

The Proved Value of Historical Societies

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Many intelligent persons who have given the study of history but little, if any, thought fail to detect in it anything of tangible or practical value.

And, estimated by the standard of dollars and cents they are perhaps correct. To that class a State Historical Society appears but a mode of harmless diversion for fossilized scholars, who live in the past, and derive their greatest enjoyment in rummaging among the musty records of forgotten generations.

Why, they ask, waste precious time in delving in the lifeless catacombs of departed years, when the stirring, all-important activities of the strenuous present have so many pressing demands upon every moment of our fleeting days?

To them the dead past has buried its dead, and they can discern no material benefit to be derived from their resurrection. But to those who permit their minds to transcend the exactions of necessary daily pursuits, and extend their vision beyond the imperative requirements of the hour, history has a peculiar charm.

It deals with the motives and deeds of men and communities that have been instrumental in shaping and guiding the destinies of states and empires. It investigates the ethical principles and philosophy underlying and governing society. It treats of the origin and structure of political institutions; of the evolution of domestic, economic and industrial arts; of the growth and development of public morals and individual conduct, and of the various other complex forces constituting our civilization.

Gracelessness of the Tactless Sex

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NOT so very long ago there appeared in a periodical that numbers many feminines among its readers, an article headed The Mannerless Sex. It piqued the curiosity at least to the extent of finding out which was meant.

From his sturdy babyhood to palsied age, man's woman-folk trembles for what next may fall from his mouth in the way of bluntness and unintended thrust. Sometimes this habit of his is held by him a part of his manly prerogative, humor; and, for that reason, not in favor with her, legendarily lacking in it.

Lives there a man that can silence the joke in regard to the years of the middle-aged young ladies that cross his path? Does any girl with ruddy locks ever number among her acquaintances a man that has not once alluded to their unusual warmth of hue?

He means no offense, but is lacking in that sixth sense, that wireless telegraphy that was in use by women thousands of years before Marconi was born.

He calls the opposite sex supersensitive, hard to get on with, difficult to understand, and says one is always walking on eggs when in their society. And, thus, like the first man, satisfactorily disposing of the blame, he settles down to untroubled, unassailable content with himself and his brothers, with whom he can jest and guffaw unrebuked.

And yet the blunderers are not thick-skinned themselves, in fact are quite sensitive to imputations, the lifting of an eyebrow, a tone of voice. They expect from their womenkind tactful speech and treatment. One would think, seeing they wear no invulnerable armor, that their words might return to them as boomerangs; but, perhaps woman, as when throwing stones, can never equal man in this matter of hurling missiles with ease and sure aim.

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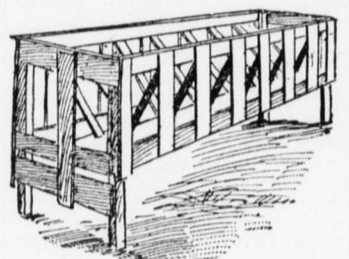


OUTDOOR SHEEP RACK.

It is Crude in Construction, But Will Be Found to Be a Very Valuable Contrivance.

Frequently a farmer wishes to feed his sheep out of doors from the lack of barn space or when pastures are furnishing a great amount of green, succulent food and some hay or dry fodder is useful to help regulate the bowels.

The sheep rack shown in the cut is one we made three or four years ago for feeding roughage to our breeding ewes. While we have plenty of barn room and can easily accommodate three times our present flock, we like to feed out of doors as much as possible.



FEED RACK FOR SHEEP.

way than in any other. The rack is ten feet long and two and one-half feet wide. Cut four corner posts out of two by four stuff, three feet six inches long. The posts are then set two and one-half feet apart and a two by four spiked across on the inside, 18 inches from the ground.

The general construction of the rack is crude. It was built of picked-up pieces of boards. When we built the rack we did not just know which design would be the most satisfactory and for this reason did not take any extra pains to make it fancy.

STIRRING OF THE SOIL.

Process Prevents the Evaporation of Water to a Truly Astonishing Extent.

At the Wyoming station experiments were made to determine to what extent the stirring of the soil prevents the evaporation of water. To have all conditions under control 25-inch cylinders were used, and the water table was kept within 22 inches of the surface of the soil.

The first retarded the evaporation to the amount of 19 per cent.; the second retarded it 23 per cent., and the third 45 per cent. This shows the tremendous value of cultivation in a dry year, when 45 per cent. increase in the water supply of plants might well make the whole difference between the loss and saving of an entire harvest.

An experienced farmer poultryman says that the best way to keep poultry droppings is to put them in a barrel and keep them slightly moist, using dishwater or soapuds where available.—Prairie Farmer.



Many women and doctors do not recognize the real symptoms of derangement of the female organs until too late.

"I had terrible pains along my spinal cord for two years and suffered dreadfully. I was given different medicines, wore plasters; none of these things helped me. Reading of the cures that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought about, I somehow felt that it was what I needed and bought a bottle to take.

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Wrong Direction.

Recently during a dense fog on Long Island sound, a steamboat took landing. A traveler anxious to go ahead came to the man at the wheel and asked why they stopped.

"Too much fog, can't see the river." "But you can see the stars overhead." "Yes," replied the pilot, "but until the bilber busts we ain't going that way." The passengers went to bed.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Ice Cream Bad for Guinea Pigs. A Baltimore woman has discovered that ice cream is full of streptococcus lanceolatus, which are sure death to guinea pigs. Humane people will therefore be careful in future to keep their guinea pigs away from the ice cream.—Chicago Record-Herald.

WESTERN CANADA AROUSING GREAT INTEREST.

The Wonderful Yields of Wheat—Attracting Thousands.

Until the last five or six years but little attention was given to that vast area of grain-producing land lying north of the 49th parallel and immediately adjoining the northern boundaries of Minnesota and Dakota.

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During the year 1901 upwards of 20,000 from the United States went over to Canada, being induced to settle there by the reports that reached them of the success of those who had preceded them during the previous years. This 20,000 was increased to 30,000 during the year 1902, and it is fully expected that there will be fully 50,000 during the present year.

Those who have charge of the work point with considerable pride to the success of those who have been induced to take advantage of the offer of 160 acres of land free in Canada, and have no cause to hesitate in continuing the invitation. Many of those interested say there are no more free homesteads to be had in Canada, but the writer has most positive assurance from the Canadian Government that there are thousands of such homesteads to be had, and in one of the districts now being opened up fully as good as the best, and it is probably the best.

The Canadian Government has established Agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Wausau, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. Dakota; Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and Great Falls, Montana, and the suggestion is made that by addressing any of these, who are the authorized agents of the Government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the results of mixed farming, dairying, ranching, and grain raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc.

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