

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Table with columns for East, West, and Sundays, listing train times for various routes.

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THE EYE A SPECIALTY. Eyes tested, treated, fitted with glasses and artificial eyes supplied.

FISH CHOWDER.

How to Make This Delicately Dish in True Nantucket Style. For a medium sized codfish take about one-half pound of clear salt pork.

When the pork is crisp and brown, take it out of the fat and put into a fire fat two or three onions, sliced. Let the onions fry till brown, being very careful not to let them burn.

Cut the fish into convenient pieces. Put them into the pot with the fat and onions. Pour in boiling water until the fish is covered and the water stands three or four inches above it.

HOW TO MAKE COFFEE.

An Expert on the Best Way of Brewing This Beverage.

There are two ways to brew coffee, by percolating and boiling it. Says Mr. Rorer in the New York World. If your coffee is to be boiled, mix the ground coffee with a little white of egg and water; then pour over it the boiling water, bring quickly to the boiling point and lift the pot from the fire.

To make Turkish coffee use the regular Turkish coffee pot over an alcohol lamp. Allow three after dinner spoonfuls of coffee and the same of sugar to each half pint of water.

Should you wish to flavor your coffee oriental fashion take an orange, turn back the skin, put in a little sugar, burn a little alcohol and put a small part of this mixture into your coffee. It gives a delicious flavor.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Germany is again on the hunt for microbes in our meat.—Indianapolis News.

Watch your fires in cold weather. An ounce of prevention is better than a building a new house.—Toledo Blade.

The speech of Herr von Bulow on the Polish question makes clear the fact that Poland's future lies in the past.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The American papa who has let a foreign title into his family is very likely to be proud of it. The son-in-law.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The building of the Pennsylvania railroad's big tunnels across the Hudson and East rivers marks the end of the era of bridges across large streams.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Chinaman in the Philippines instructed the innocent natives to address all Americans as "John." And yet they say Chinamen have no sense of humor.—Buffalo Express.

On the page already adorned with "tennis elbow," "bicycle heart," "zolf tongue" and "polo shin" the news now indexes a new fashionable ailment, the "auto squint."—New York World.

CHURCHMEN.

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A CROSS SADDLE CLUB.

Many Ladies in Fashionable Society Now Ride Astride. Signs multiply that the sidesaddle is dropping out of fashion and that ere many years it will be the common practice for ladies to ride astride.



WOMEN'S CROSS SADDLE RIDING CLUB.

Ladies had not adopted the cross saddle and made it the vogue. They began it some twenty years ago, tentatively at first, in the neighborhood of Asheville, N. C., it is said.

These ladies usually ride in divided skirts. Each half of the garment is somewhat full, like a skit and short riding skirt. When the rider is mounted, she seems to have a skirt on each side, but that is the only respect in which her appearance differs from that of the ordinary woman on horseback.

At Hackensack, N. J., is a woman's divided skirt riding club. Horseback riding is much the vogue in the beautiful country thereabouts.

The women's club, whose members belong to the best social circle, includes some forty or more ladies enthusiastically devoted to equestrian exercises and to their special system of training.

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The Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., is the only American preacher in the Transvaal and Orange River colonies.

They Can Trust. "The fruit canners have formed a trust." "Well, I suppose if anybody can they can."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LONGER COATS.

Three-Quarter Length Coats and Position Backs Popular. Now that the weather has become more severe the coats belonging to tailors are longer.

Broadcloth tailor makes will always be popular on account of the fine figure they give a woman. Black broadcloth suits are relieved with stitched bands



BLACK TAILOR MADE

of colored cloth or velvet. Persian trimmings figure on the most handsome imported costumes, and a fluffy front of chiffon or lace is a necessity for dressy occasions.

SKATING COSTUMES.

They Are Elaborately Trimmed With Herald and Fringe. Skating costumes are of great interest for the moment. Never have they been so chic.



OF ROSE CASHMERE

little position back of the goods. There was also a tucked blouse front of this velvet, and around the bottom of the ankle length skirt there were three bands of it cut on the bias and stitched.

Today's picture shows a child's dress made of old rose cashmere. The little waist is bloused both back and front, and the fullness at the neck is laid in folds.

Things You Cannot Do. A man can not raise from a chair without bending forward or putting his feet under the chair or outside of it.

Mr. Crimmon—I see they have discovered some new spots in the sun. Mrs. Crimmon—Goodness! I should think they'd have sense enough to keep out of the sun this weather!—Yonkers Statesman.

Dangerous Melody. "The doctors are always finding new diseases," said Spudgill.

It may astonish some people to learn that out of a British population of nearly 40,000,000 about 48,889,000, or less than one-eighth, are of British birth or descent.

The death of William Ellery Channing, poet, philosopher and preacher, removes from earth the last of the famous Concord literary colony, which included Thoreau, Hawthorne, Emerson, the Olcotts and Margaret Fuller.

FARM-FIELD AND GARDEN

THE MIXING OF CORN.

Interesting Experiments With Field and Sweet Varieties. It has been stated that while the pollen of field corn will prove troublesome in mixing with sweet corn, sweet corn will not mix with field corn, or rather its pollen has no influence upon the ears of field corn.

In 1898 sweet corn and field corn were planted together in the following manner: Potter's Excelsior sweet corn, four rows; Shaker's Early sweet corn, two rows; Longfellow, two rows; Stowell's Evergreen, two rows; Longfellow, two rows.

low corn in each ear showed a very large proportion of yellow kernels. One ear was noted in which less than twenty white kernels were to be found upon the whole ear.

Not all the varieties were grown by themselves to insure the purity of each supply, but a patch of the Potter's Excelsior sweet corn grown by itself in another place proved to be perfectly pure, with no admixture whatever of yellow.

Edward McWade's new romantic play, "The Land of Mystery," will probably have its production next fall.

The perches should be of uniform height from the floor. To keep the fowls healthy is one of the first requisites in poultry raising.

Do not keep more males in a flock than are needed. It is a waste of food for several years, has purchased every day in the year except when fattening.

Young chicks have very little storing capacity, and they need to eat very frequently in order to grow rapidly.

Even though the larger part of the poultry product is consumed at home it is none the less valuable, for both the flesh and eggs of the fowl are food of the most nutritious kind.

How to Cream Butter and Sugar. It is not necessary that any special tool be invented for creaming butter and sugar.

To Make It Smooth, Healthy and Beautiful, Dr. Chase's Ointment is Hailed by Thousands of Fair Women.

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MAKE THEIR OWN ROADS.

How a Community of Farmers Solved the Highway Question.

One of the best kept roads I know of anywhere is in Caldwell county, Mo., between Nettleton and Hamilton, writes W. H. Hamby in American Agriculturist.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

Insects' Antics on the Water. Spiders often fall on the decks of ships miles out at sea.

Other creatures besides the spider know the use of a cable. The water snail, common to the upper Thames, anchors itself by a cable of its own manufacture to a water lily leaf and then hangs safely.

When a warm day comes, the water snail rises to the top, turns on its back and uses the wind or current to float him elsewhere.

The common English gnat builds a boat out of her eggs and uses air bubbles to float it.

White cloth is being worn this winter, and there are few costumes more chic than one of this material trimmed with sable or black velvet.

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SWINE BREEDING

Through this farm there is a spring fed branch, mainly with a gravel bottom, but it is sixty rods from the farm buildings, and while it is nearly always pure and clean, if there is a puddle near the buildings and the hog's sleeping quarters, no difference if it is the sewage from a manure pile, they will drink it before they will touch the branch.

Hogs occupying the feed lots with the other stock, if not constantly provided with fresh water in convenient troughs, will nose down to the water in low places in the lots and drink that saturated with manure. They are bound to have water and need plenty of it. There is no cheaper washing place for swine than that found along a spring fed brook.

In watering feeding lots the question comes up as to how much water they should have and how near it should be to them.

The observing feeder will notice that when eating corn hogs will leave their feed and go for a drink. We can hardly say this is a matter of habit, as is claimed for man when he eats, but because the system demands it.

Under any condition I do not think it is advisable to have standing water for swine. Wherever they drink the water should be kept moving, or at least the old give place to new once a day.

The Broad Saw in Winter. The sow, like all other animals, needs more than food in order to produce well, says C. D. Smead in National Stockman.

She needs a warm, roomy place for exercise in winter (in summer the pasture lot is her place), and it is the winter months I will at this time consider. Her quarters need to be warm and dry.

A few apple parings or potatoes, should be fed to furnish succulents (apples I consider best, turnips next).

Buttermilk For Pigs. Buttermilk should not be given in large quantities to a pig at a nursing pig, says Theodore Lewis in American Swineherd.

It may so affect her milk by causing it to curdle prematurely in the stomachs of the young pigs as to cause the death of the latter.

After farrowing give nothing to the sows for twenty-four hours but a little thin gruel for drink.

After that begin adding a little cornmeal until the mixture at the end of three weeks is one-third cornmeal, one-third oatmeal and one-third middlings.

Good Care of Hogs Fats. Too many are afraid of a little work and trouble, says an Iowa farmer in Farm and Home.

California Humming Bird. The nest is about the size of half the shell of a common duck's egg and is made of plant down and cobwebs, with a slight outside garniture of moss, being a much less compact and interesting structure than that of the eastern ruby throat.

The little occupant—a somewhat smaller bird than the female ruby throat—allows herself to be observed from the distance of four or five feet, though her attitude is one of great alertness, and any sudden movement of the part of her observer will immediately send her off. There is something in the position of the eye, so far up in the head, in the long and very slightly curved bill and in the short up-turned tail as give her rather high in her nest that is suggestive of a pygmy woodcock.

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