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Summer in Kansas-Rains-Floods-Formation of the Country-Boulders of Quartzine-Drift Formations-Fruits-Lansas Takes the Highest Prize for Fruit in Philadelphia-Interesting Extract-General Remarks. (Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

JEFFEBSON Co., KANSAS, October 1, 1869.

I have now been here about four months, and have seen the whole of a Kansas summer. For a few, days the thermometer ranged above 90 degrees, and one day it touched 100 degrees; but at no time have we had what in the East we most complain of, oppressive sultriness. We have had an unusual amount of rain, and frequent floods. In some localities west and south of us considerable the rains have been very frequent and sional fruit, growers, only received a SILheavy, so much so that for three VER MEDAL; while the farmers of Kanheavy, so much so that for three VER SIEDAL; while the larmers of han-months the Kansas river was kept in almost continual flood. Only a few days ago, while the streams in this part of the State were low and the weather day the

Take one year with another, more rain falls in Kansas than in Pennsylvania-less in the fall and winter, but more in the spring and summer. But, unlike Indiana and Illinois, the ground does not become covered over with a sheet of water after a heavy rain. This is partly owing to the undulating surface, and partly to the sand in the soil, which causes it to absorb water rapidly. It causes it to absorb water rapidly. It takes a very heavy rain, indeed, to cause water to flow off a well-ploughed field. Off the unbroken prairie it flows freely. The effect of this will be, that as the land is brought under cultivation, floods will be less and the permanent flow of springs greater. This, in the well-settled parts of the country, is already observable. As this is a lime stone country,-more

so than any I ever eaw, - the water of wells and springs is hard; hence cisterns are coming into general use, not because the water of wells is not good, for it is excellent, but to secure a supply of soft water.

Chills and fevers are prevalent just now in the valleys where the soil is excessive. ly rich and vegetation rank; but on the higher grounds, the upland prairie, the people are generally in the enjoyment of very good health. Many men when they come out here make a great mistake. They choose the richest land they can find, which is generally the lowest, and the consequence is that they and their families lose more by ill health than they gain by heavy crops. Indeed most of the upland prairie is very rich, and better sdapted for wheat, fruit, potatoes and many other things, than the rich bottom lands; and some of the finest fields of corn I have seen this season were on these high lands. I have noticed in my excursions through this country more evidences ands, since I have been here I have been on the high mairies, breathing the is that as many of the farmer are to the many be the fair-sex, how

&c. Everybody, without any exception, who made any remarks while surveying the fruit, pronounced it decidedly the finest on exhibition, as it most certainly was. The visitors were mostly from the better classes of society, intelligent and wealthy, and a large number of them were fruit growers, and in commenting hiotion of such spiendu trut will be a great thing for your young State; 'It will be worth millions of dollars to you;' 'It will bring crowds of people to locate among you,' &c. And in moving about in the crowds we could hear persons in-curring of others. 'Have you can the quiring of others, 'Have you seen the Kansas fruits?' And in the street cars and at the hotols no allusion was made to the fair without referring to the Kansas exhibition. The sensation was decided and universal."

The writer subsequently remarks: "By the unanimous action of the Society's Executive Board, the Kansas State Horticultural Society was awarded by the Horti-

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gasetie.) ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6, 1869. Anyone who writes from or about St. Louis this week, must needs write about the Fair, which absorbs universal attention; on the display, would remark, "This ex-hibition of such splendid fruit will be a relly flivides itself into two chapters, of which only the first would relate to the

great St. Louis Annual Fair, now going on. This is the big event of the year in these parts, and is big both relatively as compared with others of its class, and absolutely. Everybody in the Mississippi Valley from St. Paul to New Orleans, who has a new fangled gimcrack

from a mouse trap to a mowing machine, or whose wife has got up a set of stupendously embroidered baby-linen, or a bottle of currant wine, is an exhibitor cultural Society of the great State of Pennsylvania their Gold MEDAL for a superior collection of fruits, which is the highest award they could make, and was damage was done, with lamentable loss of life, from the sudden rising of the streams. Out on the plains, far to the west of this, license required to carry passengers to the fair ground this week. One fair of this kind is so much like

ago, while the streams in this part of the State were low and the weather dry, the river suddenly rose to high flood and kept in a series of letters to the GAZETTE words on this. Perhaps as a veracious of. Kansas as likely to become the are some fine hogs there, but I can't con-know anything about it, I'll send them one of our dailies, that are crammed with

> Staying away, however, does not relieve one from all the annoyances of this carnival of the agriculturists. No engi-neering can save you from being jostled can be grown here more cheaply and of better quality than in any other part of the Union which drains into the Atlantic. Fresh, dried and canned; they can be sent | and who are innocent of all the etiquette eastward and command the highest prices of the sidewalk. You turn from habit eastward and command the highest prices on account of their superior quality; and when the railroad to Denver is finished--which will be in a year or two-large quantities will be sent; westward. No large fruit can be successfully cultivated west of Fort Harker; it follows, therefore, that the supply of all that mense region will devolve upon the tastern half of Kansas. will devolve upon the restern half of Kansas. Except California, no part of the United States produces such grapes as this. I speak both as regards scality, abundant bearing, and exemption from blight. The people here are beginning to manufacture wine; and as millions of new vines are set every year, the business fluxt increase with great rapidity. But so long as grapes can be sold in the cluies for ten cents per pound and upwards, the profit that shape is quite satisfactory. But the business is yet quite new, and this day there are probably ten vines not yet come into bearing for one which has. and nave chosen in eminable inconscious-ness, they get your favorite seat at the dinner table spite of the tactics of the Prince of stewards at the Planter's, who looks so much like Gen. McClellan that some people have supposed that distin-guished officer had found this the most suitable field for his military genius to operate in. They are everywhere, and goodness knows where they stay nights. The fair is a delight to them, and a visit to it, doubtless to many, an event long to be remembered! but to me—peace, perturbed spirit ! hain't you got a pass in your

into bearing for one which has. I might speak of the corn crop of the present year, which exceeds anything before known in this State both for breadth and heaviness of crop. Farmers are afraid that there is so much of it that the price will be very low. But es the spirit! haln't you got a pass in your pocket? thanks to the handsome general ticket agent of the Terre Haute line; and isn't your berth engaged, and don't you mean to fly to night from all these sources of distress—to leave the world, so to the price will be very low. But es the WINES, BRANDIES, GIN, &C., the price will be very low. But as the speak, and go to Cincinnati ? Ab, yes! of whom it may be said one sees a good the size and quality the very best. Sweet deal on very short acquaintance, or potatoes grow finely, and are fully equal "woman as she should be," with Susan potatoes grow finely, and are fully equal to those of New Jersey in quality, I think the high prairies suit them best. I might say many other things of this singularly beantiful and productive coun-try, but this letter is already longer than I intended to make it occasionally get an airing on our princi-WHAT IS A PUNCH?-The following pal thoroughtares. No lack for material, iquant reply to the foregoing question whole of it. To night the convention sits with open doors, men invited. If you go there, you will see Mrs. Julis Ward Howe read an than of carnal appreciation: Experience has proved that the juice of three or; four lemons and three-quarters of a pound of loaf sugar dissolved in three pints of boiling water, give sapor-will see Dr. Mary Walker squelched if she intermixed with the top soil it would be intermixed with the top soil it would be good: A very large proportion of these high prairies is composed of drift. Quartzine boulders, from a ton weight down to some lying partly above the surface and some below. On the southeastern points of the higher lands these boulders are most numerous, and often intermixed with water-worn pebbles of quartz and other hard stone, which have been depos-tied by mighty forces of water during the ley from () which I have high authority for saying represents the construction of Miss Walker's neher extensions ! Such is oc9:p65 her heroism, however, that she scorns to disguise this fact by assuming the ordinary attire of the female of America. I may remark also of another distinguished female, Miss Anthony, that I came down town in a street car with her the other night. I observed numerous gentlemen suspending themselves by straps, but did not observe that she offered her



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tlement and cultivation will ultimately render these low lands healthy, yet I would advise immigrants to choose the high ground for the present, provided they set a higher value upon good health than upon monster crops of corn.

These uplands are composed of rich sandy loam, resting upon successive strata of limestone. In some places sand-stone are found. The subsoil is strongly impregnated with lime, and is of a light chocoiate color. The top soil varies in color from dark chocolate to black, and is from one to three feet deep. In no place that I have seen can the plow reach the subsoil, but the roots of grass and trees penetrate it deeply. If it could be intermixed with the top soil it would be

ited by mighty forces of water during the drift period. Some of these boulders are very beautiful, a mixture of red, white, green and other colors, some mottled and some having very pretty wavey lines. But they are the hardest, heaviest and But they are the stones I ever saw. They are of igneous origin, and have been drifted from the Rocky Mountains far to the north. It is to these drifts that this State owes in some measure upon previous habits, whether the punch, when mixed, will be taken in excess or in moderation. It may

intervals, and it is there that we find the finest and most productive orchards. The high grounds of Kansas are nearly all drift; and hence its beauty and fruitfulness. Moreover, the atmosphere here is purer than it is in any part of the country east of the Mississippi. Hence fruit trees not only grow with great vigor, but the fruit is "fair." I have not seen a scabby

fruit is "fair." I have not seen a score a peach in this State. You have seen the announcement that Kansas took the gold medal, the highest vize, at the late biennial meeting of the Score Half the quack medicines delphia for the best collection of fruit on exhibition on that occasion, where more than twenty States were represented. In a letter from C. B. Lines, Esq., one of All the cough lozenges have more or less the delegates from this State, we have an of it. It is the medicine and curse of the excellent report of that interesting affair. | day.

excellent report of that interesting affair. Allow me to quote a paragraph: "From the opening of the Fair on Wed-nesday morning, the hall was greatly crowded with admiring and deeply inter-ested visitors, and the Kansa, tables were the centre of attraction, both on account fully common practice with those who of the greatly superior character of the rare accustomed to late hours, with ladies from the are greatly superior character of the rare accustomed to late hours, with ladies from the are greatly as greatly in tert. of the greatly superior character of the fruits and the artistic manner in which they were displayed. All the delegation devoted much of their time at the tables, protecting the fruit from being handled, and answering the many inquiries that were made. The old Quaker gentlemen and ladies seemed deeply interested in our exhibition. They would ask us, 'Did all these fruits grow in Kansas?' is over, and the victim awakes to interest. "Did all these fruits grow in Kansas?" is over, and the victim awakes to misery and 'Did thee come from Kansas with and agony. There is no agony like that them?' 'How could thee bring them so of the opium eater. His way is straight far in such good order?' and 'Did'st thee down to ruin and death. - St. Paul Disknow good old John Brown in Kansas?" patch.

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to speculators. The crop of potatoes is enormous, and

I intended to make it. J. C. piquant reply to the foregoing question savors more of science than it does of total abstinence, but somewhat less of science.

nating saporosity of punch, we must dash into the bowl at least a pint of rum, and nearly the same volume of brandy. The molecules of alcohol, sugar and citric acid collide, an entirely new series of vibrations are produced-tremors to which the dullest palate is attuned. In punch,

become a dangerous ally, and bring a sentient being to the gutter. But, on the other hand, it may become the potent in-ward stimulus of a noble outward life."

THE CRIME OF THE DAY is opium esting. Not that men and women chew opium gum as did Charles Lamb. But

ing Syrup. Half the quack medicines have it. It was that which gave the "King of Pain" success. Nearly all the pain antidotes are surcharged with it.

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seat to any of them. You see the ladies are having it their own way here now-adays. The South Pacific Railroad has com-004:p31 pleted its extension to Lebanon, fifty miles this side of Springfield, which town they will reach in the spring, and open communication with one of the finest agricultural regions in the West. The Pacific Railroad (of Mo.) has lost Col. Moore, its Superintendent. I believe he : was regarded as efficient, but was unpopular with the employes. At his appointment a year ago, a strike oc-curred among the engineers, which gave great trouble. The new Superintendent Mr. Hale, was lately connected with the Chicago and Alton Railroad. Mr. Gar-rison, the President of the Pacific is a

Georgia saying that there is a good pros-pect of a reunion of the Republican party. seziolog H. J. MOOBE, City Engineer. in that State, and a compromise between the Republicans and the Democrate, the result of which will be the adoption of JEFFERSON STREET. -- THE undersigned, appeinted Viewers to assess damages and benefit for opening Jefferson street, Becond ward, Allegheny, will meet on the prem-lies on SATORDAY, October Sth. Is669, at 3 O'clock P. M. to attend io the dulies of our sp-bolntment. JAMES GEAHAM, 102006-28 ANDREW DAVIDSON. the Fifteenth Amendment by the State Legislature at its next meeting. Already some of the most prominent men of the UFFICE OF CITT ENGINEER AND SUBVEYOR, Pittabargh, Uet. 8, 1869. contending parties have held a consultation, with a view to secure to the State a firm position in the Union. NOTICE. - The assessment for

grading, paying and curbing Penn sirebt n Thirtleth to Thirty-third strat, is now y until TUESDAY, Cotober Ioh, when it be returned to the City Treasurer's Office Official Content of the City Treasurer's Office PRUSSIA complains, that America has rea y will pe sent over there a delegation of Woman's Rights women to agitate. 068:663

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