Agricultural.

FARM SLEDS.—The tool sled, which I will first describe, has been frequently recommended as exceedingly convenient to transport plows and harrows to and from the field, to move barrels of cider or vinegar, or any such thing. As a stone-boat I find it of greater use than the stone-boat itself, for it is strong enough to carry all the small stones that can be loaded upon it. It is made of two 3x4 inch oak or hickory sticks, four feet long, hewed to sled runner points at one end; upon these, crosswise, two-inch planks three feet long are pinned with wooden pins; and upon these, at the front and sides, a two inch oak rave is nailed. It is best to have the whole thing of hard wood, but it makes it a little heavy. On a farm of fifty acres not more than one may be needed, but they are so easily made that on a farm of one or two hundred acres, employing two or three pairs of horses, two or three of different sizes and strength will be found useful. They are drawn by chains, or better, by an iron rod bent like the bale of a turnpike scoop.

The next sled I describe is useful both in Winter and Summer for hauling out manure or doing any such work. Its dimensions may vary indefinitely, and it may be drawn by oxen or horses. It is rigged with a pole or with thills for a single horse. The runners are 2½ inch oak plank, 8 feet long. These are united by cross pieces of the same material let in to the runners. Upon these the bottom of inch boards is nailed, with a square two-inch rave around the front and sides. Fitted to this, inside the raves, is the box. This made of four 12-inch boards, the long ones clested at each end. The end boards are furnished with an L-shaped piece of iron (made from an old wagon tire perhaps) screwed upon each end, and projecting one inch. These fit over the side boards and hold them in place. By means of a dung fork or shovel they may be lifted, and thus the box actually falls off the sled and the manure may be shoveled off almost as quickly as it could be dumped from a cart. With this sled one can haul out manure where a wagon or cart would sink in so that you could not haul half a load. The loads are not so great as we could take on a wagon were the wheeling good, but if the way can be laid over grass, or if there is a little snow, the amount of manure which a pair of horses will haul upon the sled a short distance, and on comparatively level ground, is fully equal to what they would haul on a wagon. The sled is easily rigged for carrying wood or fodder, and if it be used upon the road much it would be well to pin on shoes of hickory, which, if bent when green, can be made to turn up in front to the tops of the runners. Never put iron shoes upon such a sled, they spoil it for running upon bare ground.

CARE OF PLANTS.—Some persons think they accomplish a good work when they wrap their roses and tender plants very carefully in straight straw, putting on twice as much as necessary "to keep them warm." Plants will keep themselves warm without any such injudicious treatment. What they need, and must have, is protection from the sun's rays during Winter, to prevent sudden change, that terrible enemy of our tender plants. The system of wrapping in straw, drawn tightly from top to bottom, is about as bad as to give no protection at all. Plants are not insects, needing a chrysalis during the winter; neither are they to be smothered up under great banks of manure. A little bunch of evergreen sprigs, such as the red cedar or arbor vitæ, cut to snit the size of the plants to be shielded, the ends sharpened and pushed into the soil firmly, on different sides, and the tops tied together, or an armful of leaves thrown over a herbacious plant will be a certain protection, just as the huge bank of manure will be likely to prove certain death. Best of all, scatter a few leaves, and over them place a few evergreen boughs. Scarcely any even of the so-called hardy plants but would be benefitted by some such sensible protection during the winter months.

PROTECTION OF PLANTS BY ARTIFICIAL CLOUDS.—One of the largest vine growers of France has succeeded in saving his vines from frost by building fires of wheat chaff, straw and rubbish to the windward of his plantation on cold nights, so that warm, heavy smoke of the fires would be carried in a protecting pall over the vines. When the temperature was noticed to be falling rapidly, he collected three hundred heaps of chaff and straw, and applied fire to them when the thermometer marked 32 degrees Fahrenheit. The flames were kept under, and in a few minutes a dense cloud of smoke had settled over a plain of 360 acres. When the temperature had risen above the freezing point the fires were extinguished but were relighted the next night, which was one of the coldest of the winter. The vineyards of the surrounding country presented after the frost a scene of desolation, while those protected by the smoke were unharmed. Thirty thousand dollars' worth of plants are said to have been saved at the expense of a quantity of worthless chaff and straw.

WILD HORSES OF THE WEST.—Large numbers of wild horses are seen on the prairies, between the Arkansas and Smoky Hill rivers. They are of all sizes and colors, and are the wildest of all wild animals. They usually roam in bands of from six to twenty, and will run at sight of a man two miles away. A great many domestic horses, as well as mules, which have strayed away from their owners, have taken up with the wild ones. After running with them for a while they become as wild as their untamed companions. Various methods have been adopted to capture these aboriginal horses, but they have generally proved fruitless.

TRANSPORTATION OF CATTLE.—An act of Congress passed last winter, went into force October 1st, providing that no animals in transportation shall be confined in cars or boats more than twenty-eight consecutive hours, without unloading or refreshment, unless storms or accidents prevent. During their rest the animals shall be carefully fed and otherwise cared for. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements on the part of owners or transportation companies, is a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars. The United States Marshals and their deputies are charged with the duty of enforcing this law, when notified of its infringement.

A FARMER'S wife writes: "I have made butter from Durhams and Devons and common cows; but I never saw any cow that would make so much butter, and of such nice quality, in a year, as a Jersey (Alderney). And if the Jersey cow be the cow for the gentleman who wants rich cream, she is also the cow for the farmer who wants gilt-edged butter."

That there is much of truth in the above there can be no doubt, but the Alderneys vary much, not only in the amount and richness of their milk, but also in the quality of their butter. Some we have found, even among good butter-makers, of a very poor quality.

LIBRARY OF WOODS.—A curious library may be seen at Cassel, Germany, made from 500 European trees. The back of each volume is formed of the bark; the sides of the perfect wood; the top of young wood; and the bottom of old wood. When opened, the book is found to be a box containing the flower, seed, fruit and leaves of the tree, either dried or imitated in wax.

Scientific.

PHENOLCYANINE.—This new substance is derived from phenol, and appears to possess considerable interest, from the analogies it presents with certain coloring matters derived from lichens, and inasmuch as it may perhaps throw some light on the constitution of indigo. It is obtained directly from phenol by dissolving the latter in alcohol, adding liquid ammonia, and allowing the mixture to remain for some weeks in a partially closed flask; but, in about fifteen days, when the liquid has become a rather dark green, twice its volume of water and one quarter of its volume of ammonia are added, and the mixture is left to itself for about six weeks. By this time the liquid has taken a very fine blue tint, very dark, and a certain quantity of phenolcyanine is found at the bottom of the vessel and adhering strongly to the glass. That which remains in solution can be collected by saturating the liquid with salt. The product is thrown on a filter, and the new substance dissolved in hot alcohol or benzol, from which it is obtained by evaporation.

Properties.—Thus obtained, phenolcyanine is a resinous substance of a very dark blue, nearly black, and showing metallic copper colored reflections like indigo. In alcohol, it forms a fine deep blue solution, in ether a reddish purple blue, and in benzol a reddish purple solution. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves it easily, forming a bluish green liquid; hydrochloric acid has little action; and nitric acid forms a nitrous compound very different from pieric acid. Phenolcyanine is very slightly soluble in water, but dissolves in hydrated alcohol to which ammonia is added, and this solution can be considerably diluted with water. These alkaline solutions are deep sky blue by day, but of a vinous red by night or when a flame is seen through them. Acids redden these solution, and alkalies bring back the blue, as with litmus. Nascent hydrogen reduces phenolcyanine, and renders it completely colorless; but when the solution remains exposed to the air in presence of ammonia, the blue color soon returns. A mixture of ferrous sulphate and lime does not destroy the color of phenolcyanine as it does that of indigo blue; so that the former rather resembles the colored derivatives of orcine than it does indigo. Phenoleyanine melts very easily, and can be partially volatilized in purple vapor; the remainder is decomposed, and leaves a porous charcoal. —*Chemical News.*

EXPERIMENTS WITH OATMEAL.—We see by an article in *La France Medicale*, that M. Dujardin Beaumitz has been experimenting with oatmeal as a food for young children. He made use of a jelly prepared by soaking a tablespoonful of the meal in a glass of water for twelve hours, then straining through a sieve, boiling till the whole assumes the consistency of a jelly, and adding sugar or salt to taste. According to analysis, 100 grammes of the meal contain 8.7 grammes of water, 7.5 of fatty matters, 62.5 of starch, 12.2 of nitrogen matters, 1.5 of mineral substances, and 7.6 of cellulose, dextrine and loss. Its nutritious value, therefore, as food for children, in regard to nitrogenous or plastic elements, as such as are respiratory, is analagous to that of human milk or cow's milk. Besides these, it contains more iron than do most of the articles of food.

Four newly-born infants were fed with the preparation just described, and in every case with satisfactory results. In addition to its qualities as food, it acts efficiently against colic and diarhœa. It enters into the composition of the syrup of Luther, which is said to be much used in Germany. M. Gillette, surgeon of the hospital of Melun, has also given oatmeal combined with cow's milk to six children, and finds it to be a valuable food in cases where the natural supply of milk is decient.

A NEW TEXTILE PLANT.—The jury at the recent Exposition at Lyons, France, awarded a medal for the utilization of a marsh plant, commonly known as the *massette*. It is of the typha family, and three varieties, namely, *typha latifolia*, *angustifolia*, and *minima*, yield the fiber. The plant grows in a wild state in great profusion in streams of water, ponds, etc., and reaches a hight of some ten feet. Heretofore it has been employed for seating of chair bottoms and thatching of cottages, and occasionally in place of straw as bedding for animals.

The mode of extracting the fiber from the leaves after the latter are cut and dried consists simply in boiling them for several hours in an alkaline solution and afterwards dressing them in a mill or under rollers. Washing terminates the process. A yellowish paper is made, worth about $16 per 220 pounds. The fiber, it is believed, may be used for fabrics and for cordage, and is considered equal to hemp, flax or jute.

A RAILROAD FIRE ENGINE.—The Virginia (Nev.) *Enterprise* gives an account of a new fire engine which the Virginia and Truckee Railroad Company have had constructed and fitted upon one of their locomotives, in view of the frequent occurrence of fires in wood-piles, tunnels, buildings, and other property along the line of their road. It stands upon the boiler of the locomotive, between the steam chest and the bell, and not a little resembles an iron monkey riding the iron horse. The locomotive, with the little fire-fighter mounted upon its back, was recently brought up to the depot and a trial of its capacity made, which proved highly satisfactory. In case of a fire anywhere on the line of the road, the locomotive and engine with cars fitted with water-tanks will at once be dispatched to the scene of conflagration. Meanwhile the locomotive will not remain idle, as it can do switch duty and such work just as well as any other.

CONSUMPTION OF TIMBER.—A paragraph in an an exchange teils us that "about 7,000 acres are cleared of timber each day in this country. Of the annual crop $75,000,000 worth goes for fuel and twice as much to fencing. The locomotives in this country consume no less than 700,000 cords or 500 acres a year."

We do not know where the data for these figures is to be found. It seems an enormous quantity, and can scarcely be accurate. Still there is no doubt that the amount used is enormous, and it will serve a useful purpose to keep the fact prominent; as what we are to do for timber will no doubt, in the no distant future, be one of the most stirring questions that will come before the agriculturist—and for the matter of that before the whole country.

EUROPEAN RAILROADS.—According to the most recent statistical *data*, the total length of all the railroads in Europe is 58,650 miles. The largest number of lines is in Great Britain, aggregating 15,351 miles; Germany is next with 10,739 miles, then France, 10,511, Austria, 4,492, Russia, 4,758, and Belgium, 1,892.

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