

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Table with columns for East, West, and Sun Days, listing various routes and times.

BENJAMIN MILLER'S HARD LUCK.

Benjamin Miller, the Hemlock street junk dealer, has reason to believe that he is pursued by a secret enemy who is intent on his ruination.

Some New Books at the Library.

Principles of western civilization, Kidd. Stage coach and tavern days, Earle. With the Tibetans in ten days, Temple, Rijnhart. V. R. I. Victoria, her life and empire, Marquis of Lorne.

Memorial Day.

On the 30th of May, Memorial Day which is rapidly drawing near, the sorrowful story of a dreadful war in which many trials and much suffering were endured by great and noble heroes for the preservation of the union, will again be brought to mind.

A Doctor's Bad Pitch.

"Two years ago, as a result of a serious cold, I lost my voice," writes Dr. M. L. Scarborough, of Hebron, Ohio. "Then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years, failed, and I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, I found quick relief, and for the last ten days have felt better than for two years."

Cupid is now busy gathering his spring harvest.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

Special Agent Frank I. Taylor, who has been in this county during the past week investigating the Rural Free Delivery Routes recently petitioned for, stated yesterday that he is able to report favorably on each of the four routes asked for. The matter now passes out of his hands and whether one, two or all of the routes will be granted the future alone will reveal.

Church Club of Central Penna.

A distinguished party of gentlemen met on Thursday evening in the Harrisburg Club, Harrisburg, and organized the Episcopal Church Club of Central Pennsylvania.

Retired to His Farm.

Henry Vincent who for seven years past has been the efficient superintendent of the coal operations and also general manager of the Natalie and Mount Carmel Railroad at Natalie, Northumberland county, resigned his position on Thursday, resignation to take effect at once.

The Convict's Daughter

"The Convict's Daughter" that will be presented at the Opera House next Saturday evening does not belong to the out of date, common place melodramas of J. A. Fraser, Jr., the author has written an entirely original up to date play that contains all the elements of successful productions. The scenes are laid in the South and are life-like in every detail. The characters are all distinctly drawn and represent various types found in the sunny clime.

William Andress Will Return. William Andress, former mill manager at the Danville Rolling mill as soon as that plant is lighted up.

THE TELEPHONE AND ITS PEOPLE

Next to the housewife who has commenced her annual spring house cleaning the most busy class of people throughout this section at the present time and for several months past are the United Telephone and Telegraph company's linemen, and at any time during the day these nimble and daring workmen can be seen perched on the tops of the telephone poles performing their dangerous duties in an unconcerned manner, now whistling, now singing a few strains from some popular rag-time selection and always happy while climbing through wires and over cross-arms. After encountering many difficulties and brushing aside numerous threatening obstacles the United Telephone and Telegraph company compares today with the best in the land and with all the modern improvements that the company are continually installing means that nothing will be spared to make the country. Although not generally realized the United Telephone and Telegraph company have been a great benefit to Sunbury in more ways than one. Men have been given employment and a considerable sum of money is disbursed regularly every month.

AMUSED PARISIANS.

Parisians have been afforded much entertainment of late by a quarrel between Sarah Bernhardt and Cattle Mendes, the dramatist. The trouble began when Mendes withdrew one of his plays after the celebrated actress had secured it and was rehearsing it.

ABSOLUTE FAITH.

You Can Depend upon the Word of This Danville Citizen. Mrs. Nelson Hollister of 611 Mill street, says my son John was always troubled with his kidneys, and I was told by one doctor when we lived in Lewisburg that he would always have to do with them. He had pains in his back, could not sleep and the kidney secretions were annoying and embarrassing. There were pains in his head and he was depressed and died tired all the time. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved him the whole trouble. My husband also used some for lameness in his back and they gave him immediate relief.

THE CONVICT'S DAUGHTER

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor union will be held in Pittsburgh July 9 and 10. A large tent with a seating capacity for 10,000 persons, will be built near Schenley park. Overflow meetings, rallies and conferences will be held in Carnegie music hall and various large churches.

BOOK ABOUT ACTORS.

Miss Hamm's Volume About Their Homes and Home Life. The desire of the public to know something of the man behind the actor and the woman behind the actress is pleasantly gratified by a volume entitled "Eminent Actors in Their Homes," written by Miss Margherita Arlina Hamm, the traveler and author.



MARGHERITA ARLINA HAMM.

In their society. To those who know him Joseph Jefferson is an artist of more than ordinary merit, Richard Mansfield is a composer of music, E. H. Sothern is an adept with the brush and crayon, and Julia Marlowe is a bibliophile whose labors are directed toward the productions of the middle ages. Nearly every one I know has some speciality hobby or fad which possesses educational value as well as intrinsic interest.

A SERVICEABLE SHORT SKIRT.

For walking, golf playing and the like, some short, serviceable skirt is so much in demand that the model shown has been designed to meet the present need. The skirt is cut in three pieces only, and the seams are strapped.

A SHORT WALKING SKIRT.

Inches below into flutes, a style particularly to be commended where the thick, heavy tweeds, most suitable for these parts, are utilized. The pleated, buttoned, and mitered strap, a noticeable feature of the smartest models, are also the flat patch pockets. The sketch shows the hem finished with a bias hand stitched on, beneath which the ends of the straps disappear, as this is by far the best method where a lining is dispensed with, as is usually the case.

SEARCHING FOR KNOWLEDGE.

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LITTLE FOLKS' DRESS.

Goals For Girls—Clarks For the Baby—Quaint Little Bonnets. Picturesque models reign supreme in frocks for little people, especially for girls, the small boy being rushed into trousers so very early in life that short time is allowed for anything of the kind. However, nothing can so well be more attractive than some of the smart little suits for boys arrived at the dignified age of four or thereabout, when skirts and all such feminine apparel are abandoned.



LITTLE GIRLS' DRESSES.

Shelves are wider and larger, and in some of the later models they gather into an embroidered band at the head of the arm in the same manner as many of the sheer blouses for older folk. Chic and very useful is the white linen gown seen in the sketch for a girl of eight to ten, with collar and cuffs of gauze or Irish crochet and blue liberty silk satin. In the same sketch is a gown of light blue plique, with lace edged collar and cuffs and black velvet belt and knot.

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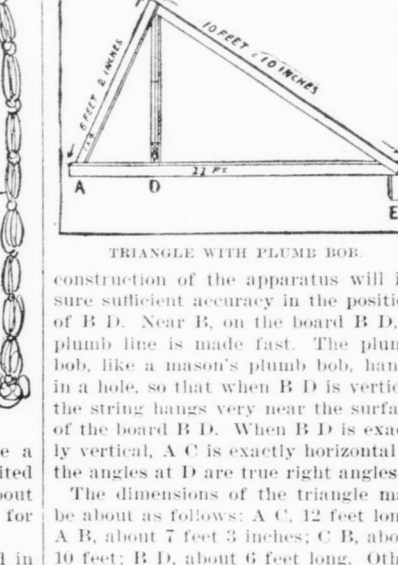
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FARM GARDEN

A LEVELING TRIANGLE. For Irrigators in a Small Way—Details of Construction. The use of a leveling triangle was suggested to small irrigators in California many years ago by a prominent irrigation engineer. It is constructed in this way: The three pieces A, B, C and C, A are made fast to each other at A, B and C. The board B, D is fastened to the triangle at right angles to A, C. An ordinary carpenter's square used in the construction of the apparatus will insure sufficient accuracy in the position of B, D. Near B, on the board B, D, a plumb line is made fast. The plumb line, like a mason's plumb line, hangs in a hole, so that when B, D is vertical the string hangs very near the surface of the board B, D. When B, D is exactly vertical, A, C is exactly horizontal if the angles at D are true right angles.



TRIANGLE WITH PLUMB LINE.

Small crops often prove a blessing to the few expert growers, although a bad thing for the general run of farmers, remarks an American Cultivator writer. A full crop of potatoes when prices are high, as they have been this year, will net higher profits per acre than any other crop that we can grow, and even a three-quarters crop should yield a profit sufficient to pay big wages. Therefore we find plenty of growers not at all discouraged over the past season's results. On the contrary, they are more convinced than ever that there is money in potatoes, but more especially in intensive, modern culture. One such season in the past is enough to convince many of this. A high yield of excellent market potatoes can be accomplished only through intensive culture in good seasons, but when the weather, seed and insects are all against the crop one is then particularly thankful that nothing has been left undone to get the best from the soil.

THE TOBACCO SEED BED.

Make the seed bed fine and friable three or four inches deep, advises American Agriculturist. Make the bed six feet wide and as long as required. Sow a tablespoonful of seed to the square rod. More seed makes spindling plants. To insure even seeding mix the seed with corn or cottonseed meal, and as it is sown over the bed a more perfect sowing may be obtained on account of its color. After sowing run a heavy hand roller over the bed to pack it. Firming the soil is essential to success, as a compact surface retains moisture. Apply the following once a week until plants thoroughly cover the soil: Three bushels of poultry droppings placed in a large barrel and filled with soft water. After a week's fermentation the liquid is ready to dilute with warm water in a proportion of one of liquid to ten of water. This will stimulate the plants without delaying a good healthy development.

SEEDING WITH CLOVER.

When clover is sown early in the spring on the crop of wheat or other winter grain, it may cost nothing but the price of the seed, which is not much, whether ten or fifteen pounds is used to the acre, and the labor of sowing, yet we would prefer to increase its cost by going over the wheat with a light or smooth harrow before sowing the clover seed, says American Cultivator. This will break wheat or rye if done at the right time, when the ground is not wet enough to cause the harrow to sink too deep and uproot the plants. This makes a good seed bed for the clover, and in a day or two after the first rain the little plants will be sending their roots down into the soil.

A CASINO FIRE ALARM.

Philadelphia boasts of a setter called Bill, who recently aroused a "sleeping family" in a burning house when they would have meant death and then himself carried a little child to safety. Bill was asleep at the foot of the stairs on the first floor shortly after midnight when the house caught fire. When the smoke began to fill the room, he was still asleep and unconscious of danger. He instantly bounded up the stairs, barking furiously at every step, until he reached the rooms of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon, and tugged at the bedclothes with his feet. Mr. Shannon awoke and, alarmed by the smoke, leaped out of bed, but before he could get into his clothes the dog had caught the lightness of Elvina, a six-year-old daughter of the family, between his teeth, dragged her to the floor and bore her out into the hallway, where her parents took the child from him and carried her to the street.

A DEAD LOCK.

Symond Storey cautionsly producing a package from under his coat.

THOMAS SLAG.

A Very Valuable Phosphatic Fertilizer and Rich in Lime. Thomas slag, also known as phosphatic slag, basic slag, odorless phosphate and Thomas phosphate powder, is a byproduct in the manufacture of steel from phosphatic ores by the basic or Thomas process, in which phosphorus is eliminated from the pig iron by means of a basic brick in lining to the bessemer converters and by adding lime to the molten pig iron. The slag is therefore rich in lime—about 45 per cent in the free state and 40 per cent combined with other substances.

The phosphoric acid contents of the product as found in the market are very variable, ranging from 10 to 20 per cent of phosphoric acid. In good slag 80 per cent of this phosphoric acid should be available, as shown by the chemical methods of determining availability. Basic slag is not suited to the manufacture of superphosphates and is therefore generally used without any treatment except fine grinding. Purchasers of slag should insist on its being very finely ground, as the value of the material depends largely on its fineness.

Many of the stations have examined the product, and a number of them have experimented with it as a fertilizer. These experiments have shown it to be a very valuable phosphatic fertilizer and on account of its high percentage of lime especially suited to use on acid soils and those rich in organic matter. It would not be wise to use it freely on poor sandy soils deficient in organic matter. Slag appears to be especially suited to leguminous crops. Six hundred to a thousand pounds per acre is considered a liberal dressing. It should not be mixed with ammonium sulphate before use, since its high percentage of free lime is likely to cause a loss of ammonia by volatilization. Mixtures of the slag with other salts, such as muriate of potash and nitrate of soda, are badly and are difficult to handle and distribute uniformly.

DEVICES FOR TIGHTENING FENCE.

A correspondent sends to the Ohio Farmer an illustration of a fence stretcher which he says is "a powerful one too." A 10 foot long, six or seven feet long and from one and a half to two inches in diameter, with a ring or clevis at P, to which are fastened two log chains, D, D, which are attached to stakes, E, E, driven in the ground. B is a piece of gaspise large enough to turn freely on rod A, with lower end resting on a large washer, C, to keep it from sinking into the ground. F is a chain attached by grip or otherwise to the fence wire to be stretched. It is a crowbar put through the ring on chain F and propelled around the rod A, which causes the chain to wind around the gaspise, which turns with the leverage of the chain round, exerting pressure. The amount of strain is limited only by the strength of materials and of operator.

POTATOES PLANTED EARLY AND SPRAYED.

Many farmers plant potatoes late in the season in order to avoid in part the ravages of the potato bug, and there is no question about there being some advantage in this respect. But if continued experiments demonstrate that early planting and thorough spraying will increase the crop from fifty to a hundred bushels per acre over late planting and little or no spraying it would seem a wise policy to plant early and protect the plants by spraying, says Professor L. A. Clinton of New York.

FOR EARLY PEAS.

For early peas we like to put a good quantity of manure on the soil and plow it in not very deep. Then furrow out about as deep as plowed, work a little good fertilizer into the drill and sow seed rather thickly, not filling the furrow quite level full over the seed, but raking a little more earth over it, says Professor L. A. Clinton of New York.

INCOMPLETE.

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