

THE TRUST AFTER NO-TO-BAC.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

When you are pouring tea that is made properly—by pouring boiling water on the leaves in the heated teapot—remember that the strongest liquid is at the bottom of the pot and govern yourself accordingly. It is best, if you have half a dozen cups to fill, to pour just a little in each one, filling the last one quite full, then returning all the next one and so on; you will then serve all alike. If you pour each one full as you go the first one served will get cold and the last one lye. Neither is palatable. The Japanese understand this better than we do, and both they and the Chinese serve tea by putting a few grains in each cup and pouring the boiling water on that. Then each guest gets a cup of good tea.—New York Journal.

overcrowd themselves by growing a multitude of rooted runners. If such natural strawberry soils are set to a variety which make comparatively few runners, like the Charles Downing or Babach, a bed can be made to last two years, and we have known a bed of Downings six years old to bear a big lot of fruit, although the berries ran decidedly small. On moist, loamy soils, naturally prime grass lands, it is very difficult to do anything with an old berry patch.

Still, the writer saw a good-sized bed of Babachs near Boston recently which were bearing a good second crop on just such land. The owner had mulched the rows thickly just before the first crop, and as the ground had been thoroughly weeded, and contained no grass roots, it remained pretty clean, although no further work was done upon it. This season it had become rather grassy among the plants, yet not so much so but that plenty of good big berries were gathered.

Very few old beds are in such good shape as this one. Some growers practise mowing and burning over the bed right after the last picking. The burning destroys blight, insects and some kinds of weeds, but the strawberry plants will start again with vigorous green leaves. Then a ridge is plowed up in the centre between the rows, allowing the rows to be left to a strip of plants about a foot wide, with a gutter on each side.

Next take a sharp hoe, or better, a wide-bladed mattock or bog hoe, and clean out the weeds and grass in the rows of plants left. Afterward cultivate the ridge until the gutters are filled and the field is level. Apply plenty of fertilizer or any manure without weed seeds. The plants will spread somewhat into the fresh ground, and with frequent hoeings till freezing time, a fair crop may be expected next year.

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TEMPERANCE.

A writer in the Popular Science Monthly, giving the latest verdict of science in the case of alcohol, makes the following striking statements: "The evidence up to this time from the chemical laboratory, from experiments from hospital studies, from statistics, and other sources, clearly proves that alcohol is a poison and is positively dangerous to health. It has a bad influence on the nervous and beneficial influence are too common to be called in question, and the statement that it is the greatest peril to modern civilization has a basis in actual experience."

A STRIKING OBJECT LESSON. The large railway corporations are doing much to promote abstinence among their numerous employees. The "Big Four" system, enforcing the rule that its employees shall not frequent saloons. Eight engineers and sixteen trainmen were notified that they were to be discharged unless they had been made defendants in a justice's court in proceedings instituted by a saloon keeper to collect bills for liquor sold to these men. Alcohol prevents the best work of which those who use it are capable, in all departments of useful activity.—National Temperance Advocate.

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A Marvellous Showing.

The U. S. Government, through the Agricultural Department, has been investigating the baking powders for the purpose of informing the public which was the purest, most economical and wholesome.

The published report shows the Royal Baking Powder to be a pure, healthful preparation, absolutely free from alum or any adulterant, and that it is greatly stronger in leavening power than any other brand.

Consumers should not let this valuable information, official and unprejudiced, go unheeded.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 105 WALL ST., NEW-YORK.

When on August 10, 1792, the Jacobins dictated their terms at Paris for a national convention, Lafayette, who was in command of the army of the frontier, and several of his general officers, quitted the French army in disgust. They were seized by the King of Prussia, from his custody transferred to that of Austria, and long confined in the castle of Olmutz in Moravia. Although each of the prisoners was kept solitary, yet their apartments were so arranged that they were all within hearing of each other when standing at the windows of their respective chambers. To improve this advantage they thought of the following plan: There was at Paris a number of tubes called airs of the Pont Neuf, or those popular ballads that were sung at the corners of the streets and other public places. The words belonging to these airs were so well known that to strike up a few of the notes was to recall to memory the words that accompanied them. By this means the captives at Olmutz gradually composed for themselves a vocabulary by whispering these notes at their windows, and these notes after a short time became so complete and even comprehensive that even two or three notes from each formed their alphabet and effected their intercourse. By this means they communicated news to each other concerning their families, the progress of the war, etc., and when, by good fortune one of them had procured a gazette he whistled the contents of it to his partners in captivity. The commandant of the fortress was constantly informed of these unaccountable concerts. He listened, he set spies, but the whole thing being a language of convention the most practiced magician would have failed in detecting the intention and real expression of the notes heard.—Chicago News.

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Hot weather always has a weakening, debilitating effect, especially when the blood is thin and impure and the system poorly nourished. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

As a good deal of misconception exists as to what constitutes a true Shetland pony, we give the following description of the little animal by Sir Walter Gilbey, the eminent breeder of and authority on horses:

"The height of the pure Shetland is about ten hands (forty inches), and the size may be taken as a fair average, although many exceed this standard, and numbers are as small as nine hands; some even may be found measuring not more than eight hands or thirty-two inches.

"The Shetland pony is docile, easily trained to domestic use when kindly treated, and being hardy and muscular, is capable of enduring much drudgery. Having good feet it is surefooted when climbing mountains, at the same time sagacious in making its way through swamps and bogs.

"It varies in color from bay, brown and dun to dullest black, and sometimes these colors are mixed with white, while a few specimens may be found which are pure white or piebald. Added to these ponies have coats of long hair, which becomes thicker and gets matted upon them during the cool and boisterous weather."

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PROTECTION AGAINST MOTHS.

The fumes of burning camphor gum, or sulphur will suffocate moth killers. It is a very disagreeable operation, but is so effective that any room where they are known to be should be fumigated at once. To do this with entire success remove the contents of trunks and wardrobes and hang on the backs of chairs; close doors and windows; set a pailful of water in the middle of the room at a safe distance from all the hangings and furniture; in this place a small iron pot half filled with ashes and camphor; for a room fifteen by eighteen use a piece as large as a walnut; saturate with alcohol and set the camphor on fire. It will burn fiercely at first, but if proper precautions are taken there is no danger; leave the room as soon as you are satisfied that your furniture is in no danger of being injured; allow the mass to burn itself out, which it will do in half an hour; open the windows and doors for an hour. Moths prefer soiled to clean garments. The first step toward the safety of garments before putting them away is to turn the pockets inside out, beat all dust, saturate and clean with benzine if necessary. Allow the clothes to hang in the sunlight for several hours. Moths hate the light. They work in the dark. Bags of various sizes made of seersucker and stitched with double seams are safer receptacles of clothing than trunks, and are fully equal to expensive cedar chests.—Philadelphia Record.

Some one has said: "The shepherds who raise free wool on one side of the fence and dogs on the other are bound to make a fuss, and who can blame them."

Geese do not arrive at maturity until their third year, but are long-lived. When full-grown, geese will weigh from twelve to eighteen pounds when dressed.