

**The Sparrows of Washington.**

There is less complaint now than formerly of the English sparrow nuisance; but no one can visit Washington without having the subject emphatically and offensively brought to his attention. That city is over-run by the noisy, dirty birds. The approaches to the Capitol are kept in a positively filthy condition by them. The impudent little pests appear to have picked out the seat of the National Government as a fitting place to put in evidence their bad breeding. If ever there shall be in this country an anti-sparrow crusade it might well enough take its start in Washington.—Forest and Stream.

**A Persistent Parasite.**

"Our country right, should be kept right; if wrong should be put right," is a political maxim which has been applied to other conditions of life. There is no health if right, should be kept right; if wrong should be put right, especially in bodily ailments, such as pains and aches, which St. Jacobs Oil promptly cures. Many of our best people need to give it a chance to cure and it will give them a chance to go to work. Another ailment is "the death heat, who death heat." Well, of course, you want to be well from all sorts of aches, and the best thing to do is to use the great remedy. He who does so is doing well indeed.

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**In Olden Times**

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Thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cured me of rheumatism and ulcers on my leg, which I had for years and could not cure. I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills standard medicines. J. H. Ashton, night watchman on Fallston bridge, West Rochester, N. H.

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**FARM AND GARDEN.**

**PROFIT IN APPLE TREES.**

The Rural New Yorker quotes the following: "I approve of setting out apple orchards, for I am persuaded that the apple crop of the future is going to be a profitable one, as the population increases faster than the apple trees, and many of the orchards now standing are growing old and going into decay."

**POINTS ON FARM ACCOUNTS.**

Says the National Dairyman: "If you would keep an account with your fields, you would find out that you can produce corn, oats, hay, or anything cheaper on a well-manured field. You would find that there are certain expenses which are exactly the same whether you have a good crop or a poor one. These are: (1) Interest on original cost of land, buildings and fences; (2) cost of seed, and to a certain extent (3) cost of cultivation."

**WINTERING PARSNIPS.**

The practice of leaving parsnips in the ground through the winter is very general, writes G. A. Woolson, of Vermont, to the American Agriculturist. The prevalent idea that freezing and thawing add materially to the flavor of the vegetable is erroneous, as experience proves. The better way is to dig them late in the fall and store in a cool cellar. The advantages to be gained by this process are the early date at which they can be placed in the market and consequent higher prices obtained, and the length of time they retain their flavor and freshness in spring and early summer. Parsnips thus cared for have been kept into June with marked success. Furthermore it avoids the necessity of hustling around to dig the roots in the spring before the tops have made much growth; likewise worms and rot are unknown.

**GLANDERS.**

Glanders is a contagious malady, which can be communicated from one animal to another by actual contact only; therefore, to prevent the disease from spreading it is necessary only to isolate all subjects which have been exposed to the disease until the period of incubation has expired. The period of incubation, or, in other words, the time of receiving the contagion into the system and the appearance of the disease is usually in the acute form five to ten days, while in the chronic form it may be two or three months. All exposed subjects should therefore be quarantined for from sixty to ninety days. There is no cure for glanders. In the neighborhood where the disease has prevailed due precaution should be taken to guard against the spread of the disease. All diseased subjects should be promptly destroyed and the carcasses should be burned. All suspected animals should be kept isolated under veterinary supervision until they can be pronounced sound or destroyed. The stable where the diseased subjects have been kept, as well as all clothing, harness, etc., should be thoroughly disinfected.—American Farmer.

**POULTRY DUST BATH.**

Nearly if not quite all species of fowls use the dust bath, says Albert F. Firestone. They choose a spot of fine, dry soil and scrape little holes, where they pulverize the dirt until it is reduced to a fine dust. In this they roll and shake their feathers and allow the dust to penetrate to the skin. It appears that in some way this is deleterious to the parasites which infest the plumage of the skin. It has been said by some naturalists that as all insects breathe—not through the mouth as warm-blooded animals do, but through little openings in the skin situated in rows along the side of the body—the particles of dust close these openings, so that parasites die of asphyxiation as quickly as a quadruped would if held under water. This has been denied by some scientists, who say that these holes are defended by a very delicate but effective apparatus that makes it impossible for any foreign matter to enter, no matter how minute it may be. Be this as it may, I know that wild birds take dust baths whenever the weather and the state of soil permit. Nature is a good guide, and whether the dust bath is for the prevention and absorption of effete matter which has become too odorous, or whether it acts as an insecticide, it is certainly advantageous to fowls or they would not use the dust bath. I say that the careful poultry-keeper will provide dust boxes for birds, filled with fine dust, coal ashes, thoroughly dried and mixed with insect powder. It makes a little difference which of these varieties of soil you use; the principal part is to have clean, that is, not a highly manured soil, but a comparatively unfertile one is preferable. The next qualification is that it must be perfectly dry.—Western Gardener.

**FALL CALVES THE BEST TO RAISE.**

There is no longer any use disputing the extra value of fall calves for raising. And they constitute one of the chief sources of profit to the butter dairyman, who has his skim milk and raises his own cows, finely bred. It is no wonder that such wise men estimate the value of skim milk at one cent per quart. And they have learned how to employ it to the best advantage. "I always feed it with bran," says one. But bran alone would not do, although it is essential to rapid growth because of its bone-producing elements. A little flaxseed, properly prepared, returns to the milk a part of the fat removed by skimming, and keeps the bowels in order. Boil it in six times its bulk of water for twenty minutes, or until it makes a jelly. Two tablespoonfuls of this jelly placed in each gallon of milk fed the calves, with a handful of soft bran, according to the age of the calf, will make large, sleek, healthy animals. Two much bran fed to very young calves is not desirable. There is no com-

parison between fall calves carefully reared in the barn in this way for the first six months, and spring calves turned out to battle with flies inside of two months after birth. The evidence is wholly in favor of the fall calves. And it is surprising how soon they begin to eat hay. Give them the best early cut. Many are beginning to find a similar course satisfactory for veal production, slightly increasing the jelly with full rations of milk, but not enough to cloy the appetite. Some feed a little corn meal in conjunction with the ration when fattening veal. This must be used judiciously—not more than half a pint of a meal to the oldest, biggest calves. Such veal at this season and until veal begins to be low in price will sell readily and for as much money as veal fattened on expensive better fates. Look out for well-bred heifer calves.—American Agriculturist.

**TEMPERANCE.**

**THE SONS OF WINE.**

I smile in the Lethian bow,  
And pour from his sparkling brim  
At the death of a ruined son.  
At the wreck so ghastly and grim,  
God's image I ruthlessly blot  
With wine's insidious and red;  
The sting of grim conscience  
Till hope, like a phantasm, has fled.

I heed not the madman's grin,  
Nor the tears that mortals shed,  
I live in my palace of sin,  
Where hope is eternally fled.  
I rule with a tyrant's rod,  
My scepter a mercurial rod;  
I sweep earth's heroes away  
With only a tempter's nod.

Like the angel of death, I am near,  
And I watch each mortal's gain,  
Drop for drop, tear for tear,  
And laugh as they struggle in vain.  
For I read in their faces a story  
Like moans and a wailing cry;  
My harvest by this is sown  
Is the song my bacchant's sing.

Hope is a stranger within my dear wall,  
Where all the dark shadows of woe  
Bear over the shroud of a funeral pall,  
Like moans and a wailing cry;  
To the death of horror and gloom,  
And mourn for the hapless lost—  
Piercing, whose nameless name  
From God's record is torn and lost.  
—Julius L. Hempstead, in the Voice.

**AS CLEAR AS DAY.**

Isn't it as clear as day, says a murderer, supposed murderer, corpse floating around in the rivers, and coroners' investigations always finding that the poor victim had something to do with his own death. In this city finds the dead man drinking to excess in a saloon almost up to the hour his engine-driven car, that automobile had a good conscience in the matter, who supported him to the state of insensibility?—Pittsburg Catholic.

**A HOPEFUL VIEW.**

The Citizens and Home Guard, of Toronto, make the hopeful observation that "men who indulge in drink at all, even though not getting drunk, are not only liable to the habit of getting drunk occasionally, are finding themselves more and more inclined to drink. Formerly, the men who were habitual who got drunk were occasionally, now it includes those who drink at all. The leading railway companies are now discharging their employees who are conductors who drink, and require all young men to sign the pledge when they enter the service."

**PROFITABLE FIGURES.**

Statistics have been compiled at Vienna of the quantity of beer drunk in 1903, in the entire world. Germany heads the list with 1,100,000,000 gallons, followed by Austria with 800,000,000 gallons, and then comes the United States with 700,000,000 gallons, or thirty per head. Austria, including the whole of the Western Hemisphere, is third, with more than a billion gallons, or six per head. The total for the world, not including Asia and Africa, is 4,000,000,000 gallons, requiring 7,770,000 tons of malt and 83,700 tons of hops.

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**A Boa Constrictor Swallows Its Mate.**

One of the strangest incidents in the experience of the management of the Zoological Society's menagerie has occurred in the reptile house, the scene being one of the compartments in which the boa constrictors are confined. Two large boas occupied the chamber, one snake being nine feet and the other eight feet long. When the house was opened in the morning only one boa was found in the cage; the other had disappeared. Though the survivor was only a foot longer than the other snake, there was no reason to doubt that it had completely swallowed its companion. It was so completely digested that it was almost impossible to find the bones of the mate separated, and it was unable either to coil itself or move. There is every reason to believe that in accomplishing this almost incredible feat the snake acted by mistake, and it devoured its companion by what deserves to be called an accident. The large boa was fed with a pigeon before the house was closed for the night. It swallowed the bird, and the other boa was then given a pigeon, which it had begun to swallow when the snakes were left for the night. It is believed that the larger snake then caught hold of the part of the pigeon which projected from the other's mouth, and gradually enveloped, not only the bird, but the head of the other snake. Once begun, the swallowing process would go on almost mechanically. As the swallowed snake was only one foot less in length than the swallower, and of nearly equal bulk, weighing about fifty pounds, the gastric juices must have dissolved the portion which first entered the snake's stomach before the remainder was drawn into the jaws. Though still rather lethargic, the surviving boa is not injured by its meal. It coils itself up with difficulty, and its scales have the beautiful, iridescent bloom peculiar to the skin of snakes when in perfect health.—London Despatch.

**Some Valuable Scissors.**

A remarkable present has just been made to the Kaiser—namely, a pair of scissors, but scissors so exquisite are seldom seen, and valued at \$400. The giver, a steel merchant at Solingen (where all the best German steel comes from), has had the scissors manufactured, of course, out of fine steel—engraved with a portrait of the Kaiser, with historic buildings and other things; the engraving alone took a practised worker five years to complete. His Majesty was very pleased with the strange gift and expressed his thanks. The Kaiserin Augusta once had a similar present made to her, which is exposed to view in the palace, only in this case the value of the scissors is estimated at exactly double.—London Society.

**WORMS NEVER FREQUENT THE UNCLEY-TUS TREE, NOR THE EARTH TO WHICH ITS ROOTS REACH.**

They all put, replied another. "My mother has never put a drop of brandy into her coffee since the day Bob said he could taste it better, if it had a good deal of brandy in it, and she never would be guilty of it again. And if mother says a thing is wrong, you may be sure it is wrong; for that mother never makes a mistake. What about mice pies? Are you sure she knows how to make pie good?" and a laugh went up from the group of girls.

**THE MERCHANT WHO DEALS IN ARDENT SPIRITS IS HIMSELF A LOSER; FOR A TEMPERATE POPULATION CONSUMES MORE, AND PAYS BETTER, AND LIVES LONGER, THAN THE INTEMPERATE; AND AMONG SUCH A POPULATION MERCHANTS WHO DO NOT DEPEND FOR ANY PART OF THEIR GAINS UPON THE SALE OF ARDENT SPIRITS, WHO ARE LOOKING OUT FOR A PLACE WHERE TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN TRADE, WHO NEGLECT THE INVESTMENT AND SETTLE DOWN AS VILLAGERS, RICH AND DRUNKENNESS—MADE UP OF TIPTOPERS, BROKEN WINDOWS, AND ALL KINDS OF DISPLEASURES; BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWAKENING CONSCIENCE, NO IMPERIALIST, NO GREAT OF BAYONETS CAN MAKE US MORE AND INDUSTRIOUS, OR MORE MORAL AND UPRIGHT, THAN THE MERE AND MORAL ENERGY MUST RECLAIM US OR WE SHALL PERISH IN OUR SIN.**—Lymond Beecher.

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Whether or no the powerful search lights used as safeguards in coast defense and on board ship are of much practical service against attacks from torpedo boats is still an open question. Tests recently carried on by the Government show that a good torpedo boat carefully managed can approach to within 800 yards of the projector before being sighted, although she may be directly in the beam of light. This distance is the maximum torpedo range, and, as guns cannot be trained instantly under the most favorable conditions, a boat would have time to make good progress, and perhaps inflict fatal damage, before she could be fired at. The German Government is having its boats painted blueish gray, as this color seems to be least visible by electric light.—New York Mail and Express.

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