

THE DROUTH OF 1819.

At Pleasant Hill I conversed with an intelligent and pious Shaker, who held to the doctrine of final perseverance in his undying faith in the goodness of God, in not suffering a total failure of crops to occur. He was a young man in 1819, the year of the "great drouth," when from early summer to the middle of January there was no rain, when the air was hot and dry, when the clouds refused to form and to be condensed into showers, when the dew-point was not seen, when the stagnant pools of water in the crooks and branches became so thoroughly carbonized and mismanaged, that the cattle died, and all vegetation was utterly parched up and apparently destroyed. During the terrible drouth the cattle became afflicted with the "hot-weather itch," and thousands died, literally tearing the skin from their sides and backs in their frantic efforts to scratch themselves to relieve the intolerable itching. Deer and horses died with black tongue; fowls and birds became listless and stupefied, moped in despair, lost their plumage and died in utter misery. Men, women and children grew sick with disappointed hopes for the healing showers, drinking the foul carbonized water and eating dusty food, and many died of disease not known before or since. Maddened with the intolerable itch and frantic with eating the dry and desiccated grass deprived of all nutritive elements by the long drouth, the cattle, sheep and horses roamed over the fields and through the forests, moaning and howling or scratching in their impotent rage. Added to these horrors, the fields and forests took fire and burned for weeks and months. The air was filled with smoke and ashes, producing another horror in the shape of some form of ophthalmia that was almost intolerable.

Fresh vegetables were soon exhausted, the cattle would not be used for food, water was scarce and unfit to drink, fires were raging, and the whole population afflicted with disease in some shape. This state of things lasted until the middle of January, when the blessed rain and the really beautiful snow came and saved the country from utter annihilation. The gentle Shaker had feared that such an other dread season was beginning; that the water was again becoming carbonized and impregnated with deleterious earthy salts and other constituents from dead insects, aphidians, batrachians, infusoria and rotting mammals. At this very time the good Shaker did not know that cattle and horses were dying in some parts of Illinois with a disease similar in many respects to that described in our graphic manner and starting under circumstances so similar.

I felt really alarmed at his vivid descriptions of the "hot weather itch," from a personal knowledge of the ravages perpetrated upon the human hand by the bite of a single mosquito. His description of the erysipelatos black tongue was equally distressing, and I shall never forget his terse and forcible language as he depicted these horrors. He was sublimely eloquent without an effort, in his quiet way, and if I could impart his manner to the paper on which I write, it would produce rare reading for the Courier-Journal.

[See Moines Iowa State Register.] We notice the following: An exchange, Mr. G. B. Harvor, Foreman N. Y. & N. H. S. B. Co., suffered for eight days with terrible pain in the back, almost to distraction, until he heard of and used St. Jacobs Oil, one bottle of which cured him completely.

The Ohio Board of Agriculture estimates 72 per cent. of a full crop of wheat this year, 70 per cent. of corn, and 1,000,000 bushels increase of oats. To the weak Peruna gives strength. The "cattle-drive" this season from Texas to Kansas and other Northern States and Territories has been about 250,000 head—double what it was estimated it would be by experienced stockmen.

To the sick Peruna is the greatest blessing. When Methuselah was only five hundred years, his father told him that if he didn't stop smoking vile cigarettes he would die in early manhood. He didn't stop, and he only lived a few hundred years after that; but boys will be boys.

There is no feeding more economical for a hard working team than a light mess of whole oats, say three quarts per horse, at morning and noon, and about two quarts of corn meal at night, together with all the good hay they will eat clean. A correspondent of the National Live-stock Journal writes that "hog cholera can be stamped out by wise legislation, well executed; but no man can do anything single-handed. We need a public sentiment that will kill a cholera hog as quick as a mad dog." A recent dispatch from Liverpool announcing the embarkation of 550 Mormon converts bound for Salt Lake City says that over 2,000 recruits for the Utah settlements have left that port during the past summer. This fact shows in a striking manner that the Mormon hierarchy is making a greater effort than ever to strengthen his power.

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A correspondent of The Rural News-York advises the immediate removal of the limbs of pear-trees infested with blight. They should be cut off below where the blight is visible. If the limb is promptly removed, he says, there is no more danger of that tree than of any other. The danger consists in allowing the blighted part to remain until the poison has extended so far as to menace the life of the tree. Mr. W. D. Philbrick, of Massachusetts, does not regard the crow as entitled to the least consideration as a destroyer of insects. He is, Mr. Philbrick says, a merciless robber of birds' nests, eating indiscriminately eggs and young birds in the breeding season, and he thinks it arrant nonsense to defend the crow as useful to the farmer. The song birds, frogs and toads he destroys would, if suffered to live, probably destroy twice as many insects as the crow himself.

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