Bringing Up Three that were Taken Young on the Plains.

Colonel Ezra Miller, of Mahwah, N.J. brought up three buffalces that were sent to him from the plains of the West, and gives his experience with them as follows in an interview with a New York

1" I have proved to my own satisfaction," the colonel said, "several important points, First, that buffaloes can be tamed. Second, that it doesn't cost one-half as much to keep a buffalo as to keep an ordinary cow. Third, they can be fattened as quickly as ordinary beeves, and on half the food, and their meat is just as good. Fourth, they are as good milkers as our Alderneys; and fifth, they are as good butter makers. The milk of the buffalo is a little yellower than that of the Alderney, but very sweet and rich, and there is more cream than in the Alderney milk. As to the quantity of milk given by buffalo cows, they will average with the average milker. The udder of the buffalo cow is very small indeed, but the milk veins are immense. This is a provision whereby nature enables them to run faster than if cumbered by a large udder. I am of the with the big Dutch cattle that have such

"Now, in drawing the balance between the buffalo and the ordinary cow, I find these facts: The buffalo can be kept at one-half the cost of the cow: that's one point for the buffalo. We will assume, to give the cow a fair show, that she yields more milk and butter, That balances the account so far. The buffalo is fully equal to our stock in the quality of meat. So they are still on even terms; but its hide is worth four times as much, so it comes out far ahead in the last heat, as horsemen say, The hide from my bull was a beautiful specimen. It was better than a \$25 robe I bought to compare with it. The fur was longer and finer, the result of good feed, I think,"

buffalo of the plains.

The colonel led the way to the barnyard where the buffalo cow and heifer were kept. A savory smell was exhaled from the kitchen as he passed.

"Come in here a minute," he said, suddenly. Three or four farmhands were eating dinner, and a large platter of what seemed to be beefsteak stood on the table. The colonel seized a knife and cut into it. It was sweet, juicy, and tender, and well flavored. "That is from the round," the colonel said. "Not the best cut by any means, as you know; but our women say the buffalo meat is all tenderloin. The hump is very fine, being rich and juicy. The heart is immense in size, and the liver beats any beef liver I ever tasted."

A good-looking colored man went to the cow stables, and from among a number of ordinary-looking animals turned out the buffalo cow. Her black horns curved upward and were tipped with brass knobs. Otherwise she was gentle, and the heifer answered readily o the name of " Nancy."

"We have had no trouble in raising them," the colonel said, "and they herd with the other cattle on the best of terms. What surprises me is their weakness. I supposed they were very powerful; but they are not. I have seen a yearling Alderney bull push Bill, the buffalo bull, when he was three years old, right up hill. They are fast, but they are not strong. They are also very cowardly, very playful and very cun-ning. I have studied their habits and have been greatly amused. If one of them sees you shut a gate, he'll go up and open it immediately after you; but he won't go out of the gate. I had them in that lot there, and noticed that a length of the fence that separated the pasture from a field of rye was down. I sent a man to nail it up. Bill stood just behind him and watched him closely. The man had not got back to the house before Bill gravely walked up to the fence, put his horns under the lower board. and ripped the whole length down, and then quietly turned round and walked off. One day the men were working on that side hill with barrows. At noon, while they were eating dinner under that shed, they heard a rattle, and down came Bill, a handle of the wheelbarrow on each horn, wheeling it. He wheeled it to the foot of that hill there, when it turned over. Then he tried to get it back. I have seen him roll a barrel half way up the hill and then let roll down, and every time the barrel bounced over a stone Bill grunted and jerked up his ridiculous tail. They don't bellow like our cattle; they grunt.

One day some girls who were visiting here from New York went on the hill for blackberries, carrying a small tin pail, such as the men use in carrying salt when they salt the cattle. Bill saw the pail, and, though afraid of the girls, slowly walked toward them. They slowly edged away. Bill followed. The girls walked faster; so did Bill. They ran; Bill broke into a trot, and down the hill they came, the girls still holding the pail, and frightened out of their wits, and Bill behind longing for salt. Hanged if those girls idn't climb that high fence there within three lengths of an open gate. They never saw it, Bill stopped with a grunt and a jerk of his

"A curious thing," the colonel said, "is their dance. I call it their war-dance, and I believe the Indians got the idea of the war-dance from them, as well as the grunt. Those three buffaloes would go up among those cedars and Bill would rear up against one, put his forelegs around it, and bend it down to the ground. Then the others would join him, and they'd all stand over the bent sapling. Suddenly, at a given sgrunt, they'd jump away, and, as the sapling sprang up with a switch, they'd start in

buffalo country, where the calves could be collected and domesticated, and whence they could be shipped to the East. If something of this kind isn't done, the buffalo will be exterminated."

#### Celluloid.

"It seems to me," remarked a gentleman in New York the other day, "that about everything we have now, except what we eat, is made out of celluloid," An investigation of the subject almost tends to persuade one that this statement is scarcely exaggerated. Although celluloid was invented nine or ten years ago (by two brothers named Hyatt), its perfected manufacture has been regularly in progress for only about five years, and it is considered to be still in its infancy; yet immense quantities of the substance are produced, it is converted into a wonderful variety of forms, and new modes of applying it are discovered

almost daily. Celluloid is a composition of fine tissue paper and camphor, treated with chemicals by a patented process. A rather common impression that it contains gun-cotton is a mistake, which arises from confounding it with collodion. Celluloid, it is said, is entirely non-explosive, and burns only when in direct contact with flame, When crude opinion that the most desirable cross is it leoks like a transparent gum, and its color it a light yellow-brown. It can be big udders. I think that crossing them with our short-horns will give remarkably good beef. But the beef from our buffaloes more than met my expectations. It was sweet and juicy, and tender, not at all like the meat of the buffalo of the plains.

As a close imitation of ivory, celluloid has made great inroads in the business assert that in durability it is much superior to ivory, as it sustains hard knecks without injury, and it is not dis-colored by age or use. Great quantities are used for piano and organ keys, to the manufacture of which one company is devoted.

tion ivory, for combs, card-cases, cigar-cases, match-boxes, pocketbooks, nap-kin rings, jeweiry and all sorts of fancy articles. The substance is employed for similar purposes as a good imita-tion of malachite and also of amber. It is made into mouthpieces for pipes, cigar-holders and musical instruments, and is used as the material of flutes, flageolets and drumsticks. For drumheads it is said to be superior to parchment, and it is not affected by moisture in the atmosphere.

As a substitute of porcelain, celluloid is used for the heads of dolls, which can be hammered against a hard floor without danger of fracture. Beautiful jewelry is made of it in imitation of the most elaborately carved coral, reproducing all the shades of the genuine article. Most of the coral tints are bright or dark red, however, as the makers, strange to say, have found that excellent copies of the costly pink coral are not in popular demand

Within the last year and a half another branch of the celluloid manufacture has been developed which promises to reach enormous proportions. This is the ordinary buffalo. Her calf, the yearling heifer, was her counterpart linen or paper in the making of shirt cuffs, collars, etc. It has the appearance of well-starched linen, is sufficiently light and flexible, does not wrinkle, is not affected by perspiration and can be worn for months without injury. It becomes soiled much less readily than linen, and when dirty is quickly cleaned by the application of a little soap and water with a sponge or rag. For travelers and for wear in hot weather the celluloid linen is especially convenient. It has lately been much improved by the introduction of real linen between two thicknesses of celluloid. Shirt fronts have been made of it, as well as cuffs and collars, and it is believed that these will prove equally desirable.

#### Wanted More "Ointment."

A Washington correspondent tells this anecdote: In the year 187- an official from the regions of Puget sound came to the capital to transact some important business with one of the executive departments. It was his first visit to the seat of government of his country, and it was evident, from his dress and manner, that he was infinitely more at home on the frontier, attired in buckskin, and sleeping with the blue canopy of heaven for a covering, and living, on his round of official duty, on the products of his rifle. The amenities and comforts of civilization were new to him; but, with genuine American selfassertion, he purchased an "outfit" of broadcloth, mainly a "swallow-tail," on the "slope," and traveled in Pullman cars over the mountains and across the plains and prairies to the capital. Arriving here, he sought out the best hotel, and put up there. At dinner that day, after astounding the waiters by his extraordinary gastronomic ca-pacity, having tasted of every dish on the menu, the Puget Sounder touched bottom on the dessert. Amongst other things there were apple dumplings, with a sauce of sugar and butter, and a strong infusion of cognac, a combina-tion of ingredients not objectionable to the frontier official. The steward, in doling out his dumplings, assigned to each a becoming ration of sauce. The Puget Sounder, by a partiality for sauce, caused it to fail in its distribution to dumpling, so that the supply of the former was prematurely exhausted, leaving but a leathery mass of bare dump-ling. The frontier official, in his time, had swallowed worse things than Washington hotel dumplings; but after nibbling around the doughy mass and selecting from beneath the covering all the apple he could scrape out, the waiter, noticing the situation, stepp 1 up and inquired: "Governor, will you have some more dumpling?" The official, first looking at the waiter to see if he was in earnest, and then at his plateful of excavated dumplings, replied, No, thank ye; but, if it's all the same

Bagdad's "Date Mark" Malady, No account of Bagdad would be complete or even honest, which omitted mention of the Bagdad "date mark," a mysterious malady which affects everybody, whether citizen or stranger. It is a dry, eating sore, which comes generally upon the face, lasts for a year, and then goes away forever, leaving an indelible mark about the size and shape of a date, as evidence of the visitation. The cicatrix is just skin deep; and the spot appears as if the surface had been seared away with caustic or a hot iron, and it by no means enhances the beauty of the victim. The sore generally comes in childhood, and then it commonly settles upon the face. The cheek of nearly every man or woman brought up in Bagdad shows the unmistakable mark.

Sometimes it settles on the nose, and then the disfigurement is considerable, sometimes on the eyelid, and blindness is generally the result. Strangers are attacked even after a brief residence; but if they be adults, they get the sore on the arm or wrist. It is more painful there than on the cheek, but of course there is no disfigurement. In every case the attack runs its conrse for a year; no treatment, no ointment or medicine has the slightest effect upon it. Once the sore makes its appearance, the sufferer knows what to expect, and as he may as well resign himself philosophically to all it involves. The Arabs say that every one that goes to Bagdad must get the "date mark;" if he does not get it while in the city, he will get it after he leaves; and if he does not get it while alive, he will get it after he is dead. It is not to be avoided.

In Aleppo the disease is known as the "Aleppo button," and there, as in Bag-dad, the favorite theory is that water is of the ivory manufacturers. Its makers the cause of the evil. But two European physicians, who went to the city to investigate the matter, were themselves attacked within a fortnight after their arrival in the town, though they took the precaution of having their drinking water brought from a distant place, where its quality was above suspicion. Celluloid can be mottled so as to that tate the finest tortoise-shell, and its elasticity renders it less liable to break-the form it is used like imitation of the town which predisposes to the attack.

The visitation is not as a rule painful, unless it happens to fix upon a spot above a joint or a muscle frequently brought into exercise. The irritation occasioned by movement of the affected part is often considerable, and gives rise to a great deal of suffering. general health is little, if at all, disturbed in ordinary cases. The children play about the narrow streets and make mud-pies quite joyously, with great ulcers, the size of a crown piece, on their little cheeks; it gives them no concern that they are being marked and disfigured for life, and of pain they feel nothing .- Geary's " Through Asiatic Turkey.

#### "Important Business."

A man with a comforter tied around his waist and a whip in his hand called at the postoffice for a letter yesterday, and for reasons which no human being may ever understand he suddenly decided to have his boots blacked, and not to pay more than five cents for the job, either. The first boy invited to begin work took a cool survey of the boots, and then softly replied:

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The second boy had already prepared to kneel down when he realized the dimensions of the boots before him, and suddenly straightening up said:

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