

The Sparrows of Washington.

There is less complaint now than formerly of the English sparrow nuisance; but no one can visit Washington without having the subject emphatically and offensively brought to his attention. That city is over-run by the noisy, dirty birds. The approaches to the Capitol are kept in a positively filthy condition by them. The impudent little pests appear to have picked out the seat of the National Government as a fitting place to put in evidence their bad breeding. If ever there shall be in this country an anti-sparrow crusade it might well enough take its start in Washington.—Forest and Stream.

A Pertinent Paragraph.

"Our country is right, should be kept right; if wrong should be put right," is a political maxim which paraphrased applies to other conditions of life, thus: our health if right, should be kept right; if wrong should be put right, especially in bodily ailments, such as pains and aches, which St. Jacobs' Oil promptly cures. Many out of work should be given a chance to cure and it will give them a chance to go to work. Another advice is: "do the best, with the best." Well, of course, you want to be well from all sorts of aches, and the best thing to do is to get the remedy. He who does so is doing well indeed.

A House of ten rooms in Pompeii cost the builder nearly \$5000.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamphlet and Certificate free. Laboratory Binghamton, N. Y.

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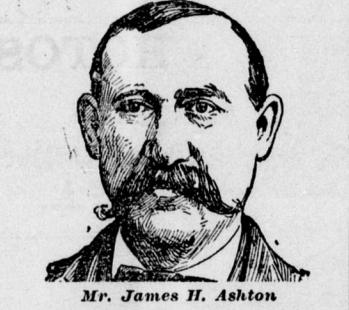
Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used, except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure is manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

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Mr. James H. Ashton

I Am Well

Thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cured me of the rheumatism and ulcers on my leg, which I had for years and could not cure. I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills standard medicines. J. H. Ashton, night watchman on Islington bridge, West Rochester, N. H.

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Don't leave home mad

If your breakfast doesn't happen to suit, TELL YOUR WIFE To have **Wheatena** BUCKWHEAT CAKES For breakfast to-morrow.



PROFIT IN APPLE TREES.

The Rural New Yorker quotes the following: "I approve of setting out apple orchards, for I am persuaded that the apple crop of the future is going to be a profitable one, as the population increases faster than the apple trees, and many of the orchards now standing are growing old and going into decay."

POINTS ON FARM ACCOUNTS.

Says the National Dairyman: "If you would keep an account with your fields, you would find out that you can produce corn, oats, hay, or anything cheaper on a well-manured field. You would find that there are certain expenses which are exactly the same whether you have a good crop or a poor one. These are: (1) Interest on original cost of land, buildings and fences; (2) cost of seed, and to a certain extent (3) cost of cultivation."

WINTERING PARSNIPS.

The practice of leaving parsnips in the ground through the winter is very general, writes G. A. Woolson, of Vermont, to the American Agriculturist. The prevalent idea that freezing and thawing add materially to the flavor of the vegetable is erroneous, as experience proves. The better way is to dig them late in the fall and store in a cool cellar. The advantages to be gained by this process are the early date at which they can be placed in the market and consequent higher prices obtained, and the length of time they retain their flavor and freshness in spring and early summer. Parsnips thus cared for have been kept into June with marked success. Furthermore it avoids the necessity of hustling around to dig the roots in the spring before the tops have made much growth; likewise worms and rot are unknown.

GLANDERS.

Glanders is a contagious malady, which can be communicated from one animal to another by actual contact only; therefore, to prevent the disease from spreading it is necessary only to isolate all subjects which have been exposed to the disease until the period of incubation has expired. The period of incubation, or, in other words, the time of receiving the contagion into the system and the appearance of the disease is usually in the acute form five to ten days, while in the chronic form it may be two or three months. All exposed subjects should therefore be quarantined for from sixty to ninety days. There is no cure for glanders. In the neighborhood where the disease has prevailed due precaution should be taken to guard against the spread of the disease. All diseased subjects should be promptly destroyed and the carcasses should be burned. All suspected animals should be kept isolated under veterinary supervision until they can be pronounced sound or destroyed. The stable where the diseased subjects have been kept, as well as all clothing, utensils, harness, etc., should be thoroughly disinfected.—American Farmer.

POULTRY DUST BATH.

Nearly if not quite all species of fowls use the dust bath, says Albert F. Firestone. They choose a spot of fine, dry soil and scrape little holes, where they pulverize the dirt until it is reduced to a fine dust. In this they roll and shake their feathers and allow the dust to penetrate to the skin. It appears that in some of these infestations the parasites which infest the plumage or the skin. It has been said by some naturalists that as all insects breathe—not through the mouth as warm-blooded animals do, but through little openings in the skin situated in rows along the side of the body—the particles of dust close these openings, so that parasites die of suffocation as quickly as a quadruped would if held under water. This has been denied by some scientists, who say that these holes are defended by a very delicate but effective apparatus that makes it impossible for any foreign matter to enter, no matter how minute it may be. Be this as it may, I know that wild birds take dust baths whenever the weather and the state of soil permit. Nature is a good guide, and whether the dust bath is for the prevention and absorption of effete matter which has become too odorous, or whether it acts as an insecticide, it is certainly advantageous to fowls or, whether they do not use the dust bath, I say that the careful poultry-keeper will provide dust boxes for birds, filled with fine dust, coal ashes, thoroughly dried and mixed with insect powder. It makes but little difference which of these varieties of soil you use; the principal part is to have it clean. That is, not a highly manured soil, but a comparatively infertile one is preferable. The next qualification is that it must be perfectly dry.—Western Farmer.

FALL CALVES THE BEST TO RAISE.

There is no longer any use disputing the extra value of fall calves for raising. And they constitute one of the chief sources of profit to the butter dairyman who has his cows milked and raises his own cows, finely bred. It is no wonder that such men estimate the value of skim milk at one cent per quart. And they have learned how to employ it to the best advantage. "I always feed it with bran," says one. But bran alone would not do, although it is essential to rapid growth because of its bone-producing elements. A little flaxseed, properly prepared, returns to the milk a part of the fat removed by skimming, and keeps the bowels in order. Boil it in six times its bulk of water for twenty minutes, or until it makes a jelly. Two tablespoonfuls of this jelly placed in each gallon of milk fed the calves, with a handful or two of bran, according to the age of the calf, will make large, sleek, choice animals. Too much bran fed to very young calves is not desirable. There is no com-

With a large flock of chicks, abundance of milk, a good-sized patch of strawberries and vegetable garden, the health of the family may virtually be assured and the provision dealer's bill greatly reduced.

The class who had common breeds of cows ten years ago, and still have them, must eventually succumb to the spirit of the times. They will be forced to capitulate from necessity if not from conviction.

The wide-awake dairyman who has stocked his farm with the best of cows and feeds them intelligently can produce milk much more cheaply than his neighbor, who is still boasting along on the old track.

In pig-keeping the breed is not of so much importance as the type. The kind wanted is one that will finish off symmetrically at from six to eight months old if pushed, as market feed, in general should be, making good weights without excessive fat.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

THE GOOD HOUSEKEEPER.

How can I tell her?
By her cellar,
Cleanly shelves and whitened walls.
I can guess her
By her dresser,
By the beds, stairs and halls.
And with pleasure
Take her measure
By the way she keeps her brooms;
Or the "keeping"
Of her back and unseem rooms.
By her kitchen's air of neatness,
And its general completeness,
Where in cleanliness and sweetness
The rose of order blooms.
—St. Louis Star-Sayings.

"STREAKED BUTTER."

Streaked butter indicates a retention of buttermilk. It may be prevented, says a writer, by adding a quart of water to every two gallons of cream after the granules of butter begin to appear and before churning is completed. Washing the granulated butter in the churn with cold water several times after drawing off the buttermilk is also a cure. Streaks sometimes result from uneven mixing in of salt. Reworking after the salt has dissolved will correct this.

A CONVENIENT SPONGE BAG.

A sponge bag, which is a most convenient thing to own is thus made. Take ten inches square of oiled silk with pieces of red braid laid on the under side to cross each other all over it. Wherever the cross fasten with a fancy stitch in worsted. Around the edge sew quilled red braid and from each corner hang a ball made of the worsted, and half a yard of braid. Fasten these four pieces of braid together with two more balls and twisted loops.

TO CLEAN BLACK DRESSES.

Here is a preparation that is excellent for cleaning soiled black dresses: Take two parts of soft water to one part of alcohol, or if there be paint spots on the stuff, spirits of turpentine. Soap a sponge well, dip in the mixture and rub a breadth at a time, on both sides, stretching the material on a table. Iron on the wrong side, or that which is to be inside when the stuff is made up. Sponge off with water, hot, but not scalding, before you iron. Iron while damp. This proceeding will make the material appear like new.—St. Louis Star-Sayings.

ON THE CARE OF FUEL.

It is simply waste to fill up the grate with coal and then punch and poke it till it nearly melts the top off the stove, only to go through the process again when it is all burned out. When the fire is burning a small shovelful at a time will keep the oven in prime condition and cook everything on top of the stove just as fast as though the vessels were dancing a jig from the intense heat. When a thing is cooking you can't make it cook any faster without spoiling it or drying it up too fast. So it is with a heating stove. If you let the coal in the latrobe all get on fire at once it will drive your gut out of the room with heat, but if it burns to white ashes in an hour, when by feeding down properly it would have heated the house, and the one feederful would have sufficed for a whole day.—New York World.

RECIPES.

Duchesse Potatoes—Take cold mashed potato, roll out and form into biscuit-shaped cakes using a little flour to form them, but do not mix the flour through them. Arrange cakes on a pie-plate, glaze them over with beaten egg, and bake to a delicate brown.

Spiced Apple Pudding—Three tea-cups bread crumbs, one pint of boiling milk poured over them, three cups of chopped apples, one cup seeded raisins, one cup of sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves, mace and salt. Steam half an hour and bake twenty minutes.

Squash Pie—A cupful of cold squash is sufficient for one pie. Beat into it half a cupful of sugar and two eggs and add enough rich milk to fill the pie plate. Flavor with a dusting of nutmeg on top. If the squash has been salted add a pinch of salt. Bake in one crust until the egg is fully set.

Escalloped Tomatoes—Place a layer of cold stewed tomatoes in the bottom of an earthen pudding-dish, then a layer of fine bread or cracker crumbs, with salt, pepper and butter. Repeat until dish is full. If liked a scanty quantity of finely chopped onion may be mixed with the tomatoes. Have a layer of crumbs on top. Bake a light brown.

Rice Muffins—Two cupfuls of cold, boiled rice, two eggs, a little salt, a tablespoonful of melted butter, one cupful of sweet milk, and two cupfuls of flour in which is sifted a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat all thoroughly and bake in gem tins. These are delicate and nice, but must be served as soon as baked, if left to stand are apt to fall.

Sponge Cake—No cake is more easily made or more delicious than this, if successful; if a failure the opposite is true. Practice is necessary, so always succeed; until this is the case, great care should be taken in making it. Beat three eggs light and add one teaspoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of milk, or more if necessary, to keep the dough from becoming too stiff; one teaspoonful of flour mixed with one teaspoonful of baking powder.

New Trick of the Usurers.

The trickster of Berlin, Germany, has a new trick. Parties who seek a loan through advertisements in newspapers are informed that they can have the money, by paying an interest of six per cent.—and by renting a floor of such and such a house belonging to the money lender. If the borrower accepts, he is compelled to sign a lease running for a number of years, at a very high rent. In this wise, many a horrible or hardly finished house is filled from cellar to garret in a very short time. The everything is tried to sell the house, and as the leases are apparent evidence that the property is a paying one, dupes are generally found.—New York Press.

Pekin, China, is frozen up for six months of the year, and the inhabitants enjoy ice sledging at Christmas.

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A Boa Constrictor Swallows Its Mate.

One of the strangest incidents in the experience of the management of the Zoological Society's menagerie has occurred in the reptile house, the scene being one of the compartments in which the boa constrictors are confined. Two large boas occupied the chamber, one snake being nine feet and the other eight feet long. When the house was opened in the morning only one boa was found in the cage; the other had disappeared. Though the survivor was only a foot longer than the other snake, there was no reason to doubt that it had completely swallowed its companion. It was so distended that the snakes were almost separated, and it was unable either to coil itself or move. There is every reason to believe that in accomplishing this almost incredible feat, the snake acted by mistake, and it devoured its companion by what device to be called an accident. The large boa was fed with a pigeon before the house was closed for the night. It swallowed the bird, and the other boa was then given a pigeon, which it had begun to swallow when the snakes were left for the night. It is believed that the larger snake then caught hold of the part of the pigeon which projected from the other's mouth, and gradually enveloped, not only the bird, but the head of the other snake.

The Ruin of the Ragpicker.

The chiffonniers of Paris have lost their trade—at least it has become so totally modified that they no longer pursue it in its ancient form. The waste and dirt from every house used to be poured out into the street before the front door each evening at 9 or 10 o'clock, and the chiffonnier, with his lantern and his hook in his hands and his basket on his back, arrived at once and raked the heaps over, to see what he could find in them. But it became forbidden either to throw the refuse into the street or to bring it out at night.

Our National Habit of Whistling.

The right of a person to whistle, to the paralysis of other persons' nerves, is becoming almost as burning a question as the right of persons to smoke, to the mental and bodily detriment of others. We Americans are probably next to our own colored people in the Southern towns, whom we have educated in the art—the whistling people in the world. There are, apparently, two reasons for this. One is, that we are the most nervous of people; we have got to be doing something; we can't go down stolidly at our work like Europeans, or sit silent and contemplative; so we work off our nerves with whistling. The other reason is, that we are really a cheerful and expressive people, in spite of all that has ever been said in the contrary. The national whistling habit has resulted in the production of a great number of really skillful and musical whistlers. With one consideration and another, there is a tremendous amount of whistling. It seems cheerful, and sometimes, to the whistler, it is really cheerful. Now, undoubtedly, this would be very nice if every one's whistling were heard only by himself. It would be a blessed way of working off one's nervousness. But the other fellow has nervousness too. What about that? An ordinary whistler's performance gives absolutely no pleasure to any one but himself.—Boston Transcript.

Some Valuable Scissors.

A remarkable present has just been made to the Kaiser—namely, a pair of scissors, but scissors so exquisite are seldom seen, and valued at \$400. The giver, a steel merchant at Solingen (where all the best German steel comes from), has had the scissors—manufactured, of course, out of fine steel—engraved with a portrait of the Kaiser, with historic buildings and other things; the engraving alone took a practised worker five years to complete. His Majesty was very pleased with the strange gift and expressed his thanks. The Kaiserin Augusta once had a similar present made to her, which is exposed to view in the palace, only in this case the value of the scissors is estimated at exactly double.—London Society.

Worms never frequent the encalyptus tree, nor the earth to which its roots reach.

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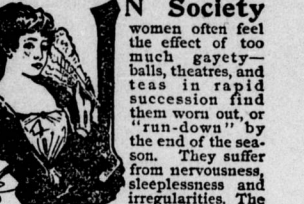
women often feel the effect of too much gaiety—boredom, restlessness and tears in rapid succession find them worn out or run-down by the end of the season. They suffer from nervousness, sleeplessness and irregularities. The smile and good spirits take flight. It is time to accept the help offered in Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It's a medicine which was discovered and used by a prominent physician for many years in all cases of "female complaint" and the nervous disorders which arise from it. The "Prescription" is a powerful strengthening and nerve, especially adapted to women's delicate wants for it regulates and promotes all the natural functions, builds up, invigorates and cures.

"FEMALE WEAKNESS."

Mrs. WILLIAM HOOVER, of Belleville, Richmond Co., Ohio, writes: "I had been a great sufferer from 'female weakness.' I tried three doctors; they did me no good; I was a nervous, irritable, and I was an invalid forever. But I heard of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and then I wrote to him and he told me just how to take it. I took eight bottles, and now I feel well. I now feel entirely well. I could stand on my feet only a short time, and now I do all my work for my family of five."

Search Lights in Warfare.

Whether or no the powerful search lights used as safeguards in coast defense and on board ships are of much practical service against attacks from torpedo boats is still an open question. Tests recently carried on by the Government show that a good torpedo boat carefully managed can approach to within 800 yards of the projector before being sighted, although she may be directly in the beam of light. This distance is the maximum torpedo range, and, as guns cannot be trained instantly under the most favorable conditions, a boat would have time to make great progress, and perhaps inflict fatal damage before she could be fired at. The German Government is having its boats painted bluish gray, as this color seems to be less visible by electric light.—New York Mail and Express.



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