

dent. The Flint was always selected with a view of increasing the length of | forests its parachute membrane answers the ear; the Mammoth with a view of succeeded in both cases. But the two cars of the Mammoth give no more weight of grain than the one ear that the original variety was prone to give

"So, too, for many years we selected ears of the so called Blount's Prolific in the hope of obtaining a variety that would give more ears to a stalk. We selected seed only from plants giving five ears or more. We are not sure that anything has been gained by this selection. The lower ears are always small or imperfect. We have raised plants bearing ten ears to a single stalk, but many of the lower ears were mere Labbins. Many assume that if we select the best lower ears we may thus produce a strain that bears its ears lower upon the stalk, and we incline to this opinion. One thing is certain, however-that the very best ears are the highest, not the lowest."

#### Spring In the Apiary.

A Massachusetts beekeeper very truly snys in The New England Homestead that not one colony in a hundred will manage to hold their own the first three or four weeks after beginning to gather pollen. It takes 21 days from the time the egg is laid to rear a bee. During this time the colony is under a severe strain of labor to prepare the food for the larvæ and to keep up the necessary heat in the hive. This wears out the bees rapidly, and the skilled apiarist thinks himself lucky if his colonies contain as many bees one month after the queen commences to lay in spring as they did is the beginning. The only chance whatever for a colony to become stronger the first of the pollen season is when they have been wintered in a warm cellar and were rearing broods for two months before they were placed on the summer stands. This gives a large force of young bees, which do not suffer from spring dwindling-only another name for death from old age.

#### New, Early and Prolific Peas.

The editor of The Rural New Yorker reports that the new early pea, Ezonian, was tried at The Rural grounds last season. Planted April 19, the first picking was June 18. The Exonian excels in bearing uniformly well filled pods which rverage 2 inches long, filled with about five large wrinkled seeds. The vines grow about 2 feet high. But the Exonian is no better than the new Station, which is just as early and perhaps more prolific. There is no sweeter pea than the Paragon. The Admiral (vinos 3 feet) is an extremely prolific intermediate. The pods are small, but well filled with from six to nine seeds.

#### FARM MORTGAGES.

#### The First Adequate and Comprehensive Report Ever Made on the Subject.

We begin at last really to know something about farm mortgages and the burdening of American homes with debt. Census bulletin No. 98 gives the first adequate and comprehensive report ever made on the subject, and that report refutes statements that have been made and accepted. Here are the facts as gleaned from the bulletin alluded to by the New York World:

There are about 4,750,000 farm fam-Ilies in the country. Only about 900,000 of them have any mortgages at all. And these mortgages, as clearly appears, represent for the most part energy and thrift rather than impoverishment. They are mortgages given for deferred payments in purchasing land or for capital borrowed to enlarge operations. Less than 3 per cent of all the mortgages | represent borrowing for expenses or because of poverty. The rest represent

its purpose almost equally as well as raising two or more ears to a stalk. We wings. It runs with a wonderful agility up the trunk of the tree, and to the end of a branch, and then takes a fiving leap, with its limbs extended to the utmost and the wide flesh membrane stretched. This "aerial slide" carries it forward the pole. The question is now raised and downward to a horizontal distance whether the board has the right to spend of perhaps 40 or 50 yards, and it is noticed that, as in the case of birds when making use of their powers of descent with fixed pinions, the squirrel throws itself upward and ascends slightly at the close of the "flight," perching on the bough it aims at, with all the light-

ightning in his shop door yesterday, and vas killed. He was standing by a tele graph instrument, which was discon ness of a pigeon descending from a townected from any wire, but a loose wire er, to some point upon the roof below. was in contact with his body. The other -Spectator. end of the wire was fastened to a pine tree

#### Curio Facts. The medical statistics of this comity

have been studied by Dr. John T. Bilthe point at which the wire was tied, lings from the racial standpoint. He de duces many curious facts: The infanwas found photographed on each side tile death rate among the blacks is very inst under the arms. high; the race itself is shorter lived While it is enstomary much earlier in than the white; it is less liable than the he season than the middle of May to white to malaria, yellow fever and cankill off the Delaware peach crop at least cer, but succumbs more readily to tunee or twice, and while there have been berculosis and pneumonia. Irish chilold rains if not killing frosts in the little dren survive infantile diseases, but the Diamond State this season, the lovers of adult death rate is high: tuberculosis, the luscious free and clingstone fruit are pneumonia and alcoholism cut them

liable to a very agreeable disappointment. own. Germans are especially liable Three-fourths of the crop was, it is true, to digestive disorders and cancer. Jews scheduled to be destroyed by a fungus have a low death rate; they live long; rowth which developed after the recent their diseases are diabetes, locomotor rotracted cold rains ; but even this sign ataxia and kindred nervous ailments ---of ruin went away. Compared with last Zion's Herald, Boston. season's yield, this season's peach crop will be a large one.

one at all. The society couldn't afford

he price, and the directors then erected

norning, Hawn and McCracken had

and back, killing him instantly.

...

school funds for that purpose.

#### Chicagoese,

I frequently resent the rich roasts ziven Chicago society by the terrible Town Tonics, but now and then I George M. Hawn, a neighbor. Thursday am forced to admit that some of its wild and weird whoppers are not altobeen at odds on a dividing line of fence between their properties and one or the gether unprovoked. At the recent Fellowship Club ladies' layout I overheard other had been moving the fence after one of the officers importance a brilliant night on the other's property. Wednesconlevard beau not to be in a hurry to eave, as Mrs. Alice J. Shaw was about

o appear and whistle. "Is that so?" +jaculated the swagger swell. "Then I'll stay a bit longer. I knowed her over in

London. "-Chicago Weekly, A Careful Bridegroom, Bridegroom (about to marry the sungest of three sisters)-My dear friend, I want you to stand right behind me duri: g the ceremony and keep your eyes open. I am very nearsighted, and I am afraid they might substitute the oldest sister at the critical moment --Fliegende Blatter.

> "The Blue Bells of Scotland" was the work of Annie McVicar, afterward Mrs. Grant, the daughter of a Scottish

officer in the British army. The melody was long believed to be Scottish, but is now known to be of English origin, bs- Favorite Prescription. Multitudes of ing an old English folk song.

# Bowle's Great Knife

The bowie knife obtains its name from Rezin P. Bowie, who lived in bring you sure relief. It is the great Maryland in the early part of this contury. He had a brother who had many restorer of health and therefore the best enemies, and he, being turbulent and possible restorer of beauty. All drugfond of hand to hand fights, stood in gists. need of good weapons. Rezin undertook to furnish him with a weapon som what superior to any that could be found in those parts at that period. A knife was made out of a blacksmith's file, and

time she commenced taking "Favorite Prescription" until now. She has been a blade was had nine inches long, to doing her own house-work for the past which was fastened a handle of six four months. When she began taking inches. The knife was simple, strong in it, she was scarcely able to be on her build and had an admirable temper. feet, she suffered so from uterine debil-Bowie used it in 19 sanguinary contests, and then harmonium in Philadelphia ity. I can heartily recommend it for use of steam would, of course, owing to when he is trying to pass them on halfand then, happening in Philadelphia, he met with a cutler who fashioned it such cases.

H. H. SNYDER

to serve a nice dinner, so she sent into The school board of Clifton Heights, Delaware county, and the Patriotic Order town to purchase some green vegetaons of America have had a tussle lately bles, there being no room for a garden regard to who should erect a flag-pole on the farm. When we saw these on the school grounds. The directors things we had no doubt of the truth of said there should be a \$40 pole put up or his statement. Can any man make

How A Mother Saved her Boy.

World

money farming that way?-Rarat

Little Robert Frey lives at Silver This strange tale of the lightning Lake ; his mother and father love hin omes in a dispatch from Pensacola Fla: John T. Wilkerson was struck by with parental devotion ; he is a bright little fellow. Bobby, as he was called, took a severe cold, which would not yield to anything they tried. A neighbor persuaded the use of Pan-Tina, the great remedy for Coughs and Colds and Consumption. The first about one hundred feet away. When few doses relieved and the contents of a Wilkerson's body was undressed a pereet picture of the pine tree, from the top 25 cent bottle made a cure. You can imagine the mother's joy.

Bottles of Pan-Tina sold at G. W Benford's drug store.

#### The Thing to Have Done.

"My doll is very sick," said. Polly ournfully. "Yes," said Jennie; "she looks very waxy. You ought to have her waxinated."-Harper's Young People,

> Read from the treasured volume The Poem of thy choice, And lend to the rhyme of poetry The beauty of thy voice. Which you cannot do if you suffer

with a Cough or Cold. Rid yourself of that when ready to go home that night Wesley McCracken, a prominent citizen the discomfort by buying a bottle of he was unable to walk, owing to inf Huntingdon, shot and instantly killed Pan-Tina, the best remedy for Horseness and Influenza. Bottles of Pan-Tana sold at G. W. Benford's drug store.

#### Good Friends.

day night McCracken and a party of The story is told in an English Mago friends, heavily armed, went to the seer zone of a rat which has become blind, and awaited developments. At about I but two of his family are his guides. 'clock Thursday morning Hawn and his party arrived to move the fence back He goes about with a piece of stick in again on McCracken's land, and when his mouth, and the younger rats, each the work of removal was completed Mewith an end of the stick in its mouth, Cracken opened fire with a double-bar steer the blind rat about the region rlied shotgun, hitting Hawn in the head where he lives. People have become so interested in them that they are never

man is subject to so many distressing Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believed myself cured of cacomplaints that health and beauty are often prematurely impaired r lost. tarrh. It is a most valuable remedy .-Fortunate it is that she has at hand Joseph Stewart, 624 Grand Avenue, so invaluable a friend as Dr. Pierce's Brooklyn, N. Y.

women throughout the land can per- induced him to try Ely's Cream Balm smally testify, that it affords the only and the disagreeable catarrhal smell all positive cure for the dire legion of "fe- left him. He appears as well as any male weaknesses." Suffer and fade one,-J. C. Oimstead, Arcola, III. away no longer, when this remedy will

The Charleston "News and Courier" announces that a large syndicate, backed by men of wealth, has been formed bottles free at J. N. Snyder's drug in New York for the purpose of buying store, Somerset, Pa., or at Brailier's the Santee Delta and cultivating rice drug store, Berlin, Pa. there. An immense dike will be built Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. by means of steam dredges. Steam plows will be used, and, indeed, horse power will hardly be used at all, as the dren who are large for their age, except

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frosts instead of snow and light frost, Ice formed as thick in May of that year 1. A physician can not always be as window glass. On May 14 I hired had. Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains out to work on a farm, two miles from EVERY FARMER in Somerset County

Bruises and Burns occur often and Cortiandt. The spring had been very who has a cord of Hemioek Bark or a sometimes when least expected. Keep similar to this. Fruit trees were in Hide to dispose of will find that the CONhandy the friend of many households blossom the day I commenced working, FLUENCE TANNERY Co., will pay the and the destroyer of all pain, the fa- but it began to grow cold, and continmous Red Flag Oil, 25 cents, ued to do so for three days.

2. Many a precious life could be Finally it grew so cold that Mr. Howe, saved that is being racked to death for whom I worked, had to wear an with that terrible cough. Secure a overcoat and mittens while ploughing. good night's rest by investing 25 cents. On the 17th it commenced snowing for a bottle of Pan-Tina, the great rem- very fast, and the flakes were soon eight

edy for coughs, colds and consumption. to ten inches deep. On the 15th and Bottles of Pan-Tina sold at G. W. Ben- 19th it was very cold. Pointoes that were covered up with straw in the barn were frozen. On the 19th and 20th we He-the first time I heard that play- drew wood on a sled.

ed, Miss Ethel, do you know, I was The sleighing at that time was good. completely carried away. Nearly all the leaves dropped off' the She-Indeed ! Why, how delightful ! trees in the forest. If you will sit nearer the door, I will

It Looked That Way. "Pillman's bill came back to-day, said the bookkeeper. "What did he have to say?" asked the merchant,

1834, except that we have had heavy

joice with Mr. J. B. Stumm, 220 Boyle "He didn't have anything to say. It Heights, Los Angeles, over his forwas his widow who did the saying, tunate escape from a siege of that dis-She writes; 'Don't you think that In tressing ailment. Mr. Stumm is foresending a bill to a man who has been man of Merriam's confectionery esburied three months you are rather tablishment. Some months ago, on running it into the ground?""-Ladia- GOOD leaving the heated work room to run napolis Journal. across the street on an errand, he was

### caught out in the rain. The result was MARCHED WITH SHERMAN. A Brave Schlier's Story of Suffering and By calling at the Old Reliable Liquor

flammatory rheumatism. He was Hundreds of brave soldices who went taken home, and on arrival was placed out to the war of the rebelliou strong in front of a good fire and thoroughly and robust, came home with a legacy of disease. The exposures and discomfor rubbed with Chamberlain's Pain Balm. of those four awful years were too much During the evening and night he was for even the strongest constitution. The story of the sufferings of Juo. P. repeatedly bathed with this liniment, Donnan, a prominent pension-claim atand by morning was relieved of all torney of Burgettstown, Pa., is a perheumatic pains. He now takes esculiarly interesting one, on ac-count of Mr. Donnan's large acquaiatpecial pleasure in praising Chamberhain's Pain Balm, and always keeps a ence among the veterans of this end of bottle of it in the house. For sale by the state.

Juo. P. Dounan was all through the wonderful campaign of Sherman in Georgia, and while there contracted pneumonia, which left him with curva-Married man-Why don't you get married, Miss Perkins? You are getture of the spine, his right lung solidified and heart disease as a legacy. Of late years he has suffered greatly from stomach troables brought on by ting to look like a "back number"-Miss Perkins-If 1 were as easy to disordered kidneys. As he says himself he was a "complete physical wreck" when he heard of Doan's Kidney Pills please as your wife was I would have HERMAN and began using them. "I had not eaten bread or other starchy

food, or fats of any kind for two years. He says "I had taken all sorts of strong D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., tonics and peptones and had not been says that he always keeps Dr. King's benefited.

"My urine was scant, highly colored and New Discovery in the house and his strong smelling. I was pale, tongue heavily coated, flesh soft and flabby, and family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not a poor appetite, and rested poorly at night. My weight was 116 pounds. After using Doan's Kidney Pills for two man Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says months, I can cheerfully testify to their that Dr. King's New Discovery is unremarkable worth. My weight has increased nearly 10 pounds, flesh is much firmer, urine normal, color good and apdoubtedly the best Cough remedy ; that he has used it in his family for eight petite excellent. I can now eat my favor years, and it has never failed to do all ite pork and beans without the slightest that is claimed for it. Why not try a distress. I sleep like a child, and am in remedy so long tried and tested. Trial every way as well as it will ever he has sible for me to get. I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to my friends and comrades on all occasions.

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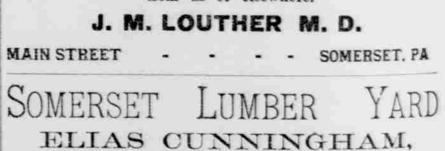
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### A Rice Planting Syndicate.

DR. R. V. PIERCE: Sir-My wife improved in health gradually from the

the immense size of the plantation, be fare tickets on the cars.

This mortgage indebtedness lies almost wholly north of the Potomac and Ohio line. New York farms are mortgaged for \$138, 960, 903. Those of Iowa carry a burden of a little more than \$100,000,000; those of Illinois, a trifle less. In Pennsylvania and Kansas the figures fall to about \$73,000,000, in Ohio to \$70,000,000, in Michigan to \$64,000,000, in Wisconsin to \$55,000,-000, in Missouri to \$53,000,000, in Nebraska to \$47,000,000, in California to \$46,000,000, in Indiana about the same, in Minnesota to \$37,000,000, in New Jersey to \$25,000,000, South Dakota \$15,000,000 and Vermont and Massachusetts \$11,000,000 each.

Among the southern states West Virginia heads the list with \$5,000,000 mortgage debt. Virginia, the two Carolinas and Louisiana owe between \$3,-000,000 and \$4,000,000 each, Mississippi less than \$3,000,000, Arkansas about \$2,000,000, Alabama and Georgia less than \$2,000,000 and Florida less than \$1.000.000

It is doubtful if crimson clover will stand the winter farther north than cenfore that time hoods and caps were gentral New York. erally worn,

over for him. Bowie afterward settled on the Mississippi, and entertained the celebrated actor Edwin Forrest, to whom he gave the original knife. Forrest placed the knife in his collection. where he retained it until his death .--Hardware. Haphazard Preaching

#### Catarrh of Long Standing. A clergyman in Cushing, Me., is reported to have a unique way of securing will be cared by the use of Mayers' Catarrh texts. He passed around slips of paper, | Cure.

upon which the people wrote various Cataryh may be well called a great scourse exts that they would like to hear preachrd from. He then passed around a hat latarrh Cure, if used promptly will cure this and gathered up the slips and asked a errible disease. No cure no pay. young lady present to choose one with-For a cold in the head accompanied by out looking. She drew forth the text,

of its us

ontal headache, can be cured by one or two 'What think ye?" upon which he applications. Remember one bottle lasts 3 preached, according to report, a very months and is guaranteed to care or money excellent sermon. This method is cer- | refunded by agents. tainly unique, but we admit an old fash-Rend what a one time sufferer from catarrh

has to say of our marvelous cure. ioned preference for a text selected early

Hats of the modern style were first on the market and recommend its method of treatment to any sufferer from the awful maimade by a Swiss at Paris in 1404. De-Respects

about 13,000 acres of about as fine rice Dropping in Your Throat. land as there is in South Carolina, and

using Mayers' Magnetic Catarrh Cure to re

port complete relief from this within ten days

is now divided into a number of plan-Hawking and splitting is one of the most distations. greeable parts of catarrh. We have patients

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was ger, and turned black. Several specialtroubled with Neuralgia and Rheuma- ists consulted gave her no encourage-

tism, his Stomach was disordered, his ment of cure, until Dr. Sadler, 864 Penn IT WILL CUR Liver was affected to an alarming de- Avenue, Pittsburg, who assured her a in this country, nearly every person has it in gree, appetite fell away, and he was cure could be made. The now decaygreater or less degree. Mayers' Magnetic terribly reduced in flesh and strength. ing growth was removed. By weekly Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured visits to his office, and home treatment, him.

all was perfectly healed and some hear-

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., ing restored. All eye, ear, nose and had a running sore on his leg of eight throat cases remember EARLY treatyears' standing. Used three bottles of ment saves the organs in better con-Electric Bitters and seven boxes of dition, saves suffering and worry, saves Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg time and money. No two cases are in the week and several days of careful thought and study devoted to the dis-course preached upon it.—Augusta (Ga.) Journal. Hats of the modern style were first is sound and well. John Speaker, alike and cannot be treated alike, conone box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured organs treated by guess. Don't wait to him entirely. Sold at J. N. Snyder's write, come and be sure you are getting drug store, Somerset, Pa., or at Bral- the best before it is too late. "A stitch

Attorney at Law, lier's drug store, Berlin, Pa. 1 ntime saves nine."

