

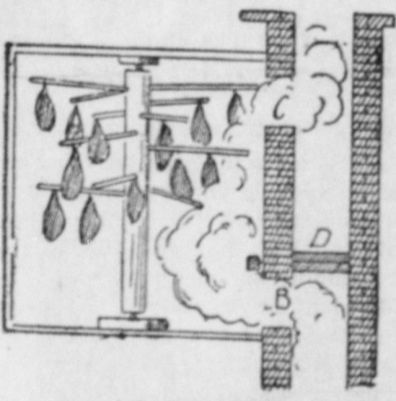
PEAT AS A MANURE.

Scientific Side of an Important Agricultural Question. The economic importance of the increased use of moss litter, from the point of view of manure, is incalculable.

From his figures it appears that in a stall of ten head of cattle, through the use of moss litter, about 140 kilograms of easily soluble nitrates yearly, worth at least \$35, would be preserved in the manure, which in employing straw, are lost.

FARM MEAT SMOKER.

A Device for Cooling Smoke Before It Reaches the Meat. Every farmer who cures hams and bacon requires a smokehouse. There is no need for an elaborate building.



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Smoke is generated in the usual way, and then carried through a flue to the smokehouse, where the meat is hanging. The damper at D regulates the admission of smoke, which passes out at C.

SURE WEED KILLER.

The Electric Current is Death to the Dreaded Russian Thistle. The latest method of killing weeds is by electricity. Prof. Woodworth, of Michigan agricultural college, has been making experiments which show that the new method is both cheap and effective.

NEWSY FARM NOTES.

Peach trees must be cultivated to do well. To get the among tree fruits, cultivate often and thin. The gooseberry flourishes best in a heavy, low, but not wet soil.

It Annoyed Her.

"I never was so mortified in all my life!" she exclaimed. "What was the matter?" asked her dearest friend.

"Jim," exclaimed the Foggy Bottom matron, "yoh done promised me dat yoh was gwine ter let politics alone."

"Johnnie's Advice to His Mother. Dr. Perkins soonover was called in at the Chaffie mansion to prescribe for Mrs. Chaffie, who was quite unwell."

"Isn't it queer," said Gonrong, "that I've always been mistaken about my age? I thought I was 69 last December, but I got hold of our old family Bible the other day and discovered I was only 65."

"You have left out an important statement in this rescue story," said a professor in the school of journalism to one of his students.

"Here is a fly in my soup, waiter." "Yes, sah; werry sorry, sah; but you can frow away de fly an' eat de soup, can't yer?"

"I reckon so; you didn't expect me to throw away the soup and eat the fly, did you?"—Dallas (Tex.) Sifter.

When she refused to marry me, she promised she would be my sister; yet she was mad as mad could be, when, with fraternal haste, I kissed her.

Mistress—What did you tell those ladies who just called? Bridget—O! told them that yez was not in, mum.

She was a small girl, but quite large enough to reason and draw logical conclusions. In her father's back yard a swarm of bees was kept, and they seemed especially hostile to the small girl.

Mr. Youngman (after long thought)—Is there any way to find out what a woman thinks of you, without proposing?

Mr. Benedict (absently)—Yes; make her mad.—N. Y. Weekly.

"This age demands men who have conviction," shouted the impassioned orator. "Where shall we find them?"

A.—Tom must have had an awful cold when he became engaged. B.—Why? A.—Because when one has a cold one has no taste.—Fliegende Blaetter.

Sayboy—I am thinking of going into business; is there any money in clothes? —Bayboy—Not a cent in mine.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Bennie—What's a conversationalist? Jennie—Oh, it's a man that doesn't have to stop talking when he hasn't got anything more to say.—Truth.

"I never indulge in irony." "No, I would say your brilliancy was principally glittering steel."—Life.

PLATINUM IN ALASKA.

Miners Now Turning Their Attention to the Deposits on the Yukon River. Alaska has developed an unexpected store of precious minerals in the last few years, and just at present miners are speculating as to the quantity of platinum that might be found in that territory and worked with profit.

Platinum is nearly always found in bars associated with free gold in placer deposits. Platinum ore, as it is sometimes erroneously called, contains iridium, rhodium, gold, copper and iron.

India, Australia, Peru, Haiti and Brazil produce small amounts of platinum. Platinum has been found in small quantities in various parts of this country, but it is only in the placers of the Pacific slope that it has been discovered in marketable quantities.

The commissioners appointed by the local government to inquire into the "history, causes and effect" of the coal mine fires of Pictou county have just finished taking evidence.

Asbestos is also found in the southeastern portion of Alaska, but whether in sufficient quantities to make the deposits profitable remains for future developments to show.

One morning at breakfast the following conversation is alleged to have taken place: "Mary, my dear, James is going to kill two pigs today. Now, what do you want?"

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CARRIAGE OF THE FUTURE.

Interesting Speculation as to Its Probable Character.

The electrical carriage, or horseless vehicle, promises to become a fad in Gotham and may eventually supersede the bicycle in popular favor. The horseless vehicle and the bicycle will probably sooner or later be manufactured as a sort of composite carriage, to carry anywhere from one to a dozen persons.

For light vehicles the pneumatic tire may be used, while for rougher and heavier work some strong cushion tire will be more serviceable. Then the dashboard, originally designed to protect the driver from the mud thrown up by the horses' feet, as well as from the kicks of the animals, will no longer be needed.

A young woman who, in spite of the fact that she had been born and brought up in a large city, had nevertheless many most excellent theories in regard to farming upon a purely scientific basis, found herself, after some years of married life, obliged to take up her residence upon a large and model farm.

Desiring always to be a true helpmeet to her husband, she took a double pleasure in reviewing the studies of her earlier years, attacking the subject with great zest.

As a result, with small provocation, she was wont to wax eloquent—almost garrulous, indeed—upon such subjects as "The Proper Mode of Irrigation," "The Merits and Demerits of Various Fertilizers," "The Best Food For Young Cattle" and kindred topics.

"Two, did you say? Well, you might save me a dozen hams, and—oh, yes, any quantity of dried beef!"—New York Herald.

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It has been almost impossible to get satisfactory oranges this season, but we have secured some fine Florida, also some Mexican fruit that is equally as fine as the Florida and quite reasonable in price. Our stock of cranberries (at 10c per quart) white Almeria grapes, New York Catawbas 2 baskets for 25c, lemons, bananas, and sweet potatoes have received careful attention.

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