



An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system.

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A MISSING WORD.

But the Worthy Preacher Hit Upon One That Was Just as Filling.

A North Carolina preacher, in one of our western counties, whose memory sometimes fails him at the critical point, was recently preaching a sermon before a Sunday school convention. His subject was "The Resurrection."

Alas! his chosen word "essence" was gone. He paused a second and then strode forward, and shouted in thunder tones: "The doctrine of the resurrection is the very— is the very—"

Hamilton Review.

A BRAVE COLONEL

Recommends Pe-ru-na as a Family Medicine.

A Scientific Spring Medicine.

Colonel Arthur L. Hamilton, of the Seventh Ohio Volunteers, 259 Goodale street, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "Besides having the merits of Pe-ru-na so fully



Colonel Hamilton, of Columbus, O. demonstrated in my family, I have a number of friends who have taken it for catarrh and stomach trouble, and all unite in praising it. As a remedy for catarrh I can fully recommend it."

Keeping Apples in Pits. It is rather surprising that more farmers do not winter their apples underground in pits, such as they use for storing potatoes and roots.

An Old Saying Explained. "The stone which the builders rejected, the same may become the head of the corner"—if properly crushed and rolled.

And They Speak Well, Too. Roads smooth and hard and high and good speak volumes for a neighborhood.

Mrs. Col. Hamilton knows when he has it. A great many people think they are suffering from something else and have tried many medicines in vain.

Winter Catarrh is a book written by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio. Sent free to any address.



THE FARMING WORLD

IMPROVED HIGHWAYS.

A Reform That Should Be Agitated in Every County in Every State of the Union.

Here is a subject for the farmers to agitate in their clubs and institutes during the winter. There is no class that has so deep an interest in good roads as the farmers, says Farmers' Tribune. Over the common roads he has to haul his produce to the nearest market, and he and his family have to attend church and to their trading and seek their amusements in the towns and cities.



A NEW ENGLAND PICTURE. (Road Over the Berkshire Hills in Western Massachusetts.)

for filling holes. Gravel deposits are more general than supposed, and the farmers can use their teams during the idle spells in handling it on the roads.

Currents on the Farm. There is no kind of small fruit that is so sure a crop if kept from the worm as the currant.

How Much to Use.—One and one-half pints of this solution to each barrel of Bordeaux mixture is sufficient to use when spraying for potato blight and potato bugs.

Merits of the Combination Mixture.—This combination has been fully tested at the Ohio experiment station and found to be quite as effective as the Paris green and Bordeaux mixture combination.

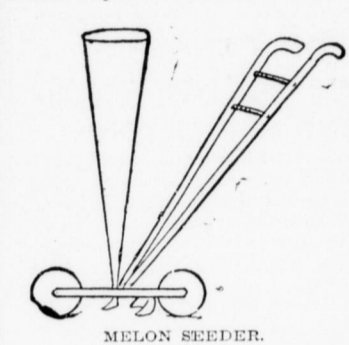
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FOR SEEDING MELONS.

A Simple Homemade Device That Does Better Work Than Can Be Done by Hand.

For the past two years I have used a homemade melon seeder that does away with the backache, and does better and faster work than can be done by hand. The implement is shown in the sketch. It has two wheels about seven inches in diameter, connected with a reach on either side, so that one wheel follows in the track of the other.



MELON SEEDER.

wings follow the tube to cover the seed. At opposite points in one side of the front wheel are two pins. At every half revolution of the wheel one of these pins strikes the end of a spring and presses it forward, and then releases it.

MIXING INSECTICIDES. A Cheap Substitute for Paris Green Recommended by the Ohio Experiment Station.

Objections to Paris Green.—Paris green is a good insecticide, but is somewhat troublesome to use in liquid form as it does not dissolve readily.

How to Prepare the Arsenite of Soda.—Dissolve two pounds of commercial white arsenic and four pounds of soda in two gallons of water and use one and one-half pints to a barrel of Bordeaux mixture (50 gallons).

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MISSING VACANCIES.

There Was a Box of Them and They Were Held by the Agent for Charges.

A short time since quite a discussion arose among the officials of one of our prominent southern railroads as to the reason of the many vexatious delays and troubles in the transmission of local freight. It was claimed by some of the parties interested that it was caused almost entirely by the stupidity or inefficiency of the local agents, and as there was some difference of opinion on this point, it was decided that the matter should be tested.

To this end a tracer was prepared in due and formal shape, calling for the whereabouts of "One Box of Post-holes," which it alleged was missing from a prior shipment.

Some 15 or 18 local agents were actually passed in this way, until the tracer fell into the hands of a bright young fellow who was accustomed to looking into the business passing through his hands.

Days of the Horse Numbered. The greatest electrician in the world declares that the days of the horse are numbered, and that in a short time electricity will completely supplant man as a most useful animal.

A Scentless Flower. She loves Chris, yet her love for him is dumb; She can't afford to marry and repent. She says he should be called Chris-anthe-mum; He's splendid—but he hasn't got a cent.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces.

Highwayman—Your money or your life. Lawyer—Here's all I have. "All right. Now get out!" (Taking him by the buttonhole)—"Wait a minute, friend. Don't you want to engage counsel to defend you in case you should be arrested for this affair?"

Give the Children a Drink called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee.

The Sweet Young Thing—I love to read of those dear, daring explorers in the Arctic, but I should think scaling icebergs all the time would become monotonous.

The Savage Bachelor—Part of the time they were scaling fish.—Indianapolis Journal.

You Can Get Allen's Foot-Ease FREE. Write to-day to Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for a FREE sample of Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to shake into your shoes.

Some men are so mean their best friends don't like them very well.—Atchison Globe.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the Cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free.

There is money in many sports, but baseball has diamonds in it.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Ever thus—heirs to aches and pains. St. Jacobs Oil's the doctor.

It is usually easy to rob a busy man.—Atchison Globe.

Many a young man who is called fast by his friends is considered slow by his tailor.—Chicago Daily News.

The landlord thinks of the rent in his pocket, but forgets the hole in the roof.—Chicago Daily News.

A Future Possibility.—In a recent damage case the defendant, a railroad corporation, asked a new trial because the fair plaintiff flirited with the jury. If this sort of thing keeps on there will have to be 12 blind men in the jury box.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Dukane—"Stryker is a heavy-weight puglist." Mr. Gaswell—"What do you mean by that?" Mr. Dukane—"He uses words of five syllables in the preliminary debate."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Short and Simple—"I don't want no rubbish—no fine sentiment—if you please," said the widow, who was asked what kind of an epitaph she desired for her latest husband's tombstone.

Politics—"You are quoted here—" said the reporter. "But that was yesterday," interrupted the politician. "Then I may say in my paper that you deny and repudiate—" "Ah!" again interrupted the politician; "but that will be to-morrow."—Philadelphia North American.

Questioning a lad of 12 years about his studies and school life, the other day, a friend said: "No corporal punishment there, I suppose, Jack?" "No, 'nn," replied the boy. "Moral suasion. They just jaw us."—N. Y. Herald.

Customer—"Look here! The first time I used this cheap umbrella I bought of you the black dye soaked out and dripped all over me." Dealer—"Mein friend, dat you von new latent detective tunnel! You see, it sh von zelf detector. If anyone dake him you can dell him py his clodings."—Ohio State Journal.



Public opinion is never far wrong

You can cheat it for a time, but only for a time. The average life of a patent medicine is less than two years. They are pretty well advertised, some of them, but it isn't what is said of them, but what they are able to do which carries them through the years.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla

(which made Sarsaparilla famous)

has never recommended itself to do what it knew of itself it could not do. It has never been known as a cure-all in order to catch all. For half a century it has been the one true, safe blood purifier, made in the best way out of the best ingredients.

Is the best any too good for you?

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