

Philadelphia, Penn., it was developed that the Southern newspapers, without exception, are in a more prosperous condition than they have been for several years.

**The Shrinkage of Cornwood.**  
Five cords of freshly-cut green birch wood weighed on February 27, 14,336 pounds. The wood was piled out of doors and on October 19 weighed 7,148 pounds, a shrinkage of more than one-half.

**St. Jacobs Oil cures Rheumatism.**  
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Wooden legs, according to statisticians, are used by over 1,000,000 English-speaking men.

**Coughs Lead to Consumption.**  
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

The largest gulf known is the Gulf of Mexico, which may almost be called a sea.

Dr. Seth Arnold's Cough Killer the best ever used in my family.—Thomas M. Byrnes, Convent and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Nov. 27, 1897.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 medical students in the United States.

**Rheumatism**  
Is caused by acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and cures the aches and pains. Do not suffer any longer when a remedy is at hand. Take the great medicine which has cured so many others, and you may confidently expect it will give you the relief you so much desire.

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A Perfect Jobation.  
On the occasion of a visit to his native town by a member of Parliament, one citizen, who had been prevented from going to listen to the speech in the town hall, asked another who had been present how the distinguished man had been received. "Did they cheer him?" he asked. "Cheer him?" said the other; "I should think they did. Why, they gave him a perfect jobation!" This man must surely have been related to the long-suffering landlady who was compelled to put up with some very noisy and unruly lodgers, who were accustomed to make the night hideous with their unseemly revellings. She confided her woes to a sympathetic friend: "There's no putting a stop to it, drat 'em, and I shall be having the police down on my 'ouse soon. I know I shall. It's the same thing every night. As soon as I gets into 'bed, they're up to all their argeries!"—Cornhill.

**THEY WANT TO TELL**

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 238 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:  
"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. My husband's doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. ANOS THOMBLEY, Ellenburgh Cir., N. Y., writes:  
"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

**PILES**

"I suffered the tortures of the damned with protruding piles brought on by constipation with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Ia., and never found anything so equal to them. To-day I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man."  
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on a heavy soil with clay subsoil, into which the tap root of the pear will sink beneath all ordinary fluctuations of temperature in the air above. It is this even temperature that saves pear trees on clay soils to a great extent from the blight which is so frequent where the soil is sandy or gravelly. It is not, of course, an absolute preventive, but we have always noticed that the pear trees which lived longest and longest continued productive were grown on clay soils.

**Putting Straw With Cornstalks.**  
Farmers who are putting into the barn or stack cornstalks which are too damp to keep well can insure safety by occasionally throwing a forkful of dry grain straw in the middle of the stack or mow. This will absorb some of the moisture and prevent the stalks from heating to excess. We always liked to have the cornstalks go through enough fermentation to soften them, and if put up while they are still some sweet sap in the stalk, they will do it. The cattle eat them more readily, and they are also more nutritious. In a severe, cold winter, when cornstalks have been repeatedly frozen, all the juices are dried out of them and they are very poor feed for any kind of stock.

**Molasses and Soaking Feeds.**  
Soaking grain feeds for cattle and hogs is quite generally recommended and the tests made by numerous experiment stations seem to support this general opinion. In nearly every case where pigs were experimented with the animals ate more of the wet food and made larger gains on it. It must be admitted, however, that the additional gain was usually due to the larger amount of feed eaten and not to its moist condition. The Kansas station soaked shelled corn for five steers until it became so soft. Another lot of five was fed dry corn. Those given soaked feed ate 282 bushels, while the others ate 290. The first lot gained 164 pounds more than the others, a difference of \$25.50 in favor of soaking. From this station it concludes that it pays to soak corn for steers if this can be done for six cents or less. Soaking wheat for pigs is quite generally recommended.

**Shelter For the Cattle.**  
One of the prime requisites for handling cattle in any way is shelter; a moderate expenditure in this direction saves money.  
An outlay of \$100 will put up a shed 100 feet long and of sufficient width to accommodate 100 cattle on full feed and furnish a dry place for sleeping in muddy weather.

It is as much of a mistake to turn stockers into a stock feed to shift for themselves without shelter throughout the winter as to full feed cattle in a lot where there is little or no "wind-break," and where snow, slush or mud may be the resting place. A feed lot knee deep in mud retards fattening, makes work harder, loses waste to the hogs, and when finished, cattle shipped to market from such surroundings their killing qualities are often overlooked because of their filthy condition.

**Where Red Clover Grows.**

Red clover grows best upon deep and well-drained calcareous loams. It is not so well adapted to the lighter sandy soils, to heavy compact clays, nor to gumbo prairie soils. Underdrainage and a plentiful supply of rainfall during the season before flowering have a marked influence on the yield. Red clover is the standard hay crop of the Northern and New England States, and is becoming every year more widely cultivated in the central prairie region. In the South and in the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States other crops are more successful, and there red clover is only grown in localities where the soil conditions favor it.

The seed is usually sown with grain from March to May or, when intended for a spring sowing crop, from the middle of July to the first of August, without a nurse crop. Twenty pounds of seed are required per acre. The first crop of hay is ready in June. The second crop is generally considered the best for feed, but the condition which governs seed production is the prevalence and abundance of humbees, upon which the clover blossoms are dependent for fertilization. The yield of seed per acre varies from three to nine bushels of sixty pounds.—Farm, Field and Fireside.

**Raising Asparagus Profitably.**  
There is no summer vegetable crop more profitable than asparagus if the plants have proper care. The plot must be kept in a high state of richness and cultivation, and much of the important work in this direction may be done now before winter sets in. The first thing to be done at this time is to cut off the tops of the plants and clear the bed entirely of weeds, for the weedy asparagus bed is the profitless one. After this is thoroughly done the bed should be covered three inches deep with coarse manure, which will enrich the soil, and, what is more important, keep out the frost. This protecting during the winter the plants will be laying up strength and energy for the spring.

In early spring, as soon as the frost is out of the ground, the coarse manure should be removed and all of the fine particles forked carefully in the soil, being careful not to injure the crown of the plant with the tine of the fork. If the soil is not sufficiently rich, add more fine manure and fork it in all over the bed. This treatment is inexpensive, but will result in heavy crops and make a decided difference in the size of the edible shoots. The plan is after the practice of the most successful asparagus growers of the country.—Atlanta Journal.

**The Queen Locomotive.**  
Any veteran engineer will tell you that locomotives have their likes and dislikes; that they get sulky and balky, and when they are in such moods it is very difficult to get them to do their work. Every engineer of experience will tell you of instances in which locomotives would not run in the hands of certain engineers, but when in charge of others, neither an skillful nor experienced, would make their time every trip.

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When it is red;  
It sparkles to destroy,  
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