In disease of the heart which persist for a long time and finally end-as a very large proportion of them do-in slow decline and lingering death, dropsy always sets in. In the late stages it is a most intractable symptom, and adds | a greatly to the suffering experienced. In the treatment, physicians have been wont to depend largely upon a diet of milk, which in cases where it is we'll borne and can be persisted in, always acts well. But there are many patients who, for various reasons, cannot be kept on a milk diet for any length of time. To some it becomes abhorrent after a while, and others cannot really digest it properly, as simple food as it is. And, besides that, a milk diet is unsuited to no small proportion of patients affected with cardiac diseases. We have reference to those who cannot be kept quiet, but who insist upon being up and about, often in the open air, if not engaged in light duties, Prof. German See, of Paris, has long been engaged in study to learn what elements in milk rendered it such an admirable agent to stimulate the kidneys, increase the flow therefrom, and hence As a result of his investigation he is THE KASKINE CO., is Warren St., New York. sently sank to the earth and rolled over prove of such great service in dropsies. convinced that the one important element is sugar of milk. Acting upon that theory, he selected twenty-five patients with heart disease, in all of which there was more or less dropsy. To each he gave 100, grammes of the sugar of milk a day, dissolved in two quarts of water. In all these cases a marked effect upon the kidneys was felt within twenty-four hours to fortyfive hours, and the dropsies diminished rapidly, and almost all the swellings disappeared altogether after a series of treatments lasting from slx to eight days. This discovery is likely to prove one of the most important which has been made in the medical world for

#### About Clothing.

Clothing possesses no warmth in itself, but, as it is a more or less poor conductor of heat, it prevents the escape of the bodily warmth. Woolen fabrics contain a large quantity of air entangled in their meshes, which, being a poor conductor of heat, adds considerably to the warmth of clothing made from them. In hot weather we wear light cotton or linen clothing, so as to allow as much of the bodily heat to escape as possible. There is a prejudice in favor of light colored clothing for summer wear, but it is hardly bassed on scientific grounds. Dark colored cloth is the best radiator, allowing the bodliy heat to escape freely, while white clothing absorbs less of the heat radiated directly from the sun. Therefore, to dress scientifically in summer, one should wear dark clothing in the shade and light clothing when exposed to the sun's rays. Practically the matter of appearance is the only one to be considered, as the warmth or coolness of clothing is not appreciably affected by its color.

### A Things to Remember.

Here few are a miscellaneous hints, rules and facts worth remembering : A cord of stone, three bushels of lime and a cubic yard of sand will lay 100 cubic feet of wail. One thousand shingles, laid four

to the weather, will cover 100 square feet of sarface, and five pounds of shing's nails will fasten them on. A box 16 inches equare and 8.4

inches deep will contain one bushel. One cent each day and put out at 6 per cent. Interest will accumulate to Subu in fifty years.

Eight bushels of good time, sixteen bushels of sand and one bushel of hair will make enough good mortar to plaster 100 square yards.

A stone, used by grocers, is equal to fourteen pounds. It takes from 1 to 2 bushels of wheat to sow one acre of ground.

To find the amount of hay in a mow allow 512 cubic feet for a top.

A thousand laths will cover seventy yards of surface, and eleven pounds of lath nails will nail them on.

### The Pumkin was Loaded.

Cateness is not confined to New England. An enterprising farmer from Yole county was recently awarded a first premium for the heaviest pumkin on exhibition at the California State Fair at Sacramento. It was a beauty and tipped the beam at a 165 pounds. But sad to relate the Yolo pumk in was "primed," as was subsequently discovered by an accident, as upon it being purchased by a Sacramento editor, who became enamored with it, and was having it placed in a wagon to take it home fell and was broken in pieces, and 40 pounds of birdshot rolled out of the center.

It was a clear case of deception on the part of some Yolo granger, who palmed the pumkin off on the innocent and confiding newspaper man, making him believe the tule swamps of Yolo could best the auriferous hills of Nevada en vegetables.

### Napoleon's Question.

When Napoleon was returning from his campalan in Egypt and Syria, he was seated one night upon the deck of the vessel under the open canopy of the heavens, surrounded by his generals, The conversation had taken a sceptical turn and most of the party had combated the doctrine of divine existence. Napoleon sat silent and musing, apparently taking no interest in the discus sion, when suddenly raising his hand and pointing to the crystaline firament, crowded with biazing planets and glittering stars, he broke out in those startling tones that had so often electrified a million men: "Gentlemen, who

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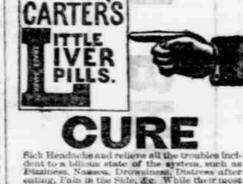
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A Snake's Deadly Coil.

On a recent afternoon Mr. Clark Farris, a well known and highly respected citizen of Lancaster, Ky., was walking through a woods searching for a stray mule. Happening to glance up through the dense foliage, he saw a large darkbrown reptile curled up in the fork of a

Never having seen one like it before, be determined to kill it, and accordingly began throwing stones at it. Greatly angered at this proceeding, the snake making a peculiar grating noise, crawled quickly to the opposite side of the tree. As Farris stepped around further to see what had become of it, it suddenly glided down the tree toward him. Before he could spring aside it leaped with a furious hissing upon his shoulders, and in a twinkling coiled twice about his neck. Yelling with terror be started on a dead run through the woods at the same time making frantic efforts to tear away the monster, but in vain. It gradually tightened its coils, while the flying man jerked his head this way and that way to avoid the close proximity of its hindeous visage. Als Kaskine can be taken without any special med- most chocked, with his eye-balls startsently sank to the earth and rolled over and over in the grass, digging his nails into the serpent's body in a fearful struggle to free himself. But the snake's great strength was superior to that of the man, for, even in the midst of these energetic movements it coiled again and again around his neck. The conviction was now forced upon him that, unless the borrid constrictor could be made to relax its terrible coils, he should be stranggled in a very few minutes. The maneuvres he was now executing were as rapid as they were singular. He thrashed the weeds with his tossing limbs, drew his body up into a knot and finally turned a complete somersault alighting on his hands and knees and with his head pushed hard against the ground. In this position be attempted with both hands to remove his grisly foe by forcing its coils up over the top of his head, but his efforts were unavailing. With a piercing shrick he started up, plunged forward a few feet and again feel, a stunning determination of blood surging in his head. The snake poked about wild its fierce head, hissing in the man's ear or brushing his cheek with its darting tongue. Twice he clutched it by the neck with a grip of iron, and twice it

> twisted out of his grasp. It was a thrilling; spectacle, with prospects of a tragic termination. The contracting coils gradually reduced his wild shouts for help to spasmodic gurglings, while a tiny stream of liquid salis va flowed from his wide-gaping mouth. Suddenly a gleam of hope traversed his distorted features. Thrusting his hand into his pocket with the celerity of thought he brought forth a pocketknife. The next instant he made a savage slash among the folds of his tormentor and it fell in a writhing beap upon the ground. But he had not yet fully wreaked his revenge; his foe still lived. He leaped to his feet. Setting his heel hard upon the reptile's bead and selzing he plunged his knife thurogh its neck, and, drawing the blade longitudinally throughout its body, comyletely disembowled it. It measured a little over seven feet in length.

### A Telephone Ear.

You have a telephone ear. You may not know it, but you have all the same. It is the left ear, for it is on record that only a very small percentage of men or women use the right ear at the telephone. As a matter of fact the telephone has suddenly come into prominence as a medical proposition, and unless the scientists are mistaken, the bulk of men and women who use the telephone within a few years may expect to find themselves rather hard of hearing in the left ear. This is because when using the telephone every muscle and nerve of the ear is strained to catch the faintest sound from the person speaking at the other end. Dr. Oliver W. Moore, the eminent eye and ear specialist, was asked the other day if he had heard of any cases of deafness from the telephone.

"It is rather difficult to state exactly," he replied. "I have seen where the repeated sounds of an instrument or the repetition of any sound, has caused deafness. Telegraph operators of injuring their sense of hearing. Botler makers often suffer from deafness. In the construction of boilers it is necessary for one man to be inside of the boiler and the other out side, and the incessant noise caused by the riveting of boilers always causes either deafness or an affection of the ear. As to the telephone, it no doubt has the same effect. It is natural and reas sonable to suppose that a person listening for sound, and not knowing the moment when it will come, may injure the membrane of the ear, and in time this might affect the hearing power.

### The Best Time to Marry.

Probably the best time for the average civilized woman to marry, would be any age between twenty-four and thirty-six. It is not said that no woman should marry earlier or later than either of these ages, but youth and health and vigor are ordinarily at their highest perfection between these two periods .-Early marriages are seldem desirable for girls, and that for many reasons, The brain is immature, the reason is Office in Collonade Row, on Centre street. feeble and the character is unformed. The consideration which would prompt DR. OLDSHOE, a girl to marry at seventeen would, in many cases, have little weight with her at twenty-four. At seventeen she is a GEO. M. READE, child, at twenty-four a woman. Where a girl has intelligent parents the seven years between seventeen and twentyfour are the period where mind and are most amenable to wise discipline, and best repay the thought and toil devoted to development.

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There are horses that have never been seen to lie down, nor have any marks of their having done so ever been found upon their bodies. I recall one that for fifteen years occupied a particular stall in my grandmother's stable. Up to the hour he died no one ever saw him lying down, although special watch was sometimes kept after he had been driven for eight or ten hours.

Unless a horse lies down regularly his rest cannot be complete, and his joints and sinews stiffer. It is true that some horses that always sleep in a standing position continue to work for many years, but it is equally true that they would live longer and work better if they rested naturally.

Young horses from the country are liable to refuse to lie down when first put into a stable in town, and the injurious habit may become confirmed unless special pains are taken to induce a change.

The indisposition to lie down is often very pronounced in sick horses. They seem to have an instinctive fear that if they lie down they may never be able to rise, and continue on their feet till their limbs refuse to bear them up.

#### Timely Suggestions for Farmers.

It will cost but a trifle to use ordi nary building paper in the stable. As it can be fastened to the walls in a very short time, it should be used es pecially on the north side. It is usually fastened on the inside of the walls, and held in place with plastering lath, which are nailed over the paper, the lath being two feet apart. Paper is an excellent non-conductor of heat, and serves admirably in keeping out the draughts. It should be used in all stables that are not closely built and warm.

Salt is seldom given poultry, under the supposition that it is injurious, which is true if the sait is given in large quantities; but recent experiments prove that salt is necessary to a General Banking Business Transacted. Hunited extent, as hens will lay more The following are the principal features of a eggs and remain in good condition by general banking business: allowing salt than if it is withheld entirely. The proper mode of giving salt to poultry is by seasoning the soft food allowed the hens.

Pertilizing material is now procured from iron. In the manufacture of as Thomas slag is the result, which is reduced to an impalpable powder and sold to farmers, as it contains a large proportion of phosphoric acid. Those who are familiar with merits of the slag estimate that it contains 21 per

cent. of plant food. Bran is considered one of the best

foods for all classes of stock, and it is rich in phosphates. It is a very imperfect food, however, when fed in place of grain entirely, but when given in connection with and ground grain it argely adds to the value of the whole. and assists to make the ration more complete in the elements of growth and

### A Cheap Disinfectant.

One of the most pleasant and one of the cheapest things to use about the house as deodorizer is frankincense—the same used at the altar to typify the sweet sayor of ascending prayers in the nostrils of our Father. Nothing will effectually drive away the damp, heavy oder that prevails so largely in darkened rooms. The penetrating of its fumes is remarkable. When I search in the sacristry closets for the holy vestments after an absence from the parish, I can determine whether frankincerse has been properly used, as the tell-tale perfame will get into the minutest corners. It preserves clothing, too, from the ravages of insects. I never observed closely, but I have often been told that the mosquito will travel from it in

haste and stay there. I cannot recollect being met by one of those pests in a Catholic Church. A great deal of mystery surrounds this simple drug, however as many people imagine the Catholic clergy have a patent on it. The fact is, it is a simple compound of gum arabic and cheap spices, and most any druggist will give a pocketful for a dime. Still others think the Church prescribes it, but this s error, as the Church cares not how much a man uses so he obtains it honestly. I would recommend a little. burned daily in the house of every Christian.

Preserving Fruit in Sand.

The Italians have a method of preserving fruit in sand, alternate layers of fruit and sand being put down, Oranges are frequently kept for months by this process. The fruit is cut, not torn, from the tree. A similar method has been adopted by a grower of oranges in South Africa, and the fruit comes out of the "silo" in fine condition at a time when oranges are scarce and yield good prices. Sweet potatoes may be

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Our next neighbor, writes a co spondent, owned an amusing that was always getting into miss but usually got out again with much trouble to herself. Who had done anything for which she! she ought to be punished, she , hold her head to one side, and her mistress, protest in a six tone, "Polly is a good girl," saw her mistress smile; to would flop her wings and cry out in ultation, "Hurrah ! Polly in

She was allowed to go free, and no ally took her exercises in the gate where she promenaded back and beon the walks, sunning hereb warning off intruders.

One morning a hen strayed out of the chicken yard and was quietly place up its breakfast when Poll marche shrill voice, emphasizing her reprise with a smart pick of sharp beak on he chicken's head. The poor her reme ed to her own quarters, running atthe as she could followed by Poll of

sereamed "Shoo" at every step The hen had her revenge a lew day later, when Poll extended her more walk into the chicken yard. Here was her usual curiosity, she went period into every corner, till she came to the old hen upon her nest. The hen the a dive for Poll's yellow head, but miss it. Poll thinking discretion the bear part of valor, turned to run, and the hen, with her wings wide-spread to

lowing close after. As she ran Poll screamed in b shrillest tones, "O Lord! O Lord A member of the family who he witnessed the whole performance thought it time to interfere in Pr behalf, as the angry hen was gained on her. He ran out, and stooping day, held out his bands. Poll lost no time in traveling up his shoulder. The from her high vantage ground, o turned her head to one side and log-ing down on her foe, screamed, "Hela there, shoo !"

The frightened hen acknowledge defeat by returning to her nest as meidly as she had come.

### He Got the Bill.

For a year or two past the collecter for a certain Detroit tallor has been trying all sorts of pacific ways to rethe sum of \$13 out of a young man who the sum of \$13 out of a young mat whe has been a debtor for over two years.

The collector has been put off a hundred times by promises made to be broken, and he has worked every racket known to the profession without avail. The other evening he happened down to the times of the profession without avail. Third Street depot and saw his young man buy a ticket for Chicago. "So you are going West ?" he saked

"Only to Chicago, I'll be back in three or four days, and then I want to pay you that little bill," "Yes. Going to Chicago on a visit?" "Something of a visit, going to get

"No !" -"Fact. The ceremony takes place at l o'clock in the morning. "And you want to be there, of

course yes "I should smile !" The collector took off his hat, removed his coat, and peeling off his vest when the other asked him what was up.

"I've been biding my time, and my opportunity has come," he replied. "How-what ?" "I'm going to light into you. You

are the bigger man and I expect to be loked, but the row will certainly caus both of us to be arrested and taken to the station, and you will thus miss your train. Perhaps I can black your eye, and in that case the marriage can't come off for a week. Put up your

"Say, man, you wouldn't be as men

"Thirteen dollars or a row." "I'll pay you half." "The whole or nothing. It's my

first, last and mly chance. Come down The young man took his boodle and counted out the amount of the bill, and while he skipped for the train the other calmly donued his garments and left the depot whistling, "I Wonder What

#### My Ma Would Say ?" When Washington Laughed.

It has been observed that Washiby

ton seldomed smiled and never laughed. This, however, is not correct. One in stance is mentioned by a gentlemen, known for his veracity, with a degree of sang froid. At the time the troops were encamped at Cambridge, Informs tion was received at beadquarters that the English were about leaving Boston to give them a battle. All was busite and confusion. The soldiers were strolling over the town, and the offers were but ill prepared for the approaching renconter. Some of the generals were calling for their horses, and others for their arms; and among the tell was Gen. Greene, at the bottom of the stairs, bawling to the barber for his wig, "Bring my wig, you rated bring my wig !" Gen. Lee divertel bimself and the company at thesis pense of Greene. "Your wig is behind the looking glass, sir." At which Greene, raising his eyes, perceived, by the mirror, that the wig was whatell should be-on his head. Washington, io a fit of laughter, threw himself 00 the sofa and the whole group presented rather a ludicrons spectacle.

Gardens of Babylon.

The hanging gardens of Babylon P pear to have been square, each being 109 feet in length. They were carried in the manner of large terraces, coe above the other, till they rose as high s as the walls of the city, the ascent leing from terrace to terrace by stairs tell fest wide. The whole pile was sustabel by vast arches and strengthened by a wall surrounding it 22 feet in thickness On the top of these atches were isid large flat stones, 16 feet long and 4 feet broad, These were lined with brickclosely comented with pinster of bile man, and that covered with sheets of lead, upon which lay the mold of the garden, where there were large trees, shrubs and flowers, with yarious sorts of vegetables.