On Plowing.
As remarked by an observant farmer. there is a short statement of truth which has made some men rich. It is this: "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." The farmer who does not recognize this truth and act according to doing well." its requirements will always be of the opinion that "farming does not pay."
Therefore, we say, do not profane the plow with your touch if you do not intend to plow well; not that, only, but

lowing rules: 1. Always have your plow sharp. Never go to the field with an instrument which is not in a condition to do good work. A good workman may be thwarted by bad tools, and dull tools are a good indication of a lazy farmer. 2. Remember that to plow well does

first-rate. To this end observe the fol-

2. Remember that to plow well does not mean to turn over a clean furrow; to do that may be well, but that is not all. Good plowing is the thorough pulverization of the soil, and he who can dissolve an acre of ground into the finest particles is the best plowman, for he exposes most surface to the seed which shall be sown. The ground cannot be too finely ground up. Here lies the agency is concerned.

3. Plow an inch or so deeper each year, and thus deepen your seed bed, and bring the subsoil into contact with light and air for their chemical operations. You can never go too deep, provided you go slowly. Time will change igneous rocks intofruitful soil.

4. Never be in a hurry at this kind of work. If you have not the time to do your work right, just make the time. One acre well plowed is worth two acres half way done. Look out for those hard places where the instrument tries to jump out. Stop, here is an enemy that must be conquered, and you must not neglect it. These spots determine the real from the artificial workman. Try it over again.

"You will conquer, never fear, Try, try again."

5. If a rock or root or any other obatruction is in your way, stop and get rid of it entirely. If it is a rock, put it on your fence or throw it into a sink hole. Never let it bother you again. Dispose of it at once.

6. Do not ride on your plow handles, Your team has draught enough to overcome without your laziness adding fifty

lighten the draught by twenty-five or fifty pounds.

8. Keep your eye shead of your team. and turn every inch; a bad workman covers, and grain is lost. 9. When done take your plow and

clean it well, and put under cover out of the way of wet and moisture, which, like rot, soon destroy a valuable implement. Farm and Garden Notes.

Onions chopped fine and mixed with the feed of fowls three times a week are pronounced beneficial by the Poultry

Mr. Meehan says that whitewash is frequently resorted to by farmers, but the great objection is its unsightly appearance : the result is otherwise good. It is said by a farmer who has tried the experiment so often as to be sure of his ground, that buttermilk poured over the back of a scurvy pig will en-tirely and speedily remove the scurf.

Any men who will establish in his garden an experimental plot, can select the best heads of the most prolific wheat, sowing the next year the best heads alone, and still selecting from this the best heads, using the balance for field use, and in this manner keeping always one year ahead. This will make good seed.

The ever-blooming roses are best for house culture in pots-because they bloom quicker and more continuously than any of the others, and besides this, their style and habit of growth is more bushy and better adapted to the purpose. They can be kept nicely with other growing plants, and with proper attention to their requirements will bloom freely.

A Russian chemist gives the following process for the preparation of bones for manure, which, it is said, has received the approbation of Liebig. Mix 400 parts of ground bones with 400 parts of wood ashes, containing ten per cent. of carbonate of potash, and add sixty parts of quicklime. This mixture is placed in a tank or barrel, with water sufficient to make the whole moist. In a short time the bony matter is completely disaggregated by the caustic potash, while the pasty mass formed is then taken from the tank, dried, mixed with an equal amount of mold, and is then ready to be distributed.

The following facts should be born in min i: Every fully developed plant, whether of wheat, oats or barley, etc., presents an ear superior in productive power to any part of the rest of that plant. 2. Every such plant contains one grain which, upon trial, proves more productive than any other. 3. The superior vigor of the best grain is transmissible in different degrees to its progeny. 4. By repeated car-ful selection the superiority is accumulated. 5. The improvement which is at first rapid, gradually, after a long series of is diminished in amount, and eventually so far arrested that, practically speaking, a limit to improvement in the desired quality is reached. 6. By still continuing to select, the improvement is maint ined, and practically a fixed type is the result.

A Simple Issect Killer.
The Gardeners' Chronicle has the following testimony from Mr. Knight, of Floor's castle gardens, Eugland, on the destruction of scale, etc., on plants, It is simply, he says, to syringe plants infected with bug and scale with water diluted in the proportion of one wine glassful of paraffine oil to four gallons of water. The oil and water must be kept thoroughly mixed with the syringe —one charge into the can and one on the plant. He has used it with oranges, gardenias, crotons and many other plants which had bug and scale on them, and while is is said not to injure the young leaves in the least, it is certain death to the insects.

Diphtheria broke out in the family of Samuel Randall, of Mankato, Minn., re-cently, and carried off four of his children within four days. The bodies of two other children, who died some time previously, and had been buried in an oll cemetery, were disinterred, and the six little coffins were carried to the graveyard at the same time in the presence of an immense concourse of people

Half a dozen onions planted in the cellar, where they can get a little light, will do much toward absorbing and correcting the atmospheric impurities that are so apt to lurk in such places.—Dr. Poote's Health Monthly.

THE POWER OF CHEMISTRY.

Professor's Fate-The Terrible Destroit A most unfortunate accident which has occurred at Prague recalls in many of its details and circumstances the quaint traditions that were once preva-lent with regard to the medieval al-chemists. Professor Fischer, of the Prague gymnasium, a young man only twenty-five years of age, and of the highest eminence in his profession that of chemistry—has come to an un-timely end, under the most melancholy circumstances. No one needs to be told that cyanide of potassium, a drug largely used in photography, is a poison of the most deadly character. Its active ingredient is prussic acid. Prussic acid in its pure, or—as chemists would term it—"anhydrous" form, is a substance

too finely ground up. Here lies the and cats, contains about a drop of the secret of fine crops so far as mechanical pure soid to a quarter of a pint of water. pure acid to a quarter of a pint of water. Pure prussic acid no chemist dare keep. He might as well compress a ton of dynamite into a single cartridge—suppos-ing such package to be possible—and then leave the deadly parcel lying loose upon his table.

Cyanide of potassium is not, like prussic acid, volatile. It is a white powder, rather resembling flour or chalk. It is, however, so poisonous that a mere pinch of it, sprinkled over an open wound or sore, will cause almost instantaneous death; that a fragment, almost imperceptible to the eye, will, if swal-lowed, prove equally fatal, and that its mere smell has before now produced immediate death. It was, it seems, the ambition of Professor Fischer to discover some means of rendering cyanide of potassium harmless. We can do this with gunpowder—although the analogy is not strictly exact, the means employed with gunpowder being mechanical, while those for which Professor Fischer sought were chemical. We know what happens if a light is applied to a keg of gunpowder. If, however, we mix the powder with four or five times its bulk of sawdust, a torch may be held to it with impunity. The mechanical resistance of pounds more. Riding on the handles never does good work.

7. Stand square between the handles, arms so stiff that you must be lifted off your feet before the plow can veer from its course; then lift a little on the handles, and you will do better work and lighten the draught by twenty five or the mechanical resistance of the sawdust makes it impossible for the explosion to at once spread to the whole mass, and the consequence is that a sort or splutter ensues, like that of a squib or blue light. Professor Fischer's idea was that if cyanide of potassium were thoroughly mixed with sal ammoniac, it would be as heavyless as guppowder. would be as harmless as gunpowder mixed with sawdust, but would still remain equally available for all those purposes of photography for which it is at

present absolutely indispensable.

In the course of his researches, Mr. Fischer made a mixture, of which in his own mind he felt assured that it would meet the conditions of his problem. He compounded the cyanide with some other substance, and then—turning to his laboratory assistant—said:

"Science has now so far advanced as

and then incautiously treads upon it. What happened to the man who is be lieved-for his record perished with him silver, is matter of scientific record. the fulminates of the higher metals, was well known. How it precisely came about that he disappeared as he did will remain matter of conjecture. There came one day a puff, a slight shock, and a smart noise as if some one had inflate a paper bag, and then burst it between his hands. Of the professor himself, of his laboratory, of his apparatus and of much else within the radius of some yards, not a vestige or trace was left.

So it used to be with the alchemists gladly have found or made a place. the heritors of the hidden wisdom of Bohme, and Roger Bacon and Albertus Magnus. They were always blowing themselves up, or asphyxiating them selves with some noxious vapor. For a man who knows nothing, or next to nothing, of chemistry, it is a very dangerous game indeed to mix together a nothing, and then bray them in a morlet an ignorant man mix the three and

apply a light to them, and the result will much astonish him. Apart from the sad fact that a young man with a bright and indeed brilliant future before him should be thus suddenly cut off, the death of Professor Fischer has another moral. Chemistry —whatever Mr. Lowe may have to say in praise of civil engineering—is the science of the world and of the future. The bridge which takes the engineer years upon years to construct, the chemist can, in as many sixtieths of a

second, reduce to atoms. Chemistry has given us the balloon; it has put into our hands gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, and, above all, fulminate of gold—an explosive so terrible that if an ounce of it be left in a stoppered bottle, its grains falling among themselves by their own weight, will create a convulsion sufficient to lay all London in runs. It has given us poisons so subtle that-were we to resolve to employ such means of warfare
—we could sail in a balloon over the camp of the enemy and drop upon it a

manganate of potash. Chemists have taught us to disinfect our sewers and drains, to ventilate our houses, to burn gas instead of oil, and to light our streets with what is more powerful than

munity of its inhabitants. The chemist can, as every schoolboy knows, convert water into ice in the center of a red-hot crucible. He can construct a shell the size of a cricket-ball which will explode the moment it touches the water, and overwhelm in flames a hostile fleet. Indeed, the chemist reduces the world to its original and primal elements. For him, even more than for the engineer, nothing is impossible. And yet his power, vast as it is, is limited. He can more easily destroy than construct. He can take life, but he cannot give it. He can level a city with the plain, but he cannot build it sgain. He can create prussic acid, but he is ignorant of its a stidote. He is like the fisherman who rashly opened the vessel seeled with the ring of Suleiman Ben' Daoud. The forces at his control are beyond his command; the powers he can evoke he cannot lay. It is the old story of Cornelius Agrippa—those who trifle with nature's secrets do so at their peril.— London Observer.

A Heartrending Story.

A London correspondent tells this sad story of a young American lady: God help the poor women who have gone down to the gates of death in London, Paris, Dresden, Berlin and other places -victims of an ambition which, at home, might have secured them employment in some respectable capacity; but here, no door offering, they have per-ished! Is this a fancy sketch? Listen. In 1872 there came a young lady from America as governess. It appears that the lady who engaged her discharged her from no fault but that of refusing to take a servant's situation in addition to that of governess. The following letter speaks for itself. In despair she went to Westminster bridge, threw aside her hat and shawl and plunged into the Thames. A police officer who saw her went to her rescue, but too late. Life was extinct. Next a funeral was gotten up for her, and a monument was erected over her grave. Thus for bread she was given a stone !

This letter was found in her room : "The crime I am about to commit, and that I must suffer for hereafter, is othing compared to my present misery. Alone in London, not a penny or friend to advise or lend a helping hand, tired and weary with looking for something to do, failing in every way, footsore and heart-weary, I prefer death to the dawning of another wretched morning. I have only been in Britain nine weeks. I came as nursery governess with a lady from America to Wick, in Scotland, whence she discharged me, refusing to pay my passage back, giving me my wages, which amounted to £3 10s. After my expenses to London, I found myself in this great city with only five shillings. What was I to do? I sold my watch. The paltry sum I obtained from that soon went in paying for my board and n looking for a situation. Now I am destitute; every day is a misery to me. No friends—no hope—no money. Oh, God of heaven, have mercy upon a poor, helpless sinner! Thou knowest how I have striven against this; but fate is against me. I cannot tread the path of

mask of experiment. On the contrary, motherless, homeless—was too much there is every reason to believe that the for her brain. The severe self-respect professor had met the fate which befell which restrained her from telling even only too many of the early chemists and the people with whom she lodged of her their predecessors, the alchemists. We know, now, what will happen to any experimentalist if he dips blotting-adopted. That letter also shows how paper in nitric acid, washes it, dries it, tremendous was the struggle that took place in her mind before the last resolution was taken. It was evident that she had nothing to learn as to the character -to have first discovered fulminate of of suicide. In the first line of her letter she designates her act as a crime, and in That he was engaged in researches upon | the last she commends the whole circumstances of her case to the judgment which is unerring and the mercy that is infinite. And so she left the world, without vindictiveness-not so much as mentioning the name of the woman who had used her harshly-but with humble, trustful prayers. A sadder story it has not been our lot to record—the more sad because it seems that so little help, had it but come in time, would have saved one for whom the world would

Who Was the Headsman. In his history of his life and times, Lilly, the famous English astrologer of the seventeenth century, when examined before the first parliament of Charles II., anent the vizored executioner of couple of sabstanc s of which he knows | Charles I., said that the next Sunday but one after Charles I. was beheaded tar. Common sulphur is harmless stuff | Robert Spavin, Cromwell's secretary, enough, so is charcoal, so is nitre; but | and others dined with him, when the chief subject of conversation was who beheaded the king. One said it was the common hangman, others Hugh Peters, but no one spoke with certainty. After dinner, however, Spavin privately confessed to Lilly that the executioner was Col. Joyce. "I was in the room," he said, "when he fitted himself for the work; stood behind him when he did it ; when done, went in with him again. There is no man knows this but my master" (Cromwell). On the other hand, William Hulett, alias Howlett, was tried and convicted of having struck the fatal blow. But there was very strong evidence that he was not the man, and founded a belief that his conviction mainly arose out of a determination to fasten the guilt somewhere. One of the witnesses for his defense said : "When my Lord Capell, the Duke of Hamilton, and the Earl of Holland were beheaded in the palace-yard, Westminster, my Lord Capell asked the common hangman: 'Did you cut off my master's head?' 'Yes,' saith he. 'Where is the instrument that did it?' He then camp of the enemy and drop upon it a brought the axe. 'Is this the same axe; shell, the burning of which would kill are you sure?' said my lord. 'Yes, my every human being within a mile of its range.

Then, too, chemistry has given us disinfectants. To the chemist we owe carbolic acid, chloride of lime, and personnel. Sirrah, wert thou not afraid?' Saith the hangman: 'They made me cut it off, and I had £30 for my pains.'" One Walker, who died so late as 1700, also labored under a suspicion of having done the deed, and also one Henry Porter, even gas itself—the electric light. It is but the identity has, we believe, never to chemistry, indeed, that we owe albeen thoroughly established. It seems been thoroughly established. It seems that we owe almost all the comforts of every-day life.

But, on the other hand, the possibilities of chemistry are almost too ferrible to be contemplated. As the science at present stands, any student can, if he have access to a well-stored laboratory, carry away with him in a pill-box matter sufficient to lay London in ruins, or to poison the whole combining and the expectable stands and the companies of the second and the expectation of the companies of the second stands and the expectation of the contemplated. As the science at present stands, any student can, if he have access to a well-stored laboratory, carry away with him in a pill-box matter sufficient to lay London in ruins, or to poison the whole combining the companies of the contemplated at one time on secrecy.

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Remarkable Conduct of a Dog.

A Scotch paper says: A Broughty Ferry lady, writing to her friends from Dublin, gives an account of a strange occurrence by which her husband was saved from being run down in a ferry-boat. The gentleman was just about to step into the ferryboat to cross the river, when a large retriever rushed up-on him, caught hold of his trousers with its teeth, are at the same time kept up a constant howl. It was only after considerable difficulty that he could get himself released, and by that time the ferryboat had shoved off into the river. The gentleman naturally felt much annoyed at being prevented from crossing, but his feelings were changed when, a minute later, he saw the ferryboat run down by a steamer which had approached without noticing the boat. The passen gers were thrown into the water, but, fortunately, the crew of the steamer were successful in saving them all, some being very much exhausted, however. While thinking of the singular means by which he had been saved from the accident, the gentleman could not help noticing the conduct of the dog, which followed closely at his heels. He tried every means to get rid of it during the day, but in the afternoon the animal was still following him, and he was obliged to take it home with him. The dog has now been installed as watchman of the house, and has already shown great attachment to the gentleman and his family.

A Woman's Promise. Henry Carey, cousin of Queen Eliza-beth, after having enjoyed her majesty's favor for several years, lost it in the fol-lowing manner: As he was walking one day full of thought in the garden of the palace, under the queen's window, she perceived him, and said to him in a ocular manner :

"What does a man think of when he is thinking of nothing?" "Upon a woman's promise," replied

Carey. "Well done, cousin," answered Eliza-She retired, but did not forget Carey's answer. Some time after he solicited the honor of a peersge, and reminded the queen that she had promised it to

"True," said she, "but that was woman's promise."

"This is the season," says the Free Press, when the girl, whose stern father has kicked her lover out-doors, packs up a few things, writes an eight-page letter to her mother, drops a clothes-line from her chamber window, and at midnight, when silence reigns, raises the sash, sees how dark it is, and—jumps into bed as fast as she can."

Out in Iowa the young ladies aid the yellow fever sufferers by selling kisses at ten cents apiece. We opine that there has been enough wasted around here to have brought in a revenue of \$36,381 23, or in that immediate neighborhood. The worst of it is the waste continues,-Breakfast Table.

sto be even able to render harmless so dangerous an agent as cyanide of potastium."

With these words he tasted the mixture, and was almost in an instant seized with the most violent and excruciating agonies. He at once implored his assistant to send for medical aid. Cyanogen, however—whether as prussic acid or as cyanide of potassium—kills almost instantaneously. In a few seconds Professor Fischer was beyond help. We are told that there is possible reason to suppose that a deliberate suicide had been planned and carried out, under the mask of experiment. On the contrary, atmosphere, regulating the liver, and invigor-ating the stomecu.

The Fat Men's Convention.

We can see some pleasure, if no reason, in the convening of a baby show, but we confessed could never see the slightest cause, reason, able or otherwise, for a fat men's convention unless it be the fact that misery loves company. For fifty or a hundred nen, whose several weights range from two hundred to three hundred pounds, to hold a convention simply because of so much surplies avoirdupois, is aband to say the least. It becomes doubly so because of so much surplies avoirdupois, is absurd to say the least. It becomes doubly so when we reflect that obesity is a disease. What would we think of as many persons emaciated by consumption holding a convention to compare their relative weights? There is but one ground upon which we would advocate another fat men's convention, and that is that they will meet to discuss the merits of Allan's Anti-Fat, the only known remedy for obesity. It is safe and reliable. Sold by Gruggists.

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