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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Concluded.)

It is computed that the tax which will be rendered available under the act of the 11th June, 1840, entitled "An act to create additional revenue to be applied towards the payment of interest, and the extinguishment of the debts of the Commonwealth," will amount to about \$600,000.

But as money alone will not make home pleasant without a proper expenditure of it, and as we all have appetites and senses to please, the necessity of planting around our dwellings a variety of best fruits is obvious to every one.

The yards and garden may be adorned with flowers to bloom in succession all the season, but to obtain both profit and pleasure from fruits and flowers, they should be planted in a somewhat rich, and receive regularly during the summer season, sufficient cultivation to make the ground mellow and free from weeds—these, together with good farm crops, will render a man independent; he visits his neighbor more from duty or necessity than pleasure; he enjoys more at home.

It is a curious fact, that in the Commonwealth, there are few, very few men in the Commonwealth worthy to be ranked among the free, intelligent and upright citizens, who will shrink from their share of the burden.

Should you think our mode of making sausages worth a place in your chapter on domestic economy, you can place it there.

We prepare our sausage meat in the usual way. Then instead of putting the meat in skins, prepared from hog's entrails, we make bags of white clean cotton or linen cloth, as large, say as a man's arm, larger or smaller as may suit, and of convenient length, say about a foot long, and put the sausage meat in these bags, and hang them up to dry.

To make good cakes, the flour must be good; not that coarse black compound, which sometimes passes under the name of Buckwheat flour, but which owes its origin to the slovenly gathering of the grain, and imperfect hulling before grinding.

THE BENEFIT OF ADVERTISING.—A merchant lately advertised, "A boy wanted." Next morning he found a handbox at his door, with this inscription—"How will this one answer?" On opening he found a chubby specimen of what he wanted, warmly done up in flannel!—E. P. Paper.

THE LARGEST LAKE.—The Caspian sea between Europe and Asia, is the largest lake in the world. Its area is 150,000 square miles. It is a remarkable fact that the surface of this lake is 300 feet below the surface of the ocean.

be extracted, and saved free from dirt of any kind. When well managed, wax forms no inconsiderable part of the bee-grower's profits.

From Bee's Cultivator.

Odds and Ends.

PORK MAY BE SALTED, PARTICULARLY FOR BACON, WITHOUT BARRELS.—Nearly all the western pork is salted in bulk, that is, piled up in one corner of a room like a pile of brick, and sprinkled with dry salt.

TO KEEP BACON HAMS IN SUMMER.—Pack them in a flour barrel, in clean dry ashes or charcoal; head up the barrel and put it up stairs, where it is dry, and as cool as possible.

PICKLED BEEF AND PORK, in the south and west is apt to sour. Take it out and smoke it dry, throw away the old pickle, or cleanse it by boiling. Smoke the barrel thoroughly and re-pack the meat.

DON'T THROW AWAY THE UDDER of your beef cow. Salted, sweetened, and eaten, it is rich, delicious eating. Boil and eat it like cold tongue. Try it.

LARD never spoils in warm weather, if it is cooked enough in frying out.

WASH YOUR BUTTER thoroughly in cold water, and work out all the buttermilk; pack it in a stone jar and stop the mouth air tight, and it will keep sweet forever.

TOMATOES make an excellent preserve. SWEET OR OLIVE OIL is a certain cure for the bite of a rattlesnake. Apply it internally and externally.

TO CURE SCRATCHES ON A HORSE.—Wash the legs in warm strong soap suds, and then with beef brine. Two applications will cure the worst case.

A lump of Scleratus or Pearlash, crowded into the pipe of a poll evil or thistleow, two or three times, will cure this incurable disease.

CORN MEAL should never be ground very fine, it injures the richness of it. Try it coarse. This is the secret why western "dodgers" are so good.

RICE is often over-boiled. It never should be boiled in more water than it will absorb while boiling. Put two cups of Rice in three cups of water, and in eight minutes after it commences boiling it is done.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WHALE.—It is said that a new material has been discovered in England, for burning in the various kinds of lamps. It is called the "atherial oiline," and can be purchased at two thirds the price of the finest sperm oil, and will burn twenty-four hours without clogging the lamp, or requiring trimming.

REWARD OF INGENUITY.—Mr. Burden of the Troy Iron Works, has invented an ingenious and valuable piece of machinery for compressing and giving form to the ball iron, as it comes glowing from the furnace. It is intended as a substitute for trip-hammers, and does its work instantly. The inventor sold the patent right for Scotland alone, last week, for £25,000.

PARENTAL PROMISES.—If a parent make a promise to a child, it should be strictly performed, however trivial; and a child should never be told a falsehood, even in the most trifling matter, unless the object be to teach the child equivocation and falsehood, and to train him up for the penitentiary or the gallows.

From the Albany Cultivator.

To make Home Pleasant.

The way to make a man's home more pleasant than any other place, is that he should endeavor to please his wife, and accommodate her with every convenience, that she may have his meals, &c. prepared with the least possible attention and labor. There should be good water near at hand, an article wanted every few minutes; a house well planned, and every thing so arranged as to facilitate her operations; hence the necessity of her having every convenience to direct her servants in the performance of these three times a day business, of all others the least animating, as it is never done; she will, as she ought, enjoy her husband's smiles of approbation for her attention and good management, and also partake with him of the good things prepared by her care; yet this is often her principal remuneration, for a sameness in

"On the Saturday previous to the circumstance I am about to relate, the miners employed in sinking a pit at Gosforth reached the coal. Two years and a half had been spent in sinking this pit, the shaft of which was cut through 160 fathoms of solid rock; and therefore the event was considered as one of great importance in the surrounding vicinity. Among other rejoicings which took place on this occasion, was a ball, which was held in the mine, at a depth of about 1100 feet below the surface! The ball room is stated to have been in the form of an I.; its width 15 feet, base 22 feet, and perpendicular 48 feet. The company to the number of two hundred and thirty, of whom about one hundred were ladies! began to assemble at the mouth of the mine at half past nine o'clock, A. M., and continued to descend the pit until 1 o'clock, P. M. Immediately on their arrival at the bottom of the pit, each individual proceeded to the face of the drifts and hewed a piece of coal as a remembrance of this perilous expedition, and then returned to take a part in the festivities of the ball-room. An excellent band composed entirely of miners, were in attendance. As soon as a sufficient number of guests were assembled, dancing commenced, and was continued without intermission till about three o'clock, P. M., when they began to ascend the pit, which all of them accomplished in perfect safety, highly gratified with the subterranean amusements in which they had partaken. The colliery at which this novel entertainment took place, is now one of the most extensive in Northumberland."

The great extent of the coal trade from this region may be imagined when it is known that Newcastle, which is wholly engaged in it, is the second port in the Kingdom in the amount of tonnage. The Tyne is covered with the colliers, waiting their cargo to every part of the globe. As their sails blacken the river, one would think they were built in the eclipse, and rigged with darkness. Pluto's navy was not blacker.

Fodder for Cattle.

An intelligent farmer in a neighboring town has recently communicated to us the result of an experiment which he has been trying in the preparation of his winter fodder, and which has proved highly satisfactory. He carted his salt hay last summer when about half cured, and as it was placed in the mow, mixed with it about an equal quantity of oat straw. The consequence was, that the hay imparted to the straw a portion of its moisture, while it received from the straw in return an improved flavor. The quantity of fodder was thus very considerably increased, and the cattle eat it with much greater avidity than they do salt hay without the addition of straw.—Farmer's Gaz.

Budding the Pear.

That valuable publication, Hovey's Magazine of Horticulture, gives the following account of the method pursued by Mr. Howland, of Bedford in budding the pear. "Mr. H. has adopted budding with the terminal eye, and a small part of the bark; the bark of the stock has two incisions made similar to the one made by budding; the scion is pared down on one side, and the whole is then inserted under the bark, and bass matting or yarn applied in the usual manner. By this method considerable time is gained; the operation may be performed in July, and a strong shoot will be made the same season.

VALUE OF LIME.—From a piece of land, which five years since produced only thirty bushels, Mr. Caldwell, of Valley township, Pa. has this year raised four hundred bushels of wheat. In this interval of five years, Mr. Caldwell has spread on this land fifteen hundred bushels of lime.

Bees Wax.

This valuable material is most easily separated from the various substances with which it is usually mixed, when taken from the hive, by tying in cloth of loose texture, and then being placed in a kettle of boiling water. On pressing this bag of comb below the surface the wax rises to the surface, where it should be skimmed off and poured in a vessel of cold water standing by. By repeated pressing or squeezing of the bag under the water, the wax will all

From the Lady's Book.

Oh Let Me Weep.

BY JULIE H. LEWIS.

"She had borne a kindness coldly, and to those who knew her not she appeared destitute of sensibility; but on being addressed kindly by one whom she loved, she burst into tears"—Old Tule.

Oh! let me weep and chide me not— Bear with me in my grief! Long will it be ere I shall know Again such sweet relief.

Thy tones of melting tenderness Fell strangely on my soul, And stirred the waters of my heart Beyond my weak control.

I, all unmoved, have borne neglect, And deemed grief's fountains sealed, But feelings soon could never move, Thy tenderness revealed.

The clouds in their fierce wrath my burt Above the desert land, And leave no trace of fallen showers Upon the burning sand.

But let the breeze move o'er the waste, Where late the storm did lower, And sands, that mocked the raging ruin, Will own the zephyr's power.

And thou! I earnestly could have borne Unkindness, e'en from thee! But oh! my heart is all unchained To love or sympathy.

Oh! check not, then, the long pent drops, But let them flow the while, Better to shed the heart-felt tear, Than wear the merciless smile.

From the English Correspondent of the New York American.

English Mines and Mining.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, August, 1840.

That man must be insane who should write a letter at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about any thing but coal. He has but one idea—coal! One thing fills his vision—coal! Coal is the standard of value, and coal dust the circulating medium. The houses are built of coal. Streets are paved with coal. The inhabitants live on coal. The children look as if they were made of coal, and even the white clouds are black!

What a wonderful region is Durham and Northumberland shires! The whole country is undermined. Buildings are erected 700 and 800 feet below the surface of the earth, and streets and railways running for miles in all directions, are daily traversed by thousands of human beings. Newcastle, with its population of 60,000, stands on the crust of a subterranean city. Some of its houses have sunken their foundations in consequence of the yielding of the ground beneath. The river Tyne, as large as the Thames, at London, floats its commerce over these vast caverns; while at Sunderland and other places on the coast, the ocean rolls its waves over the heads of the miners. The chief wealth of Durham and Northumberland lies hid in the bowels of the earth, where a very considerable portion of the inhabitants pass half their time. The coal pits open their black mouths on every hill and in every valley. They must be distinguished far off by the towering enginery erected over them employed in raising the coal and water from the depths below, and by the piles of the former which lie around in hillocks waiting to be transported to market. The country is lined with railways, more abundant than hedges, used in "carrying coals to Newcastle." At every half mile, you meet with the little villages of the pimen, (as the laborers are called.) The snug brick cottages are arranged with regularity and taste, each having its petit grass plat in front, usually decked with flowers, and its vegetable garden and fruit trees in the rear. What a contrast between these smiling though humble abodes, and the dismal caverns where the villagers spend nearly their whole conscientious existence!

Great labor and expense attended the sinking of the shaft of a coal mine. The exact location of the strata must be ascertained by boring before the excavation commences. This determined, you know not what obstacle you may encounter from veins of rock or streams of water in your descent. And, then, the destruction of human life almost invariably incurred in these perilous enterprises! the gigantic nature of which may be inferred from the fact that the shafts are generally sunk to the depth of 600 to 700 feet, and sometimes to 1200! Great rejoicing often takes place in the neighborhood of a colliery when a new stratum of coal is opened ready for working. The following was the mode of celebrating the opening of the famous Gosforth colliery, in this vicinity, in 1829. It is copied from a publication put into my hands at Newcastle:

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