive, and the detailed statement from his own lips of what he suffered physicially and mentally during his experience in that relentless tree-clasp and of the thoughts that nerved him up to carving his own leg, are of an exceptionally thrilling nature woodsman's arrival in camp some of his companions visited the spot where he met with his accident. The wolves had been there, torn the covering from the foot and leg and gnawed away the flesh, leaving a smooth polish on the hones.—Fond du Lac Reporter.

The Protest Against Free Lumber-

The West Branch Lumber Exchange met at the Exchange Building in Williamsport, Pa., on the 3rd inst., to consider the question of repealing the duty on Canadian lumber. The reso iutions unanimously adopted "protest against any change in the present tar-iff in relation to lumber that will add to our already overburdened industry." The reasons given for maintaining the present tariff on lumber are—first, that the difference between the labor cost of production in this country and in Canada is greater than the present duty of \$2 per 1,000 feet; second, that the wages of labor here are double the wages paid in Canada; third, that there is nothing in the appeal for the pro-tection of forests, as tanners are denueling our hemlock forests for the bark alone; fourth, that everything the lum-ber trade uses, such as saws, ax-s. chains and iron of all kinds, are highly protected and costly to the lumber in terest; fifth, that a large supply of Canadian lumber is in stock waiting for free trade to flood our markets; and, sixth, that the lumber fields of the

South greatly need protection.

General Hancock truly said that the tariff is a local issue. The lumber pro ducer wants protection against free lumber; the coal and iron regions want protection against free coal; the salt producing regions want protection against free salt; South Carolina and against free salt; South Carolina and 7 03 Georgia want protection against free 7 12 rice; Louisiaen wants protection against 7 16 free sugar; Kentucky and Missouri want protection against free hemp, and so on to the end. How are these con-flicting interests to be reconciled in justice to the needs of the nation? We answer-by such tariff laws as will produce the greatest amount of good to the greatest number. That is th true, the only safe, standard of protect ion .- Times.

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The Union Pacific Railroad bridg eross the Missouri River between Council Bluffs and Omaha has bee opened to general public travel. The oridge has been in course of construc ion for two years, and cost over \$4 000,000. The wagon tracks are or each side of the double railroad track A toll of twenty-five cents will be charged to teams and passengers.

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