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An international congress of nearly five hundred physicians lately in session at Paris was practically unanimous that consumption, or tuberculosis, is contagious and transmissible between man and beast. There was unanimity also as to the prune necessity of boiling milk and cooking meat well as a preventive of much of the consumption which now a Ticts the human race. None of these conclusions are new, but they derive ad-«litional force from the unanimity with which they were declared and accepted as facts well es ablished.

He ent arrivals from the Hawaiian Islands declare that the Government is assolvent, and that nothing can prevent

fashkruptcy in the near future. The reform Government, which came into power on the downfall of the Gibson. Ministry, has simply used any coin in wight to pay current expenses, with no shought of future settlement. The pubfie debt of llawali may be put in round mumbers at \$2,750,000, for which the only security is Crown lands and Government buildings at Honolulu, which under forced sale would not realize half this amount.

"'Five million people upon the globe are now dependent on the electric curweat for their daily bresd," so said Mr. W. II. Preese, at the recent meeting of the British Association held at Bath. **Searcely a week passes," he continued, sowithout some fresh practical application of its principles, and we seem to be only on the shore of that sea of conomy and beneficence which expands with every new discovery of the properties of electricity, and spreads already beyond the mental grasp of any one single worker," And what is in store beyond for man's research and conquest who shall say?

When the Mayor of Charleston, W. Va., sentenced a white woman the other day to work seventeen days on the streets, the Atlanta Constitution declares that a young farmer arose and offered to take her place, saving that he would never permit a woman to be worked as a convict on the public streets. The Mayor accepted his offer, and the man was murched off to the chain gang. He declined to give his name, and said that "John Smith" would do as well as anything else. He said that he was a farm laborer from some place up the river, and that he never saw or heard of the woman in his life until he saw her in the Mayor's court, but that his sense of manhood and his respect for womankind would not permit him to see one of the sex scraping the public streets in company with tramps and bummers.

Statistics are not always interesting reading, observes the New York Grapan, yet can any one fail to find cause for erjoicing when he reads the fact that the army of American school children who have resumed their studies numbers over 11,000,000? The latest data furnished by the Government shows that there are arearly 15,000,000 scholars enrolled upon time lists of our schools, and that the average daily attendance is fully 11. 600,000. Curiously enough the greatest progress in this line is evidenced where one would least expect it. The Territory of I akota shows the most marked increase in the number of her schools and scholars, and is followed closely by that oft slandered State, Indiana. In New Hampshire, Vermont, Chio, Nevada and South Carolina there has been a marked diegrease in the number of school children enrolled. The central States of the North are far ahead of all the rest of the Union, and the Southern States, while unaking rapid advance, still remain far in the rear as to the number of their children attending schools.

FOREST FIRE Summer heard a hidden locust whirring; Stooped she to the flowers with a sigh. "Darlings, come," she said; "we must b

stirring. Hear the herald! Autumn draweth nigh! So, her lifted skirt with flowers heaping.

Passed she through the fields and woodland ways. Tiny creatures, 'tween the bushes peeping Saw her go, with sorrow in their gaze.

Laughing, turned she, ere she went, upholding

O'er the land her sun-glass high in air; Soon was seen a thin smoke well enfolding Distant hills and valleys everywhere.

Then she slipped away with silent laughter, Ere the spark had quickened into flame. "Ruddy Autumn swiftly follows after," Whispered she, 'and he shall bear the

blama." Soon a stealthy yellow flams was creeping Here and there along a maple bough.

Swift from tree to tree the fire went leaping. Lo! how all the woods are blazing now!" -Charles P. Sherman in Harper's Weekly.

A BRIDE FROM THE SEA.

BY FRANCIS M. LIVINGSTON.

Demotrius Green was a traveling sales man. He had the reputation of being the best-informed man and of selling more goods in his line of business than any man in New York. The causes for this were few, but amply sufficient. The first of these was natural ability; he had a keen eye to business, and when he had anything to do he permitted nothing to interfere with it until his end was acthe society of the gentler sex, perhaps from lack of time, perhaps from want of

inclination. He had been with his house four years when he took his first vacation. He had never asked for one, and he did not ask for this one. His employers freely offered it to him and insisted on his taking three weeks. So, in the month of July he ran down to Patchegue, Long Island, intending to pass a part of his vacation with a married sister who was spending the summer there. His sister was an attractive young woman, fond of society. She introduced him to several nice girls, and what with boating, bathing and strolling on the beach, Demetrius found that there were other things in life which he enjoyed as much as selling canned

goods By far the most attractive gill among his sister's friends, Demetrius thought, was Lydia Hartley. She was not par-ticularly beautiful, except that she had the beauty of youth, health and innocence; but she was modest, sweet tempered, and a thoroughly nice girl. She was from Brooklyn, and had come to Patchogue with her aunt for the summer, More than this l'emetrius's sister did not know, as she had never met the Hartleys before their seashore acquaintance. for Demetrius himself he did not ask to know any more. At the end of a week he had settled in his own mind that he would be a happier man if he were mar-He had also determined that ried. Lydia Hartley was the woman to make him happy, if he could gain her consent. Though his mind was thoroughly made up on this point, he resolved to wait another week before speaking to her. Caution was a characteristic of the man, and as he was to be in Patchogue two weeks longer (for he had resolved to

spend his whole vacation here), there was no need to act on the spur of the said.

take time to consider. I shall be here until next Saturday." This was a very long speech for Demetrius, but he felt that the circumstances required some-thing different from soliciting an order for canned goods. The blush on Lydia's check had deep-ord as he want on. When he paued

ened as he weat on. When he paused she was silent a moment, and then, with downcast eyes, she said : "This is sudden, Mr. Green; I did not think-that is, I was not sure that

you-"Ah, you did suspect, then !" said

Demetrius, smiling. "A little-yes."

"And perhaps you have already con-sidered what you would say when I should speak to you. I hope you haven't made up your mind to send me to the "Yes, sir." right about.

Lydia raised her eyes. "No, Mr. Green, I have not," she said. "I respect your offer, I have the highest esteem for you, and I am sure that I shall grow to to care for you very much."

Demetrius took her hand, and bending over it kissed it.

They sat there long talking together; but all they said does not concern us. Demetrius had told Lydia she was the only woman he had ever loved. She, in her turn, confessed what every girl would not, that he was the very first sweetheart she had ever had. But Demetrius loved his tender flower all the more that he had been its discoverer. As they walked back to the hotel he said: "And now I must speak to your said :

aunt: do you think she will ob ect?" "My aunt? Oh, no, my aunt will not object. I am sure, 'said Lydia. In the evening when Demetrius approached Miss Hartley on the sub ect she seemed considerably surprised.

"Lydia is so young-1 never thought complished. He was a man of good ap-pearance and address; and, lastly, was a mered. "of course, Mr. Green, you man of good habits. He was in no sense have my consent, so far as I am conaladies' man, for he had never cultivated cerned, but I am not Lydia's natural guardian."

"I thought she made her home with you?" said Demetrius in some surprise. "So she does," said Miss Hartley.

"Who is her guardian then?" "Her father."

"Does her father live with you?"

"No. He comes to the house about every week, when we are at home. Where can 1 find him?"

"I cannot tell you-I do not know,"

said the old lady in some confusion. "Is it necessary that I get his consent to my marrying Lydia?

"I think so, oh yes, indeed." "Miss Hartley," said Demetrius, "if there is anything of a painful nature about your brother, I do not ask you to tell it to me. I am going to marry your niece, but I should perfer to have her father's consent.

"There is nothing painful Mr. Green. is only that I can tell you absolutely nothing. My brother is a very peculiar man. Some year ago he was a sea-captain of some prominence. He lost the command of his vessel, or resigned it, I lo not know which, and since then I have never learned what business he went into. Generally he comes to see us every week, but sometimes he doesn't come for a month."

"Does he never write to you or your niece?"

"No-yes, he did once. He sent Lydia a message about a year ago, and I remember that 'Brooklyn Navy Yard' was on the letter-paper, but that may not have meant anything." "I am much obliged to you for the

information; it probably means a great deal to any one who wants to find him. Is this all you can tell me?"

"That is all I know."

happiness for Demetrius, and apparently no relief from the malady, if it can be

a small metal receptacle attached to a cord, then jerked a rope and lowered the receiver into the water. After what seemed a long time, several of the same strokes which Demetrius had heard previously resounded sgain, and the cord was drawn up, the receptacle opened and Demetrius received his own note, on the back of which was scrawled: "]

He wrote: "The wedding day is fixed for October 8; I sincerely hope you will be present."

This was sent as before, and after an other interval of waiting came back the answer: "All right: I'll be there "

"What's the charge, gentlemen " said Demetrics, briskly, as he folded up his correspondence and put it in his pocket.

"No charge, sir." "No charge? Then take this, and drink to the health and happiness of my bride and myself on the sth of October," and pressing a five-dollar note into the hand of the astonished workman, he sprang into the boat and was rapidly pulled ashore. - The Epoch.

A Woman's Peculiar Malady,

There is living in Cleveland, Ohio, a lady a llicted with a peculiar malady which has puzzled and balled the entire medical fraternity of this section of the country. Herself the sister of a wellknown physician, she has been unable to obtain any relief, and has turned in despair from one form of treatment to another without avail. Some years ago, when a young girl, the house in which the was stopping at the time was struck by lightning. All of the inmates were stunned, and more or less seriously injured. This young lady suffered more severely than the other victims. The shock completely paralyzed both her or-gans of speech and motion, and she lay for days in a most precarious condition. 1 ecovery, although slow, was appar ently complete, however, and in a few weeks the effect of the stroke had entirely passed away, says the Pittsburg Dispate

One day she felt the dread symptoms of paralysis stealing over her, and before assistance could be summoned the unflavor fortunate woman was again prostrated, speechless, and unable to move a muscle of her body. It was noticed at the time that a heavy thunder storm was brewing. and that the air was overcharged with electricity. When the storm was over the patient rapidly recovered, and the next day was as well as ever, save the nervous shock attending the relapse.

The next thunder storm brought with it the same alarming state of affairs, and again was the young woman paralyzed, recovering only when the atmosphere was cleared of its overcharge of electricity. The fact that the victim's sys-tem, rendered sensitive to electrical changes by the frightful shock it had received when the was struck by lightning, was now susceptible to the slightest presence of the subtle fluid, was row apparent, and medical science was called into requisition to effect a cure. All remedies proved ineffective, and with every recurring thunder storm the unfortunate woman relapses into a state of partial or complete paralysis, according to the severity of the storm. Her health has, of course, suffered from the constant strain put upon her both physically

Another week passed, a week of great and mentally, but there appears to be

ADUSEULD MATTERS.

To Clean Paint Work.

To Clean Paint Work. A steamboat steward says that house-keepers should go to a steamboat for lessons on cleaning paint work. The cabin of a steamboat, painted a clear white, is kept quite as if the painter had just left it, being not only clear, but having a beautiful polish. All that is necessary is a little water, a sponge, pure castile soap, and a smooth cloth for rub-bing after the dirt has been washed off with the sponge. The rubbing restores the polish. Many people paint every year, whereas if the paint is washed in this way it will show clear and with a high polish for four or five years.-Wisconsin has a champion the game of dranghts. No gold or silver coins are a the Chinese Government. Edith Brinkham of Racine, I her life by falling out of bed. The leap year privilege is a six hundred and sixty years old Ben Franklin recognized the time. He invented three clock A skipping rope has been a which sets in motion a small musi in one of the handles. Mary Goodwin of Atlanta, thirty-eight years of age and the

high polish for four or five years .--

Use Plenty of Apples.

It is against municipal lawing dig over 190 feet to find well w is the idea that the bottom w Apples are abundant and cheap this year, says the New York Witness, and there is no more useful fruit. Haw, stewed, baked or preserved, they are wholesome, toothsome and nutritious. Ice was produced in summer b of chemical mixtures by Mr. Wa 1783. This was the first known The fall apples are the most juicy and delicious, but do not keep, and for that reason have to be sold cheap. Every good-sized family should buy a barrel of The first patent in America w in 1790 to Samuel Hopkins, of delphia, for an improvement

them at once for immediate use, and save them from spoiling by cating them up A considerable portion of them might also be made into jelly by coring them and boiling skin and all. Eed ap-ples are best for this purpose, as the manufacture of potash. struck a fallen tree and every or rails, yet not a single passes either killed or wounded. color of the skin gives a fine rich tint to A Washington Territory a \$2000 for all the delicacies of a the jelly. A liberal allowance of lemon juice should be added to the apple juice and an equal weight of sugar, and the whole boiled into a jelly. It is the cheapest of all jellics, and remarkably only. good when well made. Bought apple

elly is not nearly so nice, and can seldom be relied upon. It is frequently made from the refuse of the evaporating es-tablishments, that is, the cores, and skins and wormy apples.

Pickles.

For pickles of all kinds use the best cider vinegar and not an acid, vinegar, so-called. It cannot be too strong, as it is weakened when scalded. Unscalded vinegar does not keep well with pickles. Never use a metal vessel in pickling; it should be either granite ware or por-celain. Pickles should be examined frequently and the soft ones taken out. If white specks appear in the vinegar drain it off and scald; add a half teacup of sugar to each gallon and pour again over the pickles. A few bits of horse radish or a few cloves added will improve the

All vegetables or fruits for pickling, except for sweet pickles, should be sound, but not quite ripe. Do not scald cucumbers, but soak them in salt and water. Boiled beets can be pickled whole, first removing the outer skin, to be sliced when required. Vegetables that require to be boiled or scalded before pickling will be whiter if a little lemon or green grape juice is added to the water, as cabbage, cauliflower, white beets or lonions. For green vegetables

put a little soda in the water to preserve the color. Care should be taken not to scald too much, or they will be soft and tasteless. Always have the vegetables or fruit

perfectly cold before pouring over the vinegar, which should be in all cases very hot.

A good average of spices to a quart of pickles is an even teaspoon each of allspice and peppercorns, one-half a teaspoon of mustard seed, a piece of Jamaica ginger one inch long and a tablespoon of stick cinnamon broken.-Detroit Free Press.

Bousehold Hints.

Use a warm knife in cutting warm bread and the like.

to be fed to his dog, while his a was made heir to his watch a Eighty-four children belong

mothers of Media, Penn. Mr. Field has 28, Mrs. Jose h Cha Mrs. James Barrett 16, and Mrs. Wright 15.

Near Oakland, Tenn , an exist

of twenty-seven children.

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in this direction.

CURIOUS FACTS.

A Missouri horse fell over a el five feet high and escaped w scratch on his leg. Next day piece of corn-cob in his th choked to death.

The Permudas take their m their discoverer, John Berna visited them in 1522. The fa was Sir George Summers, who away on them in 160.

While Charles Cogswell was a pretty young woman of him Conu., the other day, he drop by her side. She fainted from and was for a time likely to di Timothy Carter is believed a oldest stereotyper. He introl trade in Boston. School bas of him in 1817. He is still man, lives at Newton, and i

years of age. At Texarkana the other day horned steer undertook to know elephant of a traveling circus, on his native heath was no main big foreigner, and was laid on stark in just half a round.

At Kearney, N. J., a factory is being crected, which will, ished, be the tallest in the con the fourth highest in the work be 335 feet high. There are a chimneys in Scotland and on land.

A hotel waiter in Cincinnation from a guest, hid the most "turn-down" coliar. He was of the theft, and, while beings to the stationhouse, the office greenback protruding from hiding place.

A beetle as large as a sparse received by the State Enter New York. It came from America. He has another cur resembles two green leaves an twig. It is called a camel or produced in Texas

A Massachusetts cat, which

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United States, says a writer

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trees, it also investigates the

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200 miles an hour.

Sailors believe religiously

The New York Independent presents its annual statistical exhibit of the varicours churches in this country, compiled mostly from official sources. The following is a general summary by denominational groups:

Adventists 1,563 835 100.4413.971.685 Congregationalists 4,404 4,090 457.584 500 107,968 German Evange'L. 675 500 Eathernus 7,902 4,215 Mennonites...... 385 605 Methodists 45,258 28,313 Moravians...... 94 108 New Jerusalom 101 Fresbyterians, 13,057 9,556 Eposcopalians..... 4.705 3,931 Fleformed. 2,025 1,345 Homan Catholics., 6,829 5,596 Waitarians..... 375 488 Universalists..... 730 677

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The net gain for the year was 6434 churches, 4505 ministers and 774,681 communicants. By far the heaviest gain was among the Baptists-4587 churches and 3109 ministers. The Methodists, with their 48,285 churches, 28,313 ministers and 4,609,529 communicants, stand at the head of the denominations, the Roman Catholics come next, and then the Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Congregationalists and Episcopalians.

moment, and Demetrius said to himself : "I shall wait until next Saturday."

On Monday there was a boating party. When the ladies were seated in the boat Demetrius noticed that Lydia rose and gave her seat in the stern to her aunt. 'She is thoughtful and unselfish." he When they were coming in a squall sprang up, the boat pitched a great deal and there was more difficulty in making a landing. Most of the ladies were greatly frightened, many were in tears and some in hysterics. Lydia alone, although a little pale, was per-fectly calm. "She is sensible and courageous," said Demetrius.

They landed without an accident and Demetrius held an umbrella over Lydia as they ran to the hotel. Miss Hartley followed wrapped up in his mackintosh, The ladies were none the worse for their wetting, and they had a merry party at night in the parlor of the hotel

Demetrius sat smoking his pipe for a long time before he went to bed. He reviewed the events of the day, trying to recall all that Lydia said and how she looked when she said it. He thought he had never seen eyes of such a beautiful blue as hers, or hair of so pretty a brown. He remembered how her hands tooked as they dipped in and out of the baskets in preparing their luncheon, such deft and competent hands as they were,

as well as preity hands. He thought of how she had a bright smile and a pleasant word for everybody in the party, favoring none and forgetting none. this and more he recailed, then he laid down his pipe, slapped his knee and said : "She is a splendid girl -I love her and I'm going to marry her !" which was a very eathusiastic outburst for Deme-Nevertheless he added: "I'll 120,000 trins. wait until Saturday." Saturday morning dawned bright and

beautiful. Nothing had occurred to 125,000 change Demetrius's mind in the slightest 987,600 degree, except that he was more in love 93,000 There was nothing "on" for than ever. 4,690,529 that day, and Demetrius and Lydia 10,966 found themselves strolling quite natur-5,750 ally on the beach together. They had 1,136,685 446,785 spoken for some minutes when Deme-269,523 trius proposed that they sit down on the 7,200,000 "I have something to say to you, sand. 20,000 Miss Lydia," he began. 37,807

A faint blush rose to Lydia's cheek, but she made no reply.

"During the two weeks which I have regard for you," he went on; "you are the first woman I have ever loved, and if make you my wife. I am, as you know, a traveling salesman. My salary is \$3000 \$ 1000 more. My sister, Mrs. Jackson, is the only relative 1 have. If you marry me you will find that I will do everya year, with perquisites amounting to thing a man in my position can do to down a message for you." I have not arrived at make you happy.

for Lydia, too. Demetrius had told her that he was to go on the road again the following Monday. He would be in New York often before the fall, and, of course, would always come over to Brooklyn to see her. "In October I shall be in the city for three weeks," he added, "and then, if it suits you, is when I should like our marriage to take place." Lydin blushed, then smiled and consented.

On Monday Demetrius bade adieu to his betrothed, took the early train for New York and reporting to his house made up his route. Then he started for Brook yn, and reached the Navy Yard shortly after noon. Going to headquarters he inquired for Mr. Hartley.

"David Hartley?" was the response. "Yes, is he here?"

"No, he's out," pointing to the water. "Can I communicate with him? It is on a matter of great importance," said Demetrius, looking at his watch "and will probably take but a short time."

The official hesitated a moment then rang a bell. "John, this gentleman wants to talk

to Hartley. Take him over." The man led the way to the dock when

the two got into a small boat, the man taking the oars and pulling toward a tug which lay about two hundred feet from the dock. There were several men on the tug.

"Which of these gentlemen is Mr. Hartley " asked Demetrius,

"None," replied one of the men, laconically.

"I was told that I should find Mr. Hartley here," he said.

"If you can wait a while, we'll have him up." said the first speaker. "Up?" repeated Demetrius.

"Yes, out of the water; he's in the wreck.

"Wreck-what wreck?"

"The Mary Stevens, right under you,

Demetrius was appalled. Was Lydia's father drowned, and had he come here only to carry back this dreadful news to her! Three deep, reverberating strokes walked almost a mile neither having came from far beneath him, which sounded like a death knell. Demetrius shuddered. Then catching sight of the amused faces of the men, he thought it some hideous joke.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I must see Mr. Hartley or communicate with him at once on a matter of the utmost importknown you I have grown to feel a deep ance. You say that he is under the water, yet I am perfectly sure that he is not dead. I have to transact my business you can care for me in return I want to and catch a train at 2 o'clock, so I should be obliged to you if you will explain this mystery at once.'

"Certainly, sir," said the man who had

Demetrius breathed more freely, tore a this decision suddenly, and I will not leaf from his memorandum book and the bre press you for an answer if you wish to hastily wrote: "Demetrius Green with figure.

termed such.

The Handsomest Horse in the World.

At the horse annex of the Buffalo (N. Y.) fair, every variety of the equine race ing was represented from the huge Clydesdales weighing over 2000 pounds, with hams like an elephant's and white fetlocks that sweep the ground, down to the daintiest darling of a Shetland pony,

mouse color and white, hardly larger than a Newfoundland dog, and limbed like a deer. Very funny was a group of extra diminutive ponies with their demure little mule colts beside them. There were many Percheron and French coach horses, splendid creatures, most of them imported, but perhaps the two most notable animals were Mambrino King and Al-Monarch. Al-Monarch, the bold originality of whose Arabo-Greek title cannot be too much admired, is not so celebrated for his speed, as for the fact that he is the father of El-Monarch, a horse of 2:17; record, the last quarter being at a pace which would reduce it to 2:08 if the whole mile had been at the same speed. El-Monarch did not himself appear in the flesh, but the publie were consoled by a photograph, presumably instantaneous, which represents him as flying through the air apparently, all four feet being aff the ground. I believe the instantaneous process has established the fact that a swift trotting horse is frequently detached in that fashion.

As for Mambrino King, he travels on his beauty, having the reputation of being the handsomest horse in the world This at least was the claim boldly made for him by the placard in front of his box. He certainly has a beautiful head and eyes of indescribable magnificence. As it was impossible to exhibit him in motion, the instantaneous photograph was again brought into requisition, wonderfully spirited picture, that re-called Job's warhorse. He looks there like an embodied thunderbolt.-Times-Democrat.

A Unique French Advertisement.

The latest device for attracting the attention of possible purchasers which has been adopted by several Paris shopkeepers is an "immovable boy." Outside a clothier's, for instance, the "boy" stands without moving a muscle, and bears on his carcase the newest fashion in blouses or conduroys. Passers-by are easily at-tracted by the remarkable figure, which they take to be an effigy in waxwork or a tableau vivant. The boy has been well drilled and lives up to his work. He smiles not, neither does he wink, nor does he betray the slightest sign, token or movement that he has anything in common with the ordinary patpitating and effervescing specimen of humanity, the "Boulevard boy." The device draws, for spectators are usually lost in

amazement at the impassive features of the breathing impersonation of a dummy

A paste of whiting and benzine will remove spots from marble,

the age of twenty years and in A sait ham should be soaked over night is buried under a granite obel in plenty of soft water previous to boilto resemble Bunker Hill most deeply chiselled with the name

After washing a wooden bowl place it erly," the which high sound where it will dry equally on all sides, tion belonged in life to the a away from the stove.

Fruit stains on white goods can be re tween a zebra and an est though the bird came in a he moved by pouring boiling water directly from the kettle over the spots.

Hive sirup is good for croup or inflammation of the lungs. It must be kept in a cool place, for if it sours it is very poisonous.

If you want poached eggs to look particularly nice cook each egg in a mutin ring placed in the bottom of a saucepan of boiling water.

A creaking hinge can be cured by the and roost the same night use of a black lead pencil of the softest American shore. Whether number, the point rubbed into all the crevices of the hinge. a fact has not yet been coad termined, but it is certain t is the swiftest of winged cre

Corks may be made air and water tight by keeping them for five minutes under melted paraffine. They must be kept down with a wire screen.

For cleaning brass use a thin paste of plate powder, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, four tablespoonfuls of alcohol. Rub with a piece of flannel; polish with chamois.

Suct should be cooked before it is dromel) for thirty days after Hence the term honeymonth stale. Boil for two or three hours, then meon. Attila, the Hun, drata mead at his wedding feast that strain through a linen cloth. One-fourth of this fat and three-fourths lard is a good mixture for frying doughnuts.

Be very particular about disinfecting the kitchen sink. Washing soda, two tablespoonfuls to a gallon of boiling water, makes an excellent wash to pour not into the sink at after you have finished using it.

Washing Away a Continent.

The average discharge from the Missouri into the Mississippi is estimated at 170 cubic feet per second. This would be 500,000 cubic yards per day, and 180,000,000 cubic yards per year. At flood stage the sediment has reached the enormous amount of 4,000,000 cubic yards in one day. This would make a bank twenty-three miles long and 100 yards across, and 1000 miles of such levee in a year. When the united rivers pour into the gulf, the output of soil annually is twice the above amount. The meaning of such figures it is impossible to measure. One hundred and fifty cubic miles of the continent tumbled annually into the sea by one watershed! The wear and waste cultivable soil is enormous. But the great problem for man is how to control the mud-laden waters so that they shall not destroy ruthlessly on the way to their discharge. - Globe Democrat.

George W. Cable calls Maurice Thompson the sweetest and most gifted poets of the present day.

How strange all such Gord sistance would have seemed lish 300 years ago, when, as us, gardening, "though log by the monks, had become a art in England." In 1595 we are told that s to twenty shillings was paid six cabbages and a few carri writer of 1650 tells of an d remembered "the first g came into Surrey to plant, o cauliflowers, and to sow turn and parsnips and early P which at that time were great we having few or none in what came from Holland or

for the blight and rot.

tables. A small appropriation of the department ture for the support of this those in charge of it have a ered a good deal of information potato rot in the United St Botanical Division has also 15,000 copies of the "Circul on "Treatment of the potate"