Oh that sight ! can I ever forget it The fire was spurting from every crevice of the black hull, her great mainmast was gone, the mizen mast lay with several great white sails surging about in the water, and she was dragging it along with her. The foremast only stood, and its rigging and sails had not yet caught. A dead silence had succeeded now to the commotion in the vessel: men were standing stock-still, perhaps waiting for their orders, and my uncle's were the only eyes that were not strained to follow the leaping and dazzling

Every moment we approached. Now the first waft of smoke came in our faces, now we could hear a cracking and rending, the creak and shiver, and the peculiar roaring noise made by a mastering

"A full-rigged ship," I heard Brand whisper to his wife. "Eleven hundred tons at the least."

"Merciful heaven!" she whispered in reply. "I hope she won't blow up. Anyhow, I thank the Lord we've got Master in command himself."

I never saw anything like the horrible beauty of that red light. It added tenfold to the terror of the scene to see her coming on so majestically, dragging with her broken spars and great yards and sprawling sails. She looked like some splendid live creature in distress, and rocked now a good deal in the water, for every moment the wind seemed to rise, bringing up a long swell with it.

The meon went down, and in a few minutes the majestic ship supplied all the light to the dark sky and black water. I saw the two little dark boats nearing her, knew that my brother was in the foremost, and shook with fear, and cried to God to take care of him: but while I and all gazed in awful silence on the sailing ship, the flames bursting through the deck in a new place, climbed up the fore-rigging, and in a one single leap, as if they had been living things, they were licking the sails off the ropes, and, shooting higher than her topsails, they spread themselves out like quivering fans. I saw every sail that was left in an instant bathed in flames; a second burst came raging up from below, blackening and shriveling everything before it; then I saw the weltering fire run down again, and still the wreck, plunging her bows in the water, came rocking on and on.

"How near does our old man mean to go?" whispered Mrs. Brand; and almost at that instant I observed that he had given some order to the man at the helm, and I could distinctly hear a murmur of satisfaction; then almost directly a cry of horror rose-we were very near her, and while the water hissed with strange distinctness, and steamed in her wake, her blazing foremast fell over the side, plunging with a tremendous crash into the sea, sending up dangerous showers of sparks and burning bits of sailcloth, and covering our decks with falling tin-

The black water took in and quenched all that blazing tophamper, and still the awful hissing was audible, till suddenly, as we seemed to be sheering off from her, there was a thunderous roll that sounded like the breaking of her mighty heart, and still glorious in beauty she plunged head foremost, and went down blazing into the desolate sea.

In one instant that raging glow and all the fierce illumination of the fire was gone; darkness had settled on the face of the deep. I saw a few lighted spars the fire and felt the hot smoke rushing past my face as the only evidence that the meant. To ascertain, he prefloating about, that was all; and I smelt is was not a dream .- From Off the Skelligs, by Jean Ingelow.

The British Meat Supply.

A paper in the "Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England," on the grass lands of the United Kingdom, with reference to their present and prospective capability for meat production, gives some interesting information. The quantity of meat consumed in the British Islands in 1871 was 1,447,181 tons, of which 1,266,478 tens were supplied by home-bred animals, 81,578 tons by imported animals, and 99,125 tons consisted of imported provisions from Australia. This was an access over 1870 of upward of 80,000 tons. Almost half of the increase consisted of imported visitor, if he remembered the two girls, surface, thus facilitating the formation provisions, one-third was the result of improved home productions, and oneimproved home productions, and one-sixth was from imported animals. The total production, home and imported, gives fifty-six pounds of meat in the year to every man, woman, and child in year to every man, woman, and child in year to every man, woman, and child in the United Kingdom, or a little over one pound a week of beef, mutton, or swine meat. This bewildering profuseness of meat food, in which the British ness of meat food, in which the British swine meat. This bewildering profuse-ness of meat food, in which the British people revel, might be better appreciamany duplications of that arithmetical "pound a week," of the "Roast Beef of Old England," while with a very large number a piece of most in the started for the city." ted if the division were more equally rare that its advent is considered a redletter day in their uneventful existences. The object of the author of the paper is to show that a rapid increase in the production of the domestic animals can be secured by an improvement of the grass lands. He maintains that the latter could be made to easily meet the demand for increased production, and that ed, and which no guest might refuse to cover the rustic porch with clinging money laid out in improving them share in without giving personal offence vines, add a piazza to the dining-room brings a larger return than when exto the sovereign. After this introduction and kitchen, and plant rapid growing pended on arable land. If this be so in England, is there any reason why it should be different in our Northern limes were placed directly in front of sweet home. When the place was in States, where the cultivation of cereals the throne. Inviting the foreigners to has become unprofitable through the scramble for the fruit, and telling them could always add some hundreds, (if of meat production and consumption is continually increasing, and is felt in the enhanced price of butcher meat. It would appear that there might be overflowing abundance of the great eventually, if there be not at present, sufficient margin to render stock farming in the North as profitable as it is in the whim of their host entered heartily Great Britain.

The most convenient way to prevent loose window sashes from rattling un-pleasantly when the wind blows is to make four one sided buttons of wood, and screw them to the stops which are was quite accidental! After an hour of the ocean, water boils at 212 deg., nailed to the face casings of the window, making each button of proper length to to desist, and the native nobles took press the side of the sash outwards when the end of the button is turned down On examination, each lime was found the end of the button is turned down horizontally. The buttons operate like to contain a gold or silver coin; and as a cam. By having them of the correct the amount thus obtained by each inlength to crowd the stiles of the sash dividual was quite considerable, the length to crowd the stiles of the sash outwards against the outer stop of the window frame, the sash will not only be held so firmly that it cannot rattle, but the crack which admitted dust and a current of cold air will be closed so tightly that no window strips will be required. The buttons should be placed about half way from the upper to the lower end of each stile of the sashes.—

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HUMORS OF THE DAY.

A CLERICAL JOKER,-The late Elerd

ohn Smith, of Kentucky, who died re cently at an advanced age, was one of the most eccentric wits south of the Ohio River. He was familiary known throughout Kentucky as "Raccoon Smith." While still in the Baptist ministry, and attending one of the annual meetings of that body, a tall, lank, green specimen of humanity presented himself before the Association as a candidate for the ministry. He was not regarded as being of entirely sound mind, and labored under the hallucination that he was especially "called to preach," and kept constantly importuning the Association to grant him the necessary license. In addition to his particularly unbalanced mind, young Meeks was the possessor of as

huge and ungainly a pair of feet as ever trod shoe-leather. Tired of his impor-tunities, and not being disposed to grant the license, the Association handed him over to Smith, with instructions to nake an end of the case, and between them took place the following conversation: Smith—So, Brother Meeks, you think you have a special call to preach?

Meeks-Yes, the Lord has called me to the work, but the Association refuses me the license.

Smith-How do you know you are called?

Meeks-Know it! I feel it in my heart of hearts. I want my license.
Smith—Do you believe the Bible,
Brother Meeks?

Meeks-Certainly I do-every word Smith—If I can prove by the Bible that you are not called to preach, will you be satisfied to drop the matter, and

license? Brother Meeks assented to this, and Raccoon Smith deliberately opened the New Testament at Roman x., 15, and in a grave tone read: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace," &c. Then, glancing at Meeks's large feet, he remarked: "You see, Brother Meeks, that the feet of the preacher are beautiful. You, sir, have the most monstrously ugly feet of any man in the State of Kentucky; therefore, by this Bible, it is clear that you have not been especially called."

As Smith finished his remarks, the entire Association went off into a paroxysm of laughter; and Meeks, really concluding that he had not been "called," bolted from the meeting house, and never after onnoyed the Association for a license.

A GOOD JOKE ON A BANK PRESIDENT. There is a banker in Philadelphia by the side of whose handwriting even the penmanship of Horace Greeley seems symmetrical and beautiful. Well, this banker was persecuted by a life insur-ance agent who wanted him to take out a policy. The victim stood it for a early spring; and many times, it the while, but finally one day he kicked the weather proves cold and wet after plant-The victim stood it for a the heartless fiend as follows: "You grow; yet we have known cases where diabolical scoundrel, if you send another they had to be replanted three times. line to me I will come round to your office and blow out what little brains you have!" When the life insurance man received this, he turned it up and with a microscope, and called in six or seven experts; but after all he couldn't determine, with any degree of certainty, usually put in each hill at each planting. sented it at the paying teller's desk in one or two of the strongest should be rethe bank, and that worthy, without a moved. The most successful melon grow-moment's hesitation, paid \$5,000 on it, er that we are acquainted with allows believing it to be a check for that but one plant to remain in each hill. amount. There is one agent less in that city than there was a week or two ago, on and one more banker who betrays symptoms of insanity when the subject of life insurance is mentioned in his presence.

HE REMEMBERED THEM .- The Waterbury American tells the following story: "A gentleman visiting here from that will form on smooth and bright the West went to visit an old schoolmate surfaces in a few days will often injure who lived here. After a conversation about old times, the subject of the boarding-house where they used to live was quently left with the bright blade covboarding-house. 'Remember them' ex-clamed Mr. B.; 'you're right, I do. Reg unaccountably hard. It should be one shouted out: 'There, you've gone far enough, Mr. B.; one of those girls is my wife! With that A. shot off like a rocket,

A Royal Siamese Game, The gossip of Lippincett's Magazine contains this: The business of cating concluded, the king called upon his foreign friends to participate in a royal "He would purchase a piece of propgame which had been in vogue as far back as their historical records extend- den with all that was lovely and bright This was repeated scores upon scores of times, and the guests, wishing to humor hands and knees in pursuit of the limes, sometimes receiving from the merry old thus spent, the foreigners begged leave Fahr., and can not in the open air be

AGRICULTURAL

A NEW USE FOR FLAX SEED .- The following statement, copied from an English paper, is of great interest to the American farmers, as it seems to open a new use for flax seed, and may greatly enhance the price, so as to make flax growing profitable. The new use is in the manufacture of an article called linoleum, deriving the name from linum and oeum. It is said that it will be a rival of caoutchouc, or as is commonly called, India rubber. The new article is manufactured of linseed oil by oxidizing t until it is solidified into a resinous substance, as we frequently find it when it has been exposed to the atmosphere. It is stated that "in this state it is combined with resinous gums and other ingredients, whereupon it assumes the appearance and most of the properties of India rubber. Like India rubber, it can be dissolved into a cement and used in the manufacture of the material for water proof clothing. It can be used as varnish for the protection of iron or wood, or for coating ships' bottoms. It is as good as a common cement, having properties similar to the marine glue made from India rubber and shellac. It is easily vulcanized by exposure to heat, and by this means becomes as hard as the hardest wood, and capable of the finest polish. The great variety of uses to which it can be applied in this form will at once suggest themselves to the reader. The manufacture of lineolum has thus far been made to produce floor cloth, for which it has proved itself well adapted. Combined with ground cork, it is spread on a stout canvass, the back of which is afterward water proofed with oxidized oil. The fabric is then printed by means of not further importune the Association for blocks in the ordinary way. The floor cloth thus produced is pliable, noiseless to walk upon, washes well, preserves its color, and rolls up like an ordinary carpet. It is very durable, and its component parts will not decompose by heat or exposure to the sun or air, as will India rubber. -N. Y. Tribune.

> To Grow Watermelons.-Choose a sandy piece of ground, and after having plowed it, mark it out 9 by 9 feet; then with a hoe dig holes at the crossings of the marks about as large in circumference as a common corn basket and seven or eight inches deep; into these holes throw a good sized forkful of coarse manure and directly on this a large shovel of fine manure; then make the hills by drawing the soil from the four corners directly on the manure, being careful that the hill, when finished, shall be four inches higher than the general surface; have the hills slant to the southeast. This protects them somewhat from north-

erly winds. It takes watermelon seed a long time to germinate, especially when planted in early spring; and many times, if the agent out of his office. Then the tormentor began to send notes to the unhappy wretch, explaining the endow-plant the seed on one side of the hill, and ment system, and asking if any one of in about ten days go over and plant his aunts ever suffered from torpidity of again. If the first seed planted fails to the liver. At last the banker wrote to come, the last will be almost sure to

Cultivate thoroughly and plow once or twice during the growing season, being careful not to let the cultivator or plow run deep enough, when passing the down, and held it sideways, and stood hills, to interfere with the roots. If the before a mirror with it, and examined it roots are disturbed, it will seriously af-

TAKING CARE OF TOOLS .- The injury done to hand tools and implements by long exposure to rain and sunshine, observes the English Farmer, often amounts to more than the wear and tear. Even when implements are made entirely of iron and other metal, the scales of rust the parts more than the actual wear during the season. A hand-hoe is fredaughters of the couple who kept the of a thick scale of rust, which wears and sunshine. Water and dampness will raise the grain of the timber, settle in the joints and hasten their decay.

IMPROVING REAL ESTATE.-A writer in the New-England Farmer says that the most successful speculator in real estate she ever knew perfectly understood the fact that a few dollars and a little time and attention will often ren-

erty, live in it a year or so—fill the garnot another cipher), to his property.

HARD BOILING .- We often meet with this expression, as applied to the cooking of meat and vegetables, as if there could be different degrees in the boiling of water; but on the same level, and in the same heated above that degree.

As soon as any greater heat acts upon it, it becomes steam. Steam may be heat-ed to a high degree, but only under pressure, which may result in explosion. It is a waste of fuel, therefore, to attempt to increase the heat of a vessel in which water is boiling, providing the water is kept at boiling point. A slow fire is just as powerful in boiling any kind of food as the most raging fire.

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