(Ihe 耳emornat.
faum aut gitousthold.
American sumac.
The demand for Ameicican sumac, bays
 rocoo manent have been made in its prep.
 has arivedyg have sprung up through the Southern and Midde states. It has not been a profitable business for the last pression incident to all branches of trade Sumac grows all over the United and dyeing purposes suited for tanning If in a belt of country ruving from Maryland down through Virgiaia and the
Carolinas, thence through the northern pections of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississipp, and in portions of Kenticicky seems too cold to develope the tannuvg properties of this plant, but large quansumac are sold in the leaf to tanners of goat skins, who put it in the vats to
strengthen up and keep the semed skius strengthen up and keep the sow br many
from leaking, and it is also used by tan ners who
of ther leather.
The Indian name of sumac is kiliki nick; they. ase it, and it is still need, Virginia standa at the head of all the States in producing sumac, and owing to the care taken here in selecting and
prinding, its quality is unsarpassed.grinding, its quality is unsarpassed, are Lynchburg. Richmond, Fredericks barg, Alexaydria and Winchester:
Ihe season for pickin sumac mences with the first of July, and end frost, for this tornger, or with the firs it is northless. The stems, except the leaf stems, have no strength gnd shonl and if ground they only absorb the strengti of the leaf and depreciate the value of the article. Sumac shonld be parts of the bush containing the leazes bui do not gather the blossoms or berries. Sone sumac gatherers allow the
leares to wilt a few hours in the sun while others convey them immediatel noter shelter to preserve its color and trength; when it is dry, pat it in bulk, and when dry and windy days set $j$ n spread it out.mn beds as you would wheat
or oats on a clean plank floor. Then breshit with a flail, when the leave and stems will break up fine, and rake amay. In drying before threshing, it
should be frequently fhrown over with pitchfork to let the air get to every part
of it. Remember to take out all the sticks, stems, and berries. The strength is in the leaf and leaf stems.
The grinders of sumac The grinders of sumac are obliged to hase their supply for a year's grindin in the morths of Jaly, Angnst. and Sep tember. Care must be caken to have pontaneous combustion. Good ventila packed.

Ink for Horticultural Labels. There is so much inquiry lately for ink
or writing on zinc labels, that a good reeipt for such an artucle may benefit som in your columns long ao bu Powdered reerdiating. It 18 as follows ac, 2 parts; lampblack, 1 part; water 20 parts. A quill pen will be necessary, ab Any druggist will put up a small quanti ty of this, mixture for a few cents, as all he ingredients are inespensive. Labels writen with this ink, and bearing the
date of 1856, can be eeen in the orchard of one of my nelghbors, as legible as the day they were written. This 18 proof
enongh of the value of the ink. Zinc labels are now advertised for sale, but any pair of tipner's shears-a tool that of a farmer should possess. From a strip of ziuc four inches in width, cat of labels ing to a point at the other. By cutting
the broad end of ther. alternately of the the label at each edge Hasted and each cut gives a label. The wever be omitted) and written should broad end of the label, and the other end twisted loosely around a twig of the tree to be marked. This id some trouble, bat lifetime.-Country Gentleman.

## Farm Profis in America.

Before leaping England, some ten years under one of the greatest of Englist landlords, but what with high rent, dear among catile, I found at the end that I Was $£ 600$ porrer than when I com 1 menc-
ed; so I cleaned out and came West, Where I have been farming mine years menced with io Eus cand, than $I$ comsome $\$ 20,000$ entirely from farming.


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## Bless her ! why, she weara a cap, Grandma does, and takes a nap Every single day ; and yet Grandma danced the minuet

 Now she sits there, rocking, rocking,Always kniting Grandpa's stocking (Every girl was taught to knit
Long gao.)
Yet her figure is so neat. And her ways so staid and sweet,
I can almoes see her now. I can almoes see her now,
Bendiug to her partner's bow,
Long ago.
 No-they moved with tstately grace,
Everything in proper place Ghding slowly lor ward then
Slowly cowresyin Slowly courteseying back tong ago Modern ways are quite alarming,
Granma syas but boys were charming
Giris and boys, , Bravely modest; gong ago. grandy shy-
What if all of us would try Juat to feel like thone who met
In the graceful minuet With the minuet in fashion, Aho would if into a passion?
All wear the calm they wore
Long ago. Lo time to conge, if al perchance,
Stould tell my grandchild of our dance, I should reilly yike to say,
"We did it, dear, in somese.such way,
Long ago."
 Of Easter Monday rites various aurious elhcs still linger. One, called "chipping
he charch," is performed by children of the charits schools, amid crowds of peope ind ahonts of joy. They place their and join hands till the circle is complete and the building surrounded,' when the ceremony
Another custom in Durbam, is for men shoe from every woman they meet, unless They will pay a small fee to prevent it. The next day, as is but fair, the women
retort by doing the same to men. In some parts a still more ndiculous custom is found, "heaping" or "liftivg," On Easter Monday the men "lift" wo men, and on Tuesday the women are the
lifters. It is done thus: two strong ment fters. It is done thus: two strong men
cross hands in the way we used to call "making a chair," in my school-days, or they carry a chair lined with white, and decorated with flowers and ribbons 0 O
meeting a woman in the street, they inmeeting a woman in the street, they in
rite her to take a seat, and, in fact insist apon it. They then lift her into the air three times, when she must kiss each of her lifters, and give them money be castom was so general that even the king was "lifted.".
In Kent, the young people on Easter Monday "go a padding.pieing." That is go to pablic-honses to eat pudding.pie raised paste rim, and custard inside. And everywhere, and all the time, are eggs, eggs, eggs ; boiled and colored
striped and mottled, and gilded ; orna mented with names, or mottoes, or pic
tares. Common ones are variously adorn ed with desigus drawn with a bit of tal low, which keeps the dye from taking on
those parta. A better kind of decoration hose parts. A better kind of decoration
is to scratch the design with a B sharp
knife on an egs after it is dyed ; land knife on an egg after it is dyed; land
scapea, mottoes, etc., can be made ver neatly.
A common game-which, perhaps, you
know-is played with Easter egge. Th Know-is played with Easter egge. Th lenges any one to strike eiggs with him.
If his egg breaks the other it "the cock of one," and its owner bas the has broken two, it is "cock of two," and so or. If an egg which is coek of one the number of trophies won by thata tim to his own score.
egge is caid to be Persian, and to bear al lusion to the "mundane egg," from which to have been derived it is a custom among Jews, Egyptians, and Hindoos, and was adopted by Christians to sym This feast of This feast of eggs, therefore, very prop-
erly occurs at Easter.-Olve Thorne, St. Nicholas for April.

Children must bave love inside the house and fresh air, and good play, and some good companionship outside-other
wise young life runs the greatest dange wise young he the world of withering, or growing stunted, or, at best, prem
turned in ward on itself.
Travelers tell a great many strange of $\Omega$ fire in Persia that had been kept stead ify buraing by the Fire-worshipers to over three thousand years, without being allowen to go
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