

How the Emperor's Troops are Trained. The broad outlines of German military economy, the principles on which the machinery of war are organized and set in motion are sufficiently well known.

Why? asked the surprised Mrs. Moody. "Because they are bringing you and your husband through the gate on board."

"I think he's mangled dead," said Mrs. Stum, gazing at the doctor in admiration. "Some physicians would have said that his vertebrae were mortally wounded."

"Don't, John—don't take on so," continued Mrs. Stum. "Of course, you're badly, and this interferes with taking up carpets and cleaning house, but it's pleasant weather for a funeral, and I think the corpse will be as natural as life."

"He was a good husband—I'll swear to that," continued Mrs. Stum; "but he was dreadfully careless to let his hair grow on him. He calls Mrs. Moody a fool, and you'll be surprised at the way he'll fix up the deceased."

"Now, then, we want pie and cake and sauce and raised biscuit and floating islands. He'll have watches, and the watches must have plates to eat with."

"You must bear up," she kept saying to the widow. "House cleaning is a laborious task, but it must be done, and you haven't time to sit down and grieve. His life was insured, and we'll go down next week and select some lovely mourning."

Everybody who attended said they never saw a funeral pass off so smoothly, and when the back landed through the field and milk these little cows, when the milk comes out, the ant carries his herd to another leaf, or field; and when the little calves are old enough to be milked, he begins their education by biting them.

"I met him," writes a Boston friend, but once, at Montreal. I noticed that this fine-looking man, when he arrived at Montreal, was placed at the head of our table, but did not know who he was.

"What I remember more distinctly than anything else was a 'happening' at Route's Point while we were waiting for the steamer. The professor was talkative and communicative in his quiet way, and was full of incidents of travel and adventure.

"The English language is inadequate to express the forlorn feelings of the boy who thinks he has stolen a dime novel and finds it to be a book book."

"Where there's a will there's a way," said the professor. "Truth equated to earth will get up again."

The celebrated Porcelain Tower, near Nanting, China is described by a traveler who says: "In the quiet evening we made our way out of the city by the south gate, through a well constructed and admirably adapted structure of broken bricks, tiles and plaster several feet thick."

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How pear trees are managed successfully in Western Michigan, as told by Mr. C. D. Lawton, of Van Buren county, Michigan, in one of our columns.

Keep the ground cultivated, and manure moderately, if necessary. Pear trees will not bear, to any extent, except in fertile soil. If the soil is left rich there will be heavy crops of fruit, but not otherwise, and ordinarily stable manure is best, if on sandy land; if clay land, ashes are most excellent.

I have found no difference as regards blight, either in varieties or in soil cultivation or neglect of it. We have trees upon sand and upon clay, upon ground that is kept heavily manured, and upon ground that is wholly exempt from such applications, upon ground kept under cultivation, and upon ground not cultivated at all, but left in grass, and they all blight, to all appearances, one situation and condition as much as another, and no variety is exempt. No remedy (?) has proved the least applicable of blight, and I have not deterred the trees from keeping right on blighting until their destruction was complete, and I look over my devastated ground and mourn for the thrifty and shapely occupants of their extra large size, and I sigh in vain for the willow delirious returns which, alas, are no more.

Twelve years ago I procured about a dozen large pear trees, standard, costing \$1 25 each, on account of their extra large size. They comprised six of hardy varieties. I set them in my garden, all but three, which I placed in the yard adjoining, where the soil was good, but they had no cultivation. The largest of the trees was a Flemish Beauty, and in setting it out, I dug a large hole, and put into it a full two horse loads of horse manure, with which I mixed the dirt, and in which I set the tree. It grew with extraordinary rapidity, attaining the size of any of the others, and bore a year after the second season a full crop of excellent fruit. In common with the others, it commenced blighting a few years ago, and is now a mere stump. It is among the best to go. They all grew well and bore well for several years, until the blight struck them. The first to blight and die were a Bartlett and a Vicar of Wakefield, set where they had no cultivation, and no manure. In the meantime I have trees of the same varieties some of which have been set for a longer time than those I have described, but set in an orchard, and have been kept under cultivation, but without manure. These have borne fruit of any amount, but they blight equally as badly as those which have been kept manured. I might relate many similar observations made in this vicinity, and leading to corresponding results.

If any of our readers want what is called a scarecrow, here are a couple recommended by the Scientific American: Take two small cheap mirrors, fasten them back to back, insert a cord to one angle and hang them in a pole. When the sun swings the sun's rays are reflected all over the field, even if it be a large one, and even the oldest and bravest of crows will depart precipitately upon sight of its flashes all on him. The scarecrow is made of a tangle of the straw, is especially well suited to fields subject to the inroads of small birds, and even chickens. It involves the artificial hawk made from a large potato and long goods and turkey feathers. The hawk can be executed in its imitative skill in sticking the feathers in the potato so they resemble the spread wings and tail of a hawk. It is astonishing what a ferocity of prey it can excite in the birds from the above simple matter. It only remains to hang the object from a tall, but pole, and the wild will do the rest. The bird will make swoops and dashes in the most threatening manner, and will even be the most inquisitive of vermin have been known to bury rapidly from its dangerous vicinity, while to the small birds it carries unadvised dismay.

I made a discovery a year ago which will benefit every family in the United States, if they will follow it in the kitchen. It is the simple expedient to get that torpid and despondent which chill the blood, deaden the nerves, enfeeble the muscles, and deplete the whole vital machinery. Fretting, fidgeting, ennuj, and anxiety are the most common causes of disease. On the other hand, high aspiration and enthusiasm help digestion and respiration, and send an increased supply of vital energy to all parts of the body. I have known a man who was so torpid and despondent that he could not get up, and lift one into a pure atmosphere, above the reach of contagion. The lazy grog man, over their "arduous duties" while earnest workers take to their beds, and are unable to master their tasks. Sloth, gourmandizing, and worry kill their thousands, where over study harms one. The curse of Heaven rests on laziness and gluttony. By the very constitution of our being they are fitted to beget that torpid and despondent which chill the blood, deaden the nerves, enfeeble the muscles, and deplete the whole vital machinery. Fretting, fidgeting, ennuj, and anxiety are the most common causes of disease. On the other hand, high aspiration and enthusiasm help digestion and respiration, and send an increased supply of vital energy to all parts of the body. I have known a man who was so torpid and despondent that he could not get up, and lift one into a pure atmosphere, above the reach of contagion. The lazy grog man, over their "arduous duties" while earnest workers take to their beds, and are unable to master their tasks. Sloth, gourmandizing, and worry kill their thousands, where over study harms one.

At the last meeting of the Lions Club the Hon. J. Peacock took a question of privilege. He said: "Way off on de las' end ob de brush fash an ole man lies dyin'." His ole woman an run' a way, his child an scatter' de central lies bar all alone, wid no kin hand to pass him a fried cake or wat his parchin' brow wid eumfer. He an not one of us, an' we can't gib him from our relief fund, but I axes de consent ob brudder Gardner dat we may take up a block ob money."

"You kin—you kin!" was the prompt reply of the president. "I puts de dime in de hat, an' I truly hopes de gen'les will deprecate de situation," said Peacock, as he started on his way. Passing from man to man, the good preacher at length returned to his seat. As he looked toward the president there was a queer smile on his brow.

"Well, what success?" queried the president. "Fo' de lard, but Ize been los' de ten cents I started wid!" gasped Peacock.

The silence was so deep that it could have been cut up into oval shavings. Not a hair moved.

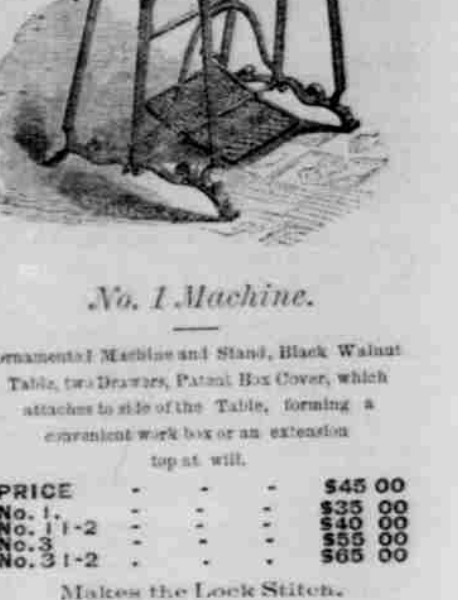
"Dar' pears to be a great moral lesson aroun' heah sumwhar," said Brother Gardner.

"It is not counterfeit, I hope, said a lover, as he toyed with his sweetheart's hand. "The best way to flout it is to ring it!" was her reply.

"Tom, who, in the world put matrimony into your head?" well, the fact is, Joe, I was getting sort of shirts."

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