

Kentucky leads the Southern States in the production of tobacco had sufficient crop of 221,880,000 avoirdupois pounds when the sheik pointed out...

When the sheik pointed out a certain spot in the field, he thrust his hand into the soil and drew out a live cactus, blew the pieces of them, as one would blow an apple, and eagerly ate them up. He then went to a large prickly cactus, plucked a leaf armed with strong spines, bit of a piece, and swallowed it. With equal avidity he crunched and consumed thin sheets of glass. Fragments of the cactus and the glass were handed to the spectators, who examined them and convinced themselves that they were really the substances they were represented to be. An attendant brought in a shovel, the iron part of which was red hot, so that a bit of paper thrown upon it flashed at once into flame. The fakir took the wooden handle of the shovel with the right hand, placed his left on the glowing iron plate, which he also licked with apparent relish, and then stood upon it with his bare feet until it became black. This last exploit filled the air with a faint odor of burned horn. A sword, so sharp that it cut a piece of paper in two when drawn across the edge, was handed to the fakir, who thrust it with all his force against his throat, his breast and his sides. The sword was then held in a horizontal position about three feet from the ground with the edge upward, by the servant who took hold of the point, which was wrapped in several folds of cloth for the protection of his hand, and by another "Aissau, who held it by the hilt. The fakir placed his hands on the shoulders of the two men and, leaping up, broc-foot on the edge of the sword, stood there for some seconds. He then stripped and, resting his naked abdomen on the edge of the sword, balanced himself in the air without touching the floor with his feet, the sheik meanwhile pressing down upon the fakir's back with the whole weight of his body. — Popular Science Monthly.

While cutting up a tree in a swamp near Snow Hill, Md., recently, two colored men found an old cannon ball embedded in its trunk. Much of its growth had taken place since the ball found lodgment in the trunk. There has been no artillery firing in that region since the Revolutionary War.

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FARM AND GARDEN. FERTILIZING YOUNG CALVES. It should not be forgotten that milk has much solid substance, and does not supply all the water a young calf needs. It may often suffer from thirst while being fed wholly on milk. A drink of water should, therefore be given to the young calves daily, especially during the very hot weather. — American Agriculturist.

ORANGE BOXES FOR NEW SEEDS. Orange boxes make good nests and can be bought for a small sum, or got for nothing oftentimes from a fruit dealer. If you have a well-planned poultry house it would be nearer and more convenient to have a row of movable nesting compartments, each hooded so that they may be quickly separated and cleaned when necessary. Earth, under a layer of hay or straw, is considered a good material for a nest of a sifter; the moisture from the earth is distributed in moderation over the eggs, making them hatch more easily at the proper time. — New York Independent.

MAKING FLOWERS PROFITABLE. We don't mean that the farmer who grows flowers should vie with the florist in selling what he produces to the public. It is possible that the flowers produced by the farmer would come mostly at times when such flowers were abundantly and brought low prices. But they are worth just as much to beautify his home and give pleasure to the farmer's wife and family as if they sold at winter hot house prices. It is because farmers do not realize the pleasure and comforts they get from the farm that they think farming don't pay. Few rich men can deck their tables with flowers half the year at least as the farmer if he tries. He can with some hardy perennials begin about as soon as snow is off in spring, and decorate his rooms with these and their successors until snow flies in the fall. When a farmer does this one or two years he will probably try hard to get a greenhouse, and thus get more pleasure, though of course with some additional work. It is not easy to gain honest pleasure in this world without working for it, and it is always the work that precedes that makes the pleasure more welcome and enjoyable. — Boston Cultivator.

MILK AS MEDICINE. In the long, trying days of summer, men who work as hard as the average dairyman does will be weary with the strain that they undergo. Mind and body will be tired, and night finds them nervous and out of temper. When this condition is reached, there is nothing so useful to work a cure as a glass of milk. It should be heated to about ninety-nine degrees and sipped a little at a time, and nothing in the way of food taken with it other than a very small piece of bread and butter and eaten slowly. Such treatment will more quickly restore a man with nerves unstrung and temper ready to explode to a normal, mental and physical condition, than anything else that is known. It will work with women equally well, and it is always in the woman a daily trial of it according to directions will result in improvement of nervous troubles that are often, when left to grow, the ruin runners of protracted illness. Physicians in the search for remedies for diseases that drugs cannot cure have taken up milk and are surprised at the results. It has brought health where their knowledge had decreed death must occur. A western exchange tells us of a case of woman, where the physician had pronounced her incurable, getting well and staying so on a few ounces of cream used daily with the addition of some sponge cake. Siph warm milk when you feel out of spirit. It will relieve your nerves and fortify your stomach, and the world will look brighter to you after you have taken it. — American Dairyman.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Turnips are one of the best-paying crops. Cold storage for fruit is strongly recommended. Manure and cultivation should go hand in hand. The cherry does well with grass about its roots. More tomatoes are needed than any other vegetable. Thinning the fruit improves both quantity and quality. Cut hay, with ground feed, is most economical for horses. Do not manure the roots of young trees when setting them. The loss of bees will be lessened by keeping them in darkness. For a late tomato crop, sow the seed about the beginning of June. The Italian bee is generally considered the best for all purposes. In order to keep bees off of cucumbers, cover the plants with netting. To destroy dandelions, cut away the crown of the plant with a sharp knife. It is said that bees will sometimes fly a distance of six miles for white clover. Cabbages may be fed to cows at night, after milking, without flavoring the milk. If the bee-keeper's supply of honey is small, he will find it better to sell it near home. Black bees are not considered so liable to the "nameless bee disease" as the Italians. If only the best fruits are grown there will be little danger of overdoing the fruit business. A safe rule to follow is to cultivate all newly planted fruit trees the same as a crop of corn or potatoes. Scaled covers are not to be recommended, particularly in a severe winter, with bees in the open air. A succession of sweet corn may be secured for the season by planting different varieties the same day. The Italian is the most prolific and best all-round bee. With its long tongue it is able to get right to the bottom of the flowers, as the black bee cannot. The successful sheepman, he he breeder, feeder, dealer, or wool grower, owes his success to the fact that he keeps in closest touch with the buying and selling markets. He keeps an eye on sheep commercially. A Monster Petrified Whale. Leon Del Mar, a Frenchman connected with the National Museum, San Jose, Costa Rica, reports a find of equal or greater value than the Mosasaurus (Col.), fossilized monster. Leo's find is not a "Dinosaur" or other half mythical creature which the lapse of ages has transformed into stone, but a common everyday whale, 216 feet in length, with bones mineralized until they are as hard as Jasper and as heavy as lead. The "Museum" officials are in a quandary, and are debating as to which would be the cheapest, to move their museum buildings over onto the mountain range where the petrified monster lies, or to try to transfer his firmy remains to the Costa Rican capital. The point selected by this anti-Indian giant when he concluded to give up the ghost, along about the time of the close of the cretaceous or some other geological period, is a rift between two mountain peaks, seventy-two miles from San Jose and 8300 feet above sea level. There must have been a season of high waters in that section at one time. Either that or Del Mar's specimen was a regular mountain climber. — St. Louis Republic.

TEMPERANCE. IN TWO CHAPTERS. Miss Willard puts the drunkard's career in two very short chapters, as follows. CHAPTER I. He could have left off drinking if he would. CHAPTER II. He would have left off drinking if he could. THE END. THE TIME IS COMING. Professor Moses Stuart in 1806 said: "The time is coming when those who use intoxicating liquors will be able to lift up their heads in a Christian church which has any good claim to elevation and purity of character. They will be as really and truly stigmatized as the unchristian conduct of those who are guilty of vice that are now deemed palpatly disgraceful."

DEFEATING THE LAW. Temperance people in Wales are hated by the same discouragements that confront their brethren in this country. The Welsh have experimented with the plan of allowing liquor to be sold on Sunday to travelers with the same result that has been experienced in this country. By tacit consent, it seemed to be settled that a person who journeyed three miles was a traveler within the meaning of the law. Lately nearly all Wales has been long by character. They will be as really and truly stigmatized as the unchristian conduct of those who are guilty of vice that are now deemed palpatly disgraceful."

YOUNG MAN, ANOY! "Wine in, wit out." — Anglos Every Week. And yet that old saying is only true after a certain stage of the game has been passed. Many men, and many women, are witty and facetious after a drink or two of wine than before. It doesn't take a young man to find out that he can say more witty things, and raise more laughs at his witticisms when he is a trifle cocked than when he is his own natural self. When he finds himself given to short snuff, naturally he is trying to cure it. It is perfectly natural that he should avail himself of every means within his reach, to "keep his end up" as the saying is. He is a hostler, and he knows that he has to go on and on, and he knows too hard, until instead of being funny, he gets into a rut, and then the very feeling which he had applauded him for, him a hog, and want the beer to be sold to him. This sort of thing goes on night after night, until the fellow grows to be a regular drunkard, and don't amount to anything, or, and see if this doesn't hit your case. If you don't take more drinks to make you funny than for any other reason, — Danville (N. Y.) Breeze.

STRONG MEDICAL EVIDENCE. Among those who have given testimony before the Canadian Royal Commission in investigating the liquor problem is F. W. Campbell, M. D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and Consulting Physician of Western Hospital, and Medical Director for the Canadian Life and New York Irish Companies. He testified that: "A great portion of the cases he had to deal with in his hospital practice was caused by drink. He would say at least seventy per cent. directly, and from ten to fifteen per cent. indirectly. Closely questioned by the Chairman, he reported his statement that fully eighty-five per cent. of the hospital cases were the result of drink. He further volunteered the statement that over nine years' experience of dealing with 120 soldiers in St. John's Infirmary School, he was prepared to state that ninety per cent. of all the trouble with the men in that institution was caused by liquor. Some trouble came from the patients in the school but more from liquor facilities. He further stated: "None have better opportunities than medical men to know the evil effects of alcohol upon the human body and brain. Such testimony as the above could hardly be brought with intelligent, thoughtful people. In the light of it total abstinence becomes the only wise and safe rule of conduct." — National Temperance Advocate.

What a Simon Is. "Perhaps the Asiatic type of cyclone, known as the simon, is the most remarkable phenomenon of the earth," began Colonel Samuel Knapp, who is at the Laclede. "In my travels about the world I have never as yet observed any such appalling scene as that of a simon sweeping its course in the distance. Cyclones in this Western hemisphere are usually accompanied by great masses of clouds and drenching rainstorms. The simon of Asia is quite different. I have stood on the Arabian desert where my eye could sweep the distant horizon in every direction without encountering one object to vary the monotony of the scene. Over this vast sea of glowing sand it seemed as though not so much as a breath of air was straying. In such dull, oppressive moments the natives perform the first premonition of the awful simon. Such knowledge was of little avail, however, for on that wide limitless stretch of inland sea, like the great bosom of the ocean, one place was as safe as another. "The great sand storm would come and sweep its way without any definite path and with no prospect of any sudden variation from its course. Here we have a storm heralded by fierce winds, clouds, lightning and thunder. On the great desert of Arabia the simon is heralded by nothing more than a small, dark speck in the distant sky. As this approaches the atmosphere becomes stifling and oppressive to an unbearable degree. The speck in question does not develop into a sky mantle of clouds, but its destructive force is none the less diminished. It sweeps a path equal to its width and carries with it numberless pillars of sand that are constantly rising and falling like a forest of swaying topless trees. I never was in one, but I have stood on the desert when one was passing in the distance and it reminded me of the shadow of a cloud passing over a sunlit plain." — St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The Oldest Merchant Vessel. Among the many ancient coasters that regularly visit the port of Bangor is a small craft which has the honor of being the oldest merchant vessel in actual service in the United States. There are vessels which are said to be older, but they are not in service nor registered in the record of the Bureau of Navigation. This is the schooner Good Intent, Captain Watson Ward, well of Rockland. The Good Intent is twenty-three tons register, and was launched at Braintree, Mass., in 1813, making her eighty years old. She has been repaired and rebuilt, with hundreds of spars and acres of canvas, till, like the Irishman's jack-knife, she is the same original, and her skipper claims that there are still in the hull two or three white oak planks that were in her when she was launched. — Lewis and Clark (Me.) Journal.

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