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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA.
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Agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL DIVISION OF THE PATENT OFFICE.—Production of New Varieties of Sweet Potatoes grown Seed.—A gentleman of Ipswich, Massachusetts, has written to the Commissioner of Patents, requesting to be furnished with seed of the common sweet potato, for the purpose of cultivating them in a green-house, and obtaining new varieties.

It is difficult to get seed in this country, because, so far as is ascertained, this plant will not flower here. The same is true with respect to the potato, although some species such as the red or pink-colored from the East Indies and the Islands of the Pacific, have been brought to perfect maturity in France, and new varieties have been obtained from their seed. Potatoes of this kind will flower in Cuba and in the Southern States. It is desirable to obtain the seed of such species of the sweet potato as can be brought to maturity in southern latitudes.

Coal Ashes.—It is difficult for those who reside in the coal regions to get the benefit of coal ashes on their cherry trees the sooner they do so the better. I recollect well when a boy, of carrying the coal ashes from the grate and piling them around a tree, which was known by all the family, as the "little orphan," on account of its sprouting from the roots of an old tree which had died, and the peculiar hard time it had in endeavoring to reach the stature of even a bush. The summer after the coal ashes were deposited around its base it put forth vigorously, and in three years was quite a thrifty tree, heavily laden with delicious fruit. My father seeing the good results of the ashes, a wagon load was thrown around the base of each tree on the farm, and the effect was "astonishing." Old trees that were fast decaying were resuscitated, and sent forth new branches, and bore fruit abundantly.

Let those who have coal ashes test its virtues upon fruit trees.

IVAN.
Rochester, Ind., 1855.

Japon Peas.—I bought from an extortioner this spring, a few seeds of this new variety of pea a cent apiece. I planted them, knowing nothing of their habit, but supposing it akin to our common pea. I found it very different. It grows up a single, strong stalk from three to four feet high, putting out branches like a tree. These branches at the end of the season become profusely laden with downy pods, about one and a half inches in length, containing two or three peas, resembling very much our common pea, but which when boiled, changes in appearance entirely, becoming exactly like a small buff bean.

This pea will work its way, I believe, into extensive favor. It is exceedingly productive and an excellent winter food for man, and no doubt for animals also; is easily cultivated; is hardy, and grows on both poor and rich soil. I planted mine in the beginning of May which, I believe, is the best time, ripening with the early frost, in rows three feet apart, one foot between each seed.

EDUCATION NEEDED.—The following actual dialogue occurred in a Court, in a State not two thousand miles from New England. A quack doctor of the Thompsonian order was called to the stand as a witness, and after he had testified to the having made a night visit to the Prosecuting Attorney began the cross examination thus:

"Mr. Doctor, to what school of practice do you belong?"

"I don't belong to any school in my life, I think you."

"But that is not quite what I want to know. I mean to what school of medicine do you belong?"

"I tell you sir, I never went to any school of medicine, or practice, or anything else— I am a seventh son, sir, and didn't need to go to school."

"Well, well, what system of medicine do you practice? That is, what kind of medicine do you give?"

"Oh, that's what you want, is it? Why give the Britanic medicine always, and everywhere?"

"The Britanic! You mean the Botanic system don't you?"

"No, sir, the Britanic, I say."

"Now will you tell me how much you charge for a nocturnal visit?"

"Sir, (very indignantly,) I don't give any such medicine. I practice as I told you to the Britanic system, and I'll have you and this Court to understand I don't give any such medicines as that horrid stuff!"

"No more questions were asked.—R. Schoolmaster.

My Experience with Peas.—A Farmer, in the County Gentleman, offers the following remedy for preventing grubs and insects from destroying young fruit-trees. Take six iron wire, bent round like a store-pipe six or eight inches long, not soldered or fastened together, let the sides slip by each other or lap over, so the tree grows it can expand; then when spring comes and set it round the bottom of the tree, one end crowded a little into the ground; fill it up with powdered charcoal. Be sure to have no grubs in when the charcoal is applied. This I think will be a sure preventive!

IN IRISH AGRICULTURE.—A correspondent of the London Times, in commenting upon the progress of Irish agriculture, states that during the past fourteen years the value of farm stock in Ireland has increased from \$2,000,000 lbs to \$35,000,000 sterling, and that the number of horned cattle has risen from 2,000,000 to 3,250,000, while the quality has correspondingly improved. Still, however, of the 2,000,000 of acres which Ireland comprises, only about one-fourth is under sown tillage, and fully one-third is pasture.

It is an open question with farmers whether it is best to have a drain running from the leeward into the road.

The era.

Advertisements.

AYER'S PILLS

Are curing the Sick to an extent never before known of any Medicine.

INVITATION, READ AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELF.

DR. J. C. AYER, of Boston, the well known perfumer, of CHEMIST, PHARMACIST, and DRUGGIST, has prepared a large number of various kinds, and are found at almost every table.

"I am glad to say of my CATHARTIC PILLS, that I have sold more than any other within my knowledge. Many of my friends have realized marked benefits from them, and consider them the best cathartics in the market. They are very safe for driving out diseases and curing the sick. They are not only effective but safe and pleasant to take, when you are ill. They are recommended by the public, when they are known."

The venerable Chancery WARDLAW writes from Boston:

"Dr. J. C. Ayer—Sir, I have taken your Pills with great benefit, for the biliousness, dampness, &c., of Spring. A few doses of your Pills cured me, and I have no reason to doubt that they will cure others, within my power. I have had many Cherry Pectoral many years in my family, and have never had any success with them. Your medicine which cures, and I feel it a pleasure to commend to others. I have no objection to your Pills, and shall be glad to have you sell them to me."

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