

A DISQUISITION ON PETS.

THE RELATIVE MERITS OF BEARS, BEES AND HORNEDE TOADS.

Unpleasant Experience of a Gentleman, a Bear, and a Beehive—The Somnolent Frog.

A man inclined to flabby corpulence and wishing to tone up his system and to tone down his waistband by steady and invigorating exercise may safely indulge in a pet bear, writes Henry Guy Carleton in the New York World.

There is nothing I know in the entire animal kingdom so calculated to furnish a man with athletic pastime as a well-developed bear.

I once had four beehives for pets, and, as a happy combination with these, I was presented with an able-bodied bear about ten months' old.

There was only one thing to be done—to close in with that bear, assert my mastery and compel him to submission.

Kindness, combined with firmness, will do a great deal towards softening the nature of a dumb animal.

The rough and tumble lasted about seven minutes, during which I became heartily disgusted with that bear, and if a neighbor had not kindly stepped across the way and thoughtfully rendered assistance by filling him up with luscious honey, I am satisfied I would have lived to regret the day I got him.

A bear is an entertaining pet, but when not entirely sober and when complicated with several colonies of hysterical bees he is capable of depths of turpitude which might shock persons of refined taste.

Dogs are favorite pets with some, and three large yellow dogs in a small house will make their presence felt and occupy the mind of the owner.

Canaries are a lemon-colored affliction but one degree removed from felony or yellow fever.

Horned frogs cost nothing in Arizona, and may be shipped by mail at the same low rates as rattlesnakes, scorpions and other territorial products.

A healthy horned frog will sleep on his stomach four months without moving, and then may be turned upon his back, where he will sleep four more, and this amusing trick endears him to his owner and keeps money from the door.

Pets are necessary to the higher enjoyment of life, but how to select is one of the most difficult problems ever presented.

Cats and canaries do not go well together—or, rather, go together too well, and the consolidation has fatal results.

Discipline the Eye. A very good way to discipline the mechanical eye is to first measure an inch with the eye, then prove it with a rule.

These instances show that it is the heat of the air that brings forward vegetation and not the heat of the ground.

Many experienced horticulturists, no doubt, know these facts, but the great mass of the people do not—hence the reason why we write.—Wife.

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Russian, medieval, and renaissance styles are the rage in Paris.

PARK AND GARDEN.

Keeping Fruit.

The great secret for preventing decay in fruit through autumn and winter is to preserve a uniformly low temperature.

Climate Influence on Cheese. While quality is conferred upon cheese by care and skill in making, and by its contents of fat, there are some other causes for the variation in quality.

Feeding Buttermilk to Pigs. Buttermilk is a highly nutritious food, containing, as it does, about 12 parts of protein to one part of carbon.

Retarding Trees to Escape Frost. It has been generally supposed that by planting an orchard or vineyard on the northern slope of a hillside it would retard the time of flowering.

The Land of the Midnight Sun. The inhabitant of a southern country can with difficulty comprehend how fully the shortness of the winter day in the far north is compensated by the extreme duration of daylight in summer.

A Forgotten Trifle. Nearly every expenditure in the Navy Department about which there is doubt of its proper charge to the government is met by the secretary from his private purse.

The Professor's Error. Miss De Smith (who wants the sugar)—Prof. Gray, will you please pass me some article on the table which typifies my character?

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How Ben. Butler Got Rich.

Yemenites of Today May Be Like What They Followed in the Past.

General B. F. Butler being asked for some suggestions on gaining success, stated that when he was a young lawyer, practicing in Lowell, he received a prescription advised him to take his little deposit and buy real estate, from which he could be deriving some revenue.

There is this danger of course, but one can make a fortune with a few dollars, and with the knowledge acquired by recent investigations of the cause of most ordinary ailments, and the means of cure, one runs little risk from failure.

A Nebraska farmer says his alfalfa patch afforded excellent feed, last summer, while the drought put a stop to the growth of grass and clover.

The short-horn breeds of cattle have become so generally distributed over the country that but comparatively low prices are now realized for the animals at public sales.

When hogs have the run of a field, it is rarely the case that they will get so fat as to be fatted for sale.

The French mode of killing poultry causing instant death and perfect bleeding, is accomplished by opening the beak of the fowl and with a sharp pointed and narrow-bladed knife making an incision at the base of the beak.

Now, the advantage of these two feeds will properly balance the ration and secure the greatest economy both in preventing waste and providing the greatest amount of nutriment.

It is not the nature of a cow, says the National Live-Stock Journal, discussing the question of the amount of exercise a cow requires.

Farmers think more highly of the young clover than they used to, and are learning to treat it more decently.

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