Che Bloomfield Gimes.

Tuesday, February 18, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Cork-Where it is Produced-What a Healthy Cork Tree can do.

Cork is the bark of the evergreen oak, known as Quercus suber. It grows plentifully in the south of France; in parts of Italy, in Spain, Portugal and Algeria. Commerce is indebted to Portugal for its largest supply. There the cork tree, majestic in size and rugged in covering, its branches sweeping gracefully over the flower-studded greensward, and its foliage of the brighest green, is monarch of the forest. The fawn-color of the lesser limbs and the tawny gray of the body furnish emphatic and pleasing contrast to the leaves. Cork oaks form the royal parks, and shade the piazzas of palatial mansions. Single trees of gigantic size, sacred as manorial heir-looms, or from historical associations, whose branches through centuries have been growing gray with moss, are regarded with almost superstitious veneration.

For constructive purposes the wood of the cork-tree is almost valueless. It not only decays rapidly, but its sap, from which no dryness ever quite frees it, corrodes nails driven into it. But the value of the bark fully compensates for the inferior quality of the wood. In fact, the bark of the cork tree, although, like other oaks, it bears acorns, may be regarded as its fruit. Besides, in its native state every few years it sloughs its old covering and takes on a new. This natural yield is not commercially valuable, however, and hence a me--chanical yield takes its place. Bark stripping, done periodically, when the material is in the best condition, and not the shedding of its coat from necessity, makes the cork tree one of the most valuable in the world.

When a healthy cork tree has reached the age of twenty-five years, it is subjected for the first time to its shearing. This is not done at a single process, else the life of the tree would be endangered. A circular incision is then made through the bark at or near the ground, and another similar to the former close to the branches. These cuts are followed by others equally deep, made longitudinally, and dividing the bark into broad planks. The tree is then left. The sap has been stopped from circulation, the bark commences to peel and curl outward, and shortly each strip is removed by the hand.

This process is repeated every ten years, and as the cork tree lives to a great age, there are those now standing that have grown their twentieth crop. But the finest cork comes from the earliest yield. Every crop is less valuable than its predecessor. The best cork is known by its pliancy, elasticity, absence of porosity, and depth of color, and these qualities are gradually lost by successive yields. The Spaniards keep their best material for manufacture at home. Of late years, Algeria is sending exceedingly good cork to market. The estate there of M. le Duc de Montebello, presented to him by the late Louis Nacovered with cork oak forests the yield from which is very great and the quality unsurpassed. About six thousand tons of the raw material for corks are yearly shipped from cork producing countries, and probably an equal quantity is furnished for home consumption.

Singular Case of Freezing.

The Boonsboro Odd Fellow says: On the night before Christmas, a cow belonging to Mr. Cyrus G. Hickman, miller at Kemp's mill, on the Antietam, wandered away from the stable, and got on a very high hill close by, and owing to the ice, was unable to get down. The animal remained there all night, and next morning when Mr. Hickman brought her home, he found her milk bag badly frozen. Unfortunately he applied warm water to the frozen parts. In a day or so after, the bag burst in the middle, dividing between the front and back teats. The rear part turned black, and was afterward trimmed off by Mr. Hickman, removing the half of what was once a fine large udder. The other half was uninjured, and the wounds are now rapidly healing up. The cow was a very fine one, worth perhaps \$50, and previous to the freezing gave 61bs. of butter each week, beside the milk used in the family. Although the two remaining teats give milk, which is not used, still the cow is ruined, so far as a milker is concerned. We have never heard of such a case of freezing be-

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