

Miscellaneous

Isful Information for Children

WHEATHER OF LARGER OR SMALLER GROWTH.

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You may now wish to know something about the "Leap Year." You doubtless know already that every 4th year, that you have ever seen, has been a leap year, and contained one day more, (Feb. 29th) than a common year.

A Year is designed to include the exact period of time that the earth takes to make one revolution around the sun; or as it is more commonly called, the apparent revolution of the sun around the earth, from a given point in the ecliptic, through all the signs, to the same point again.

This arrangement of the Calendar was made by Julius Caesar, (before the birth of Christ) and is called after him, the Julian Calendar.

The year, in which the additional day was inserted, was called Bissextile (from bis, twice, and sextus, sixth) because, what was then called "the sixth of the kalends of March," or the 24th of February, was repeated, or inserted twice.

The origin of our term "Leap Year" is said to be this. In an ordinary year 365 days, (the present year, for instance,) the first day of March comes on Monday; in the next year, if it were a common year, March would begin on Tuesday.

But the year 1849 will have 29 days, which will bring the 1st of March on Wednesday. Thus instead of stepping from Monday to Tuesday, "it leaps to Wednesday."

This is the account given by learned authority; and yet, it is difficult to tell what leaps; for there has been no omission of any day of the week. The interested day in February has only taken, as it ought, the name of what would have been the 1st day of March, and left to it, the name of the next day of the week, in the regular order of time.

So there is no leaping, but the same regular step, at which time has always jumped on. But the Leap Year denotes a year of 366 days, and it is a matter of no consequence, whether the term is strictly applicable or not.

It is more important to know when the Leap Year occurs. For this you have this general rule. In the Julian Calendar, any year that can be divided by 4, without a remainder is a leap year; whenever there is a remainder it is a common year.

Thus 1845—'6 and '7, when divided by 4, leave severally 1, 2 and 3 as a remainder. But 1848, will leave no remainder. Therefore each of the former was a common year, and 1848 will be a leap year.

one day to every 4th year, from the time of Julius Caesar to the 16th century, it was discovered, that the seasons were gradually falling backward in the Calendar; and had already proceeded so far, that the Vernal Equinox (the time at which the day and night are equal in the spring), which was known to have happened, in the year 325, on the 21st of March, actually occurred, in 1582, on the 10th of March.

From the addition of 11 minutes, 12 4 seconds a year too much, in making every 4th year a leap-year, in a little over 128 years, it made an entire day; and in 1582 amounted, within fraction, to 10 entire days. Hence, Pope Gregory XIII, for the purpose of restoring the Equinox to the same period of the year that it occupied in the Calendar, in 325, in which the Council of Nice, was held, ordered 10 days to be dropped out of the Calendar of that year; which was done in the month of October, by numbering the day after the 4th, the 15th.

The Calendar thus reformed was called the "New Style," while the former mode of reckoning was denominated the "Old Style."

The asperities, which had been excited by the Reformation, undoubtedly retarded the adoption of this important correction, beyond the papal pale. Protestant countries were slow in coming into the measure. And so great was the hostility of the Greek to the Roman church, that to this day, the Old Style is retained in Russia.

I have somewhere seen it stated, that the New Style was adopted in that Empire, in 1830. But travellers, even within the last year, testify, that the Old Style is still retained there, as the common mode of computation.

The New Style was not adopted in England, till 1751; and then another entire day had accumulated, and was omitted, (to the great consternation of many living at the time, who thought that every 4th year, must be a leap-year; and the Almanac-makers came well meaningly to their assistance.) So there are now 12 days difference between the Old and the New Style; which will require some further illustration.

USCIE ZADOK. Hermitage, Feb. 15, 1847. Agriculture.

As truly as woman is the mother and nurse of mankind, so is Agriculture the mother and nurse of individual and national wealth. This is the art which is everything to all the Arts. It is not only the source of wealth, but it is the nourisher of every branch of labor to which men can turn.

Every man, however poor, should be a farmer, or a gardener, or a cooper; for the city will sink in ashes, and yet the Republic is not destroyed. Agriculture will restore that commerce, start again the machinery of the mills, and bid those cities rise, rebuilt in brighter splendor, more thronged and more stately than before.

The history of Tyre, of Carthage, and of Rome never would have ended in blood and desolation, had the Phoenicians, the Carthaginians, and the Romans laid the foundation of their greatness on the sure basis of National Agriculture.

Their policy was to concentrate their social energies in war, or in a fickle trade, which traversed the seas in ships, or the desert on camels. Their wealth was not indigenous with the soil. Strangers raised their bread. If they tilled the earth, it was with slaves and not with freemen.

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It is usually considered under three forms, or varieties, as follows: Blind Piles, White Piles, and Bleeding Piles. The first is the most common, and is very well known, that a description of its symptoms is not deemed necessary.

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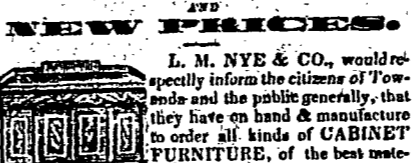
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NEW ESTABLISHMENT



L. M. NYE & CO., would respectfully inform the citizens of Towanda and the public generally, that they have on hand and manufacture to order all kinds of CABINET FURNITURE, of the best materials, and workmanship that cannot be surpassed.

CABINET FURNITURE. I HAVE HAD at my shop much lower than it has ever been sold in Towanda. Goods are cheap, and what are lowered, and that is the reason we can afford all for to do it.

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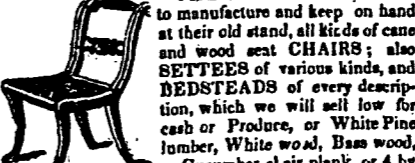
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CHAIRS AND BEDSTEADS.



THE subscribers still continue to manufacture and keep on hand at their old stand, all kinds of cane and wood seat CHAIRS; also BETTES of various kinds, and BEDSTEADS of every description, which we will sell low for cash or Produce, or White Pine lumber, White wood, Bass wood, or Cucumber air plank, or 4 by 6 Scantling 13 feet long—either Buttonwood, Basswood or Maple, will also be received for our work.

CHAIRS AND BEDSTEADS. This way for Bargains! THE subscriber would respectfully say to his old customers and the public generally, that he has re-commenced the manufacture of Chairs, etc., at his old shop on the north side of Bridge street, in the building known as the "Yellow House."

MARBLE FACTORY, In Towanda. H. M. BAKER respectfully informs the public that he has commenced the GRANITONE business, in all its branches, at Towanda, where he will be ready at all times to attend to all calls in his line.

BOOT & SHOE MAKING. WILCOX & SAGE have associated themselves in the Boot and Shoe Making business, in the borough of Towanda, and may be found at the old stand of S. Hathaway, lately occupied by Elliot Smith, next to H. Stephens' Exchange Hotel, where they solicit a share of public patronage.

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BOOTS & SHOES OF ALL KINDS. JUST received from Philadelphia, a large and splendid assortment of men's calf and cowhide boots, from \$5 to \$5.50; boys' do; ladies' gaiters and walking shoes; also, fine kid slip and buckram, and all kinds of overboots; do. calf boots and lace shoes; children's and Misses shoes of all kinds, heavy and light, suitable for every kind of weather. Youth's calf, kip and cowhide boots for children from 4 to 12 years old. We pledge ourselves to give a better article at a lower price than any other establishment in Bradford county. TRUNKS from \$1.50 to \$16.00 HATS AND CAPS.

There are three things beyond dispute—1st.—If a man pays out much money, he must receive as much. 2. If a man's expenses in business are large, his profits must be large. 3. Therefore, the Grocery and Shoe Establishment at the corner of Main and Bridge street, in a small place, at a cheap rent, can afford to sell boots & shoes, hats & caps, and groceries, at lower prices, and of better quality than any other store in town.

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