Cutting the Grass.

W. A. Armstrong, editor of the Husbandman and secretary of the New York State Grange, opened the discussion be-fore the Elmira farmers' club, by referring to a statement made by a member at a previous meeting that the principal reason of our light grass in these latter years is in the practice of close mowing by machines, which he believed was correct. We cut our grass at a season when the sun is pouring upon the meadows his flercest heat. We remove the natural protection, exposing the bulbons roots of the timothy to burning heat, whereby they are injured, their vitality weakened if life is not destroyed. Some-times there is complete destruction, without doubt. A few years ago we had no complaint about meadows "run-Now there is general uneasining out." ness about the grass supply, for good meadows are exceptions and there is great difficulty everywhere in establish ing permanent grass. As a reason for charging this to close mowing it may be stated that there are many rough meadows in our acquaintance which have been cut only by the scythe, and the sod remains firm and the crops good. This may not be conclusive against the close cutting, for it may be said that such pieces are generally newer, and that they have not abstracted the elements of growth; but it tends to estab-lish the theory that our mowing machines have caused our distress in this matter. It is hoped that farmers will raise their cutter-bars through the approaching haying, that we may see if beneficial results will follow. There will be but little loss if the stubble be left as long as by hand-mowing, giving protec-tion to the roots. Certainly there is somewhere a cause for the deterioration of our meadows, and if it should prove back, and a sufficient quantity of poison to exist in too close cutting, we want having been procured, the whole of the

Caring Sowed Corn.

curing of this crop, for when the lower leaves begin to turn yellow, it is a sign that the saccharine matter is being converted into sugar, and that there is less verted into sugar, and that there is less have unhappily been continued by her water to dry out than at any time pre- for three or four years in defiance of vious to this, consequently the crop is the magistrates, the police and this somore valuable than when cut sooner. ciety. The ground having been rolled smooth, I can cut the crop with my reaper close to the ground. I then let it lie in the sun two or three days, then rake with a horserake and cock up, and allow it to cure for four or five days, when it can be hauled to where I wish to feed it. I Castelnan, a boat containing fifteen but little more trouble with it than I do with timothy hay.

Fight the Insects.

From many quarters we learn of fearful ravages of insects. The canker-worm is ravaging orchards and defoliating the elms, poplars, bass and birch trees. numerous as in some years previous. struction of this useful fruit .- Maine

The Jews.

strange to say, how many of us there are who find excuses for still grumbling that prejudice against our race has not vet astonishing that a nation which has endured so much bitter persecution in the past should be so impatient of the merest breath of intolerance in their our condition is vastly improved; improved so much, indeed, that it is safe any other people; and, in many respects, we are better off than others.

True, there are a few (perhaps not a "do not receive Jews." But what of that ? Does that prove that the Jews are, as some assert, still hated and despised as social outcasts? Not at all. It simply proves that some ill-bred Jews of the lower classes have frequented these second-rate hotels, and there misbehaved themselves (as it is the habit of ill-bred people of all races to do), and that the proprietors, and a few ignorant people among their guests, mistaking these per sons for representatives of our race, de termined to exclude in future all Jews indiscriminately. Let some gentleman visit one of these exclusive hotels, having first ascertained that there are rooms unoccupied and for rent, demand accomodations, get refused, and then, by way of making a test case, institute proecedings at law against the proprietor, We certainly have no reason to inveigh against the prejudice of a people because of the stupidity of a handful of blockheads, to whom prejudice comes as naturally as thistles to asses.

The Changes in Our Postage.

In 1792 the first postage act was passed in this country. Every separate sheet of paper, large or small, without reference to weight, was considered a letter, and two or three small pieces in one envelope paid double or triple postage. The owest rate was six cents to places within thirty miles, eight cents to places within sixty miles, ten cents to places within one hundred miles, and so on up to places within four hundred and fifty miles, the postage then being twentyfive cents. In 1799 a new law was passed changing the rates. The lowest rate was eight cents, and the lowest dist through his body. He lived only an tance was forty miles. In 1816 the hour. minium rates were again reduced to six reality. Then the woman saw the wagon cents, and the distance to thirty miles, starting with her husband's lifeless body only five rates being established. Eightin it. When Mrs. Ramsey travelling in it. een and one-half cents carried letters with the doctor, saw the wagon on the four hundred miles, and for a longer distance twenty-five cents were charged. These rates continued until 1845, when the first material reduction took place. Five cents became the postage of letters carried a distance of less than three hundred miles, and ten cents for a greater distance. At the same time the drop letter system was introduced, the postage on such being fixed at two In 1845 the half ounce weight was made the standard instead of the number of sheets. In 1851 the single rate was made three cents for all distances under three thousand miles, and six cents for greater distances, if prepaid, this being the first inducement held out to prepay postage. Unpaid letters were charged five and ten cents, according to attack, and so far as is known, is fatal. distance. In 1855 prepayment was required, the rate as to distance remaining In 1863 the present rate of three cents, prepaid, for all distances, was established.

A Woman with a Wicked Manla.

The London News has received the following narrative from the secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: It will be remem-bered that on two different occasions during the past three years proceedings have been taken against Mrs. Chantrell by this society for cruelly starving a large number of cats and dogs at her house in Rottingdean, near Brighton. It was determined to search her house, to which she offered such resistance that it was necessary for the officers to force their way. An indescribable scone of misery and suffering pervaded the place. The attenuated frames of living cats were found with the carcasses of dead animals, and in a cupboard skeletons of upwards of fifty cats were disclosed. In other places a number of dogs were found in the last state of emaciation and disease, upon seeing which the veterinary surgeon assured Mrs. Chantrell it was was an act of cruelty to permit any of her animals to live. The actual back-bone of one of the dogs was exposed to view, and another dog, a shriveled, wan looking creature, gave birth to a pup during the visit, and, being pressed during the visit, and, being pressed by hunger, shortly afterwards devoured it. Those persons who witnessed the eager, ravenous struggles of the wretched brutes to obtain food which was thrown amongst them will never forget the scene of weakness and ferocity which followed. Mrs. Chantrell obstructed the search with threats of violence and persistently refused to permit any of the animals to be destroyed. Her loud lauguage caused a large crowd to assemble round the house, which at one time threatened to break in for the purpose of putting an end to the cruelty venting their indignation on the strange person who had caused it. The police anaged, however, to keep the crowd animals, excepting two, were put out of their misery. These extraordinary pro-Let the crop grow until it begins to ripen. This is a particular point in the ful resistance until midnight, the entire neighborhood having turned out to witness the termination of a nuisance as well as the cruelty to the animals whiel

Incidents of the Flood.

incidents related in the Paris journals:

usually put it in small stacks, and have persons came into collision with a poplar tree and was upset. Fourteen of these were drowned, and the survivor, a girl fifteen years of age, has lost her reason. At Anterive a family of four persons took refuge in the branches of an elm, a great part of which was swept away by the torrent, and the four people clinging to its branches were drowned. At In some sections, acres and acres Roques and at Pinsaguel, it is stated, of forest growth is looking as though it the crosses, the statues of the Virgin, had been visited by a fire which had tak-en every leaf from the trees. The true only things that the waters have spared. tent caterpillar is working sad havoe in A poor peasant woman in this district many orchards, although they are not so remarked: "God punishes France. In the north it has been war; in the south The currant worm has also appeared in it is the inundations. It is time for us countless numbers, threatening the deto open our eyes." At St. Gaudens a Newfoundland dog saved in succession and fell in. He was boiled to death-the skin twelve persons, dashing into the rushing torrent bravely, but making the attempt a thirteenth time the poor animal was drowned. At Huos, at the confluence The Jewish Times remarks: What a of the Garonne, the family of a M. Tourthin skinned, sensitive people we Jews are in some respects! How fearful we are of the slightest reflection upon our ment the younger, however, with desfaith, how indignant at the most harm- perate efforts, managed to save all his less criticism of our institutions! And, relatives. In the apartment for the injured at the Hotel Dieu, in St. Cyprien, is a young man whose foot has been much hurt. Unaided he had saved altogether died out! It is certainly sixty persons. At Castelsarrasin a young mother took her two infants (twins at the breast), tied them together, and leged to have been fraudulently obtained by placed them in a large wooden trough, used for kneading bread, and committed present vastly improved condition. For it to the waves, hoping that it would save her children's lives, as she felt that her house was about to fall. The imto say that we are now no worse off than provised boat swam safely for a time, but soon afterward the current dashed it against the trunk of a tree, where it was broken. The poor woman, to whom dozen) second rate hotels, in a few ob-scure summer resorts, whose proprietors succeeded in seizing a branch and climbed into the tree. But it was too weak and began to crack ominously. She then rapidly tied the infants to a branch, kissed them, made the sign of the cross, and leaped into the waves. The two little twins were saved, but the devoted mother was drowned.

A Vision of Death. Sheriff Ramsey, at Ellis, on the Kansas

Pacific railroad, got after a thief with the determination to catch him or perish in the attempt. The desperate character of the hunted man was well known. He was a daring marauder, and, having long lived in defiance of the law, it was pretty certain he would not allow himself to be safety of her husband, and dreamed a bad dream one night. She was terribly distressed about it, and expressed the conviction that her husband was killed. She enlisted the sympathies of a Dr. O'Brien, of Ellis, and the two started out toward Hays, where the sheriff was supposed to be in quest of his game. On the journey the doctor and Mrs. Ramsey met a wagon ten miles from Stockton containing the corpse of the sheriff, sho through the body in his encounter with the thief. The sight of her dead husband dethroned Mrs. Ramsey's reason, and she is now a raving maniac. dream was fulfilled in every particular. Many miles away she saw her husband fire the first shot at the thief, hitting They both fired simultaneously. The thief fell dead with a bullet in his heart. Mr. Ramsey fell also, mortally wounded, the ball having passed entirely All these things happened in When Mrs. Ramsey, traveling in it. road she knew it afar off. It was all very like a dream even to the doctor, as he drove along with the woman, whose vision was turned in the direction of the unknown, which she pierced so clearly. Her eyes are still looking for the coming of her husband, and they will look on forever. To her he is not dead, but coming. She stumbled over his corpse, and in her mind he rose from the dead.

Horse Disease in Connecticut.

The New Haven Journal says that a new horse disease has broken out in East Hartford, and several animals are stricken with it. It is entirely different from the epizootic, comes in a different The hind part of the animal seems to become paralyzed, while he froths and foams at the mouth. No reason has yet been ascertained for the cause of the dis-

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, at a late meeting, unanimously raised the salary of its pastor, Henry Ward Beecher, for the year 1875, from \$20,000 to \$100,000. This was done, as stated at the meeting, to assist Mr. Beecher in meeting the expenses of his late trial The Wisconsin Republican Convention nominated Harrison Ludington, of Milwankee, for governor. The platform declares their unalterable

particular creed; stands by the public school approves the President's letter on the third term question; indorses the policy of adjusting difficulties between this and foreign nations by arbitration instead of war; adheres to the doctrine of legislative control over corporations deriving their functions from the took the cashier of a bank at Montpelier, Vt., from his bed to the bank at midnight and were unable to accomplish their purpose. They secured \$1,300 in unsigned bills which home and pinioned bim. One of the robburs was subsequently captured Telegrams from all parts of the country report deaths and damage from lightning The Minnesota Democratic State Convention renominated Hon. D. L. Buell for governor. The platform accepted in good faith all parties must stand upon them; declares that the bulk of the rights of the people must find their safeguard in the States and the people themselves; advecates the freedom of the press; calls for revenue only, and none for protection; free

The following are among the numerous pion of England, and easily beat the Englishman Four of the Kentucky Ku-Klux up the carpets and upholstery. They succeeded orisoners were sentenced to the penitentiary in carrying of \$49,000 in Virginia bonds. for terms varying from two to three years.

Hamilton, one of the five convicts who so daringly made their escape from Sing Sing prison | mand at the Black Hills, has received instrucby stealing a locomotive, was recaptured in tions from the War department to issue orders New York city. He is the only one caught as necessary to continue to keep people from goyet Dispatches from Europe state that ing to the Black Hills, at least until the result an insurrection has broken out against the of the labor of the commission to treat with Turks in Herzegovina, and the Turkish troops the Indians is known.... . Prof. Marsh, of are on their way to put it down. Thomas Malone, employed in a yeast factory

at Blissville, Long Island, while straining a large tank of boiling yeast, lost his balance being completely stripped from his body. The steamer Poyang, from Hong Kong to Macoa, China, was lost with over one hundred souls on board George Brown, the noted oarsman, died at Halifax, N. S., at the age of thirty-six years Capt. Queen, of the United States steamer Saranac, recently lost near Vancouver's Island, has made an official report, the Indians suffered much.....A reliable disin a whirlpool which prevented her minding the rudder, and in this condition she was thrown bodily upon the sunken rock.... The Erie railway company's suit againt Commodore Vanderbilt to recover nearly \$5,000,000, alhim from the company, was decided lately on appeal in favor of the company General

Frank P. Blair died suddenly in St. Louis. He had been very low for many months, but under the treatment of blood infusing was gradually gaining, and had already ridden out a number of times, even walking down stairs the day of his death.....The families of the Indian prisoners at St. Augustine are to be sent them. Mark Brown was hanged at Monticello, N. Y.,

for the murder of Sylvester Carr at Purvis in October last. He was intoxicated at the time of the murder. . . . The American rifle team having decided to engage in but one team match during their visit, have declined to shoot against a picked team of English riflemen. They will enter Wimbledon for the Albert cup and other matches open to all comers.....The bravery of an express messenger was all that prevented a heavy robbery on the Vandalia road, a short distance from Casey, Illinois, Two men got on the engine while it was stopping for water and after killing the engineer started the machinery. Meanwhile others of the band had uncoupled the Adams express car, so that the moving train under charge of the robbers consisted of the engine, tender taken alive. Mrs. Ramsey, the wife of and express car, leaving the balance of the the sheriff, was extremely anxious for the train standing still. After proceeding two miles the engine was stopped and the robbers demanded admittance of the express messenger, but as his car was strong and without windows he refused to surrender, and offered to shoot any one who broke into his car. The robbers were unsuccessful in their efforts to secure an entrance and had to content themforce and followed on, but the robbers had gone without securing anything The Brasilian naval surgeon who volunteered and helped to take care of the persons sick with yellow fever on board the United States steamer Lancaster, after the two regular ship surgeous had perished of the fever, accompanied the vessel to this country and was thanked by our government for his action. The government also asked him to visit our

> As a train on the Toledo and Wahash road was nearing Jacksonville, Ill., the engine struck some cattle on the track and was turned completely over, pinning the engineer and fireman beneath, while the steam surrounded them. When they were taken out they were terribly scalded. The engineer subsequently died, and the fireman cannot live Thomas Connolly, an Irish shoemaker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., while intoxicated, grously insulted a Mrs. Skelly who resided in the same house, and who informed her husband. The next day as Connolly, still under the influence of liquor, stepped into the street, he saw Mrs. Skelly sitting on her step with her little seven-yearold boy, and picking up a brick said he would kill her, at the same time throwing it with all his might. It struck the little boy on the head, producing death By the capsizing water-spout descended on the track of the grand medical revolution is in progress,

tailed an officer to accompany him.

Kansas Pacific railroad, near Kit Carson, in Colorado, and washed away two hundred feet of road The foreign mail from New York on one steamer day amounted to 53,515 letters and seventy-seven bags of papers.... An order has been issued from the Treasury department forbidding the importation of breech-loading rifles or ammunition therefor into the territory of Alaska,.... The physician attendant upon Robert Dale Owen says that that gentleman is hopelessly insane and cannot live long.

A man and woman were found drowned in States; opposes any union of church and been loitering about there for some days, it is State, or legislation in the interest of any thought they committed suicide by deliberately walking into the water together The system, with no division of the school fund; Iowa crops are generally good this year..... The Newfoundland fishers are having bad luck this season..... A dispatch from San Francisco states that the Hoopa Indians, on the Klamath river, surrounded the Florence mine, shot one man and compelled the others to quit work. A force of soldiers was sent, State; desires a revision of the patent laws.... but they were unable to control the Indians. The Mexican authorities have put down the The Indians declare the miners must leave.... rebellion in the state of Lapaz Burglars Advices from Zara, the capital of Dalmatia, represent that Panslavic emissaries spread reports among the Herzegoviniaus that the ordered him to open the vault. But as there Turks intended to extirpate the Christians. was a chronometer lock on it, it could not be These falsehoods caused the insurrection, opened until after nine o'clock, and so they which is taking great dimensions. Masses of insurgents surround the town of Gasko, Nevesini, and Stolatz. Six hundred families have were in a drawer and then took the cashier gled into Creatia and Servia, and twelve hundred have arrived in Dalmatia at different points along the frontier As a party of Orangemen, about a dozen in number, with their wives were disembarking from a steamboat at Lawrence, Mass., after celebrating the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne, at a pienic. sets forth that the adoption of the fourteenth, they were assaulted by a crowd. The protecfifteenth and sixteenth amendments closed a tion of the police was songht, and under essert era in our politics, and as they have been of the mayor and a force of officers the little party started for home. The mob had increased meanwhile and threw bricks and other missiles, severely injuring many of the police as well as Orangemen. The mob (nally got so far that the Orangemen drew their plaa return to specie payment; wants a tariff for tole and fired a volley, which quickly scattered the crowd, and resulted in the wounding of and uniform excise laws.... The American riftemen shot with the Irishmen again at Bel two men, a woman, and a boy. Twelve Orange men and four policemen were badly injured fast for the "Belfast cup," at a range of one from bricks and stones. A daring robthousand yards. They were allowed five shots bery was perpetrated in the heart of New each, and the result showed a tio between York city in daylight. About ten o'clock in Gildersicove, of the American club, and Lee, the morning three men with implements in of the Irish-both counting masteen out of a their hands called at a house in Eleventh possible twenty. They then had three shots street occupied by a Mrs. Danser, and informed to decide the tie, which resulted in another Mrs. Danser, the only one at home, that they tie. Once more they fired three shots each were sent to inspect the water pipes. She adand Gildersleeve won the cup by scoring mitted them, but no sconer was the door twelve to his opponent's ten. Afterward a closed than they seized and gagged her; and banquet was given the American team..... on her refusal to tell where Mr. Danser kept Bogardus, of this country, shot a pigeon match his bonds, they searched the entire house in Hendon, England, with Rimmel, the cham-most thoroughly—throwing elothing about, breaking open everything, and even ripping

> Yale College, who made a trip to the Indian country in the interests of science, has addressed a letter to President Grant in relation to frauds which came under his eyes at Red Cloud's agency, and which he promised Red Cloud to call the attention of the President to He states that the agent is wholly unfit for his position and guilty of gross frands : that the beef issued is very inferior to the quality the government pays for, and the pork is unfit for food ; the tobacco was rotten, and all the food of very poor quality, in consequence of which atch from Vienna says that the Southern Sciavonic party has grossly exaggerated the Herzegovius disturbances, which are entirely of an agrarian character and originate in resistance to tax collectors. Turkey considers it unnecessary to send re-enforcements to the scene of the trouble Messrs. Moody and Sankey were tendered a farewell by the clergy of London, at which one hundred and eightyeight Episcopal clergymen were present, far exceeding any other denomination. The gentlemen declined any remuneration from the committee. Their meetings during the past past four months have been : In Camberwell, sixty meetings, attended by 480,000 persons; in Victoria, forty-five meetings, attended by 40,000 persons; in the opera house, sixty meetings, attended by 330,000 persons; in Bow, sixty meetings, attended by six hundred thousand persons, and in Agricultural hall, sixty meetings, attended by 720,000 persons.

... The race of the freshmen crews at Saraoga was one of the finest aquatic contests ever recorded. The four crews-Harvard, Brown, Princeton and Cornell-got away together at the word, and at the half-mile flag they were not half a boat-length between any of these, with Cornell leading; at the mile flag Harvard had a slight lead, which she also held at the mile and a half flag; as they neared the two mile flag Harvard spurted and led by half a boat, with Brown, Princeton and Cornell in order close behind. On the last mile Brown caught a "crab" and lost her position as second, which was quickly taken by Princeton. The last half mile was pulled by all the crews at their best and caused a change in their positions-Cornell gradually forcing ahead, until she passed the winner in 17.32%, with Harvard next in 17.37 4, Brown 17.39 4 and Princeton

To CLEAN GUNS. -Guns and rifles can selves by firing many shots through the car in hopes of hitting the messenger. As soon as the conductor and train employees discovered communication-hole with a little wax, or the engine and car gone they organized a if a breech-loader, insert a cork in the breech rather tightly; next pour some quicksilver into the barrel, and put an other cork in the muzzle; then proceed to roll it up and down the barrel, shaking for a few minutes. The mercury and the lead will form an amalgam, and leave the barrel as clean and free from lead as the first day it came out of the shop, The same quicksilver can be used re peatedly by straining it through washeather, for the lead will be left behind principal cities and watering places and de- in the leather, and the quicksilver will be again fit for use.

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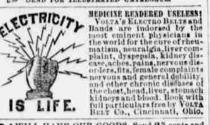
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