the calves in the patch with the pigs,

A cow is a milk producing machine out of the window. and an exceedingly complicated and sensitive one at that,

A tablespoonful of clear lime water, or a raw egg put into the milk at every feed will cure scours in calves.

Heating curd too suddenly causes the pores to contract so that the whey and gas are not sufficiently liberated.

You cannot make good butter from poor food any more than you can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

as possible, and then make the same ef- changed, stranger-changed in a single fort to sell them to the best advantage. night. My house was sitting in a garden lished rule of agriculture which there new barn in the yard, some red cowsis not almost as much experience to dis- mine were white; some black pigs-all prove as to confirm.

get entangled in it.

At the approach of winter all the poor cows, old horses and otherwise depreciated stock should be disposed of. They cost as much to winter as stock that will increase in value, besides the the rocking, and they said I must have danger of losses in wintering.

employed in plowing for wheat. The county, which was fifty miles south of work can not be done too thoroughly or where I went to bed. Sure enough, they the ground to well prepared. Wheat were right. The strangest part of it rarely receives the attention it should was, the house wasn't hurt a bit. The in preparation, which largely explains roof, even, didn't leak. The neighbors why the American yield hovers near a said it was a visitation of Providence, dozen bushels per acre.

corn, by pulling it up, is not generally after that I heard from some of my old great, and can be easily guarded against. neighbors that Jones' house had been A more serious indictment is found in moved right up to where my old house the fact that the crow is the great ene. stood, by the same blasted wind. Both my of insect destroying birds, whose of us concluded to stay where we were. nests it robs, and, whose young it kills, and avoided any trouble on that account, The squirrel is also open to the same I've been away three months, and can't

To insure a good catch of timothy seed it should be sown in the fall with wheat or other winter grain. It is rather best to sow a few weeks after wheat seeding, else it might get growth

There is a great advantage in baving a hay cutter in the barn. By its use straw and other coarse fodder can be so farm to keep stock and make manure less steamed, but it is worth while to cut them up, if only for the advantage of having fine manure to be evenly spread during the winter and spring.

An Illinois drover and butcher save that twenty-five years ago it was difficult to find yearling steers that would weigh six hundred pounds live weight. year-olds heavier than the four-year- its development, olds, and full grown steers weighing twothousand pounds or more. There is certainly no more bone and frame in the improved stock, and it is consemanure heap.

## Noxious Weeds.

our farming lands would become a des- cowboys, having lots of spare time, detries to till about twice as much land suit as well as full of adventure and exhis crops are about two-thirds weeds measuring nine feet from tip to tip, and and one-third grain. Our roadsides weighing 200 to 300 pounds. Many abound with weeds, the fence corners more measuring from ten to eleven feet full of weed seeds. The most common a monster reaching twelve feet. weeds are the thistle, burdock and wild parsnip, but all of them can be done away with through cultivation. Only till what land you properly can, and I will assure you that the weeds can be kept down. If you are not able to keep them down on all your place, set out forest trees or sell what land you are not abletto work as it should be worked. and you will raise more, have better health and make more money than you did before. The best way to get rid of Canada thistles is to thoroughly plow your thistle patch and plant it in corn or some other planted crop and then cultivate and hoe the piece thoroughly and cut off with the hoe every thistle that comes up. Sow no weed seeds and let none grow and you will be rid of them. If the thistles flourish in your space separating us from that star.—
From the greater portion of the stars asture, mow them down several times during the year and they will soon dia\_ light would be many centuries reaching appear. To kill burdock, wild parsnip, etc., buy a grub hoe- an instrument instances, the stars which we see are not to centre Street. something like an adz-and cut off, just the stars as they exist to night, but as below the surface of the ground, every burdock or parsnip you can find. The old root will not start again. Nevertheless weeds will flourish as long as farmers persist in working three or four When hunger pinches, poverty braves times as much land as they are able to. the storm.

A Mestern Tornada,

One July night all said a tell Western man, "I had my wheat studeed all reads for the entiry, and went to bid regime a rich as if I owned the country. About If you want to raise "stunts" keep midnight I heard a clap of thunder, and

the house began to rock like a willow A small quantity of bad milk will tree, Then everything was quiet for a spoil a whole mass of cheese at the fac- while, and I went to sleep. Early the next morning my wife got up and looked

"John, sald she, 'where on earth is your wheat ?' "'What,' said I, jumping out of bed,

what's that you say ?' " 'Where's the wheat?'

"I looked out of the window too, and saw, stranger, the most remarkable sight I ever saw. There wasn't a grain of wheat within a mile of me. My barn yard was gone, the horse, the cows, and even the pigs were gone. There wasn't a remnant of my barn. I dressed and Make your butter and cheese as good | walked out of doors. The place was all It is said that there is not an estab- by the side of a creek. There was a mine were spotted, and instead of wheat A layer of cotton batting round a hill | there was the all firedest stack of cornof any plant which is apt to be infested stalks you ever looked at. I thought at with creeping insects will deter them first that I was dreaming, and asked my from approaching; they do not like to wife to kick me, but I wasn't. About breakfast time some neighbors came in and asked where Mr. Jones was. I had

never heard of him. " 'He used to live here,' they said .-'He lived here last night.'

"Then I told them of the crash and been struck by a tornado. I asked them At any time now spare days may be where I was. They said I was in Izurd and the place belonged to me. But that The injury that the crow does to the wasn't all, stranger, About a year exactly say where I do live now, but I expect I am still at the old stand."

### Becoming a Desert.

The story that comes from Colorado speaks ill for its future. A large part enough to injure the grain crop the sub- of that State was included in what was sequent season. If clover is desired the known years ago as the "Great American seed should not be sown until spring, Desert," a region reported to be parched, as young clover is very tender and will barren and uninhabitable. The pioneers came, the desert rolled back, and for a It is well understood by farmers that | while it bloomed like a garden. To-day there is a joint worm that attacks bar- it threatens to return to the parched and ley, and often makes it light weight. dried up appearance it presented when It is similar to, but distinct from, a the first explorers saw it. The loss and joint worm that attacks wheat. It is damage which have followed this change believed, however, that the barley joint of climate, and the heat and drought of an worm also, under some circumstances, the present summer, are already great. attacks the winter grain, and hence is Vegetation has been destroyed, the crops and suggested a caution against preceeding have been burnt up by the intense heat, wheat with barley, which is quite com. and thousands of cattle have already mon in the winter wheat growing local. fallen victims to it. The cattle are being rapidly rushed out of the State, where there is barely water enough to supply the demand of the human residents -The Governor has been waited on, and mixed with meal that stock will eat all has promised all the assistance in his readily, and thus the capacity of the power. He will see that the water in the State is husbanded, and will prevent may be largely increased. The stubs of its monopolization by the great ditch coarse corn stalks will not be eaten wn- companies. But, withal, the situation is disagreeable, the more so since the people of Colorado believe that a permanent change is going on in the climate of their State. Its winters are more severe, its summers botter, and the supply of water is growing annually less .-This has been so marked for a number of years past, that great fears are entertained lest Colorado may be relapsing They were not considered fully ripe into the condition of affairs prevailing until four years old, and then fifteen in the days of old, when a large portion hundred pounds was considered an ex- of its area was marked as the "Great treme weight. The feeding now is no American Desert.," Even if this prove better than then, or at least not more to be a false alarm, the unfavorable costly. Solely by improved breeding it seasons that Colorado has had lately will is found possible to produce yearlings prove a check to its prosperity, showing that weigh one thousand pounds, three- that it has reached the furthest limit of

## The Mountain Lions of Montana.

Montana boasts the largest and most quently worth more per pound to the ferocious specimens of the mountain butcher. If it has taken more feed it lion to be found on the Pacific coast, has returned a larger proportion to the They are found in great numbers all through that country, and their ravages extend so far as not only to attack weak calves and yearlings on the ranges, but also sheep, goats and full grown steers. That class of plants known as nox- The natural home of the animal is there. ious weeds is the coating which nature The creatures are so bold and have behas taken to cover up her waste places come so numerous that the settlers and neglected soil. Without such a are obliged to wage a war of extermicovering the soil would become sterile, nation. The territory offers a bounty unless cultivated by man; and one-half of \$8 for every scalp, and in winter the ert. They are the outgrowth of large vote their energies to hunting the lions, half-titled farms. The average farmer which they find to be a profitable puras he can till properly and consequently citement. Specimens are often killed grow weeds and briefs and our grain is are frequently bagged, and occasionally

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head glitter as if lit with blue flames, and tinkle by, like the chiming of fairy bells, and the Ice Maiden rises from the ground and kisses the swimmer's feet, whereupon a cold, deathly chill strikes through him as he sinks; and then all is still. "Happy was he thus to pass from life to life," says Hans Andersen. Nor do those who have been rescued from death by drowning, even when life had seemed extinct, speak of their last moment of earthly consciousness with horror. They remember the struggle, followed by a more brief bewilderment of sounds, and a still more brief flash of thoughts: but after this a gracious forgetfulness overcame them, and they seemed to sink into sleep. Men and women have thus descended into the abyss of death, and have looked into its secrets "as far perhaps as human eyes can have looked and been permitted to return." At a certain stage of the descent the vision is struck as by some phosphoric radiance, and the water is simultaneously, so some have left upon solemn record, "a mighty theater engenders within the brain. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, every act, every design of the past, lives again, and a light falls upon the whole path of life backward into the shades of infancy .-The very instantaneity of the process, however, presenting everything, not in succession, but as co-existent, deprives the sudden retrospect of its terrors, and unconsciousness, they pretend, comes as a sense of relief and even of physical pleasure. The unfortunates, the weak ones, or the most sorely tried, whose names stand on the death roll of our many different waters, have probably no definite preference before them when | MXCEL. they seek from the cold, dark water the solace which earth will not offer. They see in the rolling tide merely a form of suicide which is free from many of the shocking incidents of other modes of self destruction, and one that needs no money to compass it, nor preparation beforehand to insure its certainty, and then, too, all is over so soon. No wonder, then, that when the fascination for der, then, that when the fascination for suicide takes hold of the wretched, they should turn to the dark river as to a friend; and little wonder that in the great cities the tale of the dead should

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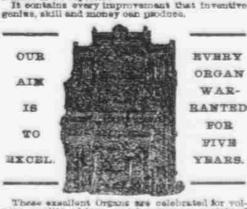
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Gibraltar,

English, Spanish and Arabic; its coatumes from every part of the Levant Up, up, up, until we reached the lower range of fortifications, and enjoyed the view and the clear air. Then a monster gate opened before us, and we rota through the lower tier of the gallerise, passing the great guns that so effects. ally hold any foe, however strong, at a respectful distance. Arrived at the upper tier, we had to dismount, and, sill up and up, back and forth, until we stood in St. George's Hall, with its sig guns, and room for, perhaps, 100 to 150 Throughimites upon miles of galler. ies; through numberless chambers out

in the solid limestone, every strike with hammer and chisel, not a blas used in the whole, except to open the portholes. Stepping out onto a small, natural balcony we looked down some 700 feet to the town, traced the line of British sentinels and then the Spanish outposts just beyond the neutral ground, about a quarter of a mile wide and perhaps a mile and a half, long, stretching from the Mediterranean to the bay of Gibraltar. Still further on was the bill where sat the Spanish Queen and lookst on in dismay as outpost after outpost wielded to British valor and the pride of her country went to a hostile astlon. Back again to our donkeys, and we

wound our way along the Southern tate of the rock to the signal station | 1253 feet above the sea. The view was Dagnificent. To the north lay the Rouds Mountains and the snow-capped Signa Nevada ; eastward the blue water of the Mediterranean, calm as a lake and dotted with white sails; south the coast of Africa, with its dark, fg. bidding cliffs, and the Atlas Mountains rose up before us. Just behind us lay the city of Gibraltar, with its endies row of guns, scarcely relieved by the uxuriant foliage-even in Decemberof the Alameda. Then came the bay with its coal barges, and its numerous steamers bound to every quarter of the globe, and, beyond, the town of Algan. ras and the hills stretching away to Cadiz. Poor Spain.

Below the signal station are the care -not the least remarkable among the sights of this interesting place. We visited but one,-that of St. Michael, and were content to go no farther, but to return to our ship impressed more than ever with the wonderful grip England has upon the Levant. Apparently be position here is almost impregnable -With a garrison of 5000 then, providing for five years, with large water supplies and the solid rock to live in, it is definit to see what can dislodge her.

A young woman from the country sued her ex-lover for breach of proces, and the lawyers, as usual, were asking all sorts of inquisitive questions. "You say," remarked one, "that the efendant frequently sat very close to Yes," was the reply, with a hind.

"How close ?" "Close enough that one cherr would the settin' room needed." "And you say be put his arm would

No. I didn't. "What did you say, then ?" "I said he put both arms around me."

'Then what?" "He hugged me." Very hard ?" Yes, he did; so dem had the I

ame purty near hollerin' out."

Why didn't you, then ?" "Cause I was afeered he'd stop." The court fell off the bench and had to be carried out and put under the by-

drant for resuscitation.

## A cat is a curius animal. It has been

other. When it walks its hed goes a my de to a cat's tale it will not truck what a bunch of fire crackers to its tale siller -it is apt to walk too fast and get leaded. A cat's tale is a good handle lot to pick the cat up by, but it's hard me the cat. Cats can clime trees. Dogsom?

That is lucky for cats. When a did gits after them they kin clime a treat sass back without gittin' hart. I'm can't hit a cat. Wanct I thru a long al one and hit a nole rooster. The off rooster he dide, but the cat didn't. Scituate, Mass, recalls a favorite stort of youthful shrewdness and heroism.

During the war of 1812 two billionia revented the British force from landing at that place by concealing themselve in a clump of bushes and playing vigorous martial music on a fife and drum.-Miss Bates and her companion were the only persons in the immediate locality at the time, the male residents having been engaged in duties at a remote point. These children enloyed the # tipetion of having defeated the English troops. Miss Bates was 89 years clist the time of her death.

Mamma, are we all made of dust 'Yes, my son,'

'I was born in January, wasn't it "Yes, little boy," "But there isn't any dust in Island.

The ground is all frozen up in January "For heaven's sake don't ask some?" 'colish questions, Johnny."

"But I am made of dust, air 1 19" "Yes, of course." "Why don't I get muddy inside what I drink water ?"

"Oh, Lord, child, give me a rest." "I see you are building yourself and house, Mr. Brown, " "Tes, you at right," "Made the money out of while key, I suppose," "No," "Why, ""

are a liquor dealer, are you no 9- - (2 yes, but the money I'm putting into the house was made out of the water! put into the whiskey which I sold. To you see ?31 #