

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS


Honey by the Ton.
In Los Angelos County, on the eastern
slope of the San Franciso rango of mountains, and in the immediate vicinity of the Leaming Petroloum Company's oil region,
there is the most wonderful collection of wild honey in existonce. The hive is loto the depth, probably, of 160 feet. The orifice is thirty feot long and seventeen
feot wide; four passages, The rift was discovered to bo the abiding place of a swarm of bees that is represented as coming out in to the immense store of honey collected by these bees, but wero invariably driven back and one man lost his life in the effort.-
Others have, at the expense of much labor and money, built a scaffoid 125 feet high in the hope of reaching a place whence
they could run a drift into the rock and ceased have added not less than fiftean feet of depth to their treasure, as ascertained by actual measurement, and it is thought
that at the present time there cannot be tess than eight or ton tons of honey in the rock. A man named D. Broplyy lives
a ceabin not far from the spot, und obtained from the melting of the honey by the sun's
heat more than enough for his family requirements, All through that region immense stores of wild honey are found in
trees, in the rocke, in nearly every where its induastrious manufacturers think They consume a very small proportion, as the climate onables them to keep up op-
erations near every day in the year, and flowers of some sort are always in bloom.
It must bo a very severe season indeed in vast numbers, busily engaged in their Isग' tit True?
$\begin{gathered}\text { When an enterprising man buys a run- } \\ \text { down, neglected farm, with rickerty and di- }\end{gathered}$ down, neglected farm, withrickerty and di-
lapidated buildings, and at once proceeds to improve it clears up the unslightly fence-
corners, drains the wet land, pulls out the stumps or rocks, moves the barn to the little distance back of the highway, lays out a lawn with pleasant walks and shade trees and hedges, brings blooded stock
with him, and causes his acres to produce chree-fold more than ever before, what
man so stupid as not to recognize that is pecuniary gain to the neighborhood? No matter how selfish the owner may be a
heart, if he makes his farm more valuable he does the same, to some extent, to all around him. The neighbors like to see a
handsome farm near them, even if they rever think of selling, and when they do try to sell, the prospective buyer will in-
variably have his attention called to the adjoins, or at least is not far off. Specuhators hoiding unimproved lands like nothing so well as to be able to say (because
nothing is more potent) that it lies in the very best of neighborhoodk, is surrounded by rich farm in the highest state of culture, in a delightful region of walks and drives;
that the people are intelligent, and their tasten reflined; that schools and churches abound ; and that the value of the land has rops on the nd adjacent farms. When these hings can lie natd truthfolly, sales are est prices.
hen-as well as thoue who aro not farmen that there is a money value in intelliconcerns them very closely? Improvement on onc's own place are well, wise and ad
mirable; but zo are improvements around you. There should be, then, no neytect of the means. Every agency whith will pro note farm intelligence ahould be employe and kept up

Burning out Chimney
Chimneys should be attended to every
autumn, if wo would avoid their taking fire. Many a valuable homestend has been
deatroged from negligence in this matter Soot accumulates very rapidly, and should some ruiny day, when sparks or cinders lire the readiest means to stop it is to apply a wet table cloth or blanket to whole fron lose into the jamb, then lift up the bot the fire. This will create a cloud of atean which will roduce, if it does not extinguish the fire. If a pistol is fired up a chimitey is an eany wey to cloan a amall cht and A fow handeffull of salt thrown futo the Flour or nulphur thrown apon the fire wil also paralyze the flames.
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