

Getting Ready for Corn.

The corn crop is the most important one in spring, and it is a crop that is perhaps grown everywhere in this country where farming is practiced, as it is almost indispensable. Its value is not only in its grain, but also in the stalks, and the cultivation required clears the land and destroys weeds. The most important part of corn growing, next to good seed, is the preparation of the ground. Leaving out the fact that manure is essential, or its place must be supplied by fertilizers, the most successful crops are not secured so frequently from cultivation of the corn as from the seed bed in general.

Useful Hints.

The top pages of a book may be nicely mended with white tissue paper. Clean plaster of paris ornaments with wet starch. Brush off when dry. A few drops of benzoin placed on cotton and put in or around a tooth that is aching will almost instantly stop the pain. A tiny piece of bicarbonate of soda mixed with tomatoes that are to be cooked with milk or cream will, if added first, prevent the milk from curdling. Where the hair is dry and brittle, with a tendency to fall out, an English restorative is the simple one of a free application of pure coconut oil with daily brushing. This treatment—continued for a few weeks—six, perhaps—will, it is said, accomplish the best results.

Why Lincoln Grew a Beard.

It was by request of a young woman whom he had never seen that Lincoln grew his first beard. In 1841 he traveled from Springfield to Washington and made a series of speeches. At Erie, Northeast station he prepared his address by saying that a young girl in that place a letter asking him to let his whiskers grow.

A Brave Young Teacher.

In a town in the Rockies, a short while ago, a young girl, who taught in the little school-house of the place, performed an act of heroism worthy of the highest commendation. One of her scholars had a pet antelope, a sweet docile little creature, that followed its mistress to school, remaining quiet near the door during class hours.

THE KING CURE OVER ALL FOR RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA

TEACHERS HAVE RIGHTS. An Important Decision by the Department of Public Instruction. Hon. John L. Stewart, deputy superintendent of public instruction, has given the School Board of McKeesport, Allegheny county, an important opinion which is of interest to all public school teachers. The McKeesport directors, at a recent meeting, adopted a resolution to the effect that all teachers be required to undergo an examination, regardless of their normal school diplomas, permanent professional certificates, etc.

The teacher, although pale with fear, did not for a moment lose her nerve, but searched the room for some means of rescuing her little scholars. Hanging on the wall near the door was a shotgun, and she determined to obtain it, although to do so she had to pass the lion. She snatched all her courage, she advanced down the room, facing the savage beast, who stopped tearing at the antelope and growled ominously. Nothing deterred in her purpose, however, she passed by him and took the gun from the pegs.

The lion turned his head and curiously watched her as she retreated up the room again. The gun being empty, it was necessary for her to return to the desk to procure some shells and load it. Satisfied with her taste of blood, the lion left the antelope, and prepared to spring upon the group of children. He made one leap over the benches, which landed him in front of the teacher's desk, and his eyes catching sight of her he changed his purpose, and swinging around, was about to spring upon her. Noticing this, the teacher, who had been watching for a good opportunity to shoot, instead of waiting for him to make the leap, walked quickly up to him, and before the astonished brute could recover she placed the muzzle of the gun in his ear and pulled both triggers.

The recoil knocked her over, and she fell to the floor senseless. The gun did its work, however, for the lion's head was almost blown to pieces, and the brute lay a quivering heap upon the floor. The children ran screaming down the road, and men hastened to the school-house, to find the brave girl recovered, but wildly trembling. After learning the circumstances, they carried a chair, and seating her in it, carried her, with the dead lion through the town cheering and praising her brave act.

Another Bird Story. A few years ago a lady living in the Via Volturno, in Rome, had some pet canaries in cages, which she kept in her kitchen window. She observed a sparrow frequently come and perch on one side of the cage, and one evening when she brought in her birds she unwares brought in also the wild visitor, perched on its favorite cage. It showed no fear, and pecked the crumbs she offered it. Evening after evening she had come to find the bird in her kitchen window. One day she was surprised to find an empty cage, and in its place was left a note, and in this note its abode at night, the door was ajar, and the bird was gone.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Benford's Pharmacy.

Latitude and Longitude in Kansas. This notice was recently found posted on the wall of a deserted homestead in the arid region of Kansas: "Four miles from a neighborhood, sixteen miles from a postoffice, twenty-five from a railroad, fourteen miles from a school house, forty-one miles from a church, 180 miles from timber, 200 miles from a Democrat, half a mile from water, a quarter of a mile from hell and the same distance from a Republican. Gone to Missouri, which is God's country, to get a fresh start."

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A Door Knocker of Pure Gold. At Ottaford, in Kent, there was formerly a palace of the Archbishops of Canterbury, in which Wolsey is said to have held his court. It was but a small place, and is now a farm house, picturesque enough, but exhibiting no special signs of prosperity. The other day however, this little incident happened: The farmer sent for a carpenter to do some odd jobs about the house, and, among other things, to mend the knocker. The man took it off, and said, after a close examination of it: "Do you know what this knocker is made of?" "Why, brass, I suppose." "No it is pure gold." And it was. Think of the years that that rich prize had hung at the mercy of every tramp.

An Affidavit. This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked to McKee's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

The Case Was "Dropped." W. A. Woolwine, of Los Angeles, who was here in the city of San Pedro harbor project, formerly lived in Tennessee, and tells the following story of Judge D. M. Key, now retired: A mountaineer who seemed to be half wild was brought into court charged with moonshining. "Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the Judge. "I don't know what you mean?" returned the prisoner. "Did you or did you not make liquor without paying license?" "Course I did. It's good likker, Judge."

DOCTORS OFTEN FAIL. To cure disease because they attack the disease itself without thinking of the cause. Backache, lame back, stomach troubles, dizziness, for instance, are all every-day symptoms of kidney troubles—can't be cured except by bringing the kidneys back to health and vigor.

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