



MEAT-SMOKING DEVICE.

New Method Which Assures Even Curing and Does Away with All Danger of Fire.

Recent illustrated articles on this subject generally provide for locating the fire directly under the meat in the smoke house. The accompanying sketch illustrates a far better method, as the smoke is cooled before reaching the



SMOKING MEAT.

meat. The illustration explains itself. All that is required is a few joints of stove-pipe and an elbow, a barrel with a loose cover into which the pipe is fitted and connected with the smoke house as shown. A few inches of ashes in the bottom of the barrel, hollowed out to receive the fire, and the outfit is complete. It is almost impossible to smoke meat with the fire directly under it without heating it more or less, and these partial cookings and sweatings impart an unsavory taste. Another advantage in this method is that all danger of fire is avoided.—E. P. Snyder, in Ohio Farmer.

A DESTRUCTIVE PEST.

Appearance of the Weevil Stopped Pen-Growing in a Certain Section of the Country.

Many years ago I used to grow acres of white field peas for hogs. That was what they were called then, but since we have to get seed of the same from Canada, where weevils seem not to bother, the name seems to have been changed to "Canada peas." I raked the peas in bunches with a horse rake when ripe, the rake tearing them out by the roots. When dry I stacked them alongside the hog yard like hay, and forked them into the yard as hogs needed. Only enough were stored in the barn to be threshed for seed and for young pigs the next summer. When warm weather came the next June the grain room had not been opened for two or three weeks, when I went to get peas to soak for some pigs just before weaning, and the sight I beheld was photographed on my mind indelibly. A portion of the substance of my peas was running all over the floor and walls and bins of wheat, corn, oats and barley. The eggs of the pea weevil had hatched in every pea, consuming about one-fourth of each grain, and then emerging in the form of dirty gray beetles, and I suppose they were on their travels looking for sunlight and chance for further development. My pea-growing for pigs ceased then, as it did with all my neighbors, and probably never to be renewed in this section of the country.—Galen Wilson, in Practical Farmer.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

It pays to prepare the ground well for the crop. A low-wheel wagon on the farm is very handy. Having the orchard well trimmed up will keep the trees bearing well. Do not try to plant until the soil will work readily into good condition. It helps the looks of premises greatly to whitewash the fences and the out-buildings. Add a pinch of soda to the water in which cut flowers are placed. It will help preserve them. The advice often given, directly or indirectly, to use horses without shoeing, is an arrant nonsense. If we learn to run an incubator, it will always be ready, and sometimes is available when setting hens are not. The orchard should have just as good attention as any other crop. When the tree is planted, the land should be thoroughly prepared. Potatoes cut to one or two eyes have always given satisfactory results and we take no stock in the theory of planting whole potatoes. Twelve bushels of cooked corn will make as much pork as 57 of raw corn. Fed with slops the result should be 200 pounds increase in the weight of a pig. Haul out the manure and spread it on the land wherever you can. Do not handle it but once if you can help it. It has been decided that it is the better way to spread it on the surface as soon as possible.—Western Plowman.

Clover and Timothy Hay.

Clover unless cut before it reaches the blossoming stage will have when dried from seven to ten per cent. of albuminoids, which makes it a very nutritious ration. Timothy, when in its best estate, which is a little before it has blossomed, has only four to five per cent. of albuminoids. If it stands until dried ripe most of these are changed to woody fiber, which is very hard to digest. The second growth of clover is much richer than the first. It is hard to cure it without discoloring from excessive fermentation. If secured in good order it should be saved for young stock and for poultry, to be fed to each in small amounts with other feed.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

On rainy days Gov. Roosevelt still dons the old sombrero which he wore at Santiago and San Juan. Senator Fairbanks has been presented with a Spanish sword, the gift of a soldier admirer, who captured it at San Juan.

A tradesman died at Peterborough, aged 93. Fifty-three years ago he met with an accident, and his arm was amputated. The limb was carefully preserved, and at the desire of the deceased was buried with the body.

People who desire mortuary fame will be interested in the disposition of a North Carolina editor, who publicly announces his eagerness to "give space to obituaries of former subscribers at the rate of six laying hens a column."

Miss Lucile Faure, daughter of the late president of the French republic, intended to take the veil after her father's death, it is said, but friends dissuaded her and now she proposes to continue her work as a lay sister of charitable institutions and in addition will do some literary work.

Through an error in the bill providing a code of laws for Alaska Albert D. Elliott, clerk of the district court of Alaska, whose salary is fixed at \$2,500, will receive in fees sufficient to make his total remuneration between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year. This will make the office the best paid of any in the United States government, with the exception of that of the president.

At the age of 57 Francis B. Thurber, of New York, has been admitted to the bar. It took him four years of hard study to prepare for the necessary examinations. He was formerly at the head of a great grocery house, which went out of business several years ago. At one time he was prominent as an anti-monopolist and took an active interest in advocacy of the interstate commerce act, though he now stoutly favors railway pooling.

A herculean locksmith, who was out of work, obtained temporary employment as a laborer on one of our large railroads. He was set to work with an "old hand" to shovel cinders into a wagon. When the foreman went to see how they were progressing he observed that the "old hand" was shoveling twice to the big locksmith's once, and he remarked to the latter: "Look here, my man, Jack is throwing two shovelfuls into the wagon to your one." "Well, master," replied the locksmith, "I've told the fool about it."

DRUG STORE FRAUD.

In Many of Them Prescriptions Are Filled with Cheap and Dangerous Imitations.

"A life for a dime!" should be the trade-mark of some of the drug stores in this city, for that is the principle on which they are doing business. The attention of the board of health has been called by physicians to the many cases where prescriptions are dishonestly put up. Cheap drugs and medical preparations are substituted for more expensive ones. Adulterated drugs are to some extent used. Physicians are wronged and patients injured, and all to add to the profits of the drug stores. The poor, as usual, are the chief sufferers. It is the small stores on the east and west sides and in the suburbs which are the worst offenders. Many of these stores are struggling hard to live. The competition in the drug business is terrific. The expenses are high. The men who control the manufacture of proprietary remedies have drawn the margin of profit narrower and narrower. There are trusts in drugs, too. The war taxes have been used as clubs to hit the heads of the retailers. The temptation to swell profits is tremendous, but at what an awful cost! The doctors say that human lives have unquestionably been made to pay the penalty of substitute drugs used in prescriptions. "A life for a dime!" Did ever human greed descend to more merciless depths? Health Commissioner William T. Jenkins has taken the matter up. He has ordered the inspectors of the board of health to take prompt steps to check the growing evil. It was checked on when Dr. Cyrus Edison took hold of the evil with an iron hand and started an investigation which led to the arrest and prosecution of hundreds of cases. A similar crusade has been begun. "What we need," said Dr. Jenkins, "is more stringent laws. At present a conviction carries nothing more punitive than a fine of \$50 for each offense. Why, it costs more to be convicted of selling watered milk, and that crime is not to be compared with this most foul and murderous one." The recent epidemic of grippe has brought a great temptation for substitution. Phenacetine is frequently prescribed for it. It costs 85 cents per ounce. Many drug clerks use acetanilid instead. This is a cheap but very powerful substitute. One grain is as powerful as 40 of phenacetine. In many cases substitution means death. Chemists of the board of health have found many samples of adulterated phenacetine, some of them poisonous. The drug itself is one to be used with the greatest care, and to fool with it is a crime of vast proportions. Physicians have taken the matter up. Some have had private analysis made. Arrests, convictions, publicity—these seem to be the only remedies.—N. Y. World.

Remarkable Home for Seals.

In northeastern Labrador Mr. A. P. Low has found a fresh-water lake, 800 feet above sea level and 100 miles from salt water, which is inhabited by seals. He thinks the ancestors of these seals were imprisoned in a bay when the general surface of Labrador rose after the glacial epoch. Being thus cut off from the sea, the water gradually became fresh, while its inhabitants accustomed themselves to their new conditions of life.—Youth's Companion.

A SENSIBLE LETTER.

A Western Canadian Settler Writes to an Illinois Friend.

In writing to Mr. T. Hawkyard, of Rockford, Ill., Mr. G. Simpkins, of Leduc, Alberta, Western Canada, (and to which points especially low rates are being quoted over all lines of railway), says:

Dear Sir—Rec'd your letter the 14th Inst. We have had no snow till after Christmas, and the cattle have been able to live out, and are all in good condition. It is snowing now. That is what we want—have about 6 inches now. The old settlers say when we have lots of snow it means a good crop the coming season. It never drifts here. The weather is calm and bright. We do not have to dress any heavier than in Illinois, and the horses never shiver with the cold when we take them from the warm stable, as they do in Illinois. It has not frozen in the stable this winter.

The most of the stock runs out, but there is no need of it, for timber is plentiful and there is no expense to build good stables and houses. We have good log houses and they are very warm. Two men can put up a house 16x24 in two days. There are good rails for fences. We live ten miles from the coal district, the price being 50 cents up to \$2.00. The land is very rich, loamy soil, from 6 inches to several feet in depth; the hills have the deepest. It is a rolling country, and excellent for stock of all kinds. Sheep do well, and there are plenty of small lakes where the cattle can get good water. The cattle got out of grass last year, about the middle of April, and run at large; unless in charge of a herdsman, we have to fence against them. Wheat goes from 35 to 60 bushels per acre, oats 80 and 90, very often a hundred. As to potatoes, a neighbor planted 7 bushels and dug 226 bushels, and no bugs. Roots of all kinds do well. There are lots of strawberries and lots of red raspberries, black and red currants, and gooseberries, where the fire has not burnt them. Cattle are scarce. I have been trying to buy some for 8 months and have got only three two-year-olds, and paid \$30 each.

Hogs are scarce, but can be got. They sell for 6 cents dressed, and cost more for stockers. Wheat, 50 cents per bushel; oats, 25 cents; eggs, 30 cents a dozen; butter, 15 and 20 cents; poultry was 10 and 11 cents dressed. Sheep are scarce. If you come, bring your farm tools, but bring no seeders; we use drills, ring cows, but do not bring horses, less you are an experienced hand in shipping them, for so many of them are hurt in shipping. There will be plenty of work for a binder. Two good horses will break, but three lighter are better. The horses you get here can work without grain, but are better with it. It will be hard to tell what prices horses will be, for the immigration will be very large the coming spring. They could not be had last spring at one time. They claim the best time to break is June, but my experience is to break in the spring and work it. You can break till the middle of July.

A Test.

The woman did not believe in the occult. "Now, I propose to test this clairvoyant," she was saying. "I shall send her a lock of my hair, as she directs, with some question which nobody but myself can possibly answer. Let me see, what can I ask her?"

The man laughed hoarsely. "Ask her what is the real color of the hair!" he urged.—Detroit Journal.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Walding, Kinnan & Macvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonial free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Judicious Flattery.

The Chinese call their dowager empress the most beautiful woman in the world. They know better than not.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Seeing how much better it looks, we wonder why every merchant doesn't keep his store neat.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

A Terrible Revenge.—First Bootblack—"You had a row with Nibsey, Billy?" Second Bootblack—"Yes, and I'm going to have my revenge, too." First Bootblack—"Go in to fight him?" Second Bootblack—"Now, I'm going to stand aside of him when he's shinin' a gent, and when he's finished I'm going to say: 'Shine, sir?'—Pearson's Weekly.

"Your majesty," said the prime minister, "this is the page who has been remiss in his duty." "Ah!" exclaimed the king, "we'll have to bring him to book!" "He'll be lauded the page; a noble jest, I'll be bound." Thereupon the king's heart softened, for he marveled that a man so young could make so old a joke.—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Danger Point.—Goodale—"Bludgood's loss through the fire was twice as much as Hoodwink's." Rawson—"Why, I didn't know he was burned out." Goodale—"He wasn't, but his place is next door to the fire, you know."—Philadelphia North American.

"And you are busy, are you?" interrogated the customer as he paid his check to the restaurant proprietor. "Busy! Why, I'm so rushed I don't get a chance to go out to get a bite to eat!" was the unguarded reply.—Yonkers Statesman.

First Elmira—"How's your boy Zeke gettin' along down in Noo York?" Second Elmira—"Well, I haven't heard from him for a long time, but I guess he's gone into the noospaper business, 'coz I read in the paper that he was correspondin' in a big lawsuit down there."—Birmingham Times.

"Johnny, Johnny, didn't I ask you once to stop whistling at the table?" "Yes'm." "Well, do you want me to ask you again?" "No'm, I don't want you to make no bad breaks." "Bad breaks? What do you mean, Johnny?" "Well'm, you said it was very impolite to ask for things twice at the table."—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

You Can Get Allen's Foot-Powder FREE.

Write to-day to Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for a FREE sample of Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder to shake into your shoes. It cures chills, sweating, damp, swollen, aching feet. It makes tight shoes easy. Cures Corns, Bunions and Ingrowing Nails. All druggists and shoe stores sell it. 25 cents.

Many a girl's heart has been melted by ice-cream.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Fortify Feeble Lungs Against Winter with Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

The only thing some people do is to grow older.—Atchison Globe.

He struck it. St. Jacobs Oil struck his Rheumatism. It was stricken out.

Nickname Sued Him.

"His name is Percy Algernon," said the girl in the Seventh street car to her chum; "Pretty, ain't it?" But, then, it's kind of soft-like, too, don't you think?" "Kind o'," said the other girl. "I like Bill, or Jim, or something like that, myself. Never knew a Bill or Jim yet that wasn't reliable. I hope Percy Algernon'll prove to be nice, but I think his name's awful against him, honest I do, Min."

Then the other girl looked thoughtful for a couple of blocks.

"Oh, but he told me," she said, suddenly, then, "that the men down at the store call him 'Spud.'"

"Then you needn't worry," was the consolatory reply. "He's all right," and thus it was settled that Percy Algernon would do.—Washington Post.

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. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

A Good Sign.

When the queen regent completed the ratification of the treaty it was a good sign for Spain.—Cleveland Leader.

Lane's Family Medicine.

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

It is funny how little it takes to make some men do mean things.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

Advertisement for Syrup of Figs. Features a woman's face and text: 'DELIGHTFUL LIQUID LAXATIVE TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS BUY THE GENUINE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y. U.S.A. LONDON, ENG. PRICE 50¢ PER BOTTLE.'

AN EXCELLENT COMBINATION

THE pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well-known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company, 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. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative,

CLEANSING THE SYSTEM EFFECTUALLY, DISPELLING COLDS AND HEADACHES, PREVENTING FEVERS, OVERCOMING HABITUAL CONSTIPATION PERMANENTLY.

Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, gently yet promptly, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative. In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but

THE MEDICINAL QUALITIES ARE OBTAINED FROM SENNA AND OTHER AROMATIC PLANTS,

by a method known to the California Fig Syrup Company only. In order to get its beneficial effects, and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

Consumers of the choicest products of modern commerce purchase at about the same price that others pay for cheap and worthless imitations. To come into universal demand and to be everywhere considered the best of its class, an article must be capable of satisfying the wants and tastes of the best informed purchasers. The California Fig Syrup Company having met with the highest success in the manufacture and sale of its excellent liquid laxative remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, it has become important to all to have a knowledge of the Company and its product. The California Fig Syrup Company was organized more than fifteen years ago, for the special purpose of manufacturing and selling a laxative remedy which would be more pleasant to the taste and more beneficial in effect than any other known. The great value of the remedy, as a medicinal agent and of the Company's efforts, is attested by the sale of millions of bottles annually, and by the high approval of most eminent physicians. As the true and genuine remedy named SYRUP OF FIGS is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, the knowledge of that fact will assist in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties.

Advertisement for California Fig Syrup Co. Text: 'CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. LOUISVILLE, KY. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. NEW YORK, N.Y. For Sale by All Druggists, Price 50¢ Per Bottle.'

Advertisement for Kemp's Balsam. Text: 'DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY! TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM. THE BEST COUGH CURE.'

Cure Colds, Coughs, Hoarse Throat, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. Has certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Price, 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

900s of UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS SAY: "I HAVE MANAGED TO CURE MYSELF OF CAPILLARIS."

Permanently cures all Itching, Burning, Scaly, Swelling, and Skin Diseases, such as Salt Rheum, Eczema, Scald Head, Chills, Piles, Burns, Baby Eruptions, Itching Scum, Falling Hair, Chloasma, and makes it Soft, Silky, and Luxuriant. All Face Eruptions (producing a Soft, Clear, Beautiful Skin and Complexion). It contains no Lead, Sulphur, Carbicides or anything injurious. An easy, great seller. Lady dressers make \$1 to \$3 a day. Druggists or mail 50c. Capillaris Manufacturing Co., 107 Broadway, N.Y. SELLERS: MANSFIELD, AGT., GLEN RIDGE, N.J.

Advertisement for As Black as Your Dye. Text: 'As Black as Your DYE Your Whiskers. A Natural Black with Buckingham's Dye. 50 cts. of druggist or R.P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N.H.'

Advertisement for Sapolio. Text: 'THRIFT IS A GOOD REVENUE. GREAT SAVING RESULTS FROM CLEANLINESS AND SAPOLIO.'

Advertisement for Don't Rent. Text: 'DON'T RENT. ESTABLISH A HOME OF YOUR OWN. Read "The Corn Belt," a handsome monthly paper, beautifully illustrated, containing exact and truthful information about farm lands in the West. Send 25 cents in postage stamps for a year's subscription to THE CORN BELT, 209 Adams St., Chicago.'

Advertisement for 3000 Bicycles. Text: '3000 BICYCLES. Over 1000 used but guaranteed \$9.75 to \$16. Superior to all other hand wheels, good as new, \$3 to \$10. Great factory clearing sale. While it lasts, an exceptional price. Write at once for special offer.'

Advertisement for "MAINE" STEEL. Text: 'MAINE STEEL. U.S. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE. The lowest price of actual Battleship Main steel in actual souvenirs and watch cases. Pocket piece or watch charm. Other designs 25c to \$1.00. The best and most durable made of gold, silver, and oxidized "Maine" steel are marked "MAINE" steel. See maximum of value. Send for Booklet "CORN BELT JEWELRY," 20 East 23d Street, NEW YORK.'

Advertisement for Carter's Ink. Text: 'WE CAN'T MAKE CARTER'S INK. It is the best that can be made. It costs you no more than the poorest. Funny booklet "How to Make Ink Pictures" free. CARTER'S INK CO., Boston, Mass.'

Advertisement for Excursions to the West. Text: 'EXCURSIONS TO THE WEST. Free Grant Land of Western Canada. During the months of March and April excursions will leave Ohio and Michigan points for Western Canada on Monday of each week. These excursions will be accompanied by agents of the government and special cars will be provided for the through trip. For particulars apply to Superintendant of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to M. V. McNichols, No. 1 Merrill Block, Detroit, Mich. DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY: gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 16 days' treatment free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S DISPENSARY, 100 N. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo.'

A. N. K.—C 1785. Wanted: People to learn telegraphy; operators in demand. Learners' pocket instrument, requiring no battery, with book of full instructions, only 50c. Morse Novelty Co., Box N, Cleveland, O.