Farm, Garden and Household,

Seasonable Hints.

Spring wheat is usually the first cror sown.

Oats or peas do better on a recently inverted sod than barley. But if the sod is old and tough it is better to plant it to corn.

Animals require special care at this season. The weather is very changeable and horses and cows are shedding their coats and liable to catch cold.

Mangel Wurzel is a favorite crop with us. It requires rich land. Should be sown carly in drills, 21 feet apart, and thinned out in the rows, 12 to 15 inches apart. If drilled in, 4 lbs. seed per acre; if dibbled in, 15 inches apart, 2 lbs. is sufficient. In the latter case soak the seed for 48 hours.

Barley can not be sown too early, provided the land is in the proper condi-It should be made as fine and tion. mellow as possible. Sow from 11 to 21 bushels per acre. Barley and spring wheat are both good crops with which to sow clover and grass seed. Make the land as fine as possible by repeated harrowings before sowing, and then roll after the grass seed is sown.

having agreed to issue \$46,000.000 additional On sod land it is far more convenient to plant potatoes in hills, three feet apart, than in drills. On mellow, rich of that currency will be \$400,000,000. The land, where furrows can be opened with a plow, it is a good plan to make the at \$400,000,000, the entire volume of currency furrows 3 feet apart and drop the sets in the furrow every 15 or 18 inches and gested by Mr. Ferry, of Michigan, on the fourth cover with the plow. If the land is rich enough a larger crop can be obtained in cial relief he then offered Christopher this way than by planting in hills. Reckstein, of Austin, Nev., had been for a long

Harrowing the potatoes with a light harrow, just as they begin to break the ground, will kill millions of young weeds and favor the growth of the poground. tatoes. Ou our own farm we use a Thomas harrow for this purpose, and go over the ground three or four times We have frequently used an ordinary harrow. It pulls up a few hills, but not enough to do serious damage to the crop.

Sheep must be managed according to circumstances. If the yards are large and dry and you have plenty of roots it is probably best to keep them out of the pastures until there is a good bite of grass. If the yards are small and muddy it will be well to let them run out every fine day. A sod field that is to be plowed for corn will make a good run for them and will save the regular pasture. Feed all the hay they will eat. It is a great mistake to stop feeding hay and grain as soon as the sheep are turned to pasture.

Potatoes require dry land. A rich, clover sod is excellent. But if the land is rich enough, says the Agriculturist, potatoes can be successfully grown after any crop. If manure is used it should be well rotted and fine, and the more thoroughly it is mixed and incorporated with the soil, the less likely it is to injure the quality of the potatoes. Peruvian guano is one of the best auxiliary manures for potatoes-say 200 pounds per acre sown broadcast, or a tablepoonful dropped in the hill and mixed with the soil before dropping the potatoes. The latter is the better way to it, provided the work is done carefully. Peruvian guano, if a good article, will burn the potatoes if they come in direct contact with it.

Lubricators.

Pure sperm oil is the best known luto Zachariah Chaffee, who has acted as trustee bricator, but many other substances are used, because they cost less; the following are some of the substances :

CARRIAGE AXLE GREASE .--- Take half under the State bankruptcy laws and is satisfactory to the bank.

SUMMARY OF NEWS XLIIII CONGRESS. Seven-tenths of the ticket which drew the

from Nepaul in consequence of the famine ...

about half an hour and was then extinguished

vercoats and carpets The U. S. Senate

national bank currency, the aggregate volume

rote having fixed the legal tender circulation

will be \$\$00,000,000. This is the amount sug-

day of December, in the proposition for finan-

ing witness to the affair.

by two plucky women, who smothered it with

SENATE. Mr. Hager, of Cal., presented resolutions of the Legislature of that State asking Coopress to require railroad companies which received grants of land for the construction of railroads capital prize in the Louisville Library Lottery was held in Memphis.....A fire broke out at Millerstown, Butler County, Penn, in the Central Hotel, by which seven persons were from the Mississippi river west to the Pacific Ocean, under the set of 1862, to report to the burned to death. The bodies were recovered ling money-letters from the Boston Post

war; that inflation would be resisted by force of arms. Such statements were not more un-reasonable than similar ones made on the floor Two large villages have been entirely destroyed. Large numbers of inhabitants are emigrating reasonable that similar ones made on the hoor of the Senate. Mr. Jones, of Nev., said the rebellion would have been put down for \$1,500,-000,000 less than it did cost had it not been for paper money, which, instead of being the spade of the husbandman, was the dice box of gamblers. The amendment of Mr. Morrill fix-ing the volume of fractional currency at \$40,-000 000 may related, years 19, nurs 20 At Middletown, Wis., while exercises were beng held in the school house, a lamp exploded which set fire to the building. About 300 perons were present and became panie-stricken. In the rush for the doors about forty persons were injured, four seriously. The fire burned

000,000 was rejected—yeas, 19; nays, 30. Mr. Davis, of W. Va., offored a substitute to the finance bill providing that \$50,000,000 in national bank circulation shall be withdrawn Mr. Davis, of W. Ya., offored a substitute to the finance bill providing that \$50,000,000 in national bank circulation shall be withdrawn from the States in excess and issued to the States having less than their proportion. Re-jected—Yeas 20, mays 31. Mr. Merrimon, of N. C., offered, as a substitute for the third section of the bill as reported by the committee, the following: That \$46,000,600, in notes for allowed by law, shall be issued to the may be organized hereafter; and such increased way be organized hereafter; and such increased were al States as provided in section 1 of the act of July 12, 1870. This was adopted by a wore of 33 to 19.

Mr. Johnston, of Virginia, introduced a bill giving jurisdiction to the Court of Claims to hear the claim of G. W. Custis Lee, son of the time jealous of his wife on account of the attentions of a young man named Norton, and they had frequent quartels about late Gen. Lee, to the Arlington estate, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. A petition accompanied the bill, in which the him. One Osterhaus went to Reckstein's house, and receiving no response to his titioner says the property was devised to him demands for admission, broke open the y his grandfather, and that the title of the overnment to the property is defective. He, owever, recognizes the sacred use to which door. On the floor lay the naked body of Mrs. Reckstein cut to pieces, with the head split open. At her feet were the bodies of their two little girls, the heads nearly sever-

however, recognizes the sacred use to which the property has been put, and has no desire to disturb it, but thinks he should be compensated for his right therein. The bill to provide for the payment of the bonds of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company was taken up, the pending question being on referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary. Messrs. Conkling and Freling-huysen advocated such reference. Messrs. Thurman and McCreery opposed it and favored a committal of the subject to the Committee on Finance, which was adouted after some discused from the bodies, and near by were the odies of Reckstein and young Norton, grappled as in a death struggle. Reckstein grasped n his right hand a large bowle knife covered with blood, and in Norton's right hand was a dragoon pistol, two chambers of which were Pinance, which was adopted after some discu discharged. All were dead and there is no liv-

Mr. Conkling's amendment to the currency bill is as follows: "That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize an increase of the principal of the public debt of the United States," was rejected by a vote of 24 to 27. Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, moved as an amend-Two conductors in the service of the Pennaylvania Railroad pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing from the company, and were sentenced to a fine of \$500 each Philip Jones. an old farmer, tried to make peace between a ment to the section authorizing the increase of \$46,000,000 national bank currency, the follow party of roughs who were quarreling over a ing : " And each national banking association game of billiards in the only drinking saloon ow organized, or hereafter to be organized hall keep and maintain as a part of its reserve equired by law one-fourth part of the coin re that has not yielded to the women's movement diall k in Bluffton, Ind. One of the rowdies struck eived by it as interest on the bonds of t Jones on the head with a billiard cue, crushing Inited States deposited as security for circula-ing notes on Government deposits ; and that icreafter only one-fourth of the reserve now his shull. He kicked him in the face when down, and then fled. Jones died soon after. rescribed by law for national banking associa-ons shall consist of balances due to an associa-on available for the redemption of its circula-The excitement over the affair is intense As seven men were loading a barge with sand at Fort Pickering, at the southern boundary of ing notes from associations in cities of redemp-ion, and upon which balances no interest shall e paid. Adopted by a vote of 29 to 24. The bill was then read a third time, and Memphis, about a quarter of an acre of bluff fell upon them, burying the barge, and Dave

Tracy, Dud Wove, and another, name unknown nessed, by yeas 20 to nays 24. The bill, as passed, toads as follows : That the maximum amount of United States notes is beneath the slide in 100 feet of water. The other four men barely escaped the whirlpool hereby fixed at \$400,000,000, formed by the huge mass of carth falling in

SECTION 2. That \$46,000,000 in notes for direulation, in addition to such circulation now the water The proceedings in bankruptey allowed by law, shall be issued to national banking associations now organized, and which may be organized hereafter, and such increased circulation shall be distributed among the against the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company by the National Bank of Commerce of Providence, has been settled, by the Spragues several States as provided in section 1 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the redempmaking a legal assignment of all their property certificates, and for an increase of national under the trust deed executed four months bank notes," approved July 12, 1870, and each national banking association now organized or hereafter to be organized skall keep and main-tain as a part of its reserve required by law, ago. The assignment will bring the Spragues

Consumption.

BY R. V. PIERCE, M. D., WORLD'S DISPENSARY, BUFFALO, N. Y.

The great prevalence of this disease, and its fatal results, are well calculated to enlist our best efforts for its cure. What is Consumption? It is a disease of the lungs produced by an acrid Secretary of the Interior the quantity and de-scription of the land sold and disposed of, and that all not disposed of be open to settlement circulating through these most delicate organs, zing mency-letters from the Boston Post Office, has been sentenced to three years in the State Prison. The U. S. House Committee on Territories by a vote of 6 to 1, have agreed to recommend the passage of a bill for the admission of New Mexico as a State in the Union.... A London News special from India says that incendiary free were alarmingly frequent in the neighbor-News for the Gwalfor district. Two large villages have here entirely desiroved. circulating through these most delicate organs, substance of the lungs, and here establishes substance of the lungs, and here establishes such an irritation as to invite the blood to deposit its barden of impurities in these organs. Consumption itself is not so often hereditary as is generally supposed. That a condition of low vitality may be transmitted from parents to children is unquestionably condition of low vitality may be transmitted from parents to children is unquestionably true. It is this deficiency of vitality which is inherited—a weakness which makes nutrition imperfect, and leads to the deposit of tubercles. But thousands of persons who inherit feeble vitality would never suffer from consumption if the functions of the system were kept correct and the blood pure. When the liver becomes torpid, and but very innerfacily nours off the

> few words of plain, practical reasoning. No matter under what form of sickness you labor there is one great truth you should ever keep in mind, viz: All dis ease originates in an impure condition of the blood. Purify that, and the disfeed on; but you cannot purify the blood by the use of poisonous drugs, and exhaustive stimulants; the relief treatment.

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cure the patient. From the properties and remedial effects of my Golden Medical Discovery, the reader will readily understand why it has been so successremedy, had been given up to die by the Physicians, and is now a sound and healthy man from their use. - Com

readily understand why it has been so success-ful in curing this fatal malady. With it I have arrested the hacking and barassing cough, the night sweats and hectic fever of the consumptive invalid, snatched from the jaws of death and restored to health and happiness many who, but for my Discovery, must soon have fallen victims to that releatless fore. God, I believe, has instilled into the roots and plants from which this wonderful medicine is extracted, the healing properties, by the use of which Consumption, the scourge of the human family, may in its early stages be who will read this item are suffering with Kidney Disease in some form, which might be cured with a bottle or two of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, used internally. Why not in it?-Com. of the human family, may in its early stages be promptly arrested and permanently cured. I to not wish to delude, flatter, and then disapoint the afflicted by asserting that this can b accomplished when the lungs are half con-umed, as many do who, being devoid of all conscience, aim to lumbug the afflicted that hey may sell their often worse than worthless

But, if my Golden Medical Discovery is en But if my Golden Methed Discovery is em-ployed in the first or carry stages of the dis-ease, I know from ample observation and actual tests in hundreds of cases, that it will positive-ly arrest the disease and restore health and strength. From its wonderful power over this terrible disease, I thought strongly of calling it my Consumptive cure; but from the fact that it is a perfect specific for the sore throat and hoarseness to which ministers and other public speakers and singers are subject, and also for Bronchitis, and all severe coughs, and is an invaluable remedy for diseases of the Liver, and also as a Blood Purifier, I decided not to apply to it a name which might mislead and prevent its use in other diseases for which it is so admirably adapted. I wish to mention a most wonderful nutritive property which it possessees, and which so peculiarly adapts it to the wants of the consumptive and the scrofu-lous. The nutritive properties possessed by Cod Liver Oil are trifling when compared with those possessed by my Discovery. It is aston-ishing to see how it builds up the solid muscle, and burereaves the field and weight of those ed in the first or early stages of the dis those possessed by my Discovery. It is acton-ishing to see how it builds up the solid muscle, and increases the flesh and weight of those whose systems are reduced below the usual standard of perfect health. The following testimonial fully confirms all that I claim for my Golden Medical Discovery in the cure of Consumption.



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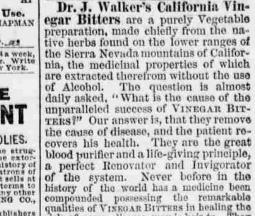
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a gallon of water just at the boiling point, now add 5 pounds of tallow and 6 of lard, and stir the whole together until they are well mixed. An iron vessel is the best to use for this operation. When these ingredients are thoroughly amalgamated, the vessel should taken off the fire and its contents stirred until the compound has become cool. A very good and simple grease for the axles of carts can also be made by stirring half a pound of powdered ck lead in six pounds of melted lard.

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Effects of Cold in Fattening.

A producer of pork in Muskingum county, Ohio, who has made an experiment with a view to ascertain how far cold retards the rate of fattening, reports the following results : Carefully weighing the hogs fed and the corn fed to them, and estimating hogs at four cents a pound, he found that what he fed out during the first week in October returned (in pork) 80 cents per bushel; the first week in November, 60 cents ; the third week, 40 ; the fourth week in November and the month of December, 25; the first half of January, 5; the last half, 0. In the October week of the experiment the weather was pleasant and warm. It gradually grew colder till the latter part of No-vember, from which time it remained about stationary till the 1st of January, town. after which it ran down to zero and be low in the latter part of the month. The hogs were well sheltered in a good pen with plank floor.

A Farmer's Productions.

If a farmer's productions are of really good quality, as they should be, they will be sought in preference to what others have. There is the greatest difference in the world between choice butter and middling ; between assorted well-kept potatoes and haphazard lots ; between grain that is ripe, clean and plump and shrunken foul grain, and so on through the whole list, and when a character is established there will be always men willing and anxious to pay extra prices.

GEORGIA CONVICTS. - The Georgia convicts were farmed out a few days ago to the highest bidders. They numbered 630, and there were offers for a much larger number. Fifty were taken to work in iron works at \$20 a haad for one year, 100 for coal mines at \$11 a

head, 50 to labor on a railroad for twenty-one months at \$11 a head, and 200 for the same work at \$11 per year. Messrs. Smith, Middle, and Taylor, planters of Washington county, took 100 for farming purposes at \$11 per The State will receive about head. \$9,000, without having to contribute anything toward the support of the convicts. The parties employing them will be responsible for their security. | work and fair dealing.

The Red River Raft.

In removing the Red River raft, a great deal of money and time have been expended, and until recently with poor prospects of success. First, logs and trees have lodged in the stream, amid which flood wood accumulated, and the mass becoming so great, the sediment of the water and the decayed wood formed a soil in which seeds sprouted, and finally willows three feet in diameter were found growing, and this for a

distance of thirty to forty miles, while the water of the river ran underneath and through this mass in devious channels. The work of removal was begun over forty years ago by Capt. Shreve, and during much of the time since Congress made an annual appropriation of from \$10,000 to \$150,000, but the

river was kept open for only brief periods. Meanwhile, some of the finest cotton lands in Western Louisiana and Eastern Texas were of scarcely any value. Later, Lieut. Woodruff was put

were built especially for the purpose, having saws worked by the engine of the vessel. Ordinary blasting proved

useless. Dynamite, supposed to be a most powerful agent, was tested, and it failed to explode even with an elec-trical apparatus. At last nitro glycerine was tried, and it proved so effectual that now the river is almost cleared, and it is expected that before long all the tow heads and islands will be removed, and a fine cotton country ren-dered accessible. It is to be regretted that Lieut. Woodruff could not have as the young nobleman pressed on his lived to see the great obstructionformed during many centuries-removed. He fell a victim last October words, turning the stocks of their guns in Shreveport to the scourge of yellow to Gifford's party, as a sign that they fever which swept that unfortunate did not wish to force hostilities. The

The Odor-Giving Chinee.

A San Francisco paper says that "a Miss Hemme, a few evenings since, had occasion to enter the kitchen of her father's house, and in a few moments returned to the room where her father was with the startling information that she smelt a Chinaman in the kitchen. Mr. Hemme laughed at his daughter, but she insisted that she was sure there was a Chinaman in the house ; so the gentleman went down stairs with her, and to his astonishment saw a washtub turned bottom up on the floor, and beyond the edge something which looked very much like a queue. He raised the tub and found underneath it, crouched all in a heap, the owner of the queue, who had burglariously effected an entrance into the house. The individual, whose name is Ah Chen, was duly held by the Police Judge to answer to a charge of burglary,"

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posited as security for circulating notes of Government deposits, and that hereafter onlone-fourth of the reserve now prescribed b law for national banking associations shall cor ist of balances due to an association availabl for the redemption of its circulating notes from associations in cities of redemption, and upon which balances no interest shall be paid.

HOUSE. Mr. Clymer, of Penn., from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to enable the Mennonites of Russia to effect permanent settlements on the public lands of the United settlements on the public lands of the clined States. The bill was made a special order. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to sell to them such quantity of public lands, not mineral in character and not otherwise approprinted or reserved, as they may require, at the minimum price payable in five annual install-

ments. Mr. Hawley, of Conn., discussing the cur mid he was not satisfied with rency question, said he was not satisfied with any bill which did not bear in mind the great primary duty of returning to the true standard of value. The practical redemption proposed in this bill be had seen on the line of the Pacific Railroad, but there they termed it "three cari monte." He would vote every dollar of mere paper money out of his to va and out of his State, before he would consent to ten cents of inflation, and he would stay at home from Con-gress all the rest of his life rather than do it. Mr. Crossland, of Ky., from the Committee on Elections, made a report in the Kanteky primary duty of returning to the true standar in charge, and he found that islands had actually been formed on the drift wood, under which the waters of the river flowed. The old logs were sawed sitting member, is entitled to his seat.

A Plucky Nobleman.

An Ashantee correspondent sends an account of one of the skirmishes to the Montreal Herald, from which the following is extracted : "Lord Gifford, the chief of scouts, says that when he had ascended half way up the hill he rousted out of ambuscade some half a dozen Ashantee scouts, who shouted out to him to keep his men back, otherwise they would fire on him ; but men the Ashantees gave way, reluctantly reversing their guns, or, in other summit of the hill was thus gained without bloodshed, and the most important position which the Ashantees

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in a sovere form, suffering almost a total loss of voice. I returned home here, but had been home only two weeks when I was completely prostrated with Hemorrhage from the Lung howing four sector bledding spells within two weeks, and first three bledding spells within two weeks, and first three inside of nine days. In the September following, I improved sufficient by to be able to be about, though in a very feeble state. My Bronchial trouble remained and the Catarria was tenfold worse than before bars effort for pollor second fruitless.

very effort for ralief seemed fruitless. seemed to be losing ground daily. I continue in this feeble state, raising blood almost daily until about the first of March, '73, when I be came so bad as to be entirely confined to the house. A friend suggested your remedies. But I was extremely skeptical that they would do me good, as I had lost all heart in remedies, and began to look upon medicine and doctor with disgust. However, I obtained one of your circulars, and read it carefully, from which i

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