

The Dragon Fly.

One of the most beautiful and benevolent insects of the summer season, and one whose services are least appreciated by the agriculturist, is the common dragon fly. There are many varieties, comprising an extensive and beautiful group of large sized insects, rivaling our butterflies in gracefulness of form and brilliancy of coloring, while they excel them in rapidity of flight. Various popular names have been given them in different countries. The French call them "Demoiselles," the Germans "Ganze Vlies" and "Virgins of the Water," while among the English they are known as "Dragon Flies," "Horse Stingers," and "Devil's Darning Needles." The first of the English names is very appropriate to the character of the fly, for, among other insects, it flutters its title of "Dragon," it is not a "horse stinger," however, can neither bite, sting nor poison, and as a "devil's darning needle" does not sew up the mouths of those children who are given to romancing. They are perfectly harmless to man, and can be handled without danger. The dragon fly belongs to the order "Neuroptera" and the family "Libellulidae." They have six legs and four wings, in average specimens the body attains the length of an inch and a half or two inches. They are almost universally dressed in the gayest colors. The body is variously banded with red shades of blue, green and yellow, and the wings give off the most beautiful iridescent and metallic reflections. The substance of the wings is a delicate network, covered by a thin, transparent membrane, combining great strength with lightness, which enables it to fly and dart upon its prey with the greatest rapidity. The long tail, or "pedicel," undoubtedly acts as a rudder to steady its flight. The large head is provided with two enormous compound eyes, composed of many thousand facets, and their great power of vision is still further increased by three simple eyes, or ocelli, on the upper portion of the head. The mouth is quite a formidable structure. The upper lip is broad and conceals powerful toothed mandibles, and there are other organs of the mouth armed with strong teeth which enable it to rend and masticate its food. The natural term of life of the dragon fly is about one year. Most of its existence is passed in a few hours in the water. During its existence of three or four weeks above the waters its whole life is a continued good to man. It hawks over pools and fields and through gardens, descending swarms of mosquitoes, flies, gnats and other baneful insects. Their rapid flight and enormous range of vision enable them to capture these insects with ease. They destroy multitudes of moths and millers whose larvae are injurious to vegetation, while they do not injure any product of the agriculturist themselves. A few of them turn into a house would soon rid it of flies, bugs and mosquitoes. They are perfectly harmless, and can be handled with impunity, and are an interesting subject for study, as there still remains much to be learned of their natural history. The dragon fly is widely distributed over all parts of the globe, but few, however, exceed in size or beauty those of our own country.

Slight Thoughts.

Don't judge a man by his clothes. Can you tell what a circus is going to be like by looking at the Italian sunset pictures on the fence? Do you value a turkey for its plumage? And isn't the skin of the milk the most, and, indeed, the only valuable part of him? There are men, fair to look upon, who wander up and down this country, and sit in the coolest places on the hotel piazzas, who are arrayed in fine linens and cardinal socks, and who have to hold their hand over their scarf pin when they want to see the moonlight, who, unimpaired, can not, however, possess the discretion to cool in when it rains, and don't know enough to punch a hole in the snow with an umbrella—new, soft snow that; without any crust on it. Now and then, son, before you are as old as Methusalem, you will meet a man who wears a hat that is worth twice as much as the hat it covers.—On the other hand, don't fall into the error of believing that all the goodness, and honesty, and intelligence in the world goes about in shreds and patches. We have seen a frame in a race that was not intended for the family rag bag, and more dirt and hair on him than would suffice to protect a horse, who would step up to the front door and demand three kinds of cake, half a pie, and then steal every movable thing in the yard, kill the dog, choke up the pump with sand, tramp on the pussy head, girdle the cherry trees because he couldn't carry them away. Good clothes or bad are never an infallible index to the man that is in them.

Asbes of the Napoleons.

The statues and ashes of the Napoleons have suffered strange vicissitudes. Twice has the statue of the First Napoleon, which stands in the Place Vendôme, been dragged to the ground, first by Royalists then by Radicals, only to be re-erected, while his ashes were restored to France on the demand of another dynasty, to be respected even during the Commune. Louis, the ex-King of Holland, removed his father's remains from Grenoble in St. Louis, which place his own ashes were in time removed from Italy. The eldest son of Louis, regarded by Napoleon as his heir, and who died when but six years old, was at first laid in St. Denis, but the Bonapartes when they returned to France had the body translated, and the "Little Napoleon" now rests in the same vault as his father and his grandfather. Jerome alone responds under the dome of the Invalides with his dear brother; the ashes of the other Bonapartes lie scattered here and there, and are to be found at Rome, Florence, Vienna, and Chislehurst, and somewhere in Calabria.

FARM AND GARDEN.

THE BEST BOARD FENCE. The best board fence that has ever been made here is called the "panel fence." It has been in use for a dozen years, and now very little board fencing of any other kind is made. It consists of two boards two feet long, four inches wide, and of beech, maple or other hard wood. Four boards are nailed together with outside, one in the middle and one about two feet from each end, spreading the boards far enough apart to make the height of the fence. Four inch square posts are driven about eleven feet apart, and these panels hung on the posts upon hooks of half inch iron driven into the posts. This fence can now be made here for twenty-five to thirty cents per rod: if a man has his own posts he can make it for less. It is made of two boards, one on top of the other, and is held together upon posts by being nailed to the boards the right distance apart, and iron plates to clinch the nails upon; clinch or wrought iron nails, or the same made in one piece, are the following: It can be made in the water or rainy days, and with a trawny man can make it. The panels are piled up out of the way until the posts are set, and they are held together by being nailed to the posts. It requires a less number of posts; if the posts are lit by the frost, they can be easily replaced. The fence is easily removed by placing a lever under the hook and pulling out the panel, and the hook will become broken it can be replaced with a new one. Three men, one to make the post holes with a crowbar, one to drive the posts and one to hang on the panels and tighten up the hooks, will set seventy-five or one hundred rods in a day. It has been reported here that some one claims a patent on the hook, but we do not know of any one who ever paid anything for using them.

How to Plow Well.

In the first place have your plow sharp. Even a good workman will not be able to do a good work with bad tools. It is not enough to turn over a clean furrow, it is to pulverize the soil, and the best plowman is he who can break up the ground into the finest particles. Plow in a furrow, and then break up the subsoil into contact with light and air for their chemical operations. You can never go too deep in plowing. It is to hang on the panels and tighten up the hooks, will set seventy-five or one hundred rods in a day. It has been reported here that some one claims a patent on the hook, but we do not know of any one who ever paid anything for using them.

WHEN TO MILK MILK.

A country woman says: "The wise man in enumerating the time and season," made no mention of a time to skim milk; yet, notwithstanding there is a time—right time—and that is just as the milk begins to sour in the bottom of the pails. Then the cream is all at the surface, and when it is removed with a skimmer, it is as rich as possible. If allowed to remain until it almost reaches the cream, it impairs it in quantity. The housewife or dairymaid who thinks to obtain a greater quantity of milk by leaving it to stand beyond that time, labors under a most egregious mistake. A well-known Evangelical clergyman, on being accused of leaning to a Unitarianism, replied that he hoped everybody would go to heaven. "No," said he, "there are some persons I wish were there now."

CHOCOLATE PUDDING.

Melt two ounces of butter, mix in two ounces of flour, stirmer to a soft paste in half a pint of good milk, sweeten with two ounces of sugar, and flavor with two ounces of chocolate. When cool, stir in six yolks of eggs, and beat with a whisk till the whites beaten to a snow; put into a buttered mould immediately; put the mould in a pan half full of hot water, and set in an oven. Bake one hour, serve with sauce.

NEW ENGLAND MUFFINS.

Beat two eggs well with a tablespoonful of butter, add a pint of milk. Take three teaspoons of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder, half a teaspoonful salt, sift in the milk and eggs, beat quickly and drop into muffin rings or gem pans leaving room for them to rise; bake immediately in a quick oven.

GREEN PEA SALAD.

For a small dinner use a pint of cold boiled peas; they should be very young and tender. Mix a little powdered sugar among them and serve with a few slices of cucumber and a mayonnaise made with trawny vinegar.

DOMESTIC.

QUASSIA WATER AND MOSQUITOES. Quassia water is a protection against gnats and mosquitoes. A young friend of mine, he says, severely bitten by mosquitoes and unwilling to be seen so disfigured, sent me a bottle of water having water poured upon them. At night, after washing, she dipped her hands into the quassia water and rubbed them about her face. She had a perfect protection, and continued to be so whenever applied. At the approach of winter, when flies and gnats get into houses and sometimes bite venomously, a grandchild of mine, eighteen months old, was thus attacked. I gave the nurse some of my weak solution of quassia to be left to drop on his face, and he was not bitten again. It is innocuous to children, and it may be a protection also against bed insects, which I have not had the opportunity of trying.

Chloride of Lime as a Disinfectant.

One pound requires three gallons of water for a strong solution. To purify rooms, sprinkle on the floor, and, if needful, on the bed linen. Infected clothes should be dipped in it, and wrung out, before they are washed. It will kill night comodes, water closets, &c. It may also be used in its pure state. For butcher stalls, fish markets, slaughter-houses, &c. To destroy offensive purils gases, sprinkle it about, and in a few days the smell will pass away. If a rat, or mouse, sheds, die about the house, and set for an offensive gas, place some chloride of lime in an open vessel near the place where the nuisance is, and it will soon purify the atmosphere. Chloride of lime will, it will cause iron or steel to rust rapidly.

Preparation ever discovered except Carboline.

Carboline, a decomposed extract of petroleum, will really produce new hair on bald heads, and restore a happy day when the grain of bald heads fully understood this.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

NEWARK. A fisherman entered Newark Market office and asked the clerk to write an advertisement for him. "I lost my dog," he said. He gave a general description of the animal. "What name did you give it?" "No, this, I say, I think it's a parrot I lost, that I should a conversation with him?" "But, what do you say when you call your dog?" Faith, says, "comes here, y' black thafe of the world."

Wicked for Clergymen.

Washington, D.C., writes: "I believe it to be all wrong and even wicked for clergymen or other public men to be led into giving testimonials to quack doctors or vile stuffs called medicines, but when a really meritorious article of any mineral remedies known to all, that of public use and trust in daily, we should freely commend it. I therefore commend the 'Ely's Compound Blue Pills' for the good they have done me and my friends, firmly believing they have no equal for family use. I will not be without them."—New York Register Weekly.

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RECORDED TO WITHIN BANDAGED HEAD.

"Did he have any provocation when he struck you?" "Witness," he said, "I was drinking, and he struck me on the head with a brick he struck me with."

AN INDIAN WOMAN WEIGHS FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN POUNDS.

An Indian woman weighs five hundred and ten pounds, and she never looks under her bed to see if there's a bag of money hidden there. She would take the chance of the bed's giving way and letting her fall on him.

A FISHMAN IS A VERY IRRESOLUTE AND UNRELIABLE PERSON.

A fishman is a very irresolute and unreliable person. He don't even sit down on his own hook.

A YOUNG LADY CALLS HER FELLOW "HONEY-SUCKLE," BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HANGS UPON HER FRONT FENCE.

A young lady calls her fellow "Honey-suckle," because he always hangs upon her front fence. The boy who was kept out of school for orthography said he was spell-bound.

More to He than Gold.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 1, 1880. Mr. H. R. STEVENSON: I wish to inform you that Vegetine has done for me. I have been troubled with constipation for some time, and have been a great sufferer. I commenced taking Vegetine, and in a few days my bowels were regular. I am now perfectly well, and my appetite is improved. I am sure that every one who has tried this medicine will be benefited. I am, yours, respectfully, DAVID CLARKE.

J. BENTLEY, M.D. says:

It has done more good than all medicinal preparations. NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 1, 1880. Sir:—I have used during the past year a considerable quantity of your Vegetine and I believe, in all cases I have seen, it is superior in its effects. I have used it in many cases, in one case, a delicate young lady of about 16 years of age, who was afflicted with constipation, and who had been treated by all the medical professions with the most powerful cathartics, was cured by your Vegetine. I am, yours, respectfully, J. BENTLEY, M.D.

Loudly in its Praise.

TOBACCO, Ont., March 1, 1880. Dear Sir:—Considering the short time that has elapsed since the introduction of your excellent medicine, it is a most singular and striking proof of its efficacy. I have used it in many cases, and it has cured many of my patients who were afflicted with constipation. I am, yours, respectfully, J. BENTLEY, M.D.

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