

It may be said that the Americans are eminently a nation of workers. There are comparatively few people of leisure in this country who live on fixed incomes, and who do not from necessity or choice follow some regular calling or occupation as a means of obtaining a livelihood or accumulating property.

"The blue envelope has been the emblem of misery on the New York Central since 1858," said a conductor on that line whose service has extended over a period of twenty-five years. A train on which a porter was going west the other day was in his charge. The story he told of the origin of the envelope beguiled the tedium of the journey.

Attention was specially called to the shells of the oysters, who not only have river and sea fish, salt and fresh, in great abundance, but an excellent store of bamboo oysters; and if you wonder what they are, I might as well explain that they are a vegetable largely practiced on this coast, and a bamboo oyster field is prepared far more carefully than a Kentish hop garden.

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EXPERIMENTS ON THE FARM.—Whatever experiments are to be tried on the farm the coming season should be carefully considered before the busy season opens, then the farmer will have sufficient time to mature plans necessary to make the experiment one of value.

"The blue envelope" was the name of the conductor who had been running on the road about five years, when one day he received a dispatch saying his services were urgently desired in New York. Proceeding there he found that Commodore Vanderbilt sought the interview. The old fellow was as cross as a bilious man.

HOARSED CANDY.—Prepare a strong decoction by boiling two ounces of the dried herb in a pint and a half of water for about one-half hour. Strain and add to three and one-half pounds of brown sugar. Boil over a hot fire until the sugar will harden when cool. Pour out into flat tins that have been greased.

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IF we expect to succeed as dairymen in the struggle against oleomargarine, etc., we must take the only just course and legislate against dishonest, deceptive sales of anything as a substitute for real butter.

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D. G. Doane gives a beautiful simple experiment which may interest the amateur with the microscope. Upon a slip of glass pour a drop of liquid anise seed, and add a few drops of a solution of ferrous sulphate.

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KEEP THE COWS CLEAN.—If the cows have their flanks lined with manure, as too many of them have at this time of year, you should select a warm day and secure a few pails of hot water to carry to the barn and wash off those flanks.

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OLD straw has a pretty respectable use for carrying work around in. The leghorn flats are the best to make use of, although any large shade hat can be made to answer the purpose.

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MANAGING live stock a main thing is to look to the comfort of the animal. No animal thrives at the same time that it is cold and hungry while it is fat.

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GATEAU OF APPLES.—Put into a sauce pan a half pint of water, together with a half a pound of loaf sugar. Let it boil, and when it becomes a thick syrup, have some white apples pared, cored, and sliced, and add a pound of the syrup, favoring the mixture with the zest and juice of a lemon.

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ROTTEN CORN-cobs are said to be a valuable fertilizer on any soil that is deficient in potash, but as they are so much rotted by being rotted with other manure, care should be taken to collect all the cobs and mix them with the other refuse.

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A BANNER LAMP SHADE.—Many can endure the glare of the lamp or the gas light in their eyes, will find a little banner not only a pretty ornament for the table, but really a great convenience. The shade is made of fifty or sixty cents, and the banner may be made as the taste suggests.

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Do not give oyster shells to the hens; burn them up for manure purposes and feed the hens broken egg-shells instead. Then when they cannot get them otherwise, they will eat their eggs, and thus save you the trouble of searching for them in the hay-mow or under the barn.

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STRAINED HONEY.—Beekeepers should impress on the minds of their customers that extracted is far superior and nothing like the old strained honey. Not one person in fifty understands that by machinery specially prepared for the purpose the comb is rapidly raised, and the honey is thrown out of the cells and the residue is left in the hive to be filled again, and again extracted. This gives pure honey; not strained honey containing dead bees, bread, scraps of comb, etc.

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One of the most common weeds in all southern and western Texas is the trompillo (Solanum elaeagnifolium), whose black berries when ripe have the remarkable property of curdling milk, though they disclose no acid reaction. The Mexicans crush the fruit, put it into a muslin bag, and submerge this in a pan of milk until coagulation has taken place.

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Office Mucilage.—Gum Arabic, clean lump, 1 ounce; glycerine, concentrated, 2 teaspoonfuls; boiling water, 1 gill. If too thick, add a little more water; this mucilage will keep in summer without molding.

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"Now, you, Bobby, come back here and set in this seat this minute; do you hear me?" "Bobby, come away from that water cup this minute. Mind now." "Bobby, stop teasing your little sister, you naughty boy. I've a mind to spank you."

"Bobby, set down there in that seat. If you don't I'll give you a trouncing." "Bobby, stop that crying, or I'll give you something to cry for." "Bobby, take your head in out of that window this minute. You'll get out and be killed, and if you do I'll spank you within an inch of your life."

"It was natural you know that I should be attracted to you." She (shyly)—"Indeed? Why?" He—"Well, you know, your brother studied law in the same office with me and we were admitted to the bar together."

"Certainly," was the reply sent over the wires. Twelve hours later the son announced: "Go the hops, the widow and seven step-children, and shall we to Chicago to-morrow to see about a divorce."

The little son of a dressmaker said to her day: "Mamma, does God really make little boys?" "Yes, darling." "But I have been examining my arms and legs, and I can't find any seams on them."

"Do not be alarmed. It is one of the very earliest symptoms of consumption, and only shows the healthy effort of the system to throw off the scrofulous impurities of the blood, which have resulted in ulceration of the lungs. Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery' is a positive remedy for consumption at this stage. It taken faithfully, it will cleanse the blood, heal the ulcers in the lungs, and build up and renovate the whole system."

Some prospectors in West Virginia found signs of natural gas on a farm belonging to an old man, and they went to his house and asked permission to bore and make further development. "What's the gas good for?" he asked. "To take the place of fuel."

When cooking beans add one-half teaspoon of saleratus. In hundreds of cases, Hood's Sarsaparilla, by purifying and enriching the blood, has proven a potent remedy for rheumatism. Hence, if you suffer the pains and aches of this disease, it is fair to assume that Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure you. Give it a trial.

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