

Something like a Flash.

Engine Company 24, in New York, is said to be the quietest in the world in hitching their horses to the machine.

The Captain walked down stairs to the floor where his men were standing about in little groups. The floor was as clean as could be.

The Captain handed a watch to the reporter, saying: "That watch belongs to Capt. Eustes, the captain. It was used by William B. Curtis to time Courtney and Hamlin at Washington."

The watch was started; the horses, whose halters were unlatched by the same current of electricity that rang the bell, started forward, and stood like rocks under the harness with their necks held up ready for the collars, which two firemen

The reporter then went to the house of Engine No. 22, and asked Captain McGill how long it takes him to start.

How a town was born: One day two men were riding in the San Juan country, below Animas City, Colorado, drew reins that they might water their horses in a delightful spot of stream.

They rode back to Animas and bought a horse and wagon. Several weeks later they proceeded on their journey up into the mountains.

AGRICULTURE.

POULTRY HOUSES.—The style and finish of the buildings intended for poultry should not be sacrificed, for without being comfortable the hens will not lay eggs in profit.

They should not be of brick or cemented, but if a solid flooring be desired, it may be paved with gravel and coarse gravel or sand scattered over the surface, which can be removed once or twice a year and replaced with fresh material.

Directly beneath the roosting-poles should be a level scaffolding of smooth boards, to catch the droppings, and so close that the fowls may step from the roost to the scaffold without a short flight.

There is one matter concerning the feeding of cows which is rarely if ever thought of by dairymen, and that is the use of a rabbit as a feeder.

PROTECT THE TREES.—When you butter your legs, save all the blood, and apply it with a brush to your young apple trees, from the ground up to the top of the trunk, and the rabbit will touch it.

BREEDING SOWS AND STOCK HOGS.—These should not be neglected now but should receive good attention, be well provided with shelter and well fed.

Apple Eggs.—Pare and core a convenient number of apples, leaving them whole; fill with sugar and pour water over; then place in oven.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

APRIS AS FOOD.—Very few, probably, understand the nutritive value and the medicinal properties of good apples. To have them the most valuable they must be eaten as food.

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Old Chrysler is a very wealthy and aristocratic Galtstonian. Recently he was examining his orange trees in his garden, and he was surprised to find a young tramp stopped at the gate and looking at him anxiously.

WE WALKED into the parlor, and the minister presently entered. "Ah, ah," he said, "you have come for religious consolation. Let me pray for you."

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WIT AND HUMOR.

ONE of the travelers for a Detroit office sent to a village in the western part of the State in response to information received that a debtor in business there had just died.

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