### TIMELY TOPICS.

Cabbages weighing twenty-three and twenty-three and one-half pounds are on exhibition at Stockton, Cal.

It has been proposed to the Khedive of Egypt to convert into paper the cloth of the mummies, of which it is calculated 420,000,000 must be deposited in the pits of Egypt.

Since the suicide of Abdul Aziz, in 1876, Turkey has had two sultans, five ministries, forty cabinet ministers, one constitution, one parliament, one war, lost three-fourths of its provinces, and has been forced into bankruptcy.

Auy person in Massachusetts who permits his fowls to pass over or remain on a neighbor's premises, after being forbidden in writing, is, according to a recent excellent law, liable to a fine of \$10 for each offence.

The proposal to block up the straits of Belle Isle with the view of shutting out a vast ice-bearing force of water, whose chilling influences are felt far inland in the lower portion of the Dominion excites great interest in Canada.

According to recent estimates wine is annually consumed as follows, per head: Spain, 130 litres; France, 115; Italy, 109; Portugal, 108; Greece, 84; Austria, 65; Switzerland, 58; Great Britain, 8; Russia, 4; Prussia, 4; Sweden, 2; Nor-way, 1]. The litre is a little less than a quart.

Close imitations of silver dollars are made of block tin, bismuth, and pulverized glass. An immense number of these bogus coins are in circulation in the West. They imitate exactly the true color and ring, and are about right in weight.

Ex-Governor Seymour's recent letter to Senator Windem, of Minnesota, on water routes, contained about one thousand words, only eleven of which were words of more than two syllables. to cure, but should be bound immedi-Such simplicity of style in a public speaker or writer is as rare as it is commendable.

William O. Butler, who ran for Vice President on the ticket with General Cass, still lives in Carrollton, Ky., and is about ninety years of age. His wife died several years ago, and having no bildren, he lives alone with such rerospections as are awakened by his history and useful life.

The Point Keyes estate in California is credited as being the largest dairy farm in the country. It keeps an aggregate of 4,500 cows, whose milk is worked up by the thirty dairies. Among the items credited to this "ranch" is 550,-000 pounds of butter, valued at \$175,-000. It is quite a "cow pasture."

A woman who has lived for some time in Nevada, disguised as a man, was married to another woman last autumn. The bride has just revealed the secret, explaining her silence by saying that she did not know what course to pursue; she was ashamed to acknowledge that she had been so imposed upon, and shrank from admitting the truth.

The project of opening a new mint at Hong Kong, China, is now being agitat-

# FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD, Vegetable and Animal Life in the

Farm and Garden Notes. To maintain a herd of cows success-fully it is well to have one-sixth of them

two years old, one-sixth three, and the same number of the ages of four, five, six and seven years.

There is no reason why green peas should not be eaten during the entire summer. The majority of the people, however, who have gardens content themselves with one or two plantings of this wholesome and delicious vegetable. Frequently we see grape trellises made wholly of wooden bars, which the vine tendrils cannot clasp or climb on. Vertical wires, eight inches apart, are neatest, and carry the weight of shoots loaded with fruit without yielding, but light rods or neat twiggy brush answer well for the vine to climb by, and such support is essential for free and perfect growth.

Some sensible writer truthfully says that "most diseases of cattle are produced by wrong treatment-too much feed at one time, too little at another; too rich at one time, too poor at another, etc. If all horses and cattle were fed and watered and used properly there would be little disease, and all ailments could be cured by simple remedies, which every man has or may have at hand."

Ploughing green crops into the ground to act as a manure was long practised by the ancient Romans, and is done in Italy and in many other countries where the soil and climate are favorable. This mode of fertilizing is specially suited to warm countries where vegetation is rapid and luxurious. In the southern countries of Europe the harvest is early and the crops removed in time sufficient to allow the maturity of the green plants the same season.

The best time to cut wheat, according to a Missouri farmer, is "when it is passing out of the stiff dough, or when must not lay many hours in the hot sun medium size and should be laid by the binder either to right or left as need be, shocking."

This timely item appears in the South-ern Husbandman. To destroy bugs on squashes and encumber vines dissolve a tablespoonful of saltpetre in a pailful of water, put a pint of this around each hill, shaping the earth so that it will not spread much, and the thing is done. are obliged to sleep muffled up in order to avoid being made seriously ill, or The more saltpetre, if you can afford it -it is good to vegetable but death to animal life. The bugs burrow in the earth at night and fail to rise in the morning. It is also good to kill grub in peach trees-only use twice as much, say a quart to each tree. There was not a yellow or blis.ered leaf on twelve or fifteen trees to which it was applied last season. No danger of killing any vegetable with it-a concentrated solution applied to beans makes them grow wonderfully.

# Tropics.

In regard to the vegetation of the ropics Mr. Wallace in his newly published work, "Tropical Nature," finds eral way, the first thing to be consider-that although the primeval forests of the ed, whether in a dress or a coiffure, is to equatorial zone are grand and overwhelming by their vastness, and by the display of a force of development rarely or never witnessed in temperate climates, yet the comparative scarcity of flowers will prove surprising, and the absence of animal life for great distances will also impress the traveler with astonishment. Hardly does the traveler see the same tree repeated in close neighborhood; he goes toward one like the tree he is seeking, but it proves on examination to be distinct. But if flowers and animals are few and far between, insects are not; butterflies especially are brilliant features in the tropical landscape. The largest and showiest are those which move in the most leisurely manner; they owe both the preservation of their colors and the slowness of their flight to immunity from the attack of birds and beasts. These will not eat them. Other kinds that are not distasteful mimic exactly the coloring of the uncatable butterflies, and thus protect themselves. Wasps, ants and bees furnish an extraordinary variety both as

to appearance and habits; leaf insects and stick insects copy leaves and twigs so exactly that they deceive birds. The brilliant colors of the birds are only recognized after long search for them among the apparently deserted woods, the most noticeable and most abundant belonging to the parrot, pigeon and woodpecker families. Next to birds, and perhaps, to the less observant eye, even before them, the abundance and variety of reptiles form the chief characteristic of tropical nature. Lizards are by far the most abundant in individuals, and the most conspicuous; they constitute one of the first attractions to the visitor from colder lands. They literally the kernel is plump yet soft enough to swarm everywhere. Snakes are much mash with the hand; but when so cut it less prevalent. Speaking of monkeys, Mr. Wallace asserts that the prehensile tails of the American varieties are used ately and set up in shocks very soon as a fifth hand, "and is constantly used after. If wheat stands on the haulm to pick up small objects from the until 'dead ripe' it will make less and ground." He also confirms the old inferior flour, because the bran will be stories about vampire bats. Several spethicker and harder and will 'ent up' in cies are blood suckers, and abound in grinding, thus giving the flour a darker most parts of tropical America, being shade. The sheaf should be made of especially plentiful in the Amazon Valley. Their carnivorous propensities were once discredited, but are too well so that four or five swathes are thrown authenticated. Horses and cattle are together, which will save much time in often bitten and are found in the morning

covered with blood; repeated attacks weaken and ultimately destroy them. Some persons are especially subject to the attacks of these bats, and as native huts are never sufficiently closed to keep them out, these unfortunate individuals even losing their lives. The exact man-ner in which the attack is made is not positively known, as the sufferer never feels the wounds. Mr. Wallace states that he himself was once bitten on the toe, which was found bleeding in the morning from a small round hole, from which the flow of blood was not easily stopped. On another occasion, when his feet were carefully covered up, he was bitten on the tip of the nose, only awaking to find his face streaming with blood. The motion of the wings fans the sleepr into a de

### Latest Styles in Hair Dressing.

The variety of styles in coiffures (we mean hair dressing) is as great as ever. While following the fashions in a genfinds | eral way, the first thing to be considerconsult one's own taste and sense of what is or is not becoming. It is impossible to give rules for this purpose. The eye must be the guide. After considering whether your face is round, long, or oval, gentle, gay, or sad; whether your stature is tall or short; whether you are slender or graceful, or or brown, curly, wavy, or straight, you must make the question of becomingness or not the principal object in your selected style of coiffure. Then take from the fashions whatever may agree with this sure rule, and you will look well, if not beautiful. Leave eccentricities and attempts at the introduction of new styles to ladies whose beauty, marked individuality, fortune, or position in so-ciety gives them authority for bringing out new fashions and making innova-

> The prevailing idea in coiffures at present is to make the head look as small as possible. An abundant fringe of-hair covers the greater part of the forchead and temples. This may be curled, waved, frizzed, or arranged in lovelocks to suit the peculiar style of your face, whatever that may be. A coquet of Mercedes can be made to form the fringe. Another fringe falls on the nape of the neck, and this may be curled or waved or rough or smooth to suit the fancy. Long curls dangling from the chignon are exploded in this style of coiffure. All of the hair is then combed together, with or without a parting, and arranged in a small knot just at the back of the head, in such a manner as to round off its shape as much as possible, while not increasing its size. Such is the general aspect of this "coiffure D ana," as it has been named. By way of ornament two Greek bands of gold or silver filigree are added for evening wear, and a few diagonal puffs on the top of the head, with a small comb, when the face requires high dressing For dressy morning toilets tortoise shell bands are used instead of gold or silver ones, and for full ball or reception costumes a jeweled tiara or diadem. in Greek form is substituted. Nothing droops or trails at the back with this coiffure. Save the short fringe, the nape of the neck is left entirely free.

tions.

But all ladies do not adopt this bare, severe style of head-dress. Some are even returning to the flat, waved bandeaux drooping over the upper part of the ear, and quantities of back hair flowing over the shoulders from under a long, flat chignon, tied with a flat bow of ribbon just above the nape of the neck; but a woman must be young, ele-gant and exceedingly beautiful to adopt so very trying a head-dress. As before remarked, however, the latitude of choice in really fashionable coiffures is as ample as any one could desire, and any quantity of false hair is added without increasing the apparent size of the head. False fronts and false fringes for the nape of the neck, false switches and false puffs can be utilized to make up any of the fashionable head-dresses of the day, as well as the Diana coiffure described above.

### A Powerful Telescope

Sometimes Mr. Fair's glass 18 turned apon the sun, and the intense rays of the latter make a focus a short distance from the end of the tube which is capable of setting anything combustible on fire. Yesterday Mr. Fair was exhibiting the instrument to some friends, when, turning his back to it, he remarked :

"Gentlemen, since I began my astronomical duties, contemplating the vast universe, observing the sidereal move ments of the stars, the moon's ecliptic, and the axial rotations of other orbs, I stont of form or vigorous in carriage and have been a changed man. What I once gesture; whether your complexion is read in books I now know by actual obfair or dark, your hair blonde, or black, servation. Take the sun, for instance: 853,000 miles in diameter, over 1,253, 000 times the size of the earth, and exceeding the combined mass of planets 750 times."

Here the Colonel backed up into the focus of the instrument, and a jet of flame rolled up from his coat-tails. Those present, not wishing to interrupt a gentleman while speaking, said noth-ing, and the Colonel continued: "I see spots on this planet over 6,825

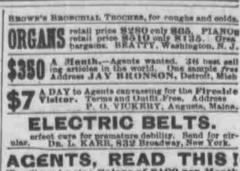
miles in diameter from the umbra to the penumbra. There is a mean-Suffering Jonathan! What the deuce is the matter with my clothes ?"

Here the flames, getting through the Colonel's tronsers, forcibly reminded that the sun, although millions of miles away, excites a powerful influence on inflammable bodies. There was a shout of laughter from the guests, and Mr. Tritle, turning on the hose, put the fire out. The lecture was not concluded, but the Colonel says he still thinks he has the most powerful telescope on the coast. - Virginia City Chronicle.

### Co-Operative Farming in England.

The Bishop of Mauchester lately made a speech at the co-operative congress in England, recommending co-operative farming. He gave an account of a cooperative farm near Assington, which he visited in 1867, after it had been in operation for thirty-seven years. It was started by John Gurdon, the squire of the village, in 1830. He rented to fif teen men sixty acres at nine dollars an acre per annum, and lent them \$2,000 for tools, stock, manure, etc. In 1867 they had long previously paid the loan; had increased their shareholders from fifteen to twenty, and the amount of hired land from sixty to one hundred and thirty acres, for which they paid 1,000 a year. The farm was managed by a committee of four, chosen by ballot, portion going out every year. The bishop found the land in admirable order, and the animals and poultry in excellent condition. In 1854 Mr. Gurdon, finding the experiment very successful, started thirty chosen men on a second co-operative farm, each contributing \$17.50. He also loaned them \$2,000. They began with seventy acres, but by 1877 were hiring 212 acres at a rent of \$1,625 a year, and had \$6,000 worth of stock, besides having paid off the \$2,000 A GOOD PLAN. bishop thought that a class of co-opera tive agriculturists would be a most important and stable element in the cnmmonwealth, and the Earl of Ripon, in a subsequent speech, said that he had also visited the farms and fully agreed with him.

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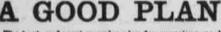
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BEFOREANDAFTER

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ed by the British government. The English find that the American trade dollar has complete possession of the commercial field as a medium of exhange, and think it will be a paying investment to open a mint to coin a similar siece of English money. The cost of \$250,000.

General Trepoff, the head of the Rusian police, was in Poland thirty years go, when the Grand Duke Constantine eived from a man on the street a box a the ear. The man fied but could not found, but the ramor spread rapid-Trepoff went to the palace and posed to publicly announce that he, not the Grand Duke, had been nck. The offer was accepted, and apoff was created a lieutenant. That m his career.

Mr. Edison, who it will be rememberis somewhat deaf, writes to a Boston atleman that he has invented a new hragm which, attached to his ear, so gather and condense sound vims as to enable him to hear with s the alightest sound, even that of the pping of a pin. It is his intention he future to apply this to the phonoph, so that speeches or debates may registered at a distance from the nker. At present one may apply it his ear in a crowded assembly and ich the words of a speaker at an alst incredible distance.

"As tight as sardines in a box" is a mmon expression. Its appropriateare the sardines are packed, the oil in lich they are cooked and canned is re expensive than the fish themselves. se it is to the interest of the packer put as many as possible in the can. ry delicate and require great care handling. As they are a migratory h, canners sometimes have several ctories at various points on the coast o as to be near the schools. The period canning in France ranges from the addle of May to the middle of August.

French paper carnestly deprecating nesting, says: "A bird's pest conon an average five eggs, which I, in the natural course, become little birds. Each little one eats w fifty flies or other insects, and this amption extends over five weeks. ting it at an average of thirty days. shall find the number of flies desoyed by each nest of birds to be 7,500. Now, every fly eats daily a quantity of dowers, leaves, &c., equivalent to its weight, until it attains its maximum of rowth; in thirty days it will have eaten nower a day, a flower which would ave become fruit. Each fly [the term then having, we will say, eaten side of the neck. Red p with the food, weekly, we found in thirty days, the 7,500 in a nest of birds would have muse a loss to us of 225,000 , apricots and poaches. We

## Protecting Cornfields from Birds.

our cornfields, and this for a period of about two weeks, starting from the time lapped up by the hovering vampire. the corn is up. To protect the fields The largest South American bats, hav-against their depredations many devices ing wings from two to two and a half are resorted to, two of which at least are se proposed new enterprise will be effectual, the rest doing little or nothing in averting the mischief. The first is the running of a twine around the field, elevated six to eight feet from the ground on poles; but this requires time and is somewhat expensive. The other is to sow corn over the field to feed the hungry birds. It is not necessary to extend this sowing over more than a small portion of the ground at two or three different places at the head lands three different places, at the head lands. The depredators would soon discover the charitable donation, and be perfectly satisfied with the arrangement, leaving the young plants unharmed. In providing the remedy the time spent would be triffing, and the whole cost from a half to a bushel of corn. But it should be remembered that the crow never eats hard corn. If found hard it is carried off, six to eight grains at a time, and buried until it becomes soft. Therefore, the corn, before being scattered, a portion at a time, should first be well soaked. With this precaution, we think we can promise any cornfield to be free. lines: from the depredations so much complained of incertain seasons. - Germantown Telegraph.

## To Tell A Fully Ripened Water-Melon.

When the melon begins to change color inside, and its seeds to turn black, a small black speck, scale, or blister, begins to appear on the outer cuticle, or rind. These are multiplied and enlarged as the fruit matures. A ripe melon will show them thickly sown over the surface. A partial development only indicates half-ripened fruit. A full crop of blisters reveals its perfect ripeness. When hundreds of melons are strewn along the sidewalk, you will have to look pretty sharply to find one that exhibits a satisfactory "escutcheon," to borrow a term from M. Guenon. But it is unfailing when found, and by following this guide you may walk away with your melon with the most entire confidence. The blister is only to be seen upon a close inspection, but is plainly visible when that is given.

### Poultry Notes.

Powdered hellebore and sulphur, mixed, is good to sprinkle around the nests of sitting hens.

Arrange for placing chicken coops among your garden vegetables, for the chicks will keep in check the insect pest. Gapes in chickens or turkeys can be cured by giving them a mixture of hen's oil and camphor-two drops of camphor mixed with three drops of oil. Open the chick's mouth and drop the mixture dle of August. Samples of summer down its throat, then rub oil on the outside of the neck. Red pepper mixed barley, oats, buckwheat, canary-seed, with the food, weekly, will keep the beans and flax. P. SCHAGHEN.

To bring a chilled or wet chick or young turk to renewed life, hold it over a smudge or smoke from a wood fire. now of the matter to the This remedy will resuscitate a chick when so far gone as to appear lifeless,

him insensible to the gentle abrasion of The crow, the blackbird, and the the skin, either by tooth or tongue. bluejay are the only birds that molest This ultimately forms a minute hole, the blood flowing from which is sucked or in expanse, are fruit-eaters, the leet true blooded suckers being small, or a medium size, and varying in color in different localities. They belong to the genus Phyllostoma, and have a tongue with horny papillæ at the end; it is probably by means of this that they abrade the skin and produce a small round wound.

### Two Poetic Curiosities.

By first reading the following lines separately, as though they were two verses, and then reading all the way across, they express opposite meaning: "I always did intend Single my life to spend It much delighteth me To live from woman free I can't be satisfied. The female to my mind, The joy I can't express, A bachelor to live, My mind I freely give, A married man to be."

A similar result will follow in the verses below by first reading the lines

in regular order and then coupling the first and third and second and fourth "The man must lead a happy life,

Who is directed by a wife; Who's free from matrimonial chains, Is sure to suffer for his pains.

"Adam could find no real peace Until he saw a woman's face; When Eve was given for a mate, Adam was in a happy state. "Tis in the female heart appear

Unwavering faith and love sincere; Hypocrisy, deceit and pride In woman's nature ne er reside.

"What tongue is able to unfold The female virtues we behold? The falsehoods that in woman dwell Are almost imperceptible.

" Hanged be the foolish man, I say, Who will not yield to woman's sway! Who changes from his singleness, Is sure of perfect blessedness."

The Original Purchase of New York. The following is an exact translation of the report of the original purchase of the island of New York:

HIGH AND MIGHTY LORDS-Yesterday arrived the ship The Arms of Amsterdam. She sailed from the River Mauritius (Hudson), in the New Netherlands, on 23 September. They report that our folk there are prosperous and live in peace; their women have borne children there already. They have purchased from the Indians for the sum of sixty guilders (\$24) the island Manhattan, which is 11,000 morgen (13,920 acres) large. They have already sowed grain by the middle of May and reaped by the midcrops have come, such as wheat, rye, Amsterdam, 5 November, 1626.

What is the difference between a man struck with amazement and a loopard's tail ? One is rooted to the spot, and the other is spotted to the root.

Fashion Notes.

brown dresses.

Satin is to be worn all summer. The new redingotes are only short princess dresses.

Bright red silk pipings are used on

Two shades of brown are much used in walking costumes.

Costumes of black India cashmere have vests of white satin.

Some French dresses have three vests, one above the other.

Flower head-dresses rise to a point at the center and have drooping fringes. Cotton materials embroidered in gold

thread are among the things to come. A bride who sends cards to friends in deep mourning should make the first call.

Black silk stockings are again worp. They have bars or dots of embroidery on the instep or are clocked.

Cameos on black ground-work, the figure in a flesh-colored layer of stone, are much liked just now.

Thick pinked ruches of silk of many colors will be used to trim white India cashmere dresses this year.

Lawn dresses have a folded scarf in-stead of an overskirt. It lies smoothly across the front breadths and is plaited fan-fashion at the back.

Women with light hair should never wear gilt or gold pins in it. Their tresses are really drab, and the glitter of the gold makes them look dull and dead.

The favorite engagement ring in New York is a thread of gold supporting a solitare diamond, but a sapphire and emerald, or a combination of all three stones, is sometimes used. Three pearls, pink, white, nd cream-color, are sometimes set together for engagement rings.

### Why Gold Changes Color.

It is well known that the human body contains humors and acids, similar in action to, and having a like tendency toward, baser metals, as nitric and sulphuric acids have, namely, to tarnish or dissolve them, varying in quantity in different persons; of this theory we have abundant proof in the effects which the wearing of jewelry. produces on different persons. Thousands wear continually, without any ill-effect, the cheaper class of jewelry with brass ear-wires, while if others wore the same article for a few days they would be troubled with sore ears; or, in other words, the acids contained in the system would so act on the brass as to produce ill results. Instances have occurred in which articles of jewelry of any grade below eighteen carat have been tarnished in a few days, merely from the above-named cause. True, these instances are not very frequent ; nevertheless, it is as well to know them, and they are sufficient to prove that it is not in every case the fault of the goods not wearing well-as it is generally called-but the result of the particular constitution by which they are worn, - The Jeweler,

of Jule Charleville, near Plaquemines. La., when opened by a young lady in New Orleans, who had been requested by the owner, was found to contain the bones of a minnow. The only explanation is that the minnow may have caught in the vines during the overflow of the farm, which was caused by a crevasse.

Mothers ! Mothers !! Ben't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Byrup for all diseases incident to the period of teething in children. It relieves the child from pain, cures wind colic, regulates the bowels, and, by giving relief and health to the child, gives rest to the mother. It is an old and well-tried remedy.

Brown Breakfast Cakes. One cupful each of graham and white flour, one teaspoon Dooley's Yeast Powder, one pint sweet milk, one egg. a little sait; separate white and yolk of the egg. and beat thoroughly. Bake in heated irons, and in a quick oven.

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