

Baron Anatole's Butcher.

Some few years ago Le Baron Anatole was named Secretary to the French Legation at the Court of his Majesty the Shah of Persia. Anatole did not much relish the prospect of temporary expatriation to Persia. He dearly loved the Boulevard, and was a great dandy. Knowing all the difficulty of obtaining far from Paris all the requisites of a Frenchman's toilet, he laid in a goodly stock of pomade, hosiery and other cosmetics for his personal adornment, contained in a gorgeous dressing bag, fitted up with many silver-mounted tubes of scented and toilet water.

AGRICULTURE.

DOGS AND SHEEP.—Dogs are the most expensive domestic animals kept in the country. A dog will devour more food in the course of a year than a sheep, and he will require a much better quality. It will injure more gardens, destroy more birds, and do more mischief than any animal, foreign or domestic, that is kept. The average dog as found in this country has more vices and fewer virtues than the town dog. In most parts of the country sheep cannot be kept with an assurance of safety on account of the villainous character of some of the number of dogs. In some regions the dogs are more numerous than all the other animals put together. They are ever-present pests. They have no respect for any person or any thing. No state dog is used for any purpose but to show off protection to sheep. The legal status of a dog is no better defined than that of an Indian. It is found to be impracticable to impose a tax on them. The only dogs the assessor finds to tax are those which do no mischief, but which are ornaments to the place. The assessor finds that the dog who will devour more than the tax collector will discover in an entire township. The dog nuisance will not be treated in the same way as the dog nuisance in the ordinance of large cities, and provisions made to execute them by competent authorities. When all dogs are not treated as nuisances, it is better that their masters have taken out licenses, the number will be diminished. Dogs wearing no collars should be regarded as wild beasts, and treated as such, and bounties offered for their scalps. They are in reality more injurious than their natural cousins, the wolves, and should be treated in the same way.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

The paper lamp-shades so fashionable just now can be made very easily. Fold a sheet of tissue paper in the center, forming a square, then fold it into a quarter square, then into an eighth. Continue folding in this way as long as possible, always folding from the center. Holding the paper by the center, draw it through the other till the paper is thoroughly creased; then partly unfold and draw it through the center, and draw it through the outer edge. When it has become well creased, cut enough from the center to allow of its slipping over the lamp-shade.

MUMOROUS.

"SEIZING the gigantic Indian around the waist and flung him head first into the chasm. Fanning, the boy stood and the chasm. Fanning, a body fell from the chasm to crash into it had disappeared in the darkness below. Just at the moment the boy who was reading the trash came along, lifted the wooden chest, and in the twinkling of an eye had no thought of flinging the old man down a chasm. There was no chasm handy.

Vegetine

For Nervousness, Sleepless Nights. A New Disinfectant.—When warm air is forced through a hot mixture of turpentine and water, a disinfectant substance known as "Vegetine" is produced. It is an aqueous solution, characterized by the presence of hydrogen and certain camphoraceous substances. With it is found another substance called "antiseptol," also containing peroxide of hydrogen, which possesses a high power of oxidation. According to the account given of it by Mr. C. T. Kingzett, the oil promises to be very valuable for sanitary purposes. As it has been found an efficient agent for the decomposition of so stable a substance as iodide of potassium, it can hardly be doubted that it will also effect the oxidation of any animal or vegetable substance, particularly those which are in course of putrefactive decomposition. It is also the property of being capable, after the proper one performed its measure of oxidation, of forming a new amount of active peroxide of hydrogen. The disinfectant is made available for their work. Several experiments, made by Mr. Kingzett, prove that this oil is a powerful antiseptic. Beef put in water containing it was kept sweet during periods of 25 to 40 days; four parts from 30 to 50 days; the white of eggs for 50 days; wine for 100 days. The oil is not destined to supersede the use of carbolic acid, but promises in section to serve the purpose to which the aqueous solution is applied, and is not adapted to meet the same ends, but a valuable supplement to it. It may be used for the disinfection of persons suffering from communicable diseases. Plane surfaces, as floorings and walls, may be disinfected by wiping them with a cloth or brush dipped in it. It has been used in cases of cholera, typhoid fever, and other diseases, when they are applied to the body in cases of infectious disease. It may be evaporated for the fumigation of rooms, which has been found to be persons suffering from communicable diseases. Plane surfaces, as floorings and walls, may be disinfected by wiping them with a cloth or brush dipped in it. It has been used in cases of cholera, typhoid fever, and other diseases, when they are applied to the body in cases of infectious disease. It may be evaporated for the fumigation of rooms, which has been found to be persons suffering from communicable diseases.

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Mexico.

There is something characteristically American in the nerve which has animated capitalists, and in the energy displayed by projectors and workers, in the extension of our railroads into a country which comparatively little has been generally known either as to its material resources or its real political condition. There has been a lazy sort of impression that Mexico was a pariah among nations—a country not only of poverty of natural resources (aside from its mines) but with what little nature had given it rendered hopelessly unavailable by a low condition of political and social morals. This impression, as regards resources, the well-informed have long known to be incorrect. Well applied industry and science can do wonders with the soil, as has been demonstrated. While thousands of her acres are irretrievably "bad country" or malpais as it is termed, vast tracts now unproductive only need irrigation to become richly fertile. Where the soil is good it is famously so, and most bountiful crops are produced. Physiologically Mexico consists of a series of vast plateaus of various altitudes descending in terraces to either coast, and consequently a most remarkable variety of vegetable products. These climatic divisions are so well marked as to receive specific names. They are termed Tierras Calientes, the lowest lands in altitude, with a mean annual temperature of 72 degrees; the Tierras Templanas, the next in altitude, with equable temperature varying only from 70 degrees to 80 degrees, and the Tierras Frias, the highlands, where the temperature ranges from 60 degrees to 65 degrees. There is thus a wide range of climate and soil, and consequently a most remarkable variety of vegetable products. These climatic divisions are so well marked as to receive specific names. They are termed Tierras Calientes, the lowest lands in altitude, with a mean annual temperature of 72 degrees; the Tierras Templanas, the next in altitude, with equable temperature varying only from 70 degrees to 80 degrees, and the Tierras Frias, the highlands, where the temperature ranges from 60 degrees to 65 degrees.

Peached Eggs.

To peach eggs in an art. We want little eggs, prevented from decaying in the ground. Of course the better plan is to use wood of a durable kind. If locust wood cannot be had, short pieces of this wood to go in the ground, and project high enough above the surface to allow upshots of more perishable wood to be applied to them. This will answer in some soils last well, and the enduring quality of Catalpa will recommend that for such uses. Among the methods of preventing decay, the most successful is to extend only two, namely, through charring the lower ends, and to soaking them in a strong solution of Blue Stone. (Sulphate of Copper.) The amount of this in two quarts of water makes a saturated solution or nearly so. The ends of the posts are soaked in this until it has well penetrated to the center. This is done by a German method: After they had been well soaked in the blue vitriol solution and dried, they were placed in a tub of water, and the water was agitated ready for use. The stakes thus treated lasted well for two seasons, when they were no longer needed.

Parlisan.

"Parlisan" tells of a woman who found out a way to prevent wrinkles. She squeezed out the juice from several lemons, and mixed it with a little water in a plain pan, in which boiling water is ready; put in a little vinegar, and carefully put in the raw egg so as not to break the yolk. When the eggs have well set take them out with the draining slide and hold them for a minute till you put them on the buttered toast. A little pepper should be sprinkled over them.

Unpleasantly boarder.

Fogg had had one small helping of the steak, and Mrs. Jones asked why he did not take a second. "I have no appetite," said Fogg. "I was so sick," said Mrs. Jones smiling sweetly, "but her face was crimson. As soon as breakfast was over, Mrs. Jones was seen poring over the dictionary for the different meanings of the verb 'to tender.'"

Scam.

The gambling table at Monte Carlo, the English lady with little sister and a gentleman whose acquaintance they have made at the hotel. Young lady: "Oh, I shall put five francs piece on the number of my age." Little sister: "What do you mean by that?" "It's bound to be some infernal wire-walker," said the response. "It turned out, however, that injustice had been done an unfortunate tramp by the comparison."

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Tobacco Smoke.

In further research on this subject Dr. Lebon finds that collidine, the new alkaloid existing in tobacco smoke (with other aromatic principles, and prussic acid, as well as nicotine), is a liquid of agreeable and very penetrating odor, and as poisonous as nicotine, the twentieth part of one drop sufficing to paralyze and kill a frog. It is the prussic acid and various aromatic principles that cause the cough, the asthma, and nausea in smoking certain tobaccos that contain little nicotine. Other tobaccos, rich in nicotine, have no such effects. The tobaccos containing most prussic acid and collidine are those of Havana and the Levant. The dark semi-liquid matter which condenses in pipes and cigar-holders contains all the substances just named, as well as carbonate of ammonia, tarry and coloring matter, etc. It is very poisonous; two or three drops of it will kill a small animal. The combustion of tobacco destroys but a small part of the prussic acid, and the rest is carried off in the smoke. The proportion absorbed by smokers varies according to circumstances, but hardly ever falls below 50 centigrammes per 100 grammes of tobacco burnt. About the same quantity of ammonia is absorbed at the same time. Naturally, more of the poisonous principles are absorbed where the smoke is breathed (as in a room); less in open air. A frog placed in a receiver containing a solution of nicotine, with about one drop of that substance to a little water, succumbs in a few hours. Tobacco smoke contains about 8 milligrammes of carbonic oxide per 100 grammes of tobacco burnt. The poisonous properties of tobacco smoke are not due to this gas, as has been maintained in Germany.

Wisconsin Farmer.

A Wisconsin farmer, twenty-three years ago, planted a piece of land unfit for cultivation with the walnut tree. The trees are now from sixteen to twenty inches through, and have been sold for \$27,000.

Too much hay and too little grain.

A common mistake in feeding work-horses is to give too much hay and too little grain. The hay should be cut in a large, slow-moving team, and the work more economically than quick-moving ones. It is far better to go once with heavy loads than to give light ones. It is very comparatively small quickgoing, nervous horses that balk. Sometimes a heavy horse will refuse to draw, but rarely.

Restric gives the following directions.

Restric gives the following directions for keeping the hands and feet during cold weather and curing them when chapped: Wash them in butter-milk in which some wheat bran has been stirred twenty hours before use; and dry them over a fire with a towel. The remedy is most efficacious if used at night just before retiring.

Delicious Corn Bread.

Delicious Corn Bread.—One pin corn meal and one pint flour, two eggs, one tablespoon of melted butter, half cup sugar, one teaspoon soda, two of cream tartar, one of salt; mix with sweet milk to make a proper consistency to bake.

Honey Lemon Cake.

Honey Lemon Cake.—One cup butter, two cups of honey, four eggs well beaten, teaspoonful of essence of lemon, half cup of sour milk, two spoonfuls of soda, flour enough to make it as stiff as can well be stirred; bake at once in a quick oven.

Speaking of machinery used in Western mines.

Speaking of machinery used in Western mines, a prominent engineer recently said in some of the deep mines there are employed single engines capable of raising a load of 100,000 pounds, weighing 90,000 pounds a distance of 1,500 feet, seven times a minute; and that safety cages used in mines travel at the rate of 3,000 feet a minute, and propelled by a single engine are able to load 1,200 tons of ore a distance of 1,500 feet in one day.

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One of the most notable late achievements in engineering has been the floating of the French iron-clad Richelieu in the harbor of Toulon. It will be remembered that about the last of December, 1890, she took fire and was scuttled. She was brought to the surface by the French navy, and will be remounted and ready for service.

Michigan has produced a pig.

Michigan has produced a pig which weighed 300 pounds, and was killed at the rate of 1,500 feet a minute, and propelled by a single engine are able to load 1,200 tons of ore a distance of 1,500 feet in one day.

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Dr. J. Gwyn Jeffreys has, during a period of between forty and fifty years, dredged, as an explorer, all the seas of the British Isles besides a considerable part of those on the coasts of North America, Greenland, Norway, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Italy. He has never found anything of a nature which he has named the "Sahara of the North Sea," although many thousands human beings must have perished in those seas. The "Sahara of the North Sea" is a vast tract of water, extending from the coast of Norway to the coast of France, and is named after the Sahara of the North Sea.

To cure scab in sheep.

To cure scab in sheep, rub it with pine tar three times a week. Dogs may be cured of the mange in the same way.

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