

FOREST REPUBLICANS. They are swallowed up about thirty one of the parties. WRITERS the cherry tree.

The tea harvest begins in China about April 1. Later in the month there are two other harvests which yield inferior grades.

IN SOUTHERN MOUNTAINS. Special Rates From All Points on Southern Railway to Convention of International Christian Workers, Black Mountain, N. C., July 18th to August 1st. For the Christian Work and Bible Study Association of the International Christian Workers' Association, held on the grounds of the Mountain Retreat at Black Mountain, N. C., July 18th to 25th inclusive, the Southern Railway has granted the following rates: Single tickets to and from Black Mountain, N. C., July 18th to 25th inclusive, at 75 per cent. of the full rate. Through tickets to and from Black Mountain, N. C., July 18th to 25th inclusive, at 75 per cent. of the full rate. Through tickets to and from Black Mountain, N. C., July 18th to 25th inclusive, at 75 per cent. of the full rate.

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How Old are You? You need not answer the question, madam, for in your case age is not counted by years. It will always be true that "a woman is as old as she looks." Nothing sets the seal of age so deeply upon woman's beauty as gray hair. It is natural, therefore, that every woman is anxious to preserve her hair in all its original abundance and beauty; or, that being denied the crowning gift of beautiful hair, she longs to possess it. Nothing is easier than to attain to this gift or to preserve it if already possessed. Ayer's Hair Vigor restores gray or faded hair to its original color. It does this by simply aiding nature, by supplying the nutrition necessary to health and growth. There is no better preparation for the hair than

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS. Odor From New Iron Vessels. The odor from the heating of a new iron vessel is very unpleasant, and it may be avoided in this manner: Place the kettle in the yard at a safe distance from any inflammable material and put into it a cloth saturated with kerosene; drop a lighted match upon the cloth and let the oil burn out. When the kettle is again cold wash it in a hot solution of strong soda water. After this treatment the vessel may be used in the house without any disagreeable odors.

How to Overcome the Clothes Moth. Everything about the house that might conceal a moth should be thoroughly shaken and aired, and when possible the clothes and furs should be left in the sun for some hours. If the house is badly infested, or any particular article is supposed to be so, a free use of benzine will be advisable. All the floor cracks and dark closets should be sprayed with this substance. Benzine spray will kill the insects at every stage, and is one of the few substances which will destroy the eggs. No light should be brought into the room while the benzine is being applied, as it is highly inflammable. The room and clothes should be thoroughly aired afterwards before any light is introduced. Camphor, tobacco, naphthalene and other strong odors are only partial repellents, and without the May and June treatments are of little avail.—New York World.

Use Color Judiciously. There are colors that are refreshing and broadening, others that absorb light and give a holed appearance to a room, others that make a room with a bleak, northern exposure, or with no exposure at all, appear bright and cheerful; some that make room appear warm, some that make it cold. The thermometer seems to fall six degrees when you walk into a blue room. Yellow is an advancing color; therefore a room fitted up in yellow will appear smaller than it is.

On the other hand, blue of a certain shade introduced generously into a room will give an idea of space. Red makes no difference in regard to size. Green makes very little. If a bright, sunny room gets its light from a space obstructed upon by russet-colored or yellow-painted houses, or else looks out upon a stretch of green grass, it should be decorated in a color very different from the shade chosen if the light comes from only an unbroken expanse of sky.

Green needs sunlight to develop the yellow in it and make it seem cheerful. If olive or red brown be used in conjunction with mahogany furniture, the effect is very different from what it would be if blue were used. Blue would develop the sunny orange lurking in the mahogany. If a ceiling is to be made higher, leave it light, that it may appear to recede. Deepening the color used on the ceiling would make it lower—an effect desirable if the room is small and the ceiling very high. Various tones of yellow are substitutes for sunlight.—The Upholsterer.

Apple Custard.—One pint of stewed apples, one pint of sweet cream, four eggs, one cup of sugar and little nutmeg. Bake slowly.

Corn Batter Cakes.—One pint of cornmeal, one pint of sour milk or buttermilk, one egg, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful salt, a tablespoonful of flour. Cook on a griddle.

Turnip Salad.—A pretty and unusual salad is made of French peas and Bermuda turnips, with mayonnaise dressing. The insides of the turnips are taken out, so that the vegetables form shallow cups. These cups are placed upon lettuce leaves, filled with the peas, which cover with dressing.

Stewed Parsnips.—Wash, scrape and slice about half an inch thick; have a skillet prepared with one-half pint of hot water and tablespoonful of butter; add the parsnips, season with salt and pepper, cover closely and stew until water is cooked away, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.

Eggs and Potatoes Scrambled.—Slice six medium-sized potatoes very thin. Heat two tablespoonfuls of butter in a skillet, put in the potatoes and let them brown; separate the yolks from the whites of ten eggs (the whites to be used in making the cake), stir the yolks into a pan of butter, season with half a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of minced parsley and half a teaspoonful of white pepper. Stir well until the egg is cooked; serve on a hot dish.

Rhubarb Blanc Mange.—Cut the rhubarb into half-inch pieces, leaving the skin on. Put in a steppan and cover thickly with granulated sugar. Do not add any water; the juice from the rhubarb will soon flow, making its own liquid. Thicken with cornstarch dissolved in cold water. The amount of cornstarch depends upon the juiciness of the rhubarb. Pour into molds while hot. Serve with cold sweetened cream or whipped cream. This is delicious.

Lettuce Soup.—Chop up two heads of lettuce and stew it with a large tablespoonful of butter, a small half-teaspoonful of sugar and sixty drops of vinegar. Keep stirring and do not let it burn. Add a tablespoonful of flour, a teaspoonful of pepper and a small teaspoonful of salt; break in two eggs and stir well; then pour on some weak broth, allowing two gills for each person. Lay dice of stale bread in the tureen; add half a pint of cream or milk to the soup just before you pour the boiling soup over the bread.

Baked Chicken.—Wash, scrape and quarter four parsnips; parboil twenty minutes; prepare a fine chicken and split open at back; place in a dripping-pan, the skin side up, lay parsnips around the chicken, sprinkle with salt and pepper; add an egg-sized lump of butter and two slices of salt pork; put enough water in the pan to prevent burning; place in oven and bake, basting frequently, until chicken and parsnips are done a delicate brown. Serve the chicken separately on a platter; place the parsnips in a dish and pour the strained gravy in the pan over them.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS. Manure made in summer wastes much faster than it does in winter. The warm weather hastens its decomposition. But it is easy to prevent serious loss by keeping the excrement piled and so covered with earth that no ammonia can escape. Where cows are allowed to lie in the barnyard during the night, much of their liquid excrement is wasted. All such wastes detract from the profit of dairying, when as milk and butter prices now are, the most must be made of everything to keep the balance on the side of profit.

Poisoning Males. For years we tried in vain to check the ravages of those pesky little fellows by the use of various vegetable products, such as corn soaked in poison and dropped in their barnyards, writes H. E. Tweed. We met little success and now it develops that the mole is not a vegetarian but feeds nearly altogether on insects, such as grass, earthworms, etc. This conclusion was reached by the examination of the stomachs of a number of specimens. Hereafter we will procure insects of various kinds and after soaking them in a solution of water and arsenic will drop them in roads where it is hoped that our moleship will find his death.

Feeding Cows. The Wisconsin Experiment Station is authority for the following: 1. That it seems clear that the quantity of milk given by a cow is quite easily influenced by the amount and kind of food used in the ration. 2. That although there are a few notable exceptions, the weight of the evidence seems to warrant the statement that the individuality of the cow is the main factor in determining the composition of the milk, while the food has very little, or at least, a very uncertain effect upon it. 3. That the effect of the food on the churnability of the cream is unimportant.

Value of Coal Ashes. Some years ago, says a writer in the National Stockman, I spread a number of loads of coal ashes thickly on part of a low, wet piece of land. In the winter this land was plowed for corn, the ashes turned under, with the result a marked difference in yield where the ashes were. Next year the same field was put in corn, an additional lot being covered with coal ashes, and the same marked difference was noted on the two plots. After the second crop the bottom was sown to wheat and grass, and while it cannot be said that any difference was noticed in the yield of these, after the land had been in grass three years it was again plowed and put in corn, and the ash-treated places could be noticed in the yield. Before the ashes were applied the soil was heavy and soggy; but following summer, in tending the crop, a marked difference was noticed in its condition. There is no doubt that in this latitude—southern Ohio—coal ashes are beneficial on wet or clayey lands. There may not be much fertilizing property in them, but they are an excellent neutralizer and loosener of heavy soil.—New York Independent.

Line for Chickens. The following letter explains itself and also gives the cause of the unfortunate results. Whoever lines a pen recommended for the use of chickens, or for scattering over the floor of the hen house to destroy lice, or over the ground in the yard, where young chickens range in the spring, to destroy the gape worm, slacked lime is always meant to be used. Unslacked lime, in contact with any moisture, easily slacks, and in the operation greatly increases in bulk and produces a large amount of heat. If in contact with a small amount of water, heat enough is quickly produced to burn any animal's flesh, and this is what happened to the hens which ate the slacked lime and the increase in bulk choked them. It is a wonder that more were not killed. Unslacked lime often produces heat enough in slacking to ignite any easily combustible material with which it is in contact.

Care should, therefore, be taken in storing it in a dry place where it is not in contact with anything easily burnt. It will slowly slack when for a time exposed to the air. This is air-slacked lime, and is now cool and harmless. Chickens can dust with this and eat it without harm.

A Gamecock Fights His Image. One of the gamecock fights in St. Louis, Mo., gave a chance audience a rare treat. He fought his image to a finish. By chance an enemy had been left in the back yard at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Pine street. The cock was strutting about the yard looking for trouble when suddenly he came face to face with his image in the glass. His fighting blood was up. At last he had met a bird that he considered worthy of his prowess. He eyed the supposed enemy critically. His anger grew as the image mocked him. The feathers began to rise on his neck and in another instant he made a lunge at the glass. Picking himself up from the ground, where he had been doubled in a heap, he backed a few paces. The cowardly image also backed away and mocked him. He made lunge after lunge at the glass, each time backing away thoroughly surprised. Finally he got tired of retreating and began a fierce face to face contest with himself. He fought until he fell from sheer exhaustion.—New York World.

Caught Mink and Trout Both. A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, of Kineo, Me., went in a canoe fishing on the Moose River, where Mr. Cunningham hooked a big trout. After considerable effort he got the fish to the side of the boat and just as the owner of the mink leaped from the shore after the trout and landed in the net, in which the trout and mink became badly entangled, requiring over an hour to separate them.

A TEMPERANCE COLUMN. THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

How He Was Cured—First Drink Is the Young Man's Danger Point, But He Falls to Realize It—A Successful Physician's Warning Advice to Students. "That night I came home sober—'twas a rare thing, you must know. As I stumbled through the hall, I—I—I was about two years ago. The bedroom door was open, and I couldn't help but see. My little chap—a prairie—at his mother's knee."

"I drew back in the shudder—they both looked sorter beat. I knew they didn't ever have more'n half enough to eat. He clasped his little scrawny hands, despairing with an 'Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!' 'Twas a something up above us that pulls when we're out on the mire when I was nigh clean gone. An' I tell you what it 'tis, fellers, if I've turned out middlin' fair, 'Tis a thing o' that boy o' mine nam'in' me in his prayers."

A Physician's Advice. Dr. Dash, a successful physician in the West, returned to his old home lately after a long absence, and visited the college in which he had been educated. "Twenty years ago," he said to a group of students, "I graduated in this hall. There were eighteen men in my class. Of the eighteen, six drank habitually while at college. Not one of them was in the ranks of the successful in attaining fortune, reputation, or even a respectable position. But they were among the ablest men in the class."

Doesn't Realize the Danger Point. As a rule no young man ever paid for his first drink. Did you ever think of it, or what that part implies? It means that your brother, your son or somebody's son, who perhaps has been carefully trained, had made acquaintances who, through a similar process, had become drinkers. And, at last, either occasional or frequent visitors to get "something to steady my nerves."

The Clearer Question. The Temperance Cause devotes considerable space to the elder question, and gives the testimony of men in different countries, all going to show the mischievous influences of the elder mist. In these are some very strong statements, which it would be well for any who have doubts as to the righteousness of prohibiting its sale to read. The editor of the Temperance Cause, Rev. Mr. Noon, says editorially:

It Degrades a Man. Drunkenness degrades a man and drags him to a level lower than the beast. The witness of a man to God is blotted out by this sin. All that is noble in man comes from his soul. The men who have lived the best lives and done the most good in the world are those who have subdued their passions. Statistics tell us that three-fourths of the crimes committed are done while under the influence of strong drink. Sixty-five per cent. of the convictions for crimes can be traced to drink, and a large per cent. of the poverty throughout the land.

What Followed the Drinks. In a case of assault and battery, counsel in examining one of the witnesses, asked him what they had the first place they stopped at. "Four glasses of ale," was the reply. "Next?" "Two glasses of whisky." "Next?" "One glass of brandy."

GERMANS USE OUR BICYCLES. Manufacturers in That Country Are Worried by the Competition. Charles De Kay, our Consul-General at Berlin, states in a letter to the State Department that bicycles of American make are selling so extensively in Germany that the manufacturers of that country are badly worried.

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A Short-Lived Island. In 1867 a new shoal was discovered in the group of the Tonga, or Friendly Islands. In 1877 smoke was seen over the shoal. In 1885 the shoal had become a volcanic island, more than two miles long and 240 feet high, and a fierce eruption was taking place within it. In 1886 the island had begun to shrink in dimensions, although the next year its highest point was 325 feet above sea level. In 1889 its height had diminished one-half, and the ocean closed around it was more than a mile deep. In 1893 the island rose only twenty-five feet above sea level. According to the latest information its complete disappearance, under the action of the waves, will not be long delayed.

Insurance on Dogs. A novel insurance company has been organized, and is already doing a large business in this city insuring dogs against loss, stealing or impounding. This is done by registering the dog with this company, with its full description, and receiving a tag to be worn with the city license tag.

Real Rest and Comfort. There is a powder to be shaken into the shoes called Allen's Foot-Ease, invented by Allen S. Quinlan, Le Roy, N. Y., which relieves and cures all kinds of foot troubles they have ever sold to cure sore and tender or aching feet. Some dealers claim that it makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It certainly will cure corns and bunions and relieve instantly aching, hot or smarting feet. It costs only a quarter, and the inventor will send a sample free to any address.

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