

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Tell C. R. O. if she will use equal parts of salt and ashes wet with a little water, she will have a good cement for cracked stoves.

If gilt frames, when new, are covered with a coat of white varnish, all specks can then be washed off with water and without harm.

Keeping the animals quiet promotes the storage of fat, but healthy, and the quality of the meat is best obtained when they are all wed to take exercise daily.

Muddy barnyards will cause the milk to fall off. When cows are compelled to stand knee deep in mud, with their bodies plastered over with it, dirt will find its way into the pail, while additional food will be necessary to supply that lost from cold and exposure.

The man who drugs his horse to make him shiny shows very little sense. The best means to keep the coat glossy is careful and daily grooming. This with plenty of oats and water and an occasional bran mash, is all the horse needs when in health.

Sickly looking plants may be taken out of their old pots, the roots washed the weaker branches trimmed and placed into as small pots as the roots can be placed into. Let such a plant remain there until by good growth it shows its healthy roots; then it may have more earth in a little larger pot.

To make Florida water dissolve in 1 gallon 90 per cent. alcohol 1 ounce each of oil of lavender, oil of bergamot and oil of cloves and cinnamon, 1 drachm each; add 1 gallon water, and filter. Or take of oil of Bergamot, 3 ounces; oil of cinnamon 4 drachms, tincture of benzoin 2 ounces; 75 per cent. alcohol 1 gallon. Mix and filter.

A first class cement with which to fasten stone to stone, or iron to iron, is made by mixing a paste of pure oxide of lead, litharge and glycerine. This mixture hardens rapidly, is insoluble in acids, and is not affected by heat. It has been used to fasten the different portions of the fly-wheel with success, while, when placed between stones and once hardened, it is easier to break the stone than the joint.

To keep Gun Barrels from rusting—There has always been some difficulty in keeping gun barrels from rusting. The alkaline matter existing in snow and in rain under certain condition of the atmosphere works through the best coatings, and reaches the iron. Varnish, as ordinarily laid on, is objectionable, as it gives a gun a "Drumhead" look.

Heat the barrels to the temperature of boiling water (not any hotter, or you will injure them), and rub them with the best copal varnish, give them a plentiful coating. Let them remain hot half an hour, and then wipe them clean with a soft rag. In this way you can get enough of the varnish into the pores of the metal to act as a preservative; at the same time, no one would suspect that the barrels had ever been touched with varnish.

Death to Moths—A housekeeper writes to an eastern contemporary: "It gives me pleasure to inform you what will entirely exterminate, root out and destroy every moth, or egg of moth, whether in clothes, carpets or furniture. I have a large house, full of the richest carpets, all of which has been in use since 1875, and not a moth has been seen at this date. But the first year we moved in we had millions although everything was new. Twice a year I take turpentine and a paint brush and saturate the edges of the carpets all around, move all the furniture, and get at all the dark and dusty corners, and in dark closets I rub the brush all over, if carpeted, for rich furniture, take paper and wet it with turpentine, and nail the papers under the sofas and chairs. The smell of this will drive out the moths and kill their eggs. To protect clothes, rub the brush over the bottom of your trunk and drawers, and put paper with turpentine on around the furs or clothes. You know that turpentine is harmless, being made from pine, and often used for cleaning carpets and clothes. It will rather brighten the color of carpets than otherwise."

THE HOHENZOLLERN WAY.

When I again rejoined the party Bismarck was telling them the following story of Gen. Von Serotha: He was at that time living quietly at Frankfurt, in command of the allied garrison there, when one day he received a telegram from the then Minister President Count Von Bardenburg to come at once to Berlin and report himself to the Minister. Serotha starts at once for Berlin in hot haste, and thence immediately goes to Bradenburg.

I have sent for your Excellency to ask you to become War Minister, said Bradenburg. Me! exclaimed Serotha. For heaven's sake, your Excellency, what made you think of such a thing? I am not in any way fitted for the post. I am afraid that can't be helped. See, here is the order from his Majesty the King, requiring that you shall be War Minister.

Serotha reads the order, looking greatly troubled, and then says: Of course, if his majesty commands, I must obey.

Well then, my dear colleague, continues Bradenburg, you will attend the cabinet council at ten o'clock today.

O, I could not possibly do that. I am afraid you will have to see; here is another order from his Majesty expressly desiring you to undertake the War Department in the cabinet.

Then I must of course obey, said the new War Minister, with a deep sigh of dejection.

He is just about to leave, in order to prepare himself for his presumable maiden speech, when Bradenburg stops him; I suppose you know, General, that you must appear in muffin (plain clothes) at the council?

Serotha stood speechless with amazement. This was the finishing stroke. I have none! he at last managed to stammer forth.

Well you will have to get yourself some by ten o'clock—such are the King's commands.

Then, of course, I must obey, replied Serotha, leaving the room in a very crestfallen manner.

But he faced his difficulty valiantly. Jumping into a cab he drove off to the Muhledam, where all the old Jews congregated; and at ten o'clock precisely a strange figure, with an enormously high collar, and coat sleeves hanging right over his hands, was seated at the ministerial table—this was the new War Minister.—Chambers' Journal.

A NOVEL ENTERPRISE.

A Halifax, Nova Scotia, correspondent of the Evening Post writes: B. B. Barnhill, of Joggin's Mines, Cumberland county, has under construction an immense raft for the purpose of carrying to New York about 3,000,000 superficial feet of piles, logs spars, hardwood timber, and boards. Its dimensions are, length 410 feet width 55 feet, depth 35 feet and it will draw 21 feet of water. The raft is being built upon a well constructed cradle, which will be launched with the raft and removed from it in the water, leaving the raft with its chains and binders to support itself. The structure is torpedo-shaped at the bow and stern, and a cross-section amidship will be of the form of an ellipse. When completed it will weigh 8,000 tons. The weight is so distributed over the four set of launch ways as to exert a pressure of 80 pounds to the square inch, which is about two-thirds of the pressure allowable on ordinary launchways. About one-sixth of the charge has been stowed. When completed the cost will be about \$20,000. The raft is to be towed to New York by an "ocean tramp," or by two tugs, as soon as launched, which will be about midsummer. Should Mr. Barnhill's engineering skill prove equal to his enterprise and courage in planning and undertaking so novel an operation he will have provided a cheap method of water carriage for the products of the forest. Many persons view the scheme with incredulity, and predict that it will be a failure.

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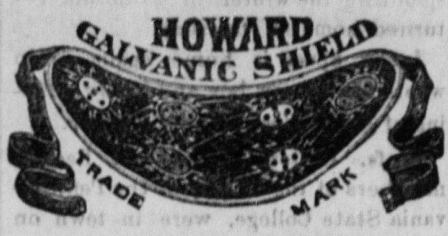
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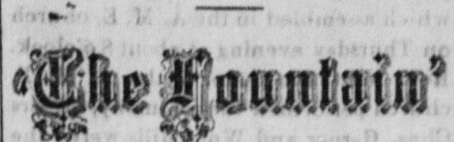
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