TIMELY TOPICS.

Dr. Busch, who has risen to the high est rank in the German foreign office, has no noble birth to recommend him, He began life as a dragoman to the Prussian consulate at Constantinople. and there thoroughly mastered the in-tricacies of the Eastern imbroglio. He studied politics with equal success when attached to the legations at Stamboni and St. Petersburg; and when the last Turco-Russian War began Bismarck summoned him to Berlin, and relied upon him for information on the changing phases of the Eastern question. Before Bismarck's rule only aristocrats were permitted to enter the Prussian diplomatic corps. Now there are many commoners holding the highest offices.

The desirability of having immediate and absolute control of telegraphic facilities in certain emergencies has led to the leasing of telegraph wires by newspapers. The London Times has some short ones; the New York Tribune has a wire between New York and Washington; the leading papers of Cincinnati are similarly connected with Washington; and recently the Chicago Inter-Ocean has taken what is probably the longest wire leased by any newspaper, connect ing its editorial rooms with its new bureau in Washington. All message are sent direct, the paper having exclusive use of the wire and employing its own operators.

Prof. Bernbech, writing to the Medical Press, calls attention to the probable danger arising from the use of ultramarine wall papers. He states that a room hung with an ultramarine colored pa-per gave out a most disagreeable smell of sulphuretted hydrogen, the source of which for some time escaped detection. Eventually, however, a close examination was made of the paper, which led to the conclusion that the deep blue ed, for on steeping a piece of the paper in a very dilute solution of alum it gave

Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, which now runs through the heart of the city, so forming and connecting the capitol of the United States with the official home of the nation's chief magistracy has in the comparatively few years of its existence been the scene of many gratly ment of the present century, over the mud which then formed its road for the British armies moved. Over Pennsylvania avenue has passed to his inauguration nearly every president of the United States. Washington, the first, as it is almost needless to say, was not inaugurated here. He took the oath of office on the 30th of April, 1779, in the New York city hall, then called the Federal building, and situated where the custom house now stands. Upon Pennsylvania avenue almost any day during the winter, may be seen most of the men distinguished in the politics of this country. It is the habit of all the peo-ple of Washington to walk on the avenue during the hours from 4 to 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the evening.

Filial Affection of the Moors. A Portugese surgeon was accosted one day by a passing young Moor from the country, who, addressing him by the appellation of foreign doctors in that place, requested him to give him some drugs to kill his father, and, as an inducement, promised to pay him well. The surgeon was a little surprised at first, as might be expected, and was unable to answer immediately; but quick-ly recovering himself (for he knew the habits of the people well), replied with sang froid equal to the Moor's: "Then you don't live comfortably with your father, I suppose?" "Oh, nothing can be better," returned the Moor; "he has made much money, has married me well, and endowed me with all his possessions; but he cannot work any longer, he is so old, and he seems un-willing to die." The doctor, of course. appreciated the amiable philosophy of the Moor's reasoning, and promised to give him what he desired. He . ccordingly prepared a cordial potion, more calculated to restore energy to the old man than to take it away. The Moor paid him well, and departed. About eight days after he came again, to say that his father was not dead. "No dead," exclaimed the apothecary in well-feigned surprise; "he will die." He composed accordingly another draught, for which he received an equal remuneration, and assured the Moor that it would not fail in its effects. In fifteen days, however, the Moor came again, complaining that his f ther turived better than ever, "Don't be discouraged," said the doctor, who doubtless found these periodical visits very profitable, "give him another potion, and I will exert all my skill pre-paring it." The Moor took it, but returned no more. One day the surgeon met his young acquaintance in the street, and inquired the success of the remedy. "It was of no avail," he replied cournfully; "my father is in ex-cellent health. God has preserved him

Ostrich Farming.

Ostrich forming at the Cape of Good Hope has made a wonderful advance in the past fifteen years. In 1865 only eighty tame birds were reported in the colony, but in 1875, there were 40,000, and now there are fully 100,000. So great has the demand been for these pirds that the incubator has been pressed into service for hatching their eggs. The profits derived from raising the young birds, as well as from the sale of feathers, are very great where the raiser has good luck; but there are, on the other hand, many farmers who invested all the money they had in birds, and lost it all through mismanagement or otherwise The business of raising ostriches is always more or less precarious, and probably always will be; consequently, where

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

About Orchards.

salts broadcast. Stop cultivating in August, weeds or no weeds. To judge of the condition of an apple tree is like judging of the condition of sheep in pasture. Look at the sheep and not at the pasture; if they are plump and fat the pasture is all right.—American Cul-

Cream is the Last Milk. The last milk drawn from the cow, and usually called the strippings, is very rich in cream. This is doubtless due to the fact that as the milk is secreted in the u der the cream rises, and the last. that is drawn contains the most of it. In a number of experiments made to test this question it was found that the milk of various cows differed, as fol-

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This fact is so well-known that the patrons of creameries or cheese factories are specially forbidden, under large penalties, from milking the strippings separately and withholding them from the rest of the milk.

To Tell the Age of Cattle.

The age of horned cattle may gener ally be known by rings on the horns till their tenth year; after that time they give no indicati n of age further than wall paper was slowly undergoing a pro-cess of decomposition under the influ-ence of the alum in the paste used in hanging. This appeared to be confirmsometimes before that age. During the third year the ring gradually increases, off sufficient sulphereted hydrogen to and at three years of age it is completely be quite perceptible to the nose, and to formed. The second ring appears durblacken lead paper. is complete. After that period an additional ring is formed each year. This rule is sufficiently plain, and even a young farmer needs but little practice to enable him to read a cow's age on her horns. A cow with three rings is six years old. No new rings are formed after the tenth year; the deeper rings, howpeculiar and most interesting occurren-ces. A dozen years after the commence-horns are pretty sure indications of old

Treatment of Clay Solls.

Clay soils, says a writer, give stability to the roots of the wheat, preventing it from freezing out; they furnish the necessary alkalies and absorb gaseous substances which are essential to that crop. Clover may be applied to them with benefit. But stable manure—anything and everything organic that you can get—will benefit them. No matter how coarse or strawy, all the better if you can work it in. They will make the soil lighter and establish a freer circulation chanical conditions of the soil. Then, they need. Clay soils readily absorb manure and keep it. Like the wise woman, "they take all they can and keep all they get." Don't be afraid of losing your stable manure on clayey ground. Slap it on. It will hold it tighter than you can. Unless the soil is already rich in lime, you can apply nothing better. So with ashes. These will help it me-chanically and chemically. If you have clay soil underdrain it; mix sand with it if you can; light composts you must; sow it to wheat and harvest forty bushels to the acre. But do not forget to apply lime if it lacks that. Clay soils are better snited to timothy than clover, although they grow both. But it will not pay to raise clover on them unless the bottom is dry. Clay soils are also good for oats and potatoes if the bottom is dry; in short, clay soils are generally good for nothing unless underdrained. I would resort to green manuring on andy soils; to light composts, lime ashes and stable and barnyard manure on clay soils. On sandy soils, while practicing a rotation of crops, I would raise corn principally, unless the ground was hilly; on clayey soils, while again practicing rotation, I would raise wheat and oats as much as possible, also timothy for hay. Yet green manuring is profitable on clay soils, if you underdrain. In manuring these soils your object should be to make them warm and light. To do this the manure should be thoroughly incorporated into the soil with the plow.

Recipes.

Cheam Cookies .- Two cups sugar, two eggs, one cup cream, one cup butter, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful lemon extract or one-half a nutmeg, grated; flour enough to make a dough as soft as it can be rolled.

JELLIED CHICKEN.—Boil a fowl until the flesh will slip easily from the bones; let the water be reduced to one pint; pick the meat from the bones in goodsized pieces, leaving out all the gristle from all our efforts; there is no doubt and fat; place in a wet mold; skim all the that he is a marabout"—(a saint). of geletine, a little butter, pepper and salt; when the geletine is dissolved pour all over the chicken while hot; season

pretty high; serve cold, cut in slices. SOUTHERN BEEF HASH .- Take the rarest cold roast beef, cut into small pieces, but not so small as for mince meat; pour into a vessel with cold water enough to cover it; cut up a onion; add pepper and salt enough to season it. Cook unti' the onion is thoroughly done, adding hot water, if necessary, to prevent burning. If pota-toes are liked with the hash, add fresh ones sliced thin. By no means add cold potatoes, as these are unfit to be used in making a nice dish; and be sure to have plenty of gravy, as on this depends the completeness of the hash. A tablespoonful of butter will improve it.

Quacks and Superstitions.

No part of the Rev. Dr. Upham's Grace church lecture on "Some Follies If you have money to fool away seed of Some Sensible People" was more first acquaintance with the church down your young orchard to clover or heartily enjoyed by his large audience organ, watched the player long and timothy or sow a crop of wheat or oats.
But if you want your trees to thrive culand the superstitions which many people tivate well till they are seven to ten still entertain concerning certain alleged years old. Spread ashes, manure or cures for disease. He instanced this recipe for whooping-cough, once held in high favor here in New England: "Cut off a lock of the child's hair, roll it in butter, and give it to a yellow dog. Be particularly careful to observe this last direction, as no Newfoundland canine or black-and-tan terrier will do."

The speaker said that while a pastor in a cultivated New England city he was called to visit a young woman who was said to be in the last stages of consumption, although he had seen her at church in perfect health within twenty-four hours. He found that she had employed a doctor who had stepped into his profession from a tin peddler's cart, after three weeks of 'study," and that he had told the family that the decay in a certain tooth had gone down on her lungs and placed her in the last stages, etc. The woman is still alive, weighs 200 pounds and bids fair to live for forty years longer. - Springfield (Mass.) Repub-

The Towers of Silence.

These towers, which are built in a compound on the top of Malabar Hill, in the Island of Bombay, are six in number, and overlook the sea, the oldest being 300 years. The internal arrangements of the towers are as follows,-The bodies are placed in three separate circles-the outer and larger one for men, the middle one for women, and the smallest for children. There is a pit in the centre, into which the bones are thrown after the flesh is stripped off, and paths to allow the priest to move about. The flooring gradually sinks to the centre to let the rain into the pits from which it filters into the earth, The towers vary in size from about thirty to fifty feet in diameter, and eight to fourteen in height.

This Parsee mode of disposing of the dead seems to European minds very revolting. The body, after the religious ceremony is performed in the temple where the friends are assembled, is carried out and placed in one of the towers, where it remains exposed to the elements until the flesh is entirely eaten off, by the crowds of vultures which frequent the place, in about one hour. When the skeleton becomes dry, it is thrown into the pit in the centre; thus the rich and poor meet together on one level of equality after death. When the pit becomes full of bones, they are taken out and thrown into the sea, thus fulfilling one of the principal tenets of the Zoro-aster religion, "That the mother earth shall not be defiled."

Power of Habit.

It is related of Queen Louise, of Prussia, mother of the present Emperor William, that one of her frequent visitors, a special friend of her husband, was an old general called Kockeritz. This old soldier, after having dined with his royal friends, always manifested at a certain time a peculiar nervousness and restlessof the air-two important things to be ness, as if wishing to depart, while at other gained, two great advantages in the me- hours of the day he was only too glad to stay and have a friendly chat. But the addition of organic matter helps after dinner he always showed this great these soils chemically; it is just what they need. Clay soils readily absorb matter they need. Clay soils readily absorb matter they need. and resolved to find out the cause.

She made inquiry of his steward, who, after a few questions, explained that the old general had indulged for so many long years in the habit of smoking a long pipe after dinner that he could not possibly do without it. The next time the old general came to dine he exhibited after the repast the same nervous restlessness, and rose to take leave. Whereupon Louise rose, too, and said: "Wait a little, general; I want to show you something." She went into the next room. On her return she held a long pipe already filled in one hand and a burning waxlight and a "spill" in the other. Handing the pipe to the astonished old man and lighting the spill, she said: "There, my old general, make yourself comfortable; this time you shall not desert us."

Floating Grain Mills.

A correspondent describing a trip down the Danube in Austria, says: The floating grain mills on the Danube are its most curious feature. Fancy two caral boats moored parallel to each other in mid-river, about fifteen to twenty feet apart, and supporting be tween them the crank of a gigantic mill wheel turned by the current of the stream. Fancy, moreover, the sides of one of these boats carried up one story higher than the other, then roofed over a la Nosh's ark, with windows and doors as needed, and you will have a fair idea of these Danube grain mills, some 4,000 to 5,000 of which, in groups of ten or twelve together, are scattered along this watery highway all the way from Vienna to Belgrave. Each mill is nscribed with the owner's name.

The Subject of Suicide.

Some of the causes of suicide are absurdly trivial, A women in India threw herself into a well, because her little boy did not come to dinner after having been repeatedly called; another in Brunn, because the neighbors laughed at her fatness. A girl in Marseilles suffocated herself and her master's daughter with charcoal fumes because they were re-fused permission to go out skating, and another in Hesse Cassel drowned herself and infant in the Fulda rather than bring the child to be vaccinated.

[Atchinson Champion.]

No Benefit. An Indiana newspaper thus writes Mr. George F. Helderle, of Peru, Ind., says that he had suffered very much with rheumatism and used many remedies without benefit. He found the desired relief in St. Jacobs Oil.

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Little Grace, who was quite familiar with the hurdy-gurdy and its aimian attachment, but who was making her organ, watched the player long and earnestly. Finally her eye caught the blower, pumping up and down in the background. "Mamma," she exclaimed, "that's the biggest monkey I ever did see."-Boston Transcript.

[Pottetown Daily Ledger.] A Michigan journal relates the following: Amos James, Esq., proprietor of the Huron house, Port Huron, Mich., suffered so badly with rheumatism that he was unable to raise his arm for three months. Five bottles of St. Jacobs Oil

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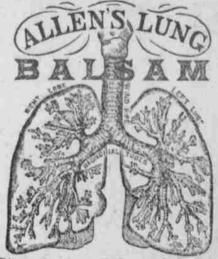
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