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EUREOPEAN LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.)

NAPLES, ITALY, Jan'y. 10, 1896. We have returned soaked and disppointed from Vesuvius. Out clothes and our tempers have been ruined ; Cook, the excursion fiend, has fallen in our estimation and Vesuvius is simply beneath our notice. We went to the crater in a rain that was sufficint to have put out the volcano. We ave jolted miles in a springless agon, we have ridden springless lonkeys, waded in ashes to our ankles, and all this in the interest of pleasure. We left Naples about nine o'clock in the morning under the supervision of Cook and in one of Cook's wagons. The morning was not altogether promising but "hope springs eternal" and we thought the day would probably be clear-Naples was just beginning to really wake up for the day, for the dolce far niente of the people

begins by lying in bed in the morning. At last we reached the open country and while the clouds gathered over. a hope that proved to be vain how head our spirits were kept up by a ever. During this time the registry ed along by the carriage and sang "Santa Lucia" and other delightful Italian songs, varying them occasionally with " Daisy Bell " in honor of our nationality and seeming disappointed when we failed to look appreciative. We stopped at a little mountain inn where our honest driver, who probably shared profits with the proprietor, told us we could get the best goddess to avenge her wrath." wine in all Italy. At the next stop we left the carriage and mounted donkeys to cross the lava fields. At this moment nature's feelings overcame her, and as if in anticipation of words : " Grand, gloomy and peculweep. Everyone commented gleefully on the fact and we mounted the diabolical beasts, as premier Olliver, said when the French started to Berlin with "light hearts." When we reached that spot on our return we had seen Vesuvius, but a strange silence had fallen on all the party, and those who found voice at all lifted it in declaring that hence forth their mission would be to dissuade others from the ascent of the volcano. An incompatibility had sprung up between all the members of the company, and eyes that looked love at the beginning of the trip were now singularly inexpressive behind straight-

ened bangs, and under dripping hats. Probably the donkeys were no worse than other donkeys, but the road they had to travel was but a rough path and it seemed to me that any self respecting donkey would not have taken advantage of so many rock in the road for purpose of stumbling as these innocent looking animals did. The saddles were not fastened securely and the guides, one of whom accompanied each rider and shouted dreadful threats to the donkeys, were expected to hold the saddle

When the donkey fell down, the on. saddle slipped forward and cuffed the animal on the head. When he went up a hill it settled insecurely on his il, and finally when the guide had

went ahead of each of us and th-owing a strap over his shoulder told us to hold it tight and lean back. Ones sympathy for the guide prevents him leaning back very far at first, but later sympathy is lost in fatigue and

one resigns himself to being pulled bodily up the hill through the deep ashes. The crater was pointed out to us and we were warned not to go too close, but we saw nothing but a place a little piore foggy than the dense mist covering the mountain, we saw the running lava which looked temptingly warm, and the sulphur which was a bright yellow and smelled like a match factory. Descending the hill again to the funiculaire, the ladies bung limply on the arms of the guides and regardless of best shoes, and silk under skirts suffered themselves to be dragged through the fine, grey ashes, too weary and wet to protest.

At the lower station a stop of several hours was made in anticipation of a clearing up of the weather, a hope that proved to be vain howband of strolling musicians who walk. album, a large blank book in which tourists may find a place to relieve their feelings, furnished us diversion. We were called upon to be proud of our crudite countrymen and women when we found these inscriptions after the big, black U. S. A .- " It must be seen to be appreciated. Grand beyond all description. I imagined it a furnace fanned by a hot and raging Another had written : "We should have had it for Chicago" and still another of less practical nature summed up the description of it in three the fate that awaited us, began to lar." A man who had a day like ours for the ascent had written :

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When watering plants or trees, remember that a superficial sprinkling will start a growth of new rootlets near the surface of the ground which a hot sun may kill easily. Put on sufficient water to thoroughly soak the ground about the roots.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 rose and 15,000,000 carnations are sold by the New York florists every year, and that the wholesale men get a profit of \$1,500,000 out of their business. Violets rank third in popularity, and the Illy of the valley runs a good fourth.

Onion sets intended for next winter can be easily kept in good condition by spreading them in this layers on th floor of the barn or garret. Should they become frozen during the winter do not disturb them, as handling them is detrimental. It does not injure then to freeze if not thawed very suddenly

Some crops, such as potatoes, that have been but slightly attacked by disease may communicate such disease to the whole bin of potatoes should the spores of the fungi be carried on the tuber. For that reason all roots should be free of dirt or washed clean before storing them away for winter.

It is more and more generally admitted that the fall is the better time for setting out fruit-trees. Less pressure of business enables nurserymen to get them cut in better shape and to handle them quicker, and the climate is less fickle. If to be heeled in do not leave them exposed to frosts and drying winds.

A writer in the Chicago Times-Herald recently advocated preserving corn in air-tight bins. He says, and truly, that less care is taken of the corn crop than of any other grain the farmer raises. He also holds and endeavors to prove that no other grain is injured more by exposure to storm and other misuse.

Farmers are disposed to defer until spring much of the work that could be done before that season arrives. On the opening of warmer weather all the work must be hurried and a dozen jobs seem to be ready for the farmer to perform at the same time, which delays planting to a later period than should be the case.

The subsoiling idea was brought new converts this year by the heavy rainfall in Kansas. Instead of the subsoll-ed lands being washed away, the water readily found the immense reservoir underneath, and the soil was not dis-turbed in its place; in fact, there was greater loss to lands plowed in the usual way.

The objection to seeding down an orchard to grass is that it takes from the soll the moisture needed by the trees and when allowed to grow close to the trees seems to choke them. Clover does not have this effect, nor does it usually make a rank growth under the in the silver region of Bohemia, 3,300 trees. It rather tends to retain mols-feet.

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se pathetic than the cry for help that springs from the anguished heart of a young girl $\leftarrow a$ beautiful girl who sees ahead only suffering and uncerainty? But ob, what joy and glad-

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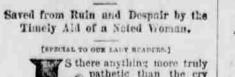
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feet. grown tired of holding it on, it tumbled off altogether.

The rain at last began to pour and the wind rushed violently down the mountain. It was impossible to hold umbrellas, and cold, wet and dis-heartened the party reached the station of the funiculaire road that leads up the steep yielding ashy cone to within a few hundred yards of the crater of the volcano.

The only fire in the restaurant was in the kitchen and the head-waiter. who speaks five languages and probably gets about \$20 a month, invited us to warm ourselves, an invitation we gladly accepted. When the world had assumed a brighter hue through the medium of an omelette and steak we started up the mountain again. The road is almost perpendicular and one feels much more as if the ascent were being made in an elevator than on a rail track. It is called a funiculaire, but is really a cable with double tracks and the cars are balanced so they pass each other midway of the distance. On either side are the great fields of lava and ashes, the former of course, now cooled and in the most fantastic shapes, in which, as in clouds, one sees most clearly what his fancy suggests. Perhaps it was the influence of the donkey ride and the weather, but it seemed to me Dore's illustrations of Dante's "Inferno" might have been photographs of these formations.

who took off their big coats and three in diameter. wrapped them about the drenched unable to walk to the crater. A guide one syllables.

The most intense cold yet produced artificially exceeded 400 degrees below zero.

The longest trestie bridge is over Lake Ponchatrain, New Orleans, twenty-two miles.

The smallest man was Chemah, a Chinese dwarf, a little less than twenty-two inches high.

The tallest monument composed of a single stone is a Karnak, in Egypt, 108 feet 10 inches.

The largest theatrical building is the Grand Opera of Paris. It covers three acres of ground.

The longest tunnel, including all approaches, is that of Chemnitz, in Hungary, 1, 27 miles.

The longest recorded hair growing on a female head was 8 feet. The longest recorded beard was twelve feet.

The largest cast bronze statute in the world is that of Peter the Great at St. Petersburg. It weighs 1,100 tons

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It is said that the largest crane in the world is in the Krupp iron works. It lifts and turns a weight of 150 tons. It is said that the largest bar of gold ever cast was sent to the bank 511 pounds,

The largest sponge ever sent to At the top of the funiculaire we market was from the Mediterranean. were met by a new relay of guides It was ten feet in circamference and

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The garden is left for the last work on the farm, and where weeds have grown up they remain until they die down and cover the ground, making the garden an unsightly plot. By raking over the garden and burning the refuse not only will the ground be cleared and many weed seeds destroyed, but the harboring places of insects will also be removed.

Any time after the fruit has matured, the grape leaves will part easily from the stem without injuring the bud, which always lies at their base. It is better to prune for winter as soon as possible after the grapes are gathered. This will allow the vines to be thrown from their trellis to the ground, where the last year's buds for next year's shoots will be much safer than on a trellis exposed to the severest cold of winter.

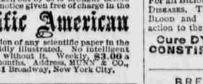
The oldest University at present in existence is Oxford, which claims to have been founded by Alfred the Creat few being used for experiment) the same treatment. From one lot he pro-cured fifteen pounds of tubers, of inferior quality, and from the other be secured forty-five pounds, or three times as much from one as the other. There was no reason whatever for any differof California in 1883. It weighed ence in the yields except that the seed of the more prolific lot was better than the other.

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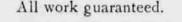
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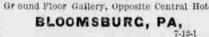


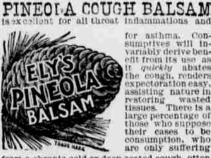
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